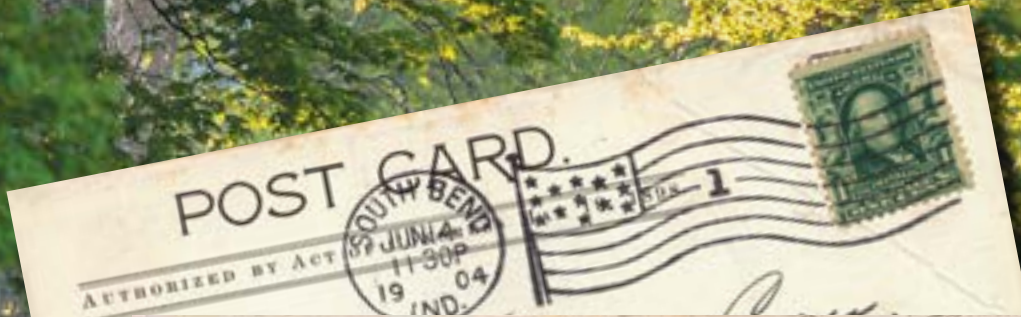


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I am so glad to hear
from you and hope
you are well and happy
as ever. I am
ever your affectionate
father
John J. [illegible]



The Avenue St. Mary's College
Noted for its beauty and
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UPON REFLECTION

This year of celebration has brought many opportunities to reflect. We began our 175th year celebrating Blessed Basil Moreau's Feast Day and honoring his vision through service and caring for others in the community. We gathered with family and friends around the table to share a meal at the Moreau Dinner. And we gathered around the table of the Eucharist to celebrate the goodness of God. We brought our joys and sorrows and we were sent forth to walk in solidarity with others to build community.

Our year began in the spirit of celebration, and so we end it. That is what Saint Mary's women have always done — gathered together to celebrate and go forth. It is what our faith teaches us to do and through the education offered at Saint Mary's, students are equipped to go out into their communities with open hearts embracing new ways of envisioning peace and doing the work of justice. The needs of the world are great and have been even before the sisters saw the need to educate young girls. How we meet those needs going forward may change, but rooted in Moreau's vision and the work of the sisters, we will continue to educate women, and men in the graduate programs.

So what difference does a milestone year like this make? What has this year invited us into? This year of celebration, of honoring our founding and traditions, is preparation to continue to meet the needs of our contemporary world. Through pilgrimage, conferences, and retreats we have explored topics of spirituality, the Church, justice, beauty, truth, goodness, and the history of the sisters. It was their *Yes!* that continues to lead us as we embrace education with hope and joy, not afraid to tackle difficult challenges, but approach them as opportunities for growth.

For Saint Mary's it started with the *Yes!* of the sisters stepping out in faith and trusting in God. Throughout this year, I have found the Saint Mary's community responding with a resounding *Yes!* to continue to build upon our history, to step out in faith, to embrace both the joys and sorrows, and to celebrate the many accomplishments of our community addressing the complex needs of our contemporary world.

Words from Moreau's *Christian Education* inspire us to root ourselves in the mission and move forward...

"With eyes of faith, consider the greatness of your mission and the wonderful amount of good you can accomplish."

Consider the greatness Saint Mary's has yet to accomplish! With eyes of faith, we go forth.

Sincerely,

Judith R. Fean
Vice President for Mission



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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 undergraduate academic programs and also offers co-educational master's degrees.

Photo from the family of **Anne Dolan McKelvy**, Class of 1915. See more of these historic photos online at saintmarys.edu/Courier



On the cover: Postcards (c.1904–1910) show a look back on our roots and the beloved road that brings Belles home. (Postcards from the personal collection of Curt Sochocki)

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rooted in values

By Haleigh Ehmsen '16


Sister Madeleva referred to the maples and sycamores on campus as the bodyguards of campus. They tower above offering protection and shade. Underneath their branches we find respite for reading, studying, or making a phone call home. In their midst, we feel assured, confident in the transformative power of this place.

Beyond protection, the trees mark the seasons. They mark the years. As students come and move on, the trees grow tall, defining the place that so many women have called home.

Like the trees, Saint Mary's women stand for something. Our alumnae live and work across the country and around the globe. They are leaders in their fields, dedicated to their communities, and always striving to make a difference. They are entrepreneurs, scientists, writers, sociologists, nurses, economists, mothers, sisters, friends, and more. Inspired by the core values of community, learning, faith/spirituality, and justice — these are the tenets that guide them. Though things have changed in the world as they have graduated year after year, our values remind us of our strengths and lead us forward.

And it all begins here, on this campus, amongst the trees. Here students broaden their minds as they take new courses, engage in dialogue and discussion, serve in the community, and live with their peers. They conduct research with their professors and take leadership roles in campus organizations. They intern, work, and travel to discover what they like, what they don't like, and who they really want to be.

The beginning of anything brings uncertainty, and in our 175th year, we have been looking back at the humble beginnings of this extraordinary College. It's hard to imagine the uncertainty that the four sisters who came to Indiana faced. But they persevered, they moved forward, they planted trees, and embraced that uncertainty, knowing they were rooted in their mission to educate women and serve the needs of the community. They were hopeful, planting trees and values that would grow strong and protect the campus long after they were gone.

In this issue of *Courier*, we explore the foundation and history of Saint Mary's that has empowered women to respond to the needs of the times over the last 175 years. Rooted in our core values, the College has grown in the shadows of the trees, as courses of study have evolved and adapted to the needs of the world, wars have started and ended, political divisiveness has caused turmoil, recession has hit, and yet Saint Mary's has stood strong. 

old soldiers

**Look at this avenue. Do you not love it,
This regiment of trees in ranks of fours
Marching abreast, maples and sycamores?
It is a body-guard a king could covet.
I like its strength, but most, the beauty of it,
And this one thing too mere for metaphors,
Its gray-black-white with winter out-of-doors,
And any winter sky at all above it.**

**There is one austere veteran; you must know him,
That grave, gaunt sycamore, battered and white
And standing stark beneath the blue of noon.
What a fine debt of dignity we owe him!
But wait until you watch him through the night;
Wait till you see him sharp against the moon.**

— Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC

A May Day celebration in front of Holy Cross Hall shows a young Avenue in the background (c. 1906).

If These Halls Could Talk.



The Class of 1955 gathering to sing carols with their stuffed animals.

Living in the dorms of any college is an iconic experience. For most students, it's the first time they have left the comforts of home, which brings a whole new level of independence. And while each will go on to have robust lives far beyond their first experiences at college, the impact of living on campus, the friendships and memories that are formed, often last a lifetime.

For years, we have heard tales of Saint Mary's alumnae and what they best remember about their college experience; memories surface of their time living in Le Mans, Holy Cross, McCandless, Regina, or Opus halls. So we thought we'd ask you all, what are your favorite memories of living on campus? And if these halls could talk, what would they say? Over 120 of you reached out to share stories and here's what you told us ...

Your Most Memorable Moments

'Twas the Night Before Christmas Break

An overwhelming 30 percent of