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UPON REFLECTION

For more than 30 years, I have worked at Saint Mary's. In my time at the College I have had the privilege of walking with students on their varying paths during their four years and beyond as alumnae. Then as the director of campus ministry and now in my role as vice president for mission, I have seen Saint Mary's women respond to the needs of the times, inspired by the work of the sisters, in many different ways.

If I had to choose one word to sum up the richness of the Saint Mary's community, it would be invitation. In so many ways, our students are invited to grow, learn, engage, and discover new things about themselves and the world around them. In my own experience, as a longtime member of the community, I have been blessed to work in a place where I have found and strengthened my voice as a woman. We recognize, in the 175th year, the many ways womens' voices have been strengthened and are transforming our world today.

I think of one student who is organizing a project on campus to commission a mural for our 175th anniversary. Her willingness to raise her voice and say, I think we need a visual sign of our commitment to inclusion and diversity, invites and inspires me. Another alumna who graduated in the 1990s comes to mind. She responded to an invitation to serve as a communion minister during her four years at Saint Mary's. She returned to her parish, where no women served in this capacity and posed the question to her pastor to share her love of the eucharist as a communion minister. Her request of the pastor changed the face of liturgical ministry in her parish. I know alumnae who have responded to invitations to share their gifts and talents, where they have been and are deeply engaged in transforming education and healthcare in developing countries, working for justice and the dignity of women incarcerated in Brazil, or embracing patients in burn or critical care units as chaplains.

I invite you to think about the way Saint Mary's has drawn you into a deeper understanding or onto an unimaginable path. In this issue of *Courier*, we hear about the way a rejection from Notre Dame helped an alumna discover her true calling and vocation as a nurse practitioner. Although things don't always turn out the way we thought they might, we know we are not alone. Our trust in God's invitation to seek truth and goodness, to follow our passions and share our gifts with others, invites us to be a beacon of hope in the world, as the Sisters of the Holy Cross continue to witness in our global world.

This semester award-winning actress Sutton Foster came to campus as the Margaret M. Hill Endowed Visiting Artist. Her honesty on stage and in working with our students in a master class, inspired our students to appreciate the authentic human experience, rather than view celebrities on a pedestal. She told the crowd, "There is nothing you can't do that a man can — or even nothing you can't do better than a man. [As women,] we need to rewrite that story. Don't limit yourself, because the world itself is starting to let go of limitations."

At this time in our history, as womens' colleges are seeing renewal in interest and women are continuing to raise their voices publicly about injustice they see and experience, we, too, reflect on what the needs of young women are today. Our Interim President Nancy Nekvasil has established strategic priorities that will embolden the College as the student-centered institution we have always been. Her focus on student access and success, her deep commitment to our Catholic Holy Cross tradition, as well as our financial strength, will bolster Saint Mary's for another 175 years of empowering women.

Peace,

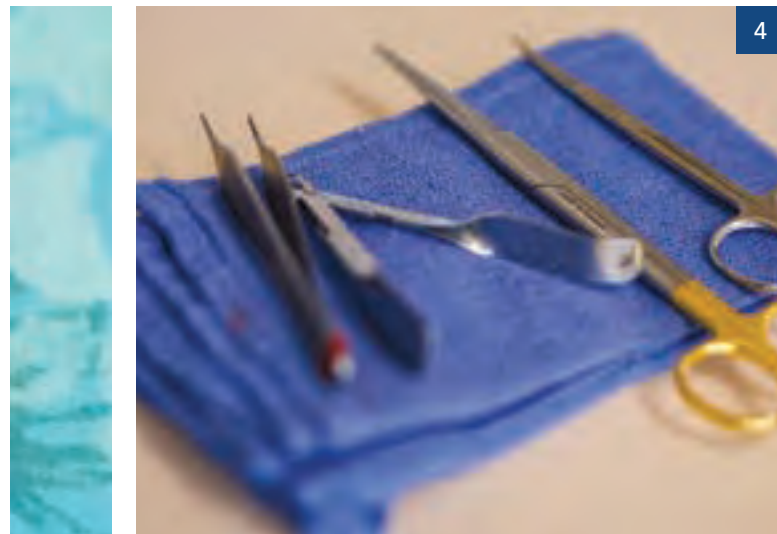
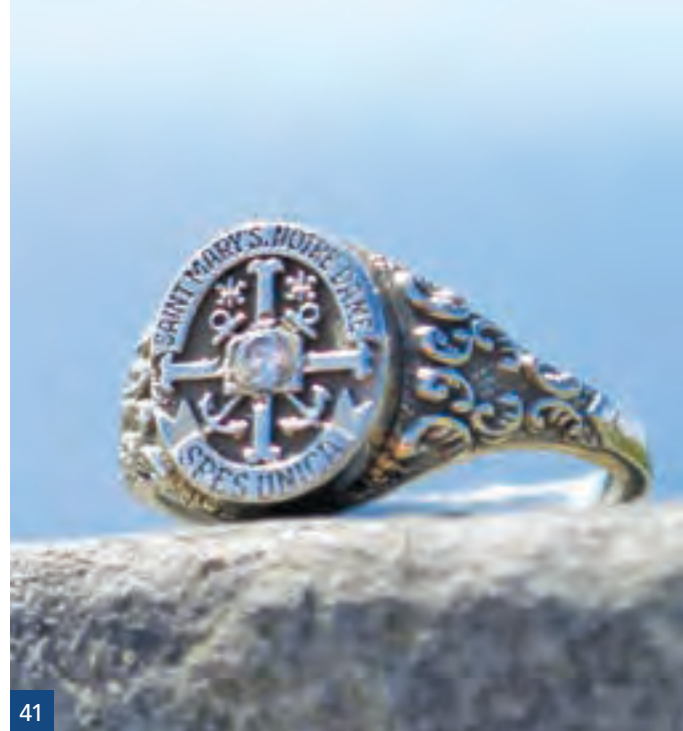
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Anna McClowry '18 walks with a child from the village of Kyarusozu, Uganda. Photo by Audrey Immonen (ND '19).



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Delaney Rohlman '20 with a care package
assembled during Saint Mary's Serves,
part of the 175th Kickoff Celebration.

About Saint Mary's College

Celebrating 175 years of empowering women to make a difference in the world, Saint Mary's College is recognized as a pioneer in the education of women. A Catholic, liberal arts institution in Notre Dame, Indiana, the College offers more than 50 academic programs and also offers co-educational master's degrees in data science, speech language pathology, autism studies, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice.

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Claire Gates '09 lives and works with purpose.

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> View photos from the 175th Kickoff Celebration

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Twist of Fate

by Donna Fischman

Growing up in Pittsburgh, **Claire Gates '09** was a die-hard Notre Dame fan. It's where her grandfather, father, and three of her four siblings went. Only one thing beat those six Saturday mornings in the fall when Gates and her family would spend the day at her grandparents' house watching the Fighting Irish — and that was when they drove six hours to South Bend during the years her brothers and sister attended Notre Dame. "Nothing felt more serene than those fall days with the crisp air and orange leaves surrounding us," she recalls. She felt connected.

So in high school, Gates had one destination in mind for college and that was the University of Notre Dame. She took all honors and advanced placement courses and did everything she could to make sure she was accepted. After all, she had a legacy to carry on. And while her sister encouraged her to have a back-up plan, nothing else really mattered.

But a few months later, Gates was devastated when a rejection letter arrived in the mail. Shocked to her core, the 18-year-old's dreams were dashed in an instant. So much of her identity was tied up in attending Notre Dame that she immediately felt lost and insecure. Suddenly her future was unsure and she no longer knew with clarity just where she was meant to be.

Then came another letter — an acceptance letter from that back-up college which, before she applied, she didn't even know existed. At the top of the letter, she read, "We promise you discovery. The discovery of yourself, the universe, and your place in it."

Those words intrigued her. In fact, they have stuck with her the past 13 years because at Saint Mary's College, Claire Gates found her purpose in life and what she still refers to as *her calling*.

Defining her own path

Her older sister noticed her natural caretaker tendencies and again offered advice. She encouraged her to enter the nursing program. Gates did and thrived. The Saint Mary's environment of small classrooms, access to professors, and most of all, being viewed as an individual in her own right and not as someone's little sister — nurtured her. Here she realized she wasn't meant to follow in the shadows of her older siblings. She was meant to lead.

"I grew intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually over my four years," she said. "I discovered a fire for learning and a deep determination to succeed that I didn't know I had."

That fire endured after graduation as she worked for a few years as a registered nurse and charge nurse but felt compelled to do more. She continued her education, received a master's in nursing, and became a nurse practitioner in 2016.

For a while, Gates worked in internal medicine but realized it didn't fuel her passion. So she made another bold step and took a position with a plastic surgery practice. And for the first time since she started her career in 2009, she knew she had found her true purpose. Happily, she'll tell you she has one of those jobs where she wakes up each morning eager to start the day.


Purpose in her work

Gates works with a plastic and reconstructive surgeon in Chicago where she assists a variety of patients. From a child who sustains a traumatic dog bite to the face or a patient who has developed skin cancer, no day is the same. It's also not what most people expect when you say you work for a plastic surgeon. They typically envision the cosmetic aspects — facelifts, abdominoplasties, and breast augmentations. But Gates said cosmetic surgery is only a small part of what they do.

She is especially appreciative that 65 percent of their patients are women who need breast reconstruction following a mastectomy. This is especially meaningful work to the Saint Mary's alumna who gains purpose from being alongside these women on their journey. For many patients, this is the first time in their cancer journey that a smile finally emerges. "We are the silver lining in their devastating diagnosis. To give them reason to smile again has been unbelievably rewarding and fulfilling and has affected my life in more ways than I can adequately explain," Gates shares.

As for that rejection letter? Gates gratefully realizes that it was a blessing in disguise and that she would not be where she is today without Saint Mary's. Had she gone to Notre Dame and followed in the footsteps of her entire family she doubts she would be a nurse and believes that God put her on this earth to take care of others. "In hindsight," she shares, "I don't like that I considered SMC my back-up school. Saint Mary's deserves to be held in higher regard than that."

Like so many others, Gates found her calling at Saint Mary's and went on to become a successful and confident woman who lives her life with purpose.

"I am forever grateful and owe much of who I am today to the incredible education I received at Saint Mary's," she said. 



My Friend, Katie

By Whitney Fron '09

On June 13, 2015 I woke up to a dreary, drizzly day. It was moving day for my new husband and me.

I reluctantly plodded up the stairs, where I was immediately intercepted by my mom. I knew the second I saw her. With tears in her eyes she told me the news a mother never fathoms she will have to tell her 28-year-old daughter. My best friend, **Katie Goebel '09**, had passed away. The next few days were a blur. I hurriedly unpacked and shoved boxes into our new apartment, as I also prepared for the arrival of my friends for Katie's funeral.

It was the one reunion we never wanted. I felt that Saint Mary's had prepared us for a lot, but not this. Despite the grief and gut-wrenching heartache of losing my friend, I have been left with something I will forever treasure. A bond forged in Cyber Café, the apartments of Opus, and on the Finny's dance floor. A friendship that is so precious it is deserving of something more profound than the word "friendship." It is a sisterhood.

I met Katie during my first year at Saint Mary's, and it started out as most 19-year-old female friendships do. We both had a love for *The Hills*, *Friends*, and Cyber Café's chicken patty sandwiches, and had organic chemistry together — a class that Katie was always late for despite living two minutes from the Science Hall. I would eventually learn that I had a good 15-minute grace period whenever I was meeting Katie for anything and this tardiness was a Katie quirk I grew to know, love, and simply plan for.

In our junior year we lived kitty corner from one another on the fourth floor of Holy Cross. Apparently, those were not close enough quarters, so we entered the Opus Hall lottery for senior year. As luck would have it, Katie and I got chosen first to live in the coveted apartments.

Senior year was one of the best years of my life. We studied and laughed, and our friend Sarah read us *Twilight* on the Opus balcony. We danced like it was going out of style and ate our weight in pizza rolls. We were months away from entering the real world and reluctant to leave the place that had become our home over the past four years.




Katie Goebel '09, left, with Whitney Fron '09

“Even though we hadn't figured out how to be adults, we still had each other.”

We even calculated the failing grades we would need so we could come back for a fifth year. Alas, we were true Saint Mary's overachievers and even if we bombed all the finals in our last semester, we would still have the grades and credits to graduate. We graduated in May of 2009 and made our way out into the world.

Katie and I were both Michiganders so we easily kept in touch after our time at Saint Mary's. We would frequently meet at our favorite pizza place and make a toast to the fact that even though we hadn't figured out how to be adults, we still had each other. Katie would greet me with the best hug and her signature greeting, “Hello, friend,” and if it was Christmas or my birthday, she would come bearing the most thoughtful gift. She was a friend I could tell anything to and she believed in me when I had lost faith in myself. She was my Saint Mary's sister and we were destined to be lifelong friends.

Katie was diagnosed with cancer in the spring of 2015 and passed away just months later. Her diagnosis seemingly came out of nowhere and I wondered, of all the people, why Katie? She loved her family and friends fiercely, was a woman of faith, and the epitome of kindness. The world needed more Katie. I needed more Katie. My last memory of her is one that I will never forget. I got married on June 5, 2015 in Detroit. In the same city, my best friend was lying in a hospital bed fighting for her life. I had asked her almost a year prior to be one of my bridesmaids, but given her illness I knew this was out of the question. Still, Katie was there. Determined, she had persuaded her doctors to sign her discharge papers so she could attend my wedding. Not only did she attend, but she had a gift. Of course, she had a gift! While she was uncharacteristically early, the gesture was classic Katie. This would be one of the last things Katie did. I will always be amazed and humbled by the level of friendship she bestowed on me during the final days of her life.

My 10-year Reunion this summer will be the first time I return to Saint Mary's since losing Katie. Part of me cannot help but think of how empty the campus will feel without her. The other part of me knows that my heart will feel at home surrounded by our memories. Before, I said that Saint Mary's did not prepare me for losing Katie, but perhaps it did. Saint Mary's fosters and celebrates our female friendships, our sisterhoods. These gifts we have been given here are something that not even death can lessen. It will never be OK that I lost Katie, but I will forever be a better person having known and loved her. Katie was the definition of a Belle. And as we all know, once a Belle, always a Belle. 

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A Starstruck Day with Sutton Foster

By Kaitlin Emmett '20



I entered a teeming O'Laughlin Auditorium roaring with vigorous energy. I listened as Saint Mary's students, local high schoolers, and community members alike affirmed their excitement for the arrival of Sutton Foster with chatter about how eager they were to see her, a fellow theatre buff like themselves. It was apparent to me, an outsider to the Broadway theatre scene where Foster shines, that a beloved figure was about to enter stage. Being largely unfamiliar with her work and recognizing the energy of the assemblage around me, I felt excluded from some great secret and wanted in.

Foster was invited to Saint Mary's College as the 2019 Margaret Hill Endowed Visiting Artist this spring. She has performed in 11 Broadway productions, played in roles on many TV shows, and even has two albums out. As an established two-time Tony Award winner and current star on the TV Land comedy series *Younger*, Foster's visit to Saint Mary's stirred a lot of excitement on campus in the weeks before her arrival.

While here, she taught a master class and spent the evening answering questions prepared by students and audience members. Foster greeted the enthused audience with a few animated waves. It wasn't until she was well situated on stage that I realized the fullness of Foster's dynamic presence and beaming personality, self-described as being inspired by Carol Burnett from *The Muppet Show*. She revealed to the crowd, “I loved the idea of being a funny lady. That's where the good stuff is — it's fun to play the fool.”

Foster definitely has the sense of humor to accompany such a role, which was apparent during her session on stage when she had the entire crowd laughing at her *Tyrannosaurus rex* impression, including both sound effects and arm movements.



“*You guys inspired me.*”

Acting the fool is just one of her talents, though. As a Broadway star, Foster excels at singing and dancing alongside acting, though she confessed that she had a preference for the latter. “Singing without acting is just notes,” she said. “Dancing without acting is just arm movements.”

Her career, which started with dance lessons and play auditions as a girl, blossomed because of the questions that guide her life: *What do I want? What’s in my way? How do I get it?* She was proud of this mentality she created for herself and laughed when she said, “If you want me to do something, tell me not to do it.”

Foster’s personality follows a trifecta similar to her career. Where she enjoys and excels at acting, singing, and dancing, Foster can simultaneously pull off being humorous, serious, and compassionate. I was immediately drawn to her rawness. She showed more of herself with every answer she gave, acknowledging herself as just a person like all of us in the audience. When asked if she was ever starstruck, as certainly many of those in the crowd were, Foster answered, “Of course! I’m constantly starstruck. We’re all just human beings, though.”

It can often be tricky to view celebrities in the same way we view ourselves. In answering her fan’s question in such a vulnerable way, Foster gave the crowd something of herself that we could relate to, exposing the piece of information that we often forget about celebrities — they are just like us. Foster’s radiant authenticity inspired me to view celebrities like herself a little bit differently — gawk at the art they produce rather than at them as people.

Foster further noted that she had even learned something from the Saint Mary’s students who participated in her master class earlier that evening. She told the audience to say yes to opportunities, but confessed that she realized she needed to say yes more herself. “I learned that partly from working with you guys today. You guys inspired me,” Foster had no problem admitting that she, a successful and well-known actress, learns from those whom she inspires daily.

Foster left the women in the audience with an empowering piece of advice, letting them know they can achieve great success just like her. “There is nothing you can’t do that a man can — or even nothing you can’t do better than a man. [As women,] we need to rewrite that story. Don’t limit yourself because the world itself is starting to let go of limitations.”



Foster poses with a few of the students who attended the master class at the College.



Interim President Nancy Nekowill chats with Foster at the reception that followed a Q & A session in O’Laughlin Auditorium.



For an inside look at Foster’s master class visit saintmarys.edu/Courier.

A Student-Focused, Sustainable Saint Mary's

By Haleigh Ehmsen '16

When Nancy Nekvasil accepted the role as interim president last October, she assumed it in the way she always approached her classroom: focused on the students. When she encountered students at campus events, she was elated to see them, the way that you might hug your best Belle when you haven't seen her in weeks, months, or God-forbid, years. Her face would light up as she reached out for a hug. "I'm a hugger," she always prefaced. But for Nekvasil, it's about more than a gesture of kindness. She truly believes in the power and potential of Saint Mary's women. She wants in her heart for each student to achieve her dreams.

When it came to putting together her strategic priorities through summer 2020, she kept that same laser focus with a realistic lens. *What can I actually accomplish in a little more than a year?* she asked herself. And so she developed "Strength in History, Distinction in the Future" — strategic priorities with actionable goals that honor our strong 175-year history.

She has already overseen the restructuring of Student Academic Services to now include academic advising and the registrar, the Disabilities Resource Office, the Student Success Program, the Career Crossings Office, and Retention and First-Year Experience. These moves came out of hearing from students, faculty, and staff the pain points of having these offices working separately. In its new configuration, staff and administrators are able to address students' academic needs across the board and we as a College are better able to serve the whole student, ensuring Saint Mary's women have the tools they need to succeed.

Inspired by the success of this new structure, she thought about the many other conversations she has had with students, faculty, and staff regarding the needs they see on campus. Through townhall meetings and individual discussions she has learned a great deal about the real challenges and hurdles our students face. A challenge as simple as eating when the dining hall is closed is a need for our students. Work has already started on this, through the creation of a food pantry and support from the Office of Civic and Social Engagement during semester breaks, but Nekvasil recognizes the importance of creating a system that ensures students' basic needs are met.

Hearing that students don't always have access to textbooks, appropriate winter clothing, functional technology, and more has inspired Nekvasil to embrace the following three priorities that will improve the student experience and ensure a Saint Mary's education is accessible for another 175 years. While creating and implementing process and procedure are not entirely exciting endeavors, it is powerful when a student has a study abroad experience that launches her career, or a research opportunity that leads to a breakthrough. It is in these moments of discovery, we see the importance of these worthwhile priorities.



PRIORITY 1: *Enhance student access to a Saint Mary's education*

Everyone deserves the right to an education. Yet, with rising costs of tuition and a competitive atmosphere of college admittance, access to a quality education may seem like more of a privilege than a right to all students seeking a degree. Nekvasil recognizes the need for increased access to a Saint Mary's education through scholarships. She also sees the importance of investing in study abroad opportunities for students, as nearly half of students find this experience to be one of the most transformative of their College career. The development of a strategic enrollment initiative along with increasing funds for scholarships, study abroad, and our summer Embody program for high school girls are key pieces of maintaining a thriving population of Saint Mary's women.




PRIORITY 2: *Foster an environment for academic and personal success*

Support is key to student success and at Saint Mary's, our holistic approach provides an environment for them to thrive. Nekvasil will emphasize academic and personal success for students by increasing funding for student-faculty research; providing support by establishing an Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; looking critically at which academic programs are beneficial for today's students; providing emergency support for students in need; and establishing a program for first-generation students.



PRIORITY 3: *Strengthen and refine operational practices*

Her third strategic priority is about continuing to provide financial strength, and this, too, Nekvasil sees as a must-have for students. This initiative will review the Master Plan and evaluate academic and student living spaces for renovation needs. Additionally, it will assess the infrastructure of the graduate programs and update our objectives with the continued growth they have experienced over the past three years. The priority also includes the implementation of academic department reorganization to optimize efficiency and foster greater collaborations that allow for development of new and relevant programs.

Ultimately, support, funds raised, and prayers to carry these priorities to fruition will help Nekvasil's short but powerful initiatives maintain focus on our students, our strengths, and our future. 

SISTER ANNA MAE GOLDEN, CSC



Sister Anna Mae Golden, CSC, (formerly Sister M. Joseph Anita), passed away on February 14 at the age of 89. Entering the Sisters of the Holy Cross from Maryland on August 1, 1951, Sister Anna Mae professed her perpetual vows on February 2, 1954.

With mathematics as her strong suit, she earned a master of science in the subject in 1964 from the University of Notre Dame and a doctorate in education in 1981 from the University of Maryland.

In 1972 she came to Saint Mary's College, where she dutifully served over several years in positions related to mission, administration, and strategic planning. Sister Anna Mae was a member of the Board of Trustees from 1994 to 2004 and the Board of Regents from 1976 to 1982 and from 1988 to 1994. During those years, she chaired various committees to develop the pastoral and academic vision of the College. Sister Anna Mae was also the director of admission, the admission counselor for the Rome program, coordinator of institutional planning, and a lecturer in mathematics throughout her time at the College. Sister Anna Mae remained devoted to ensuring that young women receive a quality education during their four years at Saint Mary's College, in the Holy Cross tradition.

Sister Anna Mae's funeral was held on February 21, 2019, at Saint Mary's College, Church of Our Lady of Loretto.

MYRON CLARENCE NOBLE



Myron Clarence Noble passed away on March 22 at the age of 81.

Noble served on the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees from 1992 to 2004

and on the Parents Council while his daughters Wendy Noble '87 and Heidi Noble '92 were students. He was a

charter member of the President's Circle from 2011 to 2019 and always stepped up when asked for support of the College and other special initiatives.

One of Noble's most charitable gifts to the College includes the Noble Family Dining Hall, where students gather to share meals, study and catch up with fellow Belles. Noble's philanthropy lives on in the South Bend community and at Notre Dame. In fact, memorial contributions were directed to A Rosie Place for Children, the first and only specialty hospital in the state of Indiana exclusively for children who are medically fragile, named in honor of his beloved wife Rosie.

A celebration of life memorial service was held on Saturday, April 20 at Notre Dame Stadium in the Dahnke Ballroom. Friends gathered with the family and shared memories of Myron prior to the memorial service and immediately after over dinner and drinks.

ALUMNAE DEATHS

1943

June Shirk Brown January 11, 2019
Anna Dailey Locke October 10, 2018

1945

Evelyn Van Huffel Reese Lawlor January 17, 2019
Genevieve Holzbauer O'Connell November 7, 2018

1946

Gladys Terry Winer Boetto October 3, 2018

1947

Anne Costello Bordas October 9, 2018
Arlene Bennett Ley November 25, 2018

1948

Louise De Rose Aemisegger November 17, 2018
Gretchen Goetzman Brophy January 22, 2019
Dorothy McFarland Dixon October 15, 2018
Rosemary Birmingham O'Brien September 29, 2018
Janet Cadden Roger December 12, 2018

1949

Suzanne Cassidy Walsh November 8, 2017

1950

Delores Dennard Bugg December 11, 2018
Helen McAvinchey Harbin September 18, 2018
Katherine E. Morris Langworthy October 21, 2018
Helen Kennedy Ryan January 12, 2019

1951

Pauline Romeo DeCicco January 30, 2019
Sister Joseph Marie Gibbons, CST January 10, 2019

1952

Sister Dorothy Ann Gall, CSJ November 15, 2018

1953

Sister Margaret Marie Hofstetter, OP January 27, 2019

1954

Melitta Walter Hnatzuk December 1, 2017
Eileen Cox Karp August 17, 2018
Jane Toohey Sloan June 9, 2016

1955

Molly Maloy Griffin October 28, 2018
Mary Ann Immonen Haidinger January 31, 2019
Mary Anne McManus Harahan September 12, 2018
Sister M. Gertrude Anne Otis, CSC February 17, 2019
Carol Wiseman Smith November 30, 2018

SISTER M. GERTRUDE ANNE OTIS, CSC



Sister M. Gertrude Anne Otis '55, CSC (formerly Gertrude Anne Otis), passed away on February 17 at the age of 96. Entering the Sisters of the Holy Cross from Washington, DC, Sister Gertrude was invested with the holy habit at Saint Mary's College on August 15, 1946, and later made her perpetual profession of vows as a consecrated religious in 1951.

Sister Gertrude received several degrees during her time at Saint Mary's College, including a bachelor's in sacred doctrine (1952), and both a master's in religion (1955) and a doctorate in sacred doctrine (1960) from the School of Sacred Theology.

She served the College as a teacher and administrator during the presidency of Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC . Sister Gertrude worked as registrar from 1950 to 1958, and went to *Pontifical Institute Regina Mundi* in Rome on a sabbatical in 1958. Upon her return to the College in 1959, she served as both the director of admission and dean of the School of Sacred Theology until 1963, taught theology and scripture until 1967, and went on to develop and direct the Tucson Program for Saint Mary's students in Cortaro, Arizona in 1972.

Sister Gertrude was richly gifted by nature, grace, prayer, and faith, and through her service exemplified the mission and ideals of Saint Mary's College.

1956

Jean Kimmert Jackman January 30, 2019

1957

Jean Giddens Cass September 7, 2018
Patricia Kozlowski November 23, 2018
Patricia Faulkner Werner January 17, 2019

1958

Roberta Massey Platten November 1, 2018
Helen Thomas Robi July 17, 2018

1960

Kathleen Byrne Blair September 11, 2018
Hely Merle-Benner November 10, 2018
Kay Ann Myers December 5, 2018

1961

Bethany Mackin Baxter April 25, 2018
Gwynith Druilhet Green September 12, 2018
Andrea Benkowski Lepak September 17, 2018

1964

Joan Austgen August 22, 2017
Virginia Trombley Reiser December 7, 2018

1965

Christine Lyons Holzwarth September 26, 2018
Patricia L. Masilotti September 29, 2018

1966

Sister Mildred Louise Keegan, CSC February 2, 2019
Gail Marino Meiering January 12, 2019

1968

Anne Evans Moloney January 30, 2017
Sister Loretta Margaret Sullivan, OP January 17, 2019
Theresa Bell Sullivan October 31, 2018

1969

Mary Parrish Decker October 10, 2018

1970

Mary Ann Fay September 5, 2018

1972

Dorothy Hickey Cusker January 31, 2019

1974

Patricia J. Kampsen December 7, 2018

1976

Casey K. Cannon October 13, 2018

1977

Marian Wurz O'Neil August 19, 2018

1979

Laura L. Green December 6, 2018

1980

Catherine Hurst September 16, 2018

1996

Catherine Margaret Weppner October 1, 2018

2009

Kellie Anderson Beyer September 24, 2018

FACULTY DEATHS

Sister Anna Mae Golden, CSC, Department of Mathematics, February 14, 2019.

Most Reverend Robert Charles Morlino, DD, STD, Department of Philosophy, November 24, 2018.

Sister M. Gertrude Anne Otis '55, CSC, Department of Philosophy, February 17, 2019.

FAMILY DEATHS

Grace Andrews, mother of Andrea Andrews Larkin '80, November 5, 2018.

Robert Barniskis, husband of Patricia Buchanan Barniskis '85, August 24, 2018.

Robert Beaulieu, father of Kathleen Beaulieu '76, November 15, 2018.

John Benish, husband of Ellen Boyle Benish '57, grandfather of Madeline Inez O'Sullivan '12, October 1, 2018.

James Barry, husband of Eileen Kelly Barry '69, January 19, 2019.

Betty Biek, grandmother of Jessica Lynn Biek '14, mother-in-law of Julie A. Schroeder-Biek '88, January 9, 2019.

David Bobear, father of Katherine Bobear LaMonica '91, November 29, 2018.

Catherine BonDurant, mother of Margaret BonDurant Clemency '05, October 23, 2018.

Marjorie Cahill, mother-in-law of Deborah Wilson Cahill '72, December 16, 2018.

Frank Cancro, father of Diane T. Cancro '87 and Kathryn Cancro Colletto '89, May 7, 2018.

William Carson, husband of Mary Guarnieri Carson '57, January 19, 2019.

John Castronovo, father of Jessica Leigh Castronovo-Melshen '02, November 21, 2018.

Audrey Cleary, grandmother of Catherine Michels Cleary '12, February 5, 2019.

Jeffrey Collins, father of Kelsey Michelle Collins '15, September 3, 2018.

Walton Collins, husband of Carolyn Huebner Collins '51, September 24, 2018.

Kelly O'Malley Coogan, daughter of Carol Garvey O'Malley '67, December 6, 2018.

Eugene Da Cosse, father of Mary A. Da Cosse '79, September 6, 2018.

Edward D'Arcy Sr., father-in-law of Linda Seymour D'Arcy '76, grandfather of Kristen Lee D'Arcy '02, October 11, 2018.

Daniel Donovan, husband of Jane O'Boyle Donovan '66, brother-in-law of Kathleen O'Boyle Kearney '62, uncle of Kathleen Kearney Devereux '88, June 19, 2018.

James Dryden, father of Catherine A. Dryden '80, Mary H. Druden-Fakir '83, Susan Alice Dryden-Hogan '86, and Linda Dryden Schell '90, January 9, 2019.

George Dunn, father of Mary Sue Dunn Curry '85, January 23, 2019.

Richard Dvorak, father of Mary Beth Dvorak Sobolewski '80 and Linda Dvorak Gilbert '89, January 22, 2019.

Edward Fallon, father of Esther Fallon Breeding '84 and Alma Fallon Ferrier '85, October 12, 2018.

Robert Forbes, husband of Natalie Kocher Forbes '53, June 7, 2018.

Hazel Gatmaitan, mother of Arlene Gatmaitan Dunbar '77, Ann Gatmaitan McSorley '79, and Roberta Gatmaitan Moore '89, October 14, 2018.

Salem George Sr., father of Caroline George Meena '85, October 15, 2018.

Jack Gibbons Sr., husband of Kathleen Moore Gibbons '62, father of Sheila Gibbons '88 and Kathleen Marie Gibbons '89, November 13, 2018.

Gifford Gibson, husband of Ellen McDermott Gibson '58, October 27, 2018.

John Gordon, stepfather of Lori Ann Russwurm Boecher '93, January 6, 2019.

Mary Ann Gradeless, sister of Rita Carol Benjamin '68, January 17, 2019.

Robert Haidinger, grandfather of Katherine Rand Davis '03, February 1, 2019.

Jane Handloser, mother of Karen Handloser Bradford '89, September 7, 2018.

Rose Mary Hattrup, mother of Joanne M. Hattrup '76, Carole Hattrup Cunningham '83, and Rosemary Hattrup McNelis '86, grandmother of Sara Rose Cunningham '16, November 18, 2018.

William Hendrick, father of Patricia Hendrick Kovalik '71, September 17, 2018.

Barbara Humenik, mother of Mary Beth Humenik Kilrea '82, December 7, 2018.

John Jackovitz, husband of Maryanne Jankowski Jackovitz '64, January 30, 2019.

Michael Jeffirs, father of Dana Jeffirs Corrigan '81 and Laura Jeffirs Kruyer '92, September 20, 2018.

Grace Evelyn Jurinek, grandmother of Lauren Condon Butera '06, Erin Condon Kodman '07, Caitlin Condon Coyne '12, Bridget Grace Condon '15, and Claire Kathleen Condon '17, January 2, 2019.

George Keros, father of Sandra Anastasia Keros '92, January 24, 2019.

William Kirchmeier, husband of Ann Baumann Kirchmeier '62, January 30, 2019.

Robert Krajcir, father of Karen Krajcir White '89, November 22, 2018.

Michael Laughlin, husband of Martha Shonk Laughlin '53, father of Mary Laughlin Hillstrom '83, October 2, 2018.

Geraldine Leskovec, mother of Jacqueline Leskovec '74, January 13, 2019.

Larry Lovechio, father of Jennier Lovechio Wozniak '93, January 10, 2019.

Samuel Maverick, father of Heather Maverick Rubsamen '91, September 1, 2018.

Dorothy May, mother-in-law of Nicole Dugan May '92, November 25, 2018.

John McMahon, III, husband of Carole Harnist McMahon '57, father of Sheila M. McMahon '85, August 30, 2018.

Rosemary Mennen, mother of Michelle Maurine Mennen '92, July 10, 2018.

Elaine Michels, grandmother of Catherine Michels Cleary '12, January 17, 2019.

Mary Michielutti, mother of M. Teri Michielutti Flores '82, Angela L. Michielutti '83, and Anne Michielutti Bouret '84, October 13, 2018.

James Milas, husband of Rita Andreas Milas '59, October 11, 2018.

Marlene Miles, mother of Sheryl Schilline Fieweger '83, January 6, 2019.

Madeleine Mistretta, mother of Lisa Mistretta Sellen '80, December 22, 2018.

Robert Newcomer, father of Julie Dyan Phillips '97, October 13, 2018.

Marcia Niemier, mother of Robyn Niemier Herbert '01 and Anne Niemier Brock '02, November 22, 2018.

Gerald Nies, father of Amy Marie Nies '87, September 20, 2018.

Roderick O'Brien, father of Colleen M. Benjamin '86 and Maureen Ann O'Brien '89, November 4, 2018.

J. Michael O'Hara, father of Kathleen O'Hara Kunkel '79, Molly O'Hara Niezer '85, and Megan O'Hara Fetter '89, grandfather of Mary Casey Niezer Christophersen '11, December 2, 2018.

William O'Hara Jr., brother of Mary Margaret O'Hara '72, brother-in-law of Karen Bauer O'Hara '60, November 19, 2018.

Deborah Payne, mother of Kelly Marie Payne '08, November 3, 2018.

Richard Lee Plump, brother of Paula M. Dawning '71, January 19, 2019.

John Reynolds, father of Karen Reynolds Nelson '88, brother of Anne Reynolds Pyron '50, uncle of Eileen R. Tyrrell '77, Susan C. Tyrrell '79, Martha Manion Mehrlinger '82, and Sharon Manion Trockman '84, May 28, 2018.

William Sawtell, husband of Jane McClelland Sawtell '63, father of Elisa Sawtell Fleischer '88, October 11, 2018.

Marion Schreck, mother of Margaret Schreck Brake '89, November 9, 2018.

Francis Sehn, father of Patricia Sehn Ruffin '81, October 29, 2017.

Laine Seiler, mother of Marlee Seiler Griek '02, September 26, 2018.

Charlotte Simon, mother of Laura Simon Schueller '85, July 26, 2018.

Joseph Straub, father of Patricia Rose Straub '92, January 17, 2019.

Lino Strazzabosco, father of Julie Strazzabosco Graham '85, October 17, 2018.

Patrick Sullivan, husband of Nancy Ryan Sullivan '61, father of Mary Lisa Sullivan '87, uncle of Elizabeth Sinnott Pash '83, brother-in-law of Mary Ann Ryan Sinnott '58, July 11, 2018.

Dorothy Thatcher, mother of Melissa Thatcher Pitt '97, October 18, 2018.

Earl Ulbricht, father of Ashley Marie Ulbricht '04, November 5, 2018.

James Verdin, father of Jill Verdin Crew '89, August 8, 2018.

Carolyn Vita, mother of Sally Vita McNulty '82, August 23, 2018.

William Vita, father of Sally Vita McNulty '82, May 20, 2017.

John White, father of Catherine White Renedo '89, December 5, 2018.

Roger White, father of Francine White Quigley '86, November 13, 2018.

Alyce Wiedner, mother of Patricia Wiedner Purcell '69, grandmother of Allison Holly Stride '15, October 27, 2018.

Roxann Wing, mother of Jessica Barnett Taberski '01, November 9, 2018.

Thomas Wozniak, father of Renae Wozniak Frigo '96 and Amanda Wozniak Hirsch '98, December 9, 2019.

Anthony York, son of Denise DeBartolo York '72, December 7, 2018.

Rocco Zappia, father of Sara M. Zappia '85, November 7, 2018.

For births and weddings, please visit
Baby Belles and Wedding Belles
at alumnae.saintmarys.edu



Bay Area (San Francisco)

In July 2018 our club bid farewell to its 12-year president, **Christina Tecson '98**, as she moved to pursue graduate school in Florida. **Malea Schulte '14** stepped into the president role and appointed as vice president **Colleen Foraker '82**, secretary **Katie Haemmerle '14**, and treasurer **Annie Hall '15**.

The San Francisco Bay Area Club hosted monthly gatherings throughout the Bay Area along with special occasion gatherings. In July, the club gathered at Malea Schulte's home to recognize former president Christina (photo 1).



Boston

A few Boston alumnae recently had a chance to connect. Pictured are **Theresa Hardy Gaffney '86**, **Karen Siegel Cunningham '85**, **Carolyn Greives Kelley '56**, and **Susan Harsch '88**.



In August, the club gathered at Bellota in San Francisco (photo 2). The club convened at Local Union in Palo Alto in September (photo 3). In October, the club celebrated Founders' Day with a picnic at Golden Gate Park (photo 4). In December, club members donated clothing and gift cards to the Catholic Worker in Redwood City and attended a Christmas party at Colleen Foraker's home in Menlo Park.

Going forward, we seek to continue to connect with more local alumnae and serve as an extension of Saint Mary's mission.

Colorado

The Colorado Club (below) had a fun fall social event carving pumpkins, eating chili, and sharing stories in downtown Denver. We are planning more events so if you are not on the mailing list, please email bridget.m.edmonds@gmail.com or samantha.tulisiak@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook (Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of Colorado).



Columbus

The Saint Mary's College Columbus Alumnae Club (below) had a busy fall with numerous events involving both alumnae and current students. **Julie Vieta '95** was kind enough to host our 2018 Fall Picnic, where alumnae and students from the Columbus area connected while the students were home for fall break. Stacy Jeffers, director of the Career Crossings Office, visited and spoke on the resources her office has to offer for current students and alumnae. In addition to this event, **Anne Sofranko '11** coordinated a diaper drop-off to support the local Columbus Diaper Coalition. The club is always looking for great ways to continue supporting women in our area, and the coalition works to provide financial relief to families in need of a little extra help. The club was able to collect enough diapers to fill a small SUV!



The fall picnic was a great success and everyone is already looking forward to next year's gathering. Last fall, **Laura Fattaleh '84** coordinated student exam care packages for nine current Saint Mary's students from the Columbus area. Local alumnae provided popcorn, hot chocolate, crackers, and many more yummy snacks to help contribute to brain power!



Grand Rapids

The Grand Rapids, MI Alumnae Club (below) was busy socializing and helping others during the 2018 holidays! Our annual Christmas party was held the first week of December at the home of **Janet Krueger '69**. Our guest of honor was **Kara O'Leary '89**, executive director of alumnae and college relations. Kara was in town for meetings, and we were so glad she was able to join us!

Janet made an amazing dinner for all alumnae who attended. In return, everyone brought a bag filled with food to donate to a local food pantry. We also signed cards for the first-year care packages, which were delivered that same week.

Our young alumnae group celebrated the holidays with the ND and Holy Cross young alumni groups with dinner and bowling. It was a great networking event, and holiday-themed attire was welcomed.

Our club book group continues to grow and meet every other month. If any local alumnae would like to join us or get involved in any other club events, please contact our club president, **Tara Millar '90**, at tmillar@comcast.net.



Kansas City

The Kansas City Club (below) gathered in early December for its annual Christmas lunch at Brio Tuscan Grille on the Country Club Plaza. Old and new friends enjoyed catching up and learning more about the happenings with the KC Club and Saint Mary's. The attendees also brought goodies for the current students' finals care packages!



Los Angeles

The Happy Hour gatherings in OC have been successful, and we are looking to expand to other LA areas! We are also starting a book club in 2019. The first book is the One Book, One Saint Mary's selection, and there will be gatherings in the following three locations: Los Angeles, OC, and Long Beach. Lastly, 2019 ornaments are coming! Be ready to order, as 2018 sold out early. Check the website for details: saintmaryslaclub.com.

Omaha

We are hoping to form an alumnae club in Omaha! In early February, nearly 30 alumnae gathered at the home of **Mary Brelowski Zicafoose '73** for an inaugural meeting. Plans are now underway for several events over the next few months. You can follow the group on Facebook: Saint Mary's College Omaha area Alumnae, or contact **Carrie Koontz Gaines '98** to get involved. Her email address is: carriekgaines@gmail.com.

South Bend

The South Bend Alumnae Club had an exciting fall and looks forward to 2019! Area alumnae enjoyed participating in happy hours, a trip to the Pumpkin Patch, a special Founders' Day Celebration with the Sisters of the Holy Cross, and care package prep for local Saint Mary's students, as well as providing a meal to the Ronald McDonald House and a party with Santa. In the new year, the club looks forward to connecting with alumnae through service events, happy hours, a family picnic, and a One Book, One Saint Mary's event focused on this year's book selection, *The Ninth Hour* by Alice McDermott. A full calendar is available on the club website.

Our ongoing fundraiser continues to be a success! The South Bend Club has partnered with ADesign & Sons, owned by **Anne Husslau Dondanville '82**,

to offer alumnae the original French Cross jewelry, including necklaces, earrings, and bracelets. These beautiful pieces are the perfect gift for a fellow Belle or even yourself! The best part: 40 percent of each purchase goes to the South Bend Alumnae Club Scholarship Fund that awards annual scholarships to current Belles from the Saint Joseph region. Jewelry can be viewed and purchased on our website (smcsbclub.com).

Yearly dues are \$30 and recent graduates are free for the first year. Dues are not required to attend events but are encouraged to help defray event costs and build our scholarship fund. Dues-paying members will also see additional incentives at events throughout the year. Dues can be paid online at smcsbclub.com or by mailing a check to **Regina Mauck '14** at 1321 Enchanted Forest Street, South Bend, IN 46637.

If you are new to the South Bend area, or live here and want to join the fun, please contact the club at smcsbclub.com, visit our website, smcsbclub.com, and Like us on Facebook (Saint Mary's College South Bend Alumnae Club) for upcoming events and club news.



CLASS NEWS

Thank you for sharing your news with us and for participating in our dynamic alumnae community. As a rule we do not censor Class News. This section is intended to be an avenue for self-reporting of life occurrences. The content or positions of these submissions do not necessarily reflect the views of the College, the Office of Alumnae Relations, or the *Courier* staff.

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I was host for the San Diego Alumnae Christmas Cookie Exchange and Service Project. About 10 attended, ranging from the newest graduate of last year to me and **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton**. We've had this event "forever" with each person bringing a large amount of home-baked cookies, and all go home with ample samples of all the other cookies. I generally freeze them, so on Christmas morn I have all these home-baked cookies to treat my family! We also brought donations to support the local women's resource center. Our speaker, an abused woman herself, told her riveting story of survival and success in starting a new life. I've got all four years of the historic Christmas ornaments that the A club has offered and this year thought it would be a unique opportunity to have them hung by various alumnae in attendance. Our oldest alum, **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton**, hung the first, Le Mans Hall; then our youngest, **Leah Marie Walsh '18**, hung the second one, of the library and Lake Marian; a third, our most supportive non-alum, Frances Mercado (mom of **Nicole Mercado Fortunato '00**), hung the one of The Avenue. I hung the fourth one of Holy Cross Hall. We each read the significant history that's included with each gold ornament, and we all shared personal stories of these places when we lived on campus. Hopefully next year, God willing, I'll do this again.

I received a letter from Joe Straub, husband of **Mary Cash Straub**, who died recently, that he was taking care of old accounts and unfinished business for a son who died last December [2017]; keeping busy helps heal his loss.

Annmie Matt Seidler said she and husband Bill recently celebrated their 66th anniversary. He's retired from his law practice and they're both doing OK and in reasonable health.

Kathy Smith Schaffer called and we had a long chat. She said her life after the death of Gene, her husband, has not been the same. She still lives in their home near Westport, CT and is using a walker since her balance is off kilter; her family is close by and comes by to help. One son, Jack, is blind and had a seeing-eye dog for awhile until it died. Jack is not sure about getting another dog. **Jo Brazaitis Ebert** sent an email update saying her family has had some serious health issues, but all moving ahead in the new year.

Sister M. Emily Demuth, CSC, will receive the National Association of Catholic Chaplains Distinguished Award, which recognizes outstanding dedication and service to the association. This award is presented to an individual

who has advanced the mission of NACC or the ministry of chaplaincy in a significant way. She will receive this honor at St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL at the end of May.

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Bernice Boucher Hopp shares her *Courier* with her Marquette Manor interested friends — Kathleen Paras, who was at Saint Mary's one year, and **Carolyn Flynn Fay '56**.

Gloria Kennedy Hermann is looking forward to Reunion. Her three girls want to come along. She still enjoys pet sitting and playing with kitties and dogs, and never misses an ND football game on TV.

Carol O'Brien Scheller writes, "My daughter Beth and I had such a nice afternoon at Saint Mary's, and I'm so glad to have shared the day with you and **Mary Ann Kramer Campbell**, especially visiting the nursing department to see the Sister Amadeus display. I'm amazed to see the beautiful buildings and growth at Saint Mary's."

Still living in the townhome she moved to when her husband Lee, passed away 22 years ago, **Lorraine Nigro Cervanyk** says she lives a simple, routine life and is privileged to have a great network of family, friends from church, and former coworkers to do activities with. She still visits with **Betty Galloway** about once a month by phone but neither of them anticipates traveling in the future. She also is in touch with her sisters **Catherine Nigro Yuhas '52** and **Rose Marie Nigro Groppe '60**.

On an Alaskan cruise, **Margaret Keller Howells** had such a sense of God's presence the whole time: the constant beauty of the land. Her grandson William, a tennis player at Notre Dame, is ranked 50th of 150 university tennis players and is #2 at ND.

Marlene Gaubinger Durkin's most recent news: two great-grandchildren, making three greats for her. She's planning to come to Reunion.

Mary Schmitz Bartley says she's so very happy to be back in Pinehurst, though she'll be taking a cruise out of Tampa in February.

Rose Marie Murphy Foley and Ben had lunch with **Joan Rossi** recently. Joan gets to so many music and theatrical events that Murph says she envies her. After Christmas, 18 Murphy family members are going on a Caribbean cruise.

Patt Gannon Scully was SMC's rep at a College Night and found it more interesting and enjoyable than she expected. She's reading Stephen Hawkins' posthumous book, finding it interesting and, amazingly, thinks she's understanding what he's saying. ("Although sometimes I have to read a sentence a couple of times to follow his theories.")

Retirement didn't slow her life down, but **Terry Martin Weber** feels age is making itself felt in an insistent and unyielding way. She and her daughters traveled to London, then cruised to Iceland and points in between. Terry's still one of her parish organists and is back directing the choir.

She's been reading up a storm and quilting when possible and discovered authors Laurie R. King, Anne Perry, and Jacqueline Winspear.

Jane Flynn Carroll had her annual luncheon visit with **Helen Kuhn Carey '51** and their daughters. Jane's youngest, Nancy, had a children's book published recently with the theme, peer pressure and feeling good about yourself. Jane talked to **Peg Tiernan Sheehan**, who has a grandson in med school specializing in cancer prevention. Peg strongly recommends *The Rent Collector* by Cameron Wright.

Nancy Gibbon Ross misses seeing SMC friends, especially '54 classmates. Recently she saw a video of the ND Glee Club singing to Tom Campbell (ND '54) on his birthday a year ago — nostalgic! "Much love to you all as I remember old times and reunions."

Mary Ann Kramer Campbell has a freshman great-niece, **Lindsey Jane Lystad '22**, from California, whose mother visits frequently and stays with her aunt. Mary Ann hears nothing but positive reports from Saint Mary's and she's looking forward to attending this year's Madrigal dinner.

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First, my apologies to **Carolyn Linnig O'Rourke** for not submitting this information for the prior edition, as she thought it would be fun to reminisce.

She was absolutely delighted to receive a telephone call in June 2018 from **Patsy Moore Payne '57** from her home in South Carolina. Patsy's husband naval officer of the (Master Jet) naval air station was stationed in Lemoore, CA during the Vietnam War. Patsy and Bill brought many joyful and fun times to all at our home at the O'Rourke Ranch in Lemoore. Patsy and I totally enjoyed sharing these memories and memories of the St. Peter's Hundred Dollar Dinner, as folks from Lemoore gathered each June to benefit Mary Immaculate Queen Catholic School in Lemoore.

I had always been concerned about where my children would attend a Catholic school as there were no Catholic schools in Lemoore. (It appears that the Spanish missionaries limited the spread of Catholic missions to the coastal areas and to the northern and southern areas of California, skipping me in Central San Joaquin Valley). Little did I know but God had gone ahead with His Plan. Thanks to the people of Lemoore and to the Irish priests Monsignor James O'Doherty and Monsignor John O'Friel a Catholic school was built. The Sisters of Mercy from Ennis, Ireland were welcomed to teach at the school — in the early 1960s.

I taught there from 1976 to 1987. I also taught catechism to students at the Lemoore Naval Air Station whose fathers were deployed during the Vietnam War. **Patsy Moore Payne** taught these students as well as my children at the high school.

“Other SMC family members who visited Lemoore were **Marie DeMeester Meehan** and her husband and young daughter; **Jean Kershaw Boehm** (who

was **Marie-DeMeester Meehan** and her husband and youngest daughter **Jean Kershaw Keefhaw Putnam** and **Mary Gallagher Sullivan** (ever) and her husband; as well as the late **Joan Kershaw Putnam** and **Mary Gallagher Sullivan**. Thank you all – remembering the many smiles and some Carolyn Woodstays, heavenly and good. Think of the prayer: "I see you in all the days He has made for us." Sarah Struett O'Keefe to be submitted in the next issue. However, we do need material from **Sarah Smoly McKeef Griffin**, **Mary Anne McManus Harahan**, and **Carol Wiseman Smith** in our prayer list. **Molly Maloy Griffin**, **Mary Anne McManus Harahan**, and **Carol Wiseman Smith** in our prayers. They have left us for a better life. May their souls rest in peace! I did leave messages for the following and have not heard back from any of you: **Joan Lynch**, **Arthurs Chading**, **Joan Bircienall**, **Madeline Zeien Bortallo**, **Joan Peters Brebanc**, and **Anne Acthurs Caldwell**, **Joan Bircienall**, **Madeline Zeien Bortallo**, **Joan Peters Brebanc**, to **Anne Schudt Caldwell**, **Joan Lowery Celeste**, **Bernadette Tracy Cramer** family would be happy to record in our 248-458-1999 family letter a message for members of your family or family who were happy to be in the heart of our family for other class members have information on these women, I would be happy to hear from you also.

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Meghan Elisabeth Cassidy Van Beckum married the love of her life, Justin van Beckum, a local scholar.

Meghan Elisabeth Cassidy Van Beckum is enjoying a career at work while Meghan and her daughter, Sophia, are working on their trip to Vietnam and Japan.

Mary Jo Long Coulter is enjoying life in Bellingham and playing soccer on a travel team.

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Janet Endress Squires '72, who directed the Child
 Abuse Unit at Dallas Children's Medical Center when
 In August, I had a delightful email from **Anne**

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SMC graduates attending the banquet. Since Reunion, **Paula Lawton Bevington's** son Charles died unexpectedly from an undiagnosed heart problem. Our prayers and love go out to you, Paula. Also, I heard from **Helen Thomas Robi's** husband Bill that Helen died suddenly in early July. Bill mentioned in his email their friendship with **Joan Renehan Thompson**. I'm not sure whether I wrote of **Mary McGahey Dwan's** death. Blessings on all our classmates alive and dead. I am signing off on my last column. It has been quite a run. From now on, please contact the Alumnae Office.

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By now you have received the fall issue of *Courier* and discovered the editorial staff "inadvertently cut out a large amount of my class news" in the summer issue. They graciously apologized and wrote the following: "We've now put some practices in place to make sure this doesn't happen again to any class."

Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon emailed me that her daughter **Barbara Goldkamp Henry '86** (my daughter's roommate at SMC), following the sudden death of Colleen's oldest daughter **Ann Goldkamp Lamb '85**, was hospitalized with a serious staph infection resulting in a partial knee replacement for the second time, then was re-hospitalized with DRESS syndrome, a rare reaction to vancomycin, her IV antibiotic. "Her immune system became so compromised that they were also treating her for shingles. It has been a mess and she was so critically ill, and right on the heels of Ann's death. We were so worried." I'm happy to report that Barbara is finally on the road to recovery. Nine of Ann Goldkamp Lamb's classmates from the Class of 1985 had a Mass said for her at Notre Dame in September, and Colleen and **Rosemary Zirille Spalding** were in attendance.

I reported the death of my dear friend and our classmate **Sharon McGee Sitton Bradshaw** in June 2018. Sadly her husband Dr. Murray Bradshaw died of what the doctors called a broken heart four months later.

My sister **Betty Benford Belfiore's** husband is doing much better and is home from rehab but her life has taken on a new direction and she is now his primary caregiver.

Two of my children survived the Woolsey Fire here in Southern California this November. It was a tough couple of days for them, but their homes survived and life goes on.

I'm sure we were all shocked at the sudden resignation of President Jan Cervelli. She was known on campus for her connection with students and seemed to be doing a great job. **Mary L. Burke '85**, chair of the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees, was quoted in the *Notre Dame Observer*: "Why does anybody resign?" Burke said. "I just think she probably had a number of different factors that she weighed, and this worked best for her. So we have

to respect that. If we didn't respect her as a person and as a woman, we could've handled things very, very differently." Thank you, Nancy Nekvasil, for rising to the occasion.

Gerry and I are scheduled to move to a four-bedroom apartment at Reata Glen, a continuing care retirement community near San Juan Capistrano (a master-planned neighborhood for people 60 and over), 10 minutes from our current retirement community. It will open the end of April 2019. We are busy purging.

We celebrate our third great-grandchild Gianna Monroe Centanni, born September 29, 2018.

The Class of 1959 Endowed Scholarship awarded \$28,500, with \$22,400 to **Olivia Marie Garza '20** from Tustin, CA and \$6,100 to **Marianna Sanchez '20** from Westchester, IL. Both girls sent thank-you letters to **Peg Broughton McGrath** with a copy to me. Marianna wrote, "My sister graduated from Saint Mary's in 1997, the year I was born. We have always joked I was born a Belle."

Although we were never referred to as "Belles" in our day, let's consider it a great moniker. I guess we can refer to ourselves as the "silver" Belles.

I have three deadlines a year. April 1, August 1, and December 1. Mark these dates on your calendar. I am planning on sending my column via Internet to all of you who provide me with your current email address. Hopefully, I will start with the August 1 deadline.

Come on, ladies! We can do this!

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Mary Maley Burgess sent news that she and **Barbara Burke Dunn** had a wonderful visit last August with **Colleen (Connie) Sheridan McCabe** and her husband George in their home in Great Falls, MT and also at their Lindburgh Lake cabin. Included was a trip through Waterton/Glacier Park, where they stayed at the elegant Prince of Wales Hotel. Connie and George were tour guides extraordinaire. They could name the mountains and lakes and relate the history of the area, making the trip not only great fun but also educational. "But most fun of all was reminiscing of our time at Saint Mary's and catching up on our lives in the 'real world' since graduation."

Bette Jo (B.J.) Sitzberger Gorman wrote she was ready to escape the snow to return to Key Largo, FL and was hoping to get together with some classmates during the year of our 80th birthdays. In November she and **Nancy Higgins Keenan** were able to schedule a lunch and enjoyed catching up. Nancy continues as a key person at the Courtyard, which supports Wellness House in Hinsdale.

From **Patty Crotty Misrach** came news they had celebrated a wonderful Thanksgiving with all three of her children eating, drinking a tad of wine, and enjoying all the grandchildren. She's looking forward to special events in 2019: granddaughter Anne Marie's First Communion, grandson Pierce's

graduation from eighth grade, granddaughter Sarah's graduation from Ole Miss, and grandson Mathew's marriage to a lovely young lady, Laurén. Although Ivan has been gone for eight years, he is still a huge presence in their lives. She prays daily for blessings upon this wonderful country and fondly recalls our days at SMC.

Ruth Putnam Lord sent news she and husband Gary, a West Point graduate, were planning to attend the Army/Navy game scheduled last December 8 in Philadelphia, a Christmas present from their son and daughter-in-law. She went on to say that the exciting thing, however, was they would be spending a night with **Patty Kinney Walsh** prior to the game. She and Gary still ski two to three weeks every January/February, and in 2019 were planning to be in Colorado. They are hoping to make it to age 80 when you can ski many places for free.

Peggy Hill died on September 27, 2018. **Susan Fitzgerald Rice** attended the Mass of Christian Burial at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola and the reception held at the Metropolitan Club of New York. Susan joined **Kara O'Leary '89**, executive director of alumnae and college relations, who was representing Saint Mary's, along with **Maureen McCafferty '62**. At the close of the service, her daughter Stephanie read the Irish blessing poem aloud with an all-hands blessing for Peggy.

The obituary was posted in the *New York Times*, Sunday, September 30, 2018, and can be obtained online.

Peggy's assistant wrote that Peggy's death had "been a slow decline, mostly stemming from the aftereffects of the stroke. Eventually, her throat muscles weakened, making it difficult for her to swallow food, developing aspiration pneumonia that led to the inevitability of needing a feeding tube. She said she was tired and did not want any intervention and thus her health continued to deteriorate. She slipped away in her home with her children by her side."

Many classmates, over the years, would call Peggy when they were coming to NYC. She always offered gracious hospitality, and many of us stayed in touch with her.

Saint Mary's sent a large, beautiful bouquet of white roses to the reception at the Metropolitan Club, which is directly across the street from Peggy's beautiful home overlooking Central Park and was the location of a pre-Faith Always, Action Now dinner with then-President Mooney. Stephanie, her brother Nicholas and their father Robert Rosenkranz hosted the reception. In a tribute to Saint Mary's, Bob spoke to Susan, recalling remarks of Peggy's admiration of Bruno Schlesinger and exclaiming surprise that he had approved the renaming of the Christian Culture Program.

Susan had spent most of the day with Peggy in Southampton in late summer 2014. Her daughter Stephanie and her children were there also. Peggy delighted in telling Susan that she had finally resumed tennis after a hip replacement. It was only 10 days later that, while on the tennis court, she experienced the stroke.

In 2016, Susan stayed at Peggy's NYC apartment with her. She learned that Peggy was continuing her service on the committee to select the Tony Awards. While there, Susan observed Peggy working diligently with trained therapists to regain the use of her arm and hand and her ability to speak. She was charming, committed, focused on her work, and delighted in her grandchildren. She remembered who roomed with whom in Holy Cross in our first year and lots of other things! Peggy Hill is a classmate we will all remember.

Thank you to all who answered my request for news. It's always good to hear from you.

1963

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Just back from Manhattan and a Christmas luncheon that has become an annual event for **Beverly (Barry) Troxler O'Grady, Mary Schuh DeSilva, Joann Vanek**, and me. This year's event took place at Park Avenue South, where the restaurant's menu and ambiance reflect the seasons. Though the silver decorations were breathtaking, it was Joann's friendship with the chef that transformed the festivities as he presented us with delicacies way beyond our individual selections — scrambled eggs on which he grated what seemed a quarter pound of truffles (!) and desserts galore. As Barry emailed afterward: "Still reviewing the tastes and the conversations ... It's good to be loved by the chef!"

Since **Mary Schuh DeSilva** was just back from her 14th hiking trip with two women friends who bonded on their first jaunt, I asked her to send me the full list of where she's been on these trips organized by Country Walkers, based in Vermont. She did so and it's one remarkable list: Sri Lanka this past October and earlier trips to Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, India, China, Japan, South Africa, Morocco, Bhutan, Turkey, Croatia, and France. This city gal keeps in shape walking in Central Park and through the neighborhoods of New York, but every fall she walks a portion of the globe. Next fall: Finland, Sweden, Estonia, and Russia. "It's a great way to see the world on an eye-to-eye basis and stay healthy," she says.

Folks are still raving about our 55th Reunion co-chaired again by **Mary Jo Pauli Landry** and **Kathy Wiedl Mettler**. The highpoint was the presentation of the Alumna Achievement Award to **Joann Vanek** for her pioneering work in women's studies as a gender and social statistician, an effort that has led to increasing recognition of women's needs across the world. There is a remarkable through line in Joann's work beginning with her groundbreaking dissertation for her PhD, her university teaching, and then her work in the Division of Statistics at the United Nations where, among other feats, she started an annual report on the status of women throughout the world. Attendees were also treated to a continuation of the discussion started with **Margie Nutting Ralph** at Reunion five years ago, and this time she shared the expanded thinking that has shaped the recently issued paperback edition of *Why the Catholic Church Must Change*. **Mary Rainey** was able to steer the energized

discussion that followed and by all reports it was indeed energized on this round.

A smaller group of Reunion attendees — about 36 (larger than usual for a 55th) — made for richer opportunities to share and enjoy extended conversations, something often precluded when almost a hundred have attended in past years. **Joan Mousaw McGuire (Moose)** recently followed up with a summary of the insights shared at the traditional group discussion session on Saturday afternoon. She and **Judith Ann Reardon (Rudy)** led this event and Joanie organized her follow-up summary around the discussion prompts they'd put before the group. The prompts probed significant memories from our undergraduate years; coping strategies for aging; institutional changes that people have welcomed through the year and those they work hard to resist; and roles or careers people would pursue in their next lives.

On the first prompt regarding salient memories of our earlier years of study, certain faculty were remembered as especially formative influences (the late **Sister Maria Pieta Scott, CSC 1922**, "Charlie B," Bruno Schlesinger, Sister Franzita, and Sister Miriam Patrick). Other memories centered on assigned dinner tables with a Sister of the Holy Cross presiding, episodes of Catholic guilt, mandatory convocations, the experience of growing in faith and appreciating not only a Catholic education rooted in theology and the liturgy, but also the talent in our class and the deepening friendships that have sustained us through the years. On the second prompt that underscored "aging is not for sissies," people shared personal discoveries that work for them: focusing on seeing the glass half full; realizing the necessity for hope and embracing opportunities to practice it; growing comfort in asking for help and seeing that ability as an asset; pursuing lifelong learning; staying active; and confronting the poignancy of illness and dying, as well as valuing the gift of living long enough to appreciate the totality of one's life experience. One participant noted that she thought many people had taken comfort when our own Dr. Mettler spoke of having witnessed the deaths of many people over the years and gradually losing her fear of the process.

Changes that our classmates have welcomed include technology; the expansion of civil rights, most especially a woman's right to equal pay for equal work; medical advances; and changes in the Church. On a negative front, people expressed resistance to the ways technology is impacting and constraining human communications; deterioration of the family unit; the evident decline in civility and literacy; the terrific pace of life; the gap between haves and have nots; and the rapidly increasing narcissism characterizing our society. If they had a second chance, people would gravitate toward new roles and careers, notably as a violinist, harpist, children's author, children's sports instructor, senator, sportscaster, sculptor, activist for underprivileged kids, and engineer.

Our class shared the Reunion Gift Campaign Award with the Class of 1958; both classes have the greatest number of Mother Pauline Society members (13 in each class). Two upperclassmen are funded with our class scholarships in the current academic year and they are deeply grateful for our generosity.

No more news — please send me updates for the next round! Following on the Reunion discussion reported above, if you want to explore more on the issue of civil rights decisions and their impact on our lives as women over the last 50 years, read a wonderfully readable book by Linda Hirshman titled *Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World*.

1964

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Ginny Leyes Kortenkamp had just sold her house in Paradise, CA and was packed up ready to leave when the flames engulfed her neighborhood. Caught in the evacuation traffic but able to fill up with gas, they left for their other house in Belmont, CA.

Susanna Hayes had an opportunity to be with her nephew Sam for 10 days. She drove him from Needham, MA to Daphne, AL and while they drove, they worked on his college applications — he spent a summer school at ND and it is his first choice. Susanna has interacted with his young friends and feels there is HOPE for the next generation.

Mary Vertin O'Neill celebrated her 50th anniversary in Arusha, Tanzania with her whole family, grandchildren (13 and 11), and cousin Father Tom Zurcher, CSC, who celebrated Mass in the garden of the lodge. **Angie Braunstein Maher** and Jim traveled for three weeks in Europe with their two granddaughters: one from Pittsburgh and one from Houston.

Kay Christenson Janiszewski has recovered from her terrible illness last year and spent six days in New Orleans at **Janet Walton Gisleson's** son's rental house — six friends "doing the town." Every year, Kay visits her brother and sister-in-law at Holy Cross Village. If you have a chance to see *Sorin*, a new play about Father Sorin — do it! **Connie Mettler's** roommates **Marquita Olsen Carmouche** and **Sally Kintzele Ankony** visited her new home in an historic West Central neighborhood in Fort Wayne, IN. Connie is looking for a buyer for her Greek Revival 3,600-square-foot house in Coldwater, MI.

Jeanne Kozmer Marszalek ran into **Jean Cannizaro Enochs** at a talk given by Jeanne's husband about the *Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant*. Jean introduced Jeanne to **Mary Lagen Hosemann '70** and Lynn's husband Delbert Hosemann (ND), who is the Mississippi Secretary of State. **Fran Bardello Craig** wrote that **Denise Cavanaugh** has left DC for Chicago. **Eileen Bleeg Cavanagh** and Fran's daughter have become good friends. **Sharon Dowd Miller, Pat Davis Stichman**, and Fran went to a symphony at the Kennedy Center. Her company, Unanet, made the Inc. 5000 this year. She encourages us to give to the 1964 Class Jubilee Scholarship.

Colleen Pierce Garard-Dahlem, Karen Mortimer Williams and Dave, **Margaret (Sis) Reynolds McBride, Ellen Brown McBride, Marty Thompson Coe** and Charlie, and **Roberta Limarzi Weinsheimer** and Bill celebrated "SMC" days at my house. The Coes had been in Trinidad and Tobago

to present a workshop on the five Languages of Love and to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Marriage Encounter in the islands. Roberta had an SMC get-together for Ellen, **Cathy Ronan Macdonald**, **Pat Malone Nathe**, and **Susan Shalgos Wolsfeld** for the ND-Northwestern game. **Nancy Drew Sheehan** has moved back to Chicago and we have all given her an SMC welcome. **Margie Carroll Flynn** and I catch up at the Illinois Catholic Woman's Club. **Judy Hamilton-Godfrey**, **Karen Mortimer Williams**, and I have lunched. **Mary Kay Flynn Bowling** saw Roberta, Ellen, and Nancy in Chicago. **Kathy Cullinan Seggerson** and John were in Switzerland visiting their daughter Katie, who is teaching at an American school.

From **Joan Marks Houck**, "While I'm back in New Zealand the beginning of 2019, I return by mid-March, as one of my younger daughters and her husband are expecting their first baby then. My husband Carl, who died suddenly in March 2014, loved to celebrate these events as I do. Now, since he died I have new appreciation for you who have lost your husbands. And in particular **Thelda McDermott Dillon** helped me a lot, calling, sending cards, and sharing her transitions, as her husband Bernie died 20 years ago. Even as I reached out to her then, I was naive about many of the changes happening. Now, five years later, I ponder the increasing number of us who experience this loss and other losses, too, and how mysteriously and wonderfully joy and sorrow can expand our heart in amazing ways. Also, I hope to be with many of you at our 55th Reunion this year."

From **Jinx Hack Ring**, "Peter and I celebrated our Kristin's 50th birthday this last August in Connecticut. Then we took a great road trip through Maine, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, and Prince Edward Island. We had a fun time with the Fullers in St. Barth's, and saw **Kathleen Menzie Lesko** as she slowly recovers from a series of health stuff. Hugs." ENJOY the spring, and plan on our 55th Reunion: May 30–June 2, 2019 ... Peace, Hope, and Joy



Jinx Hack Ring and Mary Ann Curnes Fuller in St. Barth's.



Jinx Hack Ring and Kathie Menzie Lesko.



Jinx's daughter Kristin, Jinx Hack Ring and her sister Mardi Hack '62, (unknown lady on the end).

1965

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Sue Sheridan Joyce and husband Joe had a wonderful mini reunion with **Janine Renaud Burns** and her husband Dave. Sue writes, "Joe and I were going on a cruise departing from Montreal. Janine and I have been emailing for a couple of years, and I knew they summered in Toronto, and we arranged to meet. They were so wonderful! Picked us up at the airport ... can you believe that? Dinner, lunches, a great play — *Home and Away*, about 9/11 and Gander. Boy, there really is an SMC connection!"



Left to right: Joe and Suzanne Sheridan Joyce and Janine Renaud Burns and husband Dave in Montreal.

Dianne Byrne asked **Lil Chard Beshel** to be added to her birthday list and wrote some news. "I am retired now but worked as an environmental scientist for 30 years. Now, I make quilts and weave fabric, both hobbies that I love. I met Ted, my partner for over 40 years and an environmental engineer, in graduate school. We love to travel, mainly to Italy and Greece. Would you mind adding my birthday to your long list? Since I sometimes send a note to the person who is being wished a happy birthday, I'm hoping to hear from some classmates who see my name after all these years. It's the perfect way to get current email addresses, allowing us to reconnect. The only classmate I keep up with regularly is **Diane Morse Schmidt**. We were good friends at Saint Mary's, and we both lived in Maryland for several years after college and were able to see each other often. Diane still lives in Maryland, but I moved to Chapel Hill, NC to attend graduate school in 1975 and have lived here ever since."

A nice update from **Cathy Haenn Shannon**: "We are in our quiet season here in the mountains. I am looking out our window and there is a beautiful eight-point buck walking slowly through the yard. Most of the seasonal people have gone to warmer climates and the rest who do go away will leave in January. So for about three months of the year there are about 100 people in town. That is such a contrast to the summer population of about 3,000. I just finished teaching a beginning bridge class at our county library about 20 miles away. While I am not an expert in any way, I do love playing the game. I am in two book clubs, one here in our town and one at our church, which is about 30 miles from here. Do you get the sense that we are in the car a lot? Tom and I are very lucky in that we have our family for at least all of July, Christmas, and then random weekends throughout the year."

"Good morning, Sheila," writes **Beverly Senda DeFoe**. "We are on our usual West Coast road trip for three months. Visiting my sister **Carol Senda Damaso '66** and husband Dean in Phoenix,

and son Patrick in Issaquah, and families. Lots of birthdays and holiday events to celebrate. We are so blessed. Life is good!"

Florida news from **Pat Hoben Daniels**: "All's well with my life here in Florida and so far, no hurricanes this season! I'm off to NYC to see *Hamilton* the end of September and probably back to Cuba in March to learn about the rest of the island and the Spanish-American War. My friend and I had such a great time last year that I'm really looking forward to it."

Lil Chard Beshel kindly passed on some news from **Jan McCale O'Neill**: "I'm just now beginning to get to my email and trying to catch up before we leave again on vacation. We returned from a fabulous cruise down the Rhine and Mosel rivers and are now in the process of packing to leave for a trip to London and Cornwall. After that we are planning to stay home in Williamsburg for a while."

Sheila Flynn Boone sends news from Denver: "I'm very excited that our Colorado Saint Mary's Alumnae Club is up and running again. I was out of town for the first get-together, but am looking forward to another one coming up in December. I recently had lunch with classmate Belles **Elise Meyer** and **Valerie Maracz Perrone** in Denver. We were so busy talking that our waiter had to come back to us five times before we were ready to order. As always, much laughing and reminiscing! **Kathleen McAnaney Glaser** was to join us but had to cancel at the last minute. We were back in South Bend in September for Michael's senior board meeting at ND. Met up with **Terry Failla Reymond**, whose husband Leon was chairman of the group that weekend. Michael and I went to a wonderful event, the Knute Rockne Spirit of Sports Awards Celebration at the Morris Performing Arts Center, where Coach Muffet McGraw was honored. So fun to meet her and touch the Woman's Basketball Championship trophy. And had a nice chat with **Mary (Micki) Binkle Boulac** and her husband Brian, who won the award last year. We just returned from a cruise to Cuba, a very interesting, educational, and sad trip. You can tell Havana was (in the '40s and '50s) an extraordinary city. The architecture is beautiful, but everything is in need of repair. It's very clean and the people were so nice and friendly, but they have no money, many are jobless and have little food, and very little merchandise is even available. Most of what they have is from the black market. Eye opening! Hopefully, things there will start improving soon. As always when we return from out of the country, we count our blessings living in America."

"Life here continues at a wacky pace," writes **Corolyn Clark Foster**, whose latest development was a visit from Hurricane Florence. "We evacuated to our Raleigh townhouse on 9/10 (the day before the evacuation order that I knew was coming — do NOT like to get on crowded roadways running out of town), and we were up there two full weeks. Luckily, we had no major damage to the house. So, all in all, we fared just fine and our community fared reasonably well also. Some road damage (washouts) and lots of tree damage, but no loss of life and no catastrophic property damage. I think I've had enough 'excitement' for 2018 at this point so I am sincerely hoping the rest of the year is totally boring."

Busy news from **Betty Ann Rice Kaminsky**: "I spent about 10 days in July having a sibling reunion in

West Virginia. That is when my sister Mary Jo told us that she had breast cancer. She is having her third chemo treatment today, I believe (November 13). I thank you all so much for your kind prayers! Mary Jo is delighted to know that you all are offering prayers for her. It makes her feel like her team has become a whole lot bigger. She is in awe of the sisterhood we '65 Belles share. I now have a grandson at the University of Arizona. I am hopeful that he will put in an appearance for Thanksgiving. Son Dan and his family will be here. My daughter Michelle and her family may be here. So it could be a very busy holiday. I will head to California for the Christmas holidays. That keeps me from having to decorate my house! I am looking forward to a visit from **Carla Aderente** in early 2019. Can't wait!"

And, news from your reporter: I took a 12-day trip to Amalfi, Italy in September with **Elise Meyer**, **Judy Piers Locher**, and another close friend of mine. The beauty was incredible and the trip was sponsored by ND/AHI Travel. It could not have been more enjoyable! It really was difficult to come home from such perfection. We planned this in celebration of our autumn 75th birthdays, and it was the perfect gift to ourselves. Elise writes, "Nothing really new since our FABULOUS trip to Italy. All still great in Colorado. I am sort of getting over the '75' hump when I learn about all the incredible, productive people our age and above. Wishing all the best for the holidays and a healthy, happy, and blessed 2019!"



Left to right: Judy Piers Locher, Sheila Kelly Ames, and Elise Meyer in Amalfi, Italy last September.

And I, your reporter, had a 2½ hour lunch with **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo!** We pick right back up from the previous session. Just wonderful! She is such a lovely friend.

Marianne Spalding Schiavone has guests! "Sarah, our daughter, her husband Brett, and their daughter Kate Hampson have moved in with us and into our next door neighbor's condo when the neighbors are in their Florida home. The Hampson home's interior is being rebuilt. We are all cozy; hopefully, by next spring we will all feel the same. Kate's fundraiser for Opportunity Knocks, Knocktoberfest, raised over \$12K this year. Kate is 13 and this was her fifth year of doing this work with her friends. Small world: I began pickle ball lessons and found myself playing with **Ellen Brown McBride's '64** son Bill and his wife Laurie. Yes, at 75 I am the old lady of the group."

Another mini reunion enjoyed! News from **Barb Kurien Wolfe**. These ladies are so good about making this a yearly get-together. "From October 21 to October 24, my two roommates and I met in Birmingham, AL at the home of **Lyn Swetish Froning**. Lyn, **Cindy Brown Scott**, and I have been getting together each year for the last five

years for lots of talk and good eating in special local restaurants. This year we drove down to Montgomery, AL to visit the new National Memorial for Peace and Justice. You've probably seen the pictures on your local news. It's most impressive and worth the visit. On the last day of our visit I got news of the passing of my first husband Ronald James Reid (ND '64). He is survived by our two daughters, Donna and **Christine Marie Reid '88**, and his wife, Marilyn." Our condolences to Barb and her family.

I know that the Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship news was shared with the class by an email from Lil. **Molly Martin Mannino** is our competent go-to person for our class scholarship information and more. We thank Molly for her continued fine efforts. Total amount of distributions is \$59,500. We as a class should certainly feel very proud of this accomplishment. Four worthy young Saint Mary's women are the recipients, as noted in Lil's email, and they each sent thoughtful thank-you letters. We wish them every success.

1966

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The Class of 1966 received a lovely letter from **Sophia Lynn Johnson '19**, who was the recipient of our first scholarship. This May graduate is pursuing a degree in biology and is now searching for career opportunities for her future. She hails from Dayton, OH and followed her sister **McKenzie Marie Johnson '17**.

Under the guidance of **Marilyn Kozmer Sommers**, our class reached its goal to fund this scholarship at our 50th Reunion. Hopefully, Sophia will be the first of a long line of talented students who receive help through our class scholarship.

On September 26, **Shirley Yancey Kloepper** started walking the Pilgrimage of Santiago De Compostela in St. Jean Peddle de Port, France at the bottom of the Pyrenees Mountains. To quote Shirley, "I carried all that I needed for almost five weeks in my backpack on my back. Getting rid of most of my material possessions for over a month gave me a very liberating feeling. The walk was truly an inspirational experience. The people who live in Northern Spain are hardworking farmers who greet you with *Buen Camino*."

When Shirley arrived in Santiago, she received a document for walking over 800 kilometers and a second, *Apostillo*, for walking the last 100 kilometers. The next day, the King of Spain, *el Rey Felipe*, met the hikers at the Cathedral. Shirley was celebrating her 74th birthday.

Anne Sheehan Garbarino followed Shirley on Facebook and mentioned that she would like to try the historical hike, but maybe for a shorter period. Contact Anne if you are interested. Also Google the Pilgrimage of Santiago for the complete picture.

Anne Sheehan Garbarino spent a week with **Maureen Rodgers Budetti** at her condo in the Adirondacks. They toured the historical town of Essex, NY and gossiped endlessly as they made jam from recently harvested raspberries.

Anne completed her last state school board conference in NYC. This ends a five-year term.

Pat Hilger Zeigler had lunch with **Marilyn Kozmer Sommers** in Annapolis. Marilyn retired a few years ago from the IRS.

Carol Senda Damaso, who recently retired from her responsibilities at her Scottsdale library, chaired a campaign to raise \$500,000 to fund a heritage center at the main library. Carol traveled to Napa with her family to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Maureen Ward O'Brien sent a lovely e-card for Christmas through our Facebook page. In a note Maureen said that we might best remember her as "Reenie." **Maureen Rodgers Budetti** was "Mo."

My granddaughter **Caroline Duffy Kennedy '19** will begin her student teaching after the first of the year. Therefore, I asked some fellow teachers of 1966 the question about how we got to our student-teaching assignments. **Barbara McCusker Poole** said that student teachers were allowed to have cars on campus. Those who had cars drove the rest of us.

Patricia Hilger Zeigler remembers taking two buses to her high school assignment. All I can remember is that my master teacher said in the past that Saint Mary's student-teachers had to wear hats and gloves to the classes.

1967

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It's November and we are back! Fifty-one years after graduating, we have not faded into the background, but are still enjoying family, travel, getting together, reminiscing, and more. We know that all news isn't good news, so we also pray for our classmates who are experiencing illness and loss.

In response to a desperate call for news in September, here is what we heard. **Sharon Wilchar** wrote, "It's been so long since we've been in *Courier* as the Class of '67 that I'm tempted to reach back through several years to catch up but will settle for the last few months. So happy I was able to carve out time to make it back for the ND/Michigan game. The weather was beautiful so I took a side trip to visit our class tree. There was a special reason for the journey. Earlier this year I spent time with our freshman classmate **Laura Fatter O'Grady** in what were to be the last weeks of her life. I said a little prayer for her and for the late **Mary Mortimer Meany** on the lawn at O'Laughlin and then set out on the walk back to the stadium. The walk down The Avenue never gets old for me. Came back to my usual fall frenzy coordinating the annual art exhibition for my city (this was the 32nd annual in Emeryville), this year with 115 artists and poetry readings as well. I am in touch with **Alyne Ricker**, **Sue Williams Quinn**, **Pat Holland**, **Madeline (Judie) Gabler Tidwell**, and **Loreli Trippel** on a regular basis for friendship, what book is on your nightstand, latest travels, and, of course, Notre Dame football."



Left to right: Maureen Broderick Kuntz, Jane Tiernan Meyer, and Barbara Neuhoﬀ Schlachter at Arco Island, FL.



Maureen Broderick Kuntz and Jane Tiernan Meyer, September 2018.

Jane Tiernan Meyer entertained **Maureen Broderick Kuntz** and **Barbara Neuhoﬀ Schlachter** at Marco Island, FL in April. "Needless to say a good time was had by all!" In September, Maureen and her husband "flew up from Dallas to ND for the Stanford game. They were able to stop by our annual tailgate party and it was sooooo fun to see her."

Colleen Moran Tobino sent this lovely report. "Many of my classmates know that I was adopted and found my birthmother in 1981. I spent my career with Catholic Charities connecting adult adoptees to their birth families, but I had no information about who my birthfather might have been. But now, through the miracle of DNA testing and Ancestry.com, I have met my 90-year-old paternal aunt! This charming Jewish lady from the Bronx is my birthfather's sister! Yes, this Irish Catholic Colleen is 50 percent Russian Jew! At the age of 73, the mystery of my own origins is finally solved and I am at peace."

Lynn Datzman Guilbault writes, "Paul and I celebrated our 50th anniversary this summer by taking our two 'children,' Paul (ND '91) and Shelley (ND '92), their spouses, and our six grandsons to Disney World. On our way back to our home on Lake Conroe (50 miles north of Houston), our kids hosted a dinner at Galatoire's in New Orleans (still 'home') for us and close friends and relatives. This fall we are excited that our eldest grandson, Sam Curry, is a freshman at ND living in Alumni Hall, the former residence of his dad, Mike Curry (ND '92.) We hope to get up to ND and SMC more."

Cheryl Smith Hofweber is still living in British Columbia and had a great summer camping and

driving on the newly opened road to Tuktoyaktuk on the Arctic Ocean with her partner, John, son Steve and his wife. "If you want to try the longest drive on a gravel pot-holed road into vast scenic wilderness, it's a great trip! Seeing the locals attempt to halt the melting of the permafrost and bits of their hamlet slipping into the ocean showed us the immediate impact of a changing climate. Still writing songs and playing them for anyone who will listen!"

Loreli Trippel gets the award for "travel despite the odds": "After suffering a broken arm hiking in early July, which kept me from my annual Yosemite hiking, my travels took me to the Cotswolds for hiking in England, followed by a cruise to St. Petersburg and the Baltic countries in late July and early August. This was followed by participation in the Saint Mary's College cycling trip to Tuscany in October with an overnight in Orvieto, five days of cycling near the coast, a visit to Giglio Island, and several days in Rome — excellent food, wine, and fun!"

CeCe Ruppert Barkley witnessed this fall's tragedy in California. "I do not have any exciting news, only the tragedy of the fires here in the real Northern California. The sights are beyond comprehension, lives and property destroyed. Fortunately we were spared, but only by about 50 miles. My brother has rental property, but we had only one vacancy. We put a family in the house; they have nothing but their jobs and each other. God have mercy."

From Bogota, Colombia, **Jeannette Samper** writes, "Last year's golden get-together was a very meaningful and treasured moment for me. Being at SMC again, seeing and talking with so many of

you, being in the dorms, remembering so many moments of fear, excitement, and accomplishments. And remembering what my hopes and dreams for the future were at that time. Reliving the past has allowed me this year to turn back on those moments and thank God and all of you for those four years. My life has been very different from what I expected. Many more challenges, losses, mountains to climb, and tears shed than I ever expected, but grateful to have the beliefs and knowledge to face them with effort, commitment, and *berraquera* (don't know how to say this in English, but I found this: "with fight still in me" ATR). I wish so much that I had reached out to more of you while I was there. I look back and think I was so young and immature and had never been away from home. I want to make the effort to keep in touch and offer support to anyone of you willing to share with me. The years ahead of us are not so golden. We will be facing many new and unexpected experiences and I would love for us to connect now, if we did not before, and provide words of optimism, positive experiences that show how capable we are, maybe even visit each other. MI CASA ES SU CASA! I will be in the Boston area for the month of December to visit and support my daughter and welcome a new grandchild. I would love to talk with or see any of you."

Mary Chmielewski Golichowski enjoyed a visit with **Claudia Kent Dixon** and her family in La Jolla in March, and in August had **Suzanne Seidl Griffin** from Seattle and **Janet Varga Berry** from Maryland in town for a high school reunion — a coast-to-coast meet-up in the heartland. "In September I went with my granddaughter to LA for the *Sing-a-long-a Sound of Music* at the Hollywood Bowl. Sixteen thousand people, many in costume, singing those iconic songs as the movie rolled on. But how many people know that the Von Trapp family came to Saint Mary's and Sister Madeleva was quite taken with Maria? There's a story SMC might pursue...."

"Finally, in two weeks my husband and I are off to Vienna, Austria to visit with my archeologist daughter while she is there for a conference. Austria is a lot closer than her home in Australia!"

So here is the seed of a more frequent class communication. Please let's let it grow by sending your news. The next deadline is August 1.

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Pat Herrick Sheridan writes that that she still has grand memories of our 50th Reunion. She was so glad to see those she could and missed those who could not make it.

She finally retired full time this summer ... that is her big news ... and enjoying her latest grandson, Garrett Sheridan, born in August, the second son of her son Mark. Their oldest Colin, who is three, keeps them hopping and having deep conversations. Her daughter Veronica's oldest child Emma Jane is a high school senior, and it is so hard to realize she will be a college first-year student in fall 2019, as yet at a place undecided. Pat still keeps learning more alternative medicine with her home study group, is

still active in church choir ... doing a little better on the guitar now. Pat hopes to be able to travel and visit more friends and family through the year. I can agree with Pat that "God is good."

Margaret Piton writes that her former roommate **Donna de Manbey Boynton** came up to Montreal to visit and sightsee for a few days in September. It was so good to see Donna, and she got to use her French a little. Margaret's been working on a new play based on the *Red Book* of Carl Gustav Jung. Our local Jung Society plans to present it next season. Early this century they did staged readings of another of Margaret's plays, an imaginary analysis of V.I. Lenin by C.G. Jung.

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Hello, dear classmates!

I am so grateful to those of you who called and wrote with news for our column!

Janice Williams phoned me with the sad news that her good friend and our classmate **Mary Parrish Decker** died on October 10, 2018. She said that although she had not seen Mary for two years, they spoke at least monthly and enjoyed discussing *Jeopardy* questions, laughing when they both knew the answer and the smart contestants didn't. Janice also added some information in a follow-up email saying, "Despite many health issues, Mary retained her sense of humor, and she will be greatly missed. She is survived by her husband Charlie, her two daughters Jenny and Katherine, and stepchildren David, Paul, and Dana, along with her brother Dennis, and sister Lucinda."

Sister Karol Jackowski sent her news, writing, "I live happily ever after in NYC, where I tutor kids in reading and teach online writing classes for Bay Path University's MFA program in creative nonfiction. In March 2019 I also have a book being published: *Sister Karol's Book of Spells, Blessings, and Folk Magic*. I am mostly in touch with present and former Holy Cross Sisters in our class: **Sister Mary Ann Pajakowski, CSC, Suzanne Brennan, CSC, '70**, Margaret Gallagher Smyth, and Jane Uebbing Huynh ... all alive and well!"

Kathleen Davidson shared her update and revised retirement plan. "I've taken a step-down approach to retirement, continuing my affiliation with Carolina Friends School (Durham, NC) by substitute teaching and offering an occasional elective. Who knew hanging out with middle schoolers could be so much fun?! Meanwhile, I've stepped up involvement with my Quaker Meeting and social justice efforts, while continuing to walk in the woods nearly every day and adding some fitness classes. Connecting with SMC alumnae via Facebook has been fun, and I'm looking forward to our 50th Reunion."

From Southern California, **Therese Ambrusko** wrote, "My husband and I have been living in the San Diego area for four years. He is the CEO of a biotech company. I stopped working as a lawyer when I was 50, took time off to be with our daughter, and then worked as a recruiter for

software companies until three years ago. I still dabble in legal work, mostly for family members. Our daughter graduated from college two years ago (I think I have the youngest child in the class!) and works in baseball, first for the San Francisco Giants while she was in college, then MLB in New York, and now she's with the Chicago Cubs. I have been to about a million baseball games! The Cubs will send her to Scottsdale for spring training, so we will get to see her a lot. A year ago, I got to go on a very fun trip to Santa Fe with **Kathy Sweeney-Hammond, Sue Morphy Backus, Alice Fanning Horney, Roz Castrogiovanni Hill, Patti Smid Malloy, and Eileen Kelly Barry**. Since then I have seen **Muggsie Robertshaw Shern**. One of her sons lives in San Diego so Muggsie and I got together for lunch the last time she was in San Diego. It was great to catch up with her. I will definitely be at Reunion. I am really looking forward to seeing our wonderful SMC friends!"

Beth Brown McCarthy and her husband Dennis live in northern Michigan. She reported, "I was the superintendent of our local school for most of my career. After retirement I opened a small seasonal gift shop in our town. I am currently enjoying my 15th year in business! Dennis and I have one married son, one single son, and four grandchildren. See you at Reunion!"

Patti Valentine shared her news from Indianapolis. "I am a retired English/drama teacher and event planner. I've remained close to SMC classmate **Janice Misuriello Horan**, who lives in South Bend, just a few hours away. We see each other often and travel together sometimes as well (most recently to Maui, Ireland, Prague, and Scottsdale, Arizona in the past two years). I've also enjoyed vacations with Janice and her family (including nine grandkids) in their rented lake cottage in Michigan as well as several trips to Disney World. In addition to travel, other past times include reading, tai chi, volunteer work, and attending live theater productions, both here in Indianapolis and for a week in New York once a year. I have also remained in contact with **Andrea Magazzu Johnson**, who lives with her husband Spencer in Annapolis, MD. In 2017 I had a medical scare when I tested positive for the BRCA2 gene and discovered I had breast cancer. That led to a hysterectomy and a bilateral mastectomy, but the cancer was stage zero so I was fortunate that I didn't need to undergo radiation or chemotherapy. All is well now, and I am enjoying life cancer free. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Reunion next summer!"

Maryanne Wolf has changed locations, moving from Boston out to LA. She sent the following news. "I have moved this fall to Los Angeles to help create a new Center for Dyslexia, Diverse Learners, and Social Justice at UCLA. It is a great but wonderful challenge and involves both helping to bring research in the cognitive neurosciences to classrooms in LA, and also to continue work in global literacy. I just finished a book, *Reader, Come Home: The Reading Brain in a Digital World*. For those of you who were influenced by Father John Dunne, there are many references to him. It was a work of science and love. I would be so happy if it strikes a chord for some of my classmates."

Catherine Anthony Odell wrote that she and her husband Bill stay busy in a variety of ways.



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Cathy wrote, “I work as a substitute teacher and am also trying to stay busy as an author, freelance writer, and editor — the career I finally and happily pursued. Last August, Bill and I covered the wonderful Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Habitat Build here for *Catholic News Service*. I wrote the article; Bill took photos. So inspiring to see the Carters, both in their 90s, serving and ‘on the job’ (<http://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2018/jimmy-carter-joins-volunteers-faith-groups-at-habitat-for-humanity-event.cfm>). We also lead a healing prayer group at our South Bend parish, St. Therese, Little Flower, and are committed organic gardeners. I regularly see our classmates **Joan Sullivan** and **Julie Weger Chismar** since we’re all in a faith-sharing community called Shekan. This last year also brought many extra blessings. Our 26-year-old daughter Juliana was married in September, and our son Luke (31) moved back to the South Bend area.”

Finally, reporting from Wilmington, NC, I am thankful to say we had minimal damage from Hurricane Florence in September. We lost a few trees and will be getting a new roof, but our loss was so much less than that suffered by so many in our area. Schools were closed for a whole month! My husband Roy and I evacuated to Crozet, VA, a suburb of Charlottesville, VA, where a wonderful niece, her husband and four precious children opened their arms and home to us for a week. I look forward to seeing everyone at Reunion! God bless!

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Will start this column with the news that we are beginning to plan our 50th SMC Class Reunion — it does not seem possible! **Sara Bateman Koehler** and **Pam Carey Batz** are the cochairs. **Kathy Yuhass Kwinn** and I are also onboard. We have decided to combine the program and fundraising into a single committee so all committee members can share in the fun and the fundraising! We will be sending out emails requesting your participation, but if for some reason I do not have you on my class list, please send an email with your contact information and let us know if you want to be a committee member! Needless to say, our goal is to have as many of our classmates attend this Reunion as possible. Our priorities are that we 1) have a lot of fun, 2) minimize the cost to attend, as for most this includes lodging and travel, and 3) schedule events that are important to you and will bring you back to campus for this Reunion. Once we have our class committee in place, we will be sending out short Survey Monkey surveys (thanks to Kathy YK) to find out what is important to you to plan this Reunion and reaching out to you to contribute to the class gift. Our class was on the cusp of creating a new generation of SMC women who went on to pursue careers, raise families, and relocate all over the country, and I fully expect we will continue in those footsteps with this Reunion! We have also shared the loss of classmates, spouses, children, and parents, the pain of divorce, the joy of remarriage,

and the blending of families, so there will be a lot of living to be shared and celebrated at this Reunion.

Now for our classmates’ news:

Pamela Carey Batz’s youngest daughter **Catherine Ardath Batz ’12** received her medical degree from the University of West Virginia this past spring and was married all in the same month. Pam and Bill split time between Catherine (doing her residency in Augusta, ME) and their daughter Anne and her family in Boston over Thanksgiving weekend, after welcoming the birth of their daughter **Carey Batz McGee’s ’05** third child in Pittsburgh ... talk about a busy year!

I cannot even begin to keep up with all of the travelling that **Diane Daly McGarry** is doing. She literally has been all over the world this year. She started the year with a world cruise of 100-plus days that literally took her all over the world, ending up in Rome. Returned to Fripp Island, SC for a brief stay then on to NYC to celebrate her birthday and take in a number of plays and a Yankees game. She was also in Grand Rapids, MI for Art Prize, took in the FedEx Cup Tour Championship to see Tiger Woods back to his old form, and finished the year with a trip to Cartagena, Columbia. My understanding is that she is now back in Long Beach to celebrate the Christmas holidays. Her pictures on Facebook are phenomenal.

Susan Vanek recently retired from her position as associate dean at SMC. Sue started at SMC teaching Spanish several years after we graduated, but I believe has served in Academic Affairs for 30 years plus, so she has literally lived through all of the changes since we were on campus. In addition to senior apartments, students living off campus (but not married or with their parents), the College now has a vibrant LGBT community, which we could not have even imagined when we were there. Will be interested to hear from Sue how the College moved through these transitions to continue to make SMC a viable college choice for today’s young women. Also looking forward to hearing what her plans are for retirement.

Mary Lou Wylie entered a lottery for tickets to the musical *Hamilton* at the Kennedy Center and won! She and Lennie enjoyed a wonderful evening but did a lot of preparation listening to the soundtrack first, as given the hip-hop dialogue and music they wanted to get the most out of it!

Terri McBirney Begas, Rosemarie Rinnella Stocky, and I got together for lunch in May when she was in the Bay Area to visit her daughters. This has now become a tradition whenever Terri is in town and has time to meet. As always, it was great catching up. Terri and her husband live in Nevada and they both continue to keep very busy teaching computer classes as well as participating in their parish activities. They now have four grandchildren in the Bay Area, so very good reasons to keep coming back!

Louanne Scanlon Mauro came to the Bay Area with her daughter in June, and Rosemarie and I met her for lunch. We enjoyed a multi-hour lunch just filling each other in on all going on in our lives. It has been awhile since I last got together with Louanne but it never ceases to amaze me how we can pick up where we left off and really feel

comfortable to share personal information about what is going on in our lives that we may not feel comfortable sharing with people we interact with on a day-to-day basis. I do believe it is the SMC connection! It has been a challenging year for Louanne with the loss of her beloved husband Robert, but she is moving through it with the support of her daughters and friends.

Pat O’Hara Gable and her husband Steve (ND ’70) were in Dallas to visit their daughter **Margaret Gable Wroblewski ’00** and her family in November to celebrate their grandson Daniel’s 10th birthday and then came home to host Thanksgiving dinner for their two sons, Pat’s sister, Steve’s stepmother, and all their families. Pat and Steve both continue to keep very busy between book clubs, teaching literature classes, and serving as docents at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the ND campus. They have, however, resorted to watching the ND games from home and letting their sons Andy and John enjoy the games live from the ND stadium — a wise move on their part given the weather in South Bend. I have no doubt that Steve and all Domers are still celebrating ND’s 12–0 season. Now on to win the bowl games ahead!

Ann Toffanetti Schumacher was thankful this year that her daughter Christy and her husband Todd offered to host Thanksgiving and she only needed to bring the pumpkin pie and cranberry sauce! Gil was still going to cook the turkey but a wise move nonetheless — no cleanup duty! They are enjoying spending Skype time with their son Andy, his wife, and their grandson Kevin who is now two and a half and who live in San Diego. What a difference this technology has made in allowing families to keep close to our family members who live away!

Rosemarie Rinella Stocky and her husband Tom (ND ’70) were in Hawaii for a week in May and spent Thanksgiving with their daughter Melissa and her family in the Boston area.

I continue to work but am actually starting to think about retirement. The questions are where and when?

I need your news! Take care and stay healthy!

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Shirley Johnson Morand wrote:

It is with a heavy heart that I share this from the SMC Alumnae Club of Dayton.

Bernadette Volpe Mitsch, age 69, of Kettering, passed away on Saturday, August 25, 2018. She was born on August 21, 1949 in Wheeling, WV to the late Joseph and Hazel (Falvey) Volpe. She is also preceded in death by her grandson Matthias Mitsch. Bernadette is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, Robert; sons Patrick (Melanie), Brian (Emily); grandchildren Joe, Alexina, Evelyn, Grace, Cameron; and many dear friends. She was a teacher and taught 40 years, most of them with the Centerville school system. After her retirement she volunteered with DECA at UD and the Dayton Art Institute. **Chris Herrick Baasten, Mary Ellen Burke,**

Kay Rodriguez Maloney and her husband Mike, **Marilyn Becker Porcino** and her husband Paul, **Maureen Phillips Murphy, Nan Kavanagh Poore**, and I, **Shirley Johnson Morand**, and my husband Rob were able to attend the funeral services for Berne. (All members of the class of 1971.)

My only additional news is that after 44 years of living in Des Moines, I moved with my husband Michael to Lexington, KY. If anyone wants to write to me, my new address is 4712 Brookside Way, Lexington, KY 40515. My email will stay the same, of course.

1972

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Well, dear friends, this is the grand finale — news from the last of the Reunion Surveys and a few email updates! Now I will depend on all of you to write and tell me what you are doing — PLEASE!

Living in Fort Wayne, **Diane Fortress Stein** retired as a school library media specialist with the Catholic diocese. Volunteer activities included a mission trip to Nicaragua, where she taught local women how to use a sewing machine and make simple dresses. She moved about two miles from her family and writes that she is spending more time visiting and helping out with grandkids.

Maureen Elliott Hook retired from 37 years in education and is currently working as a legal assistant for her husband’s law firm, Hook Law Center, in Suffolk, VA. The firm specializes in elder law. She and **Mary Ann Dietrich DeLuca** took an 11-day cruise to Scandinavia in 2016. This past August, Maureen, her husband, and two daughters took a two-week Viking cruise around the British Isles, stopping in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. Maureen is active in Daughters of the American Revolution. Although she grew up in New Jersey, the relative who fought in the Revolution was from Shenandoah County, VA, and now one of his descendants is back in the state.

Ginger Birkovich Anderson lives in Golden Valley, MN. She lists her hobbies as trees, muskies (which is a fish, so I am guessing fishing), dogs, sailing, and skiing. She has traveled around the world twice.

Melissa Uelk Smith wrote that her first grandchild nicknamed Court was born 14 months ago. He lives in DC, where her son is an antitrust attorney. She says they travel there every chance they get! Melissa enjoys volunteering at the local Muslim elementary school at the K/1 level. Arabic is the first language of most of the children and their teacher, who grew up in Syria. In April, she went to Chicago for a reunion of those who studied in Angers, France including **Terrie McLaughlin Patterson, Maureen Callan Fischer, Ann Stansbury, Carol Mooney, Mary Ann Dietrich DeLuca, Carol Weiss, Jean Iaconetti Wagner**, and some of the Notre Dame grads. Highlight of the Reunion was a demonstration at the French Pastry School in the Loop!

I would like to end with a prayer that was sung during our Reunion Mass, *Spirit Open My Heart*.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my story heart with a heart that’s kind and tender. All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought and word and deed, may my living bring you glory.

May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother. In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

Love to all of you, and remember to send me your news!

1973

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This class reporter gig has allowed me to reconnect with many classmates from all over the country. It’s been fun! I am confident that we are a group of women who truly enjoy hearing about one another’s lives. Please consider sending me an email with news about you and the classmates with whom you keep in touch. Here’s who I have heard from since our last column was published.

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Sheila M. Cronin '71 is the Chicago author of the award-winning novel *The Gift Counselor*. She self-published her novel in 2014 and went on to publish the sequel, *Best of All Gifts*, a tale of loss and forgiveness. Her stories have appeared in *Woman's World* magazine, *The Golden Dome* online alumni magazine of the University of Notre Dame, and *Good Old Days* magazine. Sheila's previous employment at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society led her to compose "The MS Walk Song" for the organization's main fundraising event. The song was performed by the Loyola Academy choir on Chicago's lakefront. In 2003, Sun-Maid Raisins hired Sheila to compose "sayings" for the outside flaps of their lunch-size raisin boxes, which are published worldwide. Her song "Beautiful Girl," composed in memory of her late cousin **Myra Cronin Staudt '67** was adapted for ballet and performed by the students of Ballet Chicago in their spring program. Sheila also volunteers at Career Transitions Center of Chicago, an organization for job seekers. Sheila is ever grateful to the SMC-ND community book clubs for their avid support. (giftcounselorbook.com)

And from **Denise Donofrio**: "I had a terrific time at our 45th Reunion. Wonderful to see so many friends (note: I didn't say 'old' friends!). Everyone looked great. It was fun to spend some quality time with **Aggie Cosimano Logan**, **Mary Brelowski Zicafoose**, **Mary Ambrose Nasca**, **Anne Rogers Roche**, **Maryann Bresnahan Wolowiec**, **Mary Fran McAuliffe McLaughlin**, and **Peg FitzGibbons Higgins**. The time was too short with **Catherine Moran** and **Cindy Booth**. And I missed those with scheduling issues: **Sue Glockner Fitzer** and **Mary Ann Chory**. A note of thanks to all who helped us meet our Reunion Gift goals and to those who worked so hard on the committee. Looking forward to seeing many more classmates at our 50th. Start planning now as 2023 will be here in the blink of an eye. In the meantime, I hope we all have fun at our 50th high school reunions! Hoping to see you there, **Maryann Bresnahan Wolowiec**."

"Charlie and I moved from Carefree, AZ to Tucson in August after 20+ years. I helped host a college fair here and had a great time talking about SMC. Would love to see more alumnae from Arizona."

1974

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Rumor has it there is a Reunion next year for all those lovely young women who entered Saint Mary's College as freshman in the late summer of 1970 . . . that's you! Yup, you who listened to "Mama Told Me Not to Come," "Candles in the Rain," "Teach Your Children Well," and "Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I'm Yours" rise to the top of the charts that summer, you are invited to return in June 2019. You should be receiving something in the mail about it, also a request to update and share information. I hope you will take the time to do so. Across the years, I've come to value old friends more than ever. People who know your history are so dear and you can't pull anything over on them either; they know the real you!



EXCELSIOR

Kathleen Flynn Fox '74

has been named to the board of directors at Habitat for Humanity of Collier County. Kathleen will serve a three-year term to help guide the organization. With nearly 40 years of experience working in philanthropy, Kathleen will also serve on the Governance Committee for the nonprofit.

Speaking of dear old friends, there were several gathered at the September wedding of **Judie Moore Green's** daughter Emily in Chicago. **Barb McKiernan Davis**, **Ann O'Boyle Nash**, **Sue Murphy Janko**, and **Jackie Schmizzi Ehler** all attended the celebration and we had our share of laughs and dances and a nice photo (who has it?).

Since many of us enjoy ND football, I can't miss saying that as I write this in late November, the Fighting Irish are 12-0 and looking forward to a bowl game. How exciting for all the SMC-ND community!

Looking forward to hearing more class news from my former classmates.

1977

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I spent a long Labor Day weekend in South Bend staying with my sister **Nan Tomshack Tulchinsky '64** and other family members. On Friday afternoon, Nan gave me a tour of the newly renovated Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex. What a beautiful facility: running track, weight machines, numerous courts for basketball, volleyball, tennis, and even a small room for golf! Later, several of us went to the pep rally outside the Rock; it was great to see the ND women's basketball team be recognized as national champions.

As I usually do before ND games that I attend, I stopped at Bill Schmuhl and his family's tailgate. Bill taught accounting and was the chairman of the business department while we were at Saint Mary's. He still teaches accounting at Saint Mary's during the fall semester.

I also visited with **Mary Anne Brown Schuster**, her husband Ken (ND '74) and their daughters Casey and **McKenna Leigh Schuster '15**. What a great game it was beating Michigan!

A week later I met up with **Mary Beth Conlon Winter** for the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Fayetteville. Afterwards, we caught up over an adult beverage. Mary Beth was in the process of getting ready for her daughter's wedding in November.



Mary Beth Conlon Winter and Maureen Tomshack after the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Fayetteville.

In October, **Mary McMahon** and her husband Richard drove over from Durham to meet for lunch at the Seafood Restaurant at the NC State Farmers Market. Mary and I had not seen each other since graduation. Mary and Richard are enjoying retirement and Durham. We hope that **Nora Eileen Riley**, who lives in Richmond, will pay us a visit in early December.

Faye Judith Maloof wrote: "**Dorothea Wieland** has made Hilton Head, SC her home for the past 15 years. Up to that time she had been in television sales and management in NYC, Chicago, Houston, and Kansas City. But she answered the parental call to care for her bed-stricken mother and stayed with her as her advocate until her death. Then her father's poor health made it imperative for Dorothea to care for him until his death, while all along MS (multiple sclerosis) had been eating away at her own health. But with leg braces and a full heart, she had made herself a part of the community. She gave tireless time to volunteering at the local Catholic resale shop and using her sales expertise to solicit local vendors to bring in money for PEP, an organization for mentally/physically challenged adults. Her health deteriorated further and she fractured her spine and developed blood clots in both legs in September. She required four surgeries in Charleston and had to take residence in an assisted living community, as the nerves that control her left leg need 6–12 months to cure. She'd appreciate prayers and cards from old friends; with all she had to deal with in the past decade plus, she has lost touch with many. Her address: Dorothea Wieland, Lifecare Center of Hilton Head, 130 Lamotte Drive, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926."

Also from Faye: "I travel to Chicago when my daughter Mary Nora, a banker at JP Morgan, is performing or directing at Second City. My 97-year-old father lives with me. I still practice law and manage parking lots in downtown Cleveland. I am active in my local Catholic and Byzantine Catholic parishes. I am involved with local charities."

Beth Marzano Fleming wrote: "Since Greg retired last year from Bechtel, we have been travelling and enjoying retirement. We are the proud 'Nana and Papa' of seven (soon to be eight) grandkids. Our middle daughter is engaged and will be married next July. Went to the ND-Vanderbilt game with **Cheryl Klein Fischer** and her hubby Jeff and **Mary Jane Anderson Woodward**. Had a great time cheering on the Irish! Also connected with **Nancy Kelley Gibson**, who is a teacher-librarian in the La Grange school district. We got to see **Deb Fahey** at our high school reunion; she is a CPA and works in the Chicago area. We have travelled out west (Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana) to do some national

parks and visit friends. We also went to Charleston to celebrate our 36 years of wedded bliss! We will be headed down to Naples for the winter."

From **Mary Anne Brown Schuster**: "I went to Rome and visited hotel Tiziano and the old stomping grounds from the Rome program. Also I saw **Meg Rockey Chambers** by chance at Ravinia during a Beach Boys concert. Meg lost her husband Tom this past summer. She seemed to be doing okay although she misses 'the love of her life,' whom she met on the Rome program. I went to the Saint Mary's tailgate prior to the Stanford game. We talked to Jan Cervelli for a while about her 'upcoming trip to Tuscany.' So strange that she resigned the following week."

Mary Jo Koenigs Bench wrote: "I am content in my new role as grandma; Rachel is six months old."

Patsy Jones Mullin wrote: "Since I had a work conference scheduled in Chicago, I flew out early to attend the Notre Dame at Northwestern football game. After seeing *Hamilton* Friday night, on Saturday I contacted **Meg Rockey Chambers**. We, along with **Cindy Kulik Knutson** and **Mary Mulholland Upjohn**, gathered for a reunion at Meg's house in Wilmette. Meg works for Wells Fargo Financial Advisors. Cindy works for Kraft Foods and lives in Glenview. Mary lives in Minnesota and coaches/mentors formerly incarcerated people."

It's back to me, Maureen: I hope that you are enjoying these updates from our classmates, but I

would love to hear from more of you. What are you doing? Where do you live? Which classmates do you stay in touch with and see? Please send your updates to me at mtomshack@aol.com. My next deadline for submitting updates is August 1, so you have plenty of time to get updates to me. Thank you.

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As always, Reunion brought our SMC friends much closer together, which also makes us reminisce about the friends we have lost. **Maria-Lisa Mignanelli Brown** has been gone for eight years now. **Kathleen Groskopf** found a holiday letter that Maria wrote to all of us Christmas 2005 and she shared it with me. I remember how Maria-Lisa so loved her SMC sisters and she was always planning for the next big thing. That year we were planning our 50th birthday celebration in Chicago, which she genuinely enjoyed. Maria-Lisa is sorely missed. Reunions are not the same without her. We love our visit to her ever-growing tree outside the dining hall, as we also remember our sweet **Angela Rose Andrews** enjoying her beautiful bench opposite Maria's tree.

Nancy Mogab sent me a copy of this publication honoring **Maureen Morris Bowman** as she was

to retire from her work at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI. Maureen is also on the nursing board at Saint Mary's. The following comments were posted on hospital President Rosanna Morris' blog. "She is the epitome of a transformational leader as evident by leading us to our fourth Magnet designation this year." "So much of what I have accomplished in the last 13 years is a result of her commitment to me, both professionally and personally. Beaumont, Royal Oak will not be the same without her genuine kindness and compassion for all the staff. It seems like she knows them all. I will miss her quotes and how she sometimes laughs when we are all supposed to be serious." "Her compassion for patients and employees can't be matched. She is a tremendous leader. She has been a great colleague, but more importantly, a friend. I will truly miss her but wish her the best in the future." "Maureen has always guided her leadership with integrity and honesty. She exemplifies what it means to be a Beaumont nurse. Her mark will have a lasting effect on the nursing footprint at Beaumont, Royal Oak," said Marie Doherty, RN, director of Medical Nursing. Needless to say, the team wished her the best in her next adventure in retirement.

Judy Byrnes Leduc from Warren, MI has retired as a branch manager for Chase Bank. Judy and Dennis have five children. Scott (32) lives in Chicago. Kevin, married for five years to Lisa, has two children under the age of two. Daughter Michelle got married this October. Son David and wife Elise have a one-year-old and live locally. Their son Alex Wang is their

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Chinese son that they hosted for three years in high school. He is finishing his master's at UW in Madison. Judy and Dennis watch two of the grandchildren one to two days a week and are enjoying every minute. Judy is an avid reader, as a former double major in English and business; she reads 60+ books a year. She belongs to a monthly book group and enjoys scrapbooking and swimming laps for an hour twice a week. She has been a Bible study participant for 20 years, Worship Committee member, and lector at her church. This busy mom loves to travel, too.

Colleen Connerly Hamer retired in August 2017 and was an elementary school teacher from Clark County school district in Las Vegas, NV. Colleen got her master's from Lesley University in 1999. She is married to Tony and they live in Henderson, NV.

Thanks to your response to the Reunion questionnaires, you have provided me with a goldmine of content for *Courier* and I cannot thank you all enough. Way to go, Class of '78!

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From the *Courier* Office

From **Lisa Mistretta Sellen**: "My mother Madeleine H. Mistretta, 95, passed away on December 22, 2018. She and my dad Joseph J. Mistretta (who passed away in 2006) took several trips with the Saint Mary's Alumnae Club in their later years (Italy, Ireland, and Spain as I recall) and so enjoyed themselves. They were extremely proud to be Saint Mary's parents!"



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Lucia (Pia) Trigiani '80,

a principal of MercerTrigiani, received national recognition in regard to the firm's legal accomplishments as a "boutique real estate law firm offering community association legal services." For 15 years, Trigiani also has been listed in the 2019 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* as one of the "Best Lawyers in Real Estate."

1981

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I'm writing this for a December 1 deadline, but it seems like it wasn't too long ago that on a warm September day, I traveled to SMC with fellow Chicago alums **Barb Hamel '79** and **Mary (Molly) Tiernan Gilmartin '71** to take a tour of the new Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex on campus. For those of you who were at our Reunion in 2016, you may recall that the facility was under construction, and we had to rely on plans to imagine what the finished building would look like. The finished building is beyond anything I was able to imagine. It accommodates all Saint Mary's athletic teams and provides a wide range of options for every workout interest and athletic ability. We had the chance to hit a few golf balls and try out the putting green in the Golf Center. Because of its name, it focuses on the overall well-being of students and is a great asset to the campus.

Susan Powers' youngest son John, graduated from Chaminade High School in St. Louis. By the time you read this, he will probably be finishing his freshman year at Marquette.

Dawn Parker Santamaria writes that she's starting a snowbird club in Vero Beach. Let Dawn know if you're interested in participating.

1983

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Lucy Hanahan DaGiau writes that in September she and **Kathleen M. Byrne** traveled from California to meet up with **Nancy Lorenzini Kopec** and Melissa Weis Riegel (ND '84) at Melissa's home in Wilmington, DE. "Memories were relived and made; golf, walks on the boardwalk, and a trip to the beach rounded out a perfect weekend."

From **Sarah Clarke Madigan**: "My husband David (ND '81) and I have been blessed to retire early. We have no plans to relocate from our Duxbury, MA home. We are excited to spend time with our four grandsons, ages one month to 3 years (who live in Massachusetts and New Mexico) and to continue to help with my mother, who has moved to a retirement community here in Duxbury. We plan to travel, so hopefully we will reconnect with Saint Mary's and Notre Dame friends across the country!"



Photo is from Lucy Hanahan DaGiau and the people in it are, left to right: Melissa Weis Riegel (ND '84), Lucy Hanahan DaGiau, Kathleen M. Byrne, and Nancy Lorenzini Kopec.

1984



1985

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Greetings, classmates! As always, I'm happy to share some '85'er news.

Cathy McIsaac Branigan and husband Tim (ND '86), had a wonderful Labor Day weekend tailgating and celebrating an Irish win over Michigan with **Ellen Byrne Willertz** and Steve Willertz (ND '85), and **Patty Etling Suprenant** and Dan Suprenant (ND '85). Cathy shared that they sure did miss **Kerry Klein Herman** and Gregory Herman (ND '86). Ellen and Steve are expecting their first grandchild in December 2018, while Dan and Patty are awaiting their son Danny's wedding to Haley in June 2019. Other exciting news is that our friend **Debbie Hickey Leavitt** tied the knot with Bob Leavitt in an intimate ceremony in Florida this past October. Debbie, we are so happy for you and may all your dreams come true. Cathy lives in Frankfort, IL and is working in Chicago for Arthur J. Gallagher and is senior vice president of client development, still trying to curtail health care costs. "I am very proud that my daughter **Caleigh Lydon Branigan '18** is also an alumna." She also shared some very sad news in that very dear friend **Patti Buchanan Barniskis'** husband Robert (Barney) passed away in



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Colleen Roohan '85

was selected to receive the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' Cardinal Award. Colleen will be honored in March at an awards dinner. This award is presented to "the selfless, self-effacing and talented people who make up the Archdiocese of Los Angeles."

August. He valiantly battled cancer for 10 years. Barney left a wonderful legacy in his three boys, Alec, Ian, and Connor. Patti and Barney traveled the world and enjoyed every waking moment they had; a once in a lifetime love. **Anne Gilmore Feith**, **Debbie Hickey Leavitt**, **Darlene Wojda Evans**, and **Maryellen May-Darnall** attended Barney's service. Patti continues to celebrate Barney's wonderful life.

And, you may deduce by **Debbie Hickey Leavitt's** new name that "I took the plunge and got married last month in Vero Beach, FL, where my mom and dad spend half the year. It was a small family affair with a few SMC chicks in attendance! It was the best day ever and just an overall great time." Debbie says that her new husband is Bob Leavitt and he has been a good sport about adopting Notre Dame and her family's dedication to the Irish (even though he went to Syracuse!). She says she wished all of her SMC friends could have been there, but she "had a pretty good showing (with) eight SMC'ers in attendance!" I'd say that certainly says something about the lasting friendships made at SMC.

If you haven't written in before or have news you'd like to share, please email me at laineysnow@gmail.com. The super savvy of you will see that it is not Lainey i snow, but Lainey is now. Either way, it will get to me. Blessings on your journeys!

From the *Courier* Office

We apologize for missing this photo from the previous issue of *Courier*.



Front: Mary Blaha Doyle (holding a picture of Peggy Pecjak Golden), Anne J. Connors and the late Ann Goldkamp Lamb. Back: Kathy Conley Taidet, Colleen Flynn Roohan, Maria Gschwind Horvath (holding a picture of Kim Kirasich McDermott), and Kathy McKenna Gelfand.

1988

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As I write, there is snow on the mountains and a fire crackling behind our decorated tree. The holidays always provide a good opportunity to reflect on the year. It has been very busy. I returned to the classroom in the fall and am enjoying the energy of the students. My son made a cross-country move to Chicago in pursuit of more fulfilling employment. Change has been my constant in 2018.

So much has changed since our time at Saint Mary's. On that, it seems, we can all agree. **Jennifer Palm Napierkowski** ponders: "Can it really be over 30 years? I am starting my 18th year at my job as

assistant director of career services at Northampton Community College. My daughter **Sara Ann Napierkowski '14** is in business development and operations for Innovatemap in Indianapolis, and son David is a junior at Holy Cross College, ND and president of the student body." How wonderful to have such close connections to the SMC/ND community!

On campus and off, we continue to find ways to enjoy the spirit that is Saint Mary's. **Sarah Rauh Cole** shares: "I have a son Robbie, who is 22, and a daughter Annie, who is 14. My husband and I live in Wabash, where we are both teachers." She is particularly happy about their plans for the upcoming holiday: "This Christmas we will be spending break on the island of Montserrat! So excited to play in the water and eat tropical fruit off the trees! Of course, we will be cheering for the Irish!"

Kathy Hawthorne Dasta has been staying busy. She shares, "I work as a physical therapist at a local hospital and have been married for 23 years. My oldest daughter is 21 and is graduating early from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in English writing and communications. She hopes to move to New York and work for a publisher. My second child is 18 and in his first year at the University of Alabama, studying computer science. Lastly, my youngest daughter is almost 8 and is in the second grade." The young ones do keep us young.

Many of us continue to find time to meet with our SMC friends. **Lisa Hamann Connell** "joined **Beth Whelpley Bennett** and **Kathleen Bock Roche** for lunch before their annual pumpkin-picking day with their families in Chester, NJ." She also met with **Gina Martine Wood** and **Kim Cramer Sundook** in NYC.

Some of us have been fortunate enough to bump into friends accidentally. **Suzy Spurr Nagy** writes: "Last April, I was in an elevator in a hotel in San Jose, CA. My husband Mark Nagy (ND '85) was wearing ND gear (as he frequently does), which sparked a conversation with someone in the elevator. At the same time, we both looked at each other and said "wait." It was **Lois Morahan Sheridan**. Her daughter and my son are classmates at Santa Clara University! Hope to run into her and her family at graduation in June." Of course, there were some planned visits as well. She added: "We just got back from spending Thanksgiving in Tucson with my sister **Robin Spurr Singer '92**. The whole family, including my brother Scott Spurr (ND '89) made it, which was great! But it was a long drive from Zionsville, IN!"



Class of 1988 selfie! We've been getting together for 30 years and still the best of friends! Kristen Johansen Kilguss hosted us (Ann Austria Bockrath, Moira Michiels, Elena Mowiser Murphy, Natalie Prud'homme Otto, Eve Jasiek Postula, and Molly Stanton Witt) in her beautiful home in MacLean, VA. Laughing, playing silly games, and staying up late into the night! We are blessed!

Others among us have chosen to fly rather than drive. **Elizabeth Wrobel Falco '89**, who made the move back to Libertyville, IL, "flew east for the Shamrock Series Game at Yankee Stadium to cheer the Irish on to victory against Syracuse." She spent the evening "out on the town in NYC with **Meghan Farley Astrachan** to catch up." According to Elizabeth, Meghan "is staying busy with teaching the high school drama program. Meghan's son Aidan is thriving in high school and keeping them on the move with travel soccer." Earlier in the spring, Elizabeth had a "mini SMC reunion with **Kathleen Mary Moran** and **Kelly Lynn Wool** in Orlando." They "enjoyed a day at Universal Studio with our families." Because those meetings were so fun, she is planning another: "We will be working on an SMC round-up for holiday dinner/drinks with **Kathleen Mary Moran**, **Lisa Ting Yee**, **Mary Luehrs Masel**, **Christine Jean DiDonato**, and **Jennifer Glunz Faulk** to get the latest news." Finally, she shared: "**Lisa Marie Waldvogel** is thriving in Longview, WA and practicing law."

Colleen Harty Taricani had a vacation reunion as well: "In October, a group of SMC chicks spent a fabulous weekend together at **Teresa Donegan O'Brien's** beautiful resort home in Phoenix, AZ! We celebrated **Margaret Ann Kennedy's** birthday, relived college memories, and made new ones. And laughed until our sides ached! These lifelong friendships are treasured gifts from our Saint Mary's experience. I will be forever grateful for all the fierce Saint Mary's women in my life!"



Pictured from top left: Lenore Madden McCarter, Lois Morahan Sheridan, Katie Pike Kanaris, Susie Sullivan Yemc, Mimi Sullivan Moore, Angie Cortesio Harrington, Teresa Donegan O'Brien, Colleen Harty Taricani, Kathie Ryan Hoban, and Margaret Ann Kennedy.

1989

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Welcome, spring! Hope everyone enjoyed a joyous holiday season and a happy new year. And anticipating seeing you all on campus for Reunion this year!

Classmates are on the move ...

Margo McMahon Fochler and her husband Steve relocated from Minnesota to Naples, FL, where Steve took a job with Northern Trust Bank as a senior trust advisor. Margo will continue as a real estate agent and yoga teacher.

Becky Jasper, Scott, Isaac, and Zoë are living in Suzhou, China, where Becky is working at Entrust Datacard.



Big news for **Martha Flick Jungenberg's** family! After several years in Nigeria, Martha, Todd, Sophia, Grace, and Emmalee will be posted to Mbabane, eSwatini (formerly Swaziland) for three years starting in August 2019! They are excited and look forward to traveling freely around the region; will be close to the ocean and Mozambique, not far from Johannesburg, South Africa; and only three hours from Kruger National Park! If anyone wants to go on safari, reach out to Martha for a unique place to visit along the way.

Sophia is attending Maastricht University in the Netherlands, where she is finishing up her first of a three-year arts and culture program. Grace and Emmalee enjoyed their first time at boarding school at the American International School in Salzburg, Austria. Grace is going to stay and graduate from AIS in 2020. Emmalee will go to eSwatini for grades 10–12 at the Waterford Kamhlaba United World College of Southern Africa in Mbabane. The family traveled to the US on December 26 and rang in 2019 in South Bend!

Cara Calzolano-Ross and family are still in New Jersey but anticipate a move to Virginia this summer. Cara's oldest daughter **Megan Noelle Ross '15**, works at the Discovery Network in Chicago, where she has found the Saint Mary's network vast and wonderful and is having fun with her college friends! Jonathan, Cara's oldest son, continues to serve as a combat corpsman in the United States Navy and, fortunately, is stateside for now and will not be deploying again at this time. Thanksgiving Eve brought big news — Cara's youngest daughter

Robbi Anne Ross was accepted early decision to the Saint Mary's Class of 2023! She will be a nursing major and, needless to say, the Rosses are all very excited that the family tradition will continue. The youngest Ross, Sean, is in eighth grade and getting ready to head to Virginia to Fishburne Military School for high school, following in his brother's footsteps.

The Ross family went to the Notre Dame vs. Stanford game last fall, where Cara was able to spend time with many friends from Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. Her sister-in law **Mary Anne Goodnow Calzolano** was there with Mary Anne's daughter Camey, who is a freshman at Notre Dame. Cara also saw her best friend, **Missy Schrenk Kujawa '90**. They had a fabulous time tailgating and catching up!



Missy Schrenk Kujawa '90, Cara Calzolano-Ross, and Mary Anne Goodnow Calzolano.

Karen Crespy visited **Barb Moorhead Vedders** for a week over Labor Day weekend in Grand Rapids, MI. Karen, Barb, Barb's husband Joel, and son Jack trekked down to Notre Dame for ESPN Game Day (Jack was on TV and his sign was featured!). Karen then attended the Notre Dame vs. Michigan game with Paul Waguespack (ND '89), Tom Schlegel (ND '90), and Tom's family and friends, while the Vedders camped out in La Fortune to watch the game. During and after the game, Karen caught up with **Jackie Brody Tavit** '91 and ran into **Patrice Jordan**. It was a great win to start a great Notre Dame football season! The week continued with visits to see Abby Vedders at Calvin College, a Darius Rucker/Lady Antebellum concert, great food, and lots of laughter.

Karen headed back out to Notre Dame with family for the Notre Dame vs. Vanderbilt game, where she spent time at **Patrice Jordan's** tailgate and celebrated another win!

On November 13, 2018, **Katie Rose Gogle** was at the Ohio State Capitol lobbying lawmakers and their aides for continued budget funding for the Lupus Awareness Education Program, which provides vital programming for patients as well as medical personnel regarding diagnosis, treatment, and understanding of the disease. She was also part of a coalition of 60 patient groups trying to get house and senate bills out of committee and passed that would lower the barriers posed by step therapy. Last August, Katie, **Jen Rourke Sante-Soller**, and **Deanne Wachel Sabatino** met for a wonderful lunch in Columbus, OH when Jen was in town moving her daughter into an apartment.

After moving back to Glenview, IL last July, **Nora McQuillan Coleman** has been busy and having fun reconnecting with her Saint Mary's friends! At the end of September, she enjoyed a barbeque with **Noel Raymond Christmann** and Paul, **Tricia Ruth Erickson** and John, and **Kate Murray Harper** and Scott, and their families. And in the fall, she had a lovely lunch with **Lynda Bensaia Peterson** and **Kate Murray Harper**. **Jill Tomko Caffarelli** popped by to welcome the Colemans back to the area. **Linda Arce Cosgrove** and Nora also attended a reunion party at Ernst & Young in November.

As I write this, Notre Dame football is in the college playoffs and headed to the Cotton Bowl to take on Clemson ... hoping a great season got even better. Go IRISH! Remember, we have our Reunion May 30–June 2! Lots of people are already making plans to attend. If you have never been to a Reunion, or it's been a while, please come back and join us on campus.

NOTE: Many of your email addresses are out of date, so please take a moment to update your information with Saint Mary's or your class reporter. Keep in touch!

1990

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Hello everyone (or should I say "g'day" since we have updates on two of our classmates who now live Down Under?). Hopefully everybody had a great time celebrating their 50th birthdays! By press time, we should be past the last ones for our class.

One of the nice things about the milestone year was the influx of Class of '90 folks who found their way to Chicago throughout the year. The most recent visitors got together for a mini reunion in early September. Big thanks to **Maria Telesca** for inviting me to tag along and catch up with many of you. Maria is a first-grade teacher at Claremont Elementary School in Arlington, VA. She was in town reuniting with her Saint Mary's buddies. These included **Laura Lewis Rente**, who is teaching eighth grade at Churchill Junior High in East Brunswick, NJ. She and her husband Joe, have two kids: Ben, 19, and Sara, 18. Laura has been on the college tour circuit with Sara in recent days. **Kristen Petrella** also was a part of the mini reunion. She traveled in from Atlanta, where she lives with husband Andy Sobich, and works in public relations for UPS. **Cathy Savino Dolsen** was playing hostess and Chicago tour guide. She and her husband Doug live in Elmhurst, IL with their three kids Zach (18), and a student at Purdue, Jenna (15), and Luke (12). Cathy works in credit strategy for Synchrony, one of the nation's premier consumer financial services companies. But the one who traveled the farthest for the reunion (by far) was **Kathryn Chase Snell**. Kathryn came all the way from Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia (about 2–3 hours from Sydney). She works there for an explosives manufacturing company and lives with her husband Darren and kids Paris (19) and Sydney (17).

My office recently relocated, and with the relocation I was lucky enough to meet up with **Lynn Marie Daly**, who works in the building next

door. Lynn works in IT as a director, architecture realization at Health Care Services Corporation (the parent company of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois). She lives in Tinley Park, IL with her two sons.

Congrats go to **Eileen Gallagher Loranger**, who was promoted to associate executive director, governance, advocacy, and education at the American Academy of Periodontology and made a move to Chicago suburbia with her husband Matt Loranger. As if that weren't enough, she also reported that she met up with **Kristen Lee Schloss** and **Beth Anne D'Elia** over the summer for a surprise visit with **Jennifer Oblinger Maulfair** at Jenn's home in Round Hill, VA!

It was a sunny Southern California 50th birthday celebration/reunion for **Amy Junius-Humbaugh**, **Laurel Vitale Stack**, and **Kelly Seppi Shimota** in Santa Monica, CA. Kelly lives in Melbourne, Australia. Laurel traveled to California from Shaker Heights, OH and Amy traveled from West Lafayette, IN. Among the highlights (besides sharing time together) were lunch at The Ivy, a bike ride on the beach, and a visit to the Getty Museum.

Don't forget to join our SMC 90 Facebook group — 193 members strong. We'd love to have you. Just search for SMC 90 in the search bar and look for the group with Le Mans Tower as its avatar.

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Christina Fleming '90

released a new book in November 2018 titled *Corporate Faith*. Fleming reflects on the challenges that came as a student and corporate professional, using a spiritually focused lens. She provides a backdrop of her Catholic childhood, educational experience, and corporate endeavors as she invites you to share in her tips and tricks on how to stay true to yourself and keep your life centered around what is important.

1991

EXCELSIOR

Janet Scharmek '91

was awarded the Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses in October 2018. This award recognizes nurses internationally, in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, for going above and beyond in the care of their patients.

1994



1998



EXCELSIOR

Sara Nienabar VanSlambrook '98

was promoted to chief impact officer at the United Way of Central Indiana. Her work will include executing impact initiatives that help families who are struggling be more self-sufficient, providing support of basic needs for vulnerable individuals in the community, and helping spark innovation in the organization's social services. VanSlambrook will also lead the following three teams for United Way: Community Impact, Strategic Information, and Public Policy.

1999



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Deanna Pickel '99,

a math instructor at Oak Ridge High School, was chosen to be a member of the inaugural Tennessee Teacher Ambassador Network. This network is designed for educators to come together and ensure a brighter and more successful future for their students

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Mary Ellen Krueger '00

was named one of the "Top Wealth Advisor Moms" in 2018 by *Working Mother* magazine.

And **Christine Draper Ando** checked in with exciting news: "I tied the knot with Ryan Ando on October 13, 2018. We had a magical destination wedding in San Diego at the Riverwalk Golf Club with 65 friends and family in attendance, including fellow 2001 grads **Amanda Myers Babin**, **Jen Elizabeth Senecal**, and **Adrienne Galvez Gogue**. Although it flooded the night before the wedding, the weather the day of could not have been more perfect. Ryan is a sales manager at Lexus of Monterey Peninsula and I am still working as a pediatric OT in Monterey, CA. We could not be happier to start this new chapter in our lives." Yay!

Crystal Aguilar-McMillan also shared: "*Hola* to my fellow Belles! This update comes to you from my home on Whidbey Island, a suburb of Seattle, WA. I left my cherished home in Texas in 2010 and have completely integrated my life, culture, and happiness in Washington. After 25 years of working for others, I decided to become self-employed! In January 2017, I opened my first business, All Shook Up Pet & Farm Care Services. I was pleasantly surprised at the 300 percent growth within a year. In November 2018, I opened my second business, Whidbey Waiter, which delivers restaurant orders, groceries, and, of course, Seattle coffee to the residents of Whidbey Island. Since our island is small, but vast and populous, I figured this would be a great service to its residents. Plus, I wanted to establish this business before other food delivery companies came to the island! After receiving my BA in sociology and philosophy from Saint Mary's, earning an MA in pedagogical theories and performance aesthetics from Texas Tech University, and obtaining my MS in nonprofit management from Northeastern University, I felt well equipped to strike out on my own. I owe my creativity,



EXCELSIOR

Molly Banahan Edwards '01

was newly hired at Newleaf Symbiotics, an agricultural biological company, as the vice president and general counsel. Her new role will have her managing legal matters of the company's intellectual property strategy overall and the commercialization of Terrasym.

entrepreneurship, organization, and meticulous planning to all my educational experiences. I am, however, the most proud to be a Belle." Great to hear from you!

And **Amanda Lynn DeMeester** wrote, "I was recently promoted to director of client success at YouVisit, a virtual reality company that provides

virtual tours for colleges. SMC is a client, and I was thrilled to come back to campus this fall for a video shoot." So awesome!

Melissa Wheeler Malerich wrote, "In October my husband Jeremiah Malerich (ND '01) and I visited **Nora Therese Byrne** and her husband Christian Gielow (ND '00) in San Diego. We all went to the ND vs. Navy game and celebrated an Irish victory! Also I've been keeping busy working as a public health pharmacist in Santa Clara County, CA. Over the past year I've expanded my role to become the PrEP/PEP clinical pharmacist at the SCC public health clinic. In this role I prescribe HIV prevention medications and provide counseling. It has been very rewarding to help patients stay HIV negative, and to work toward our county's goal of zero new HIV infections, zero HIV deaths, and zero HIV stigma!"

And lastly, all is well in my corner of the world. I recently presented at the College Board National Conference in Dallas and enjoyed some sightseeing, BBQ, and honky-tonks. Until next time, my best.

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Jaime Dineen Gleason wrote, "I have launched a communications consulting agency, coaching teams and leaders how to communicate as effectively as possible both internally and externally. My client roster includes Hitachi, Texas Instruments, Marriott, Clif Bar, Cox Communications, and more! Many thanks to the SMC communications professors who helped me to where I am today." **Tracy Marie Graf** wrote, "I have launched a communications consulting agency, coaching teams and leaders how to communicate as effectively as possible both internally and externally. My client roster includes Hitachi, Texas Instruments, Marriott, Clif Bar, Cox Communications, and more! Many thanks to the SMC communications professors who helped me to where I am today." **Gina Caponi Barnaby** wrote, "I'm the new English department chair at Marist School in Atlanta."

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Shanna Conner Cronin wrote, "I moved to Fort Bliss, TX this summer to take over as the special victim prosecutor. I am a major in the US Army JAG Corps and handle the prosecution of all rape, sexual assault, child abuse (physical and sexual), and domestic violence cases for this installation of over 30,000 soldiers. My husband Brendan is also JAG and stationed here but will leave for Afghanistan in the new year. We have two boys, Conner (7) and Finnegan (2)."

Amanda Spica Hoop wrote, "My husband Chad Hoop and I welcomed our fourth child Jack Edward Hoop on September 20, 2018."

Jamie Mortens Ervin wrote, "It is with great pride and deep joy that I announce the birth of our fifth child Mary Magdalene on January 13, 2018. It is with immeasurable sadness that I share that Maggie

died on January 16, 2018. She was 33 hours old. Maggie had Down syndrome coupled with a rare and serious heart defect. In our grief my husband Greg and I take great comfort in the fact that I was able to carry her to term despite a bleak prenatal diagnosis; in the miracle of each of our four living children; in the belief that all life, no matter how small or sick, is precious and valuable; and, most of all, in our faith that we will get to see our baby again because of the death and resurrection of Jesus. It will always be a great honor to be Maggie's mom."

Melissa Marie Whalen – "I got my doctorate in English lit from Fordham University in 2013, then spent 27 months in Indonesia with the US Peace Corps as an English teacher and teacher trainer (2015–17). For the past year I've lived in Washington, DC. I work for the federal government as a writer/editor."

Mandy Schomas Soderstrom – "I'm married and live in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, have three kids under 6, work as a marketing specialist for a manufacturing company, and recently just joined a monthly wine club."

Erin Schenz Campbell – "I am a shareholder at the law firm Helmer, Martins, Rice & Popham in Cincinnati, OH, where I primarily practice False Claims Act litigation. John and I have two children."

Alissa Anne Blair – "I have a job change: Visiting assistant professor of TESOL and bilingual education at the University of Miami."

Christina Holdvogt Wiencke – "My husband Jim Wiencke and I welcomed our second child this past March, Julia Diane. She joins big brother Nathaniel, who is 3.5. I currently work at the University of Minnesota as an administrator and am working on my MBA."

Ann Marie Dennany Keeler – "I am now the senior manager of creative production and digital strategy for Advance Local, responsible for digital and print ad design, digital marketing strategy advisement, and new product development for newspaper and online media companies in our US markets."

Noreen Gillespie Connolly – "After three great years in sports, I am now deputy managing editor for US news at Associated Press, responsible for breaking news coverage across the country in all formats. And I got a 'promotion' at home, too — I'm now a mom of three! We welcomed Madeline Colleen in February."

Erin Weldon Wilton – "My husband and I welcomed our third child Brynn Lorita Wilton, on August 1, 2018. Big sisters Grace and Nora."

Kerry Gill Rogers – "My husband Paul and I along with big brothers Jack and Charlie also welcomed our third child and future SMC, Saoirse Margaret Rogers, on September 11, 2018. I will be headed back to work in a few weeks, where I am a senior account manager for a financial software company."

Jessica Klink Severino – "I live in Chicago with my husband Anthony and our three children Greta (5), Rocco (4), and Vivienne (2). I am an executive director with Beautycounter. Our mission is to get safer products in the hands of everyone. We are a company devoted to progress, while advocating for change in legislation."

Jamie Norton Trailov – "I am a speech-language pathologist and worked at Lurie Children's Hospital

in Chicago for 10 years. I left Lurie Children's in April 2018 to start my own private practice so that I could spend more time with my two daughters Aly (7), and Keira (4). My husband, daughters, and I reside in Lincoln Park in Chicago."

Kara Tirimacco – "In May, I officially adopted my son Frankie!"

Laura Stevens Powell – "My husband Ryan and I, along with big sister Noelle, welcomed our second child Ara Paul Powell, on September 17, 2018. I am headed back to work next month, where I am a private client advisor for JPMorgan Chase."

Shelly Houser Mays – "My husband David and I have two amazingly beautiful daughters Charlotte and Genevieve. I recently transitioned from clinical practice as an OT, certified hand therapist, to faculty for a doctoral occupational therapy program. I also created my own practice two years ago and it's flourishing!"

2003

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Alison Joseph Small shared with *Courier* that she and her husband William Small (ND '03) received devastating news last winter that two of their three sons have Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Duchenne is a fatal, progressive disease of the muscles and currently there is no cure. Most boys diagnosed are wheelchair bound by age 12 and lose their life in their 20s. Alison writes, "While the news was shocking, we've decided our only option is to fight for our boys and the Duchenne community to find a cure and spread awareness. We started the Small Heroes Foundation as a way to raise money to help fund clinical trials and help boys with Duchenne who may not have access to basic necessities to live with this disease. We have been shocked by the support from both our Saint Mary's and ND communities in helping us raise over \$200,000 for this cause. We feel our journey has just begun as we fight for our boys' lives. Any thoughts, prayers, fundraising ideas, or donations will be incredibly appreciated. Please see our foundation website for all our up-to-date news or donate at smallheroes.org, and thank you!"

Katie Rand Davis and husband Joel welcomed their first baby Theodore (Teddy) McNeill Davis on May 8, 2018. Teddy was 8 pounds 5 ounces, 21¼ inches, and is growing like a weed! Katie writes that she and her family had a wonderful summer together and that she is now back at work as a fourth-grade language arts teacher at Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Princeton, NJ.

Mackenzie McGee and husband Joe Stark (ND '00) welcomed Molly Louise Stark on June 18, 2018 along with proud big sister Edy and brother Ethan. Mackenzie writes, "Life is crazy with three and working full time at OSF Healthcare in Peoria, IL, but I wouldn't have it any other way!"

Amy Greene Smith and husband Stephen welcomed their first children Alexandra (Alex) Nora and Kate Gabrielle on July 31, 2018. Alex was 5 pounds 12 ounces and Kate was 5 pounds 5 ounces.

Life is crazy with twins, but the girls are fun, well-behaved, and good sleepers.

Katy Disinger Thall also welcomed twins on October 8, 2018. Mary Jane (MJ) and Larry Edwin, named after Katy's grandmother and her and her husband's fathers. MJ debuted at 6 pounds 9 ounces and Larry was 7 pounds 2 ounces. They were just three minutes apart.

Tami Kozlowski Frankmann married her best friend and love of her life Jacob Frankmann on October 20, 2018 at Saint Valentine Catholic Church in Tami's hometown of Redford, MI. The unseasonably wacky weather did not stop them and their loved ones from enjoying a fall-themed, heated tent reception at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton, MI. **Lisa Gill Grabowski** and **Teri Neer Meucci** stood lovingly by their former roomie's side as bridal attendants and **Amy Greene Smith, Lauren Dasso Stalter, and Megan Gill Stempin '08** attended and added to the fun and laughter of the day. **Adrienne Dorbish Pietropaolo** and **Jena Morreale Corrello** were unable to attend and were greatly missed! Tami and Jacob met through their work in the mental health field. They enjoyed spending time together at their home in Redford, MI after the wedding, as they had enjoyed a "pre-honeymoon" when they visited **Teri Neer Meucci** and her husband Claudio Meucc in Rome and spent a few weeks traveling Italy this past August.

Dorothy Carder Varrasso is working as a public relations specialist for Licking Memorial Health Systems, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of the community in the Newark, OH area. Dorothy works on an events team in the public relations department and says she enjoys using aspects of her communication studies degree from SMC.

2004



2005

From the *Courier Office*
On Saturday, August 4, 2018, **Sister Kathryn Jane Press, ASCJ**, professed perpetual vows during a eucharistic liturgy at Mount Sacred Heart, the provincial house of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Hamden, CT.



Sister Kathryn Jane Press, ASCJ, professed perpetual vows in August 2018.

Sister Kathryn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Press of Atlanta, is a former parishioner of St. Jude the Apostle Church and a 1997 graduate of the school. She also graduated from St. Pius X High School, Atlanta. Sister Kathryn earned a bachelor's degree in religious studies, *cum laude*, from Saint Mary's College and a master's of divinity degree from Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis,

MO. She teaches at Our Lady of Pompeii School in New York, NY.

The main celebrant of the liturgy was Archbishop Leonard P. Blair of the Archdiocese of Hartford, CT. A dinner at Mount Sacred Heart Academy for Sisters, families, and friends followed the Mass of perpetual profession.

The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are actively engaged in the ministries of elementary and secondary education, special education, social and parish ministry, health care, and immigration.

2006

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As I write this, Thanksgiving celebrations have just wrapped up and as you read it spring is starting!

Maryann Senesac Zaleski has been teaching English and special education in the Chicago suburbs. On July 27, 2013, she married Michael Paul Zaleski, a high school friend, who is a wonderful husband and father. They had a daughter Amelia Marie on April 1, 2016, and they welcomed their son Benjamin Michael on April 18, 2018. Since then, Maryann has been fortunate enough to be home with them while tutoring and subbing on the side.

Cindy Wahlman Reilly and Charles Reilly's son Cary John Reilly was born May 24, 2016.

Stephanie Marie Lutz Witt and Branden Mowery Witt's son Henry Aston Witt was born on May 18, 2017.

Rebecca Lindrew Thistlethwaite wedded William Taylor Thistlethwaite Jr. in Lexington, KY on May 20, 2017. They honeymooned in Rome, Sorrento, and Ischia. The couple lives in Old Town, Alexandria, VA. Taylor is an antique and art dealer focusing on 18th century Americana and 19th century painting. Rebecca works for the fine art and auction industry. She serves on the Women's Committee of the Washington Ballet and the Young Collector's Board of the Winter Antique Show.

Kimberly Smith Miller has been working as a school social worker for the past 12 years and is also a certified yoga teacher. She was married on September 2, 2017 to Logan Miller. **Anne Marie Rueth** was one of her bridesmaids!

Lauren Condon Butera was married to Steven Butera on October 14, 2017.

Maria Francesca Muscarello-Sotelo married Danny Sotelo Jr. on December 30, 2017.

Ellen Louise Riley-Davis and her wife Jen had their second baby girl Georgia Faye on January 26, 2018. Ellen ran her first half marathon on November 3, 2018 at the Indianapolis Monumental Race. Ellen trained and ran this race through Team World Vision, helping raise money to provide clean water to some of the most remote areas in the world and help lift people out of poverty.

Jill Funnell Savage and her husband Jeremiah had their second daughter Audrey Brooke on June 28, 2018.

Camille Johnston Horan and Scott (ND '06) had a daughter Maeve Christine, who joined big brother Neil on July 13, 2018.

Corrie Brisson Coble and Robert Coble announced the birth of their first child Helen Elizabeth Coble born July 27, 2018.

Meghan Elisabeth Cassidy married Matthew Hopkins on September 15, 2018 in Milwaukee, WI. **Mary Elizabeth Nelson, Emily Marie Fannon, Sarah Staley Gable, Trisha Renee Black '08, Ellen Louise Riley-Davis, Sara Bauer '15, and Irene O'Leary Van Beckum '57** were in attendance. Meg's sister **Erin Ronayne Cassidy '15** was the maid of honor.

Lynn Margaret Sikora relocated back to Chicago after six years in Hamburg, Germany. She has been working for a children's publisher called Phoenix International Publications for 10 years. While in Germany, she connected with Girl Gone International in its early stages. GGI is an active women-powered community of 250,000 living overseas in 150 local communities from every country and culture in the world. Lynn launched the GGI Chicago community while also managing GGI Global Book Club. Lynn also recently hit the exciting milestone of traveling to her 50th country!

Since joining the outpatient nursing staff within Rush University Medical Center's Cancer Center in Chicago, **Colleen Patricia Bruen** and a group of coworkers realized they are all Saint Mary's alumnae!



Saint Mary's alumnae nurses at Rush University Medical Center: **Maura Kathleen Kimball '14**, infusion nurse coordinator; **Maura Bridget Hoyt '07**, leukemia clinic nurse coordinator; **Julia Ann Fletcher '13**, licensed clinical social worker; **Colleen Patricia Bruen**, bone marrow transplant nurse coordinator; and **Caitlin Anne Murphy '09**, nurse practitioner.

They work with patients in varying capacities and are always glad to team up with their fellow Belles to give them the best care. They are: **Maura Kathleen Kimball '14**, infusion nurse coordinator; **Maura Bridget Hoyt '07**, leukemia clinic nurse coordinator; **Julia Ann Fletcher '13**, licensed clinical social worker; **Colleen Patricia Bruen**, bone marrow transplant nurse coordinator; and **Caitlin Anne Murphy '09**, nurse practitioner.

2007

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Katie Alice White accepted a faculty job at Notre Dame and was appointed Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Katie moved from the Bay Area back to South Bend and is living just 20 minutes away from her sister

Molly Ann White. Katie is excited to start her cancer research lab at ND, but don't worry about where her true loyalties lie: Go Belles!

Sarah Sult and her husband David Crooch welcomed their first baby Valerie in May. She was baptized at Saint Alphonsus in August surrounded by family and friends including **Kathryn Chapman Muldoon** in attendance. The family resides in Chicago and will be taking their first flight with the baby during the holidays.

Annie Huffman Vorys started a new job in September working for a news agency in Greensboro, NC. She's been tasked with creating a weekly news roundup for millennials, in which she is required to be snarky and crass. Her grandmother knew she'd find her niche eventually. On another note, she respectfully asks the prayers of her SMC-chick sisters. Her mother Karen Huffman was recently diagnosed with stage IV breast cancer. Annie sends love and prayers to all who are in similar circumstances.

From **Sarah Mikrut Aker**: "My husband Timuchin Aker and I welcomed our daughter Cordelia Hayat Aker into the world on April 25, 2017. She is now an outgoing, energetic toddler keeping us always on our toes. We can't imagine life without her."

Kathryn Elizabeth Doyle recently moved across the country from San Jose, CA to Winter Garden, FL to be closer to her family.

Colleen Mary Brannagan-Peisker writes: "My husband Brian and I welcomed our third child Lucas Edward Peisker, 7 pounds 6 ounces and 19.75 inches, on August 29, 2018."

2008

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Rebecca Flathau Freil and Trent Freil welcomed their first child Hannah Grace on June 6, 2018. They live in East Lansing, MI where she works as a nurse practitioner for a cardiology practice, after earning her master of science in nursing from Spring Arbor University in August 2017.

Samantha Leonard Adler and her husband William Adler welcomed home a beautiful baby girl Sloane Marie on February 23, 2018. They live in Waukesha, WI. She works in Milwaukee as the director of major gifts for the Neuroscience and Eye Institute at Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Brie Anne Eichhorn Varick married Michael Varick on July 14, 2018 in Indianapolis, IN. **Mary (Molly) Pfister Pasquali** was matron of honor and in attendance were **Kelly Lynn Higgins, Samantha Leonard Adler, Haley Victoria Nickell, and Rebecca Flathau Freil**.

Brooke Trudeau Stover married Sam Stover on July 29, 2017 in Chattanooga, TN. Sam and Brooke met while living outside London and teaching at TASIS England. SMC alumnae in attendance were the bride's sister **Colette Kelly Trudeau '06, Kate Holloway Berghoff, Colleen Kielty Lintz, Erin Hogan Liebenauer, Natalie Grasso Cockrell, Elizabeth Jane Bush, Shawn Redington Westfall, Caitlin McGee Lakdawala, Meagan Walerko Cloninger, Meghan Conaty Delaney '09, and Andrea Zettler McIntyre '09**. Sam and Brooke both work in the middle school at TASIS, where Sam is currently the middle school dean of student life and Brooke is the middle school curriculum coordinator, as well as teaching sixth- and seventh-grade math. She is in her fifth year in England, and the couple enjoys many travel opportunities during school breaks. Last spring, they trekked to the Mount Everest base camp, which Brooke describes as an incredible, beautiful challenge.

Whitney McMillin Oswald married Eric Oswald on Orcas Island, WA in October 2018. **Colette Zavala Schwene** was a witness to their forest elopement.

2009



2010

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Hello, Belles! Last year was filled with engagements, marriages, births, reunions, graduations, new career opportunities, traveling, becoming homeowners and pet owners, and so much more. I hope 2019 has already started to bring that same happiness and adventure to you, your friends, and your families!

Megan Hooper Coggon and her husband Garrett Coggon (ND '10) welcomed their first child (a boy) on August 28, 2018, Hooper Scott Coggon. He's already met a few of his Belle honorary aunties! Megan also works as a pediatrician in Charlevoix, MI.

Stephanie Elizabeth Dolik resides in New York City where she works at Elsevier as user acquisition project manager. Stephanie also married on October 22, 2016.

Would love to hear more from the class of 2010. Please send your life updates to **Michelle Alyse Giannola** via email: SaintMarysCollege2010@gmail.com or text/call (269) 338-2943! Peace out, Belles!

2012

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Katie Bridget Fisher graduated with her MFA from Columbus College of Art and Design in May 2018. She now teaches drawing methods for undergrads at the college. **Kamara Marie Umbaugh** began graduate school at Villanova University to obtain her master's in public administration with a focus on nonprofit management. **Katie Nash Greenspon** has a new role as account supervisor for the Publicis Health Network agency, Heartbeat, based in New York City. She will be working in the Heartbeat West Los Angeles office.

Kirsten Thornton Vi and Steven Vi married in April 2018. **Jennifer Alyssa Leakakos** stood beside her on her wedding day. **Danielle Kramer Feldpausch** married Marcus Feldpausch on June 9, 2018. **Alexandra Gentile Zellner** and Joey DiPiero (ND '12) married on July 6, 2018 in Detroit, MI. Bridesmaids included **Katie Rose DiPiero**, **Brianne Carroll Woodworth**, **Alex Mirandola Mullen**, and **Meghan Marie McNamara '21**. The couple honeymooned in Croatia. **Remi White Brackett** married Clayton Brackett on July 20, 2018. Remi also began nurse anesthesia school in Pittsburgh in the fall of 2018. **Teresa Cristarella McCadden** married Bill McCadden in August 2018. **Colleen O'Connor**



EXCELSIOR

Catherine (Katie) Mitchell '12

a former Saint Mary's softball player, was named partner in January at Stephen Zouras LLP in Chicago. Katie started with the class action litigation firm in 2013 representing clients on illegal pay practices and much more. As partner, she will focus primarily on wage abuse and the expansion of antitrust and ERISA practices for the firm.

Messmer was Teresa's maid of honor. In June, the couple bought a new home in St. Louis, MO. **Emma Deborah Brink**, daughter of Robert Brink (ND '78), married Matthew Bauer on October 27, 2018 in Waltham, MA. **Allie Ashleigh Courtney** and **Liz Johnston Busam** joined Emma as bridesmaids in her wedding.

Julianna Loebach Koselke and Justin Koselke welcomed the birth of Ava Rose Koselke on July 9, 2018 in South Bend, IN. On August 12, 2018, **Shannon Whelan Rusch** and her daughter Piper Rusch welcomed the birth of Theodore John Rusch. **Stephanie Cherpak Clary** and Matthew Clary (ND '12) welcomed the birth of their son Theodore Patrick on August 25, 2018. Theodore was baptized into the Catholic Church on November 24 with godparents Daniel Woods (ND '13) and Julia Woods. **Ariel Terpstra Ross** and Skyler Ross welcomed Kieran Gabriel Ross into their family on September 11, 2018. Kieran joins older sister Una, who "loves on him all the time." **Cassie Palmer Gohn** and Rance Gohn welcomed the birth of their daughter Murphy Harper on November 1, 2018. Cassie also recently coauthored an article that was published in the *American Journal of Physiology*. On November 9, 2018, **Elizabeth Bramanti Feldpausch** and Nathan Feldpausch (ND '12) welcomed Eleanor Jane into their family. Eleanor joins her big sister Mary Claire and big brother Nate in the Feldpausch family.

2013

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Hello, Class of 2013!

In baby news, **Elizabeth Litke Waldorf** and her husband Isaak welcomed their first baby Rachel Mae Waldorf on April 18, 2018. She was born at 3:23 a.m., weighed 7 pounds and measured 19 inches. They still live in Cloquet, MN, and Liz started teaching fourth grade at Washington Elementary School in Cloquet this past year.

Nora Quirk is now **Nora Quirk Courtney**. She married Tim Courtney in August. Congratulations, Nora and Tim!

Brittani Hradsky started a new job as associate manager, commercial planning at PepsiCo in White Plains, NY. Congrats, Brittani!

From **Kristy Higgs '84**: "I met **Corryn Neumann Chini** at a prenatal visit, and I still remember being taken back that her husband was wearing a pullover with the SMC logo. I finally asked and Corryn excitedly shared she read my bio and saw that I was an SMC graduate as well. We shared the honor of having the same chemistry professor Feigl — 29 years apart! Corryn is a graduate student in chemistry at the University of Illinois in Urbana. I am a certified nurse midwife in the same town. I was one of her midwives and her mindfulness teacher for the Mindfulness Based Childbirth and Parenting class this past winter. She and her husband Chris and son Oliver are very, very successful graduates of the course! It was a joy to have a special connection with an SMC grad!"

So glad to hear of all the good things going on for our classmates! If you have news to report to be published in *Courier*, please email smcclassnews2013@gmail.com.

2014

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Hello, Class of 2014 Belles! It's hard to believe that by the time you read this, it will be almost time for our five-year Reunion! We have enjoyed putting together this *Courier* update for the past five years and look forward to continuing to help spread the good news of our class.

In the past year, there have been several wedding Belles ringing for the Class of 2014. **Liz Concepcion** married Patrick Raycroft (ND '14) on August 11, 2018 in Chicago. **Allie Priede Schlegel** also got married on September 22, 2018 in Madison, GA. **Brianne Michaels Sprenger** married Scott Sprenger on May 12, 2018. **Colleen Underwood** married Dr. Kevin Ryan on January 19, 2018. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

In addition to weddings, we have some future Belles (or Domers) to celebrate. Future Belle Maeve Marguerite Walsh was born on November 24, 2018 to Colin and **Ashley Plenzler Walsh**. Tommy and

Brooke Vail Kostielney welcomed their second little boy Jesse into the world on September 7. Their older son Henry (3) is loving being a big bro!

Jenae LaCrosse Newberg and her husband Josh had their first child Eli Joshua Newberg on October 20, 2018. Eli was born on the Notre Dame Football bye weekend, weighing 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Eli is doing great, and they are cherishing every moment with him. Jenae graduated from Bethel College in August 2018 with her master's degree in business. Congratulations, Newberg family!!

Our classmates have also been achieving big things in their careers! **Kaitlin Teichman** graduated from the University of Colorado Denver with her MSN as a family nurse practitioner in December 2018. **Vanessa Fisher** is finishing up her first semester of graduate school in the doctor of nursing practice program at the University of Minnesota in the pediatric nurse practitioner specialty. Finally, **Megan Harr** started at new job at Groupon as an assistant buyer in footwear. Go get 'em, Belles!

We are so proud of our classmates for actively living out the mission of Saint Mary's and making strides in their personal and professional lives. We hope all is well and look forward to updating in person in June 2019! Go Belles!

2016

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Exciting news from our 2016 Belles!

Anna Cronin Lacey delivered a healthy baby boy AJ Daniel Lacey on November 15, 2018.

Congratulations and best wishes to your family, Anna!

Megan Holthus Badger married Chris Badger on June 23, 2018 in Dublin, OH. Bridesmaids included **Annie Lillian McGarrigle**, **Alli Jane Kenney**, and **Abby Lynn Palombaro**. Many of Chris and Megan's friends from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's were also present. The couple currently resides in Holladay, UT, where Megan is a nurse and Chris is attending medical school. Congratulations, Megan!

Elisabeth Marie Miller started a new job teaching high school social studies at Saint Francis DeSales High School in Columbus, OH. She teaches freshman world history and senior United States government. She loves her new job. We're so happy for you, Elisabeth!

Aiko Kawano graduated with her master of science in data science from Valparaiso University in December. She has accepted a position with Goldman Sachs and will relocate to Singapore to start work! Congratulations and happy trails, Aiko!

Send your news updates to smc16news@gmail.com! Births, adoptions, weddings, graduations, new jobs, new cities, special achievements, Belles' reunions ... don't be shy!

2017

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Hello, Belles!

We have some exciting updates to share from a few of our classmates. As we continue our journey as graduates, it is wonderful to hear the events of our classmates' lives.

Megan Carswell Singleton married Ivan Singleton on October 6 in her hometown of Albany, NY. Several alumnae helped celebrate their union, including **Maggie Mary Carswell**, **Kaileigh Ann Moore**, **Maddy Alicia Danz**, **Hannah Molloy Hestad**, **Ann Marie McGraw Carswell '88**, **Mimi Sullivan Moore '88**, and **Emily Traversa Sowder '14**. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all.

Francesca Michelle Samargin earned her Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) certificate from the International TEFL Academy in Chicago. Now she is living in Hiranai, Aomori Prefecture, Japan, working as a language assistant teacher for the JET Programme. She is enjoying learning the local dialect; it's been a lot of fun!

Ashley Ann Rios is working at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park, IL. Ashley is working on their stroke unit, which was recently awarded the Silver Plus Award for Stroke by the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association by consistently meeting stroke guidelines and having great patient outcomes.

Keep up the good work, Ashley!

That's all the news we have for you now! If you would like to be included in the next edition of class news, email your updates to bellesof2017@gmail.com.



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175th Kickoff Celebration

On Sunday, January 20, 2019 we kicked off the 175th anniversary of our beloved College, in a day of events that celebrated the central aspects of a Saint Mary's education. The three-part celebration took place purposefully on the feast day of Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau.



SAINT MARY'S SERVES

Rooted in our mission to respond to the needs of the times we invited students, staff, faculty, alumnae, and neighbors to participate in Saint Mary's Serves, a community-wide service project partnering with the Sisters of the Holy Cross and local nonprofits. Participants were invited to bring their families, and more than 270 individuals signed in that day.



LITURGY: FEAST DAY OF BLESSED BASIL MOREAU

An estimated 350 people gathered at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto for a special mass that celebrated Blessed Basil Moreau, who played an important role in the establishment of our College.



MOREAU DINNER

As is tradition, students, faculty, staff, and sisters came together to share a French-inspired meal at our annual dinner honoring Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau. Together, around 650 attendees dined and reflected on where we've been and took a moment to look forward to all that's to come.

With This Ring

By Jennifer Vosters '16



I don't like rings.
Not really.
The cheap ones choke my fingers, leave rings of residue
like bruises, or dirt.
The nice ones say things I don't mean
like *I love you*
I remember you
I have actual spending money
Rings mean promises I haven't made,
people I don't belong to,
or, to a certain class of nerd, they mean *my precious*.

Yet on a finger no longer bare
I wear a ring.

Not for the memory of a bell-christened gown
but a vision of a circle open on a green lawn,
of women, sisters, holding hands, preparing to step out
beneath a tower
that reminds us of the power
of this place.

With this ring, I remember not one promise I have made,
but a series of small victories that once our very laws forbade.
I cast my first ballot here
with the Nineteenth Amendment in its ninety-second year.
I presided at Ash Wednesday prayer
when a woman still can't dare to dare
to be a priest.
I can wear pants to class,
a bare head at Mass,
and this ring that reminds me of those who came first.

With this ring, I think of the brave ones,
the knave ones,
the ones who knew what they wanted
and the ones who came here to find out.
I think of the Sisters
and the blisters
on the feet of the women who trekked across worlds to get here,
forgetting what they left behind
for the hope of a school for girls.
I think of my mother,
my aunt,
the alums who can't wait to come back
and the teens who can't wait to get here.
I think of the hope that I felt that first day,
all that I learned that first year:
to live and to love and to learn without fear
and I look at this ring, and I do make a promise.

But with this ring
I don't say "I do."
I say, "I did,"
"I'm doing,"
and "I will do so much more."

Photo: Sarah Miesle '07



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Emma Lewis '19 created "Dreams of Georgia" using Japanese rice paste resist on silk. The piece intertwines bold shades of blue and fresh gardenias.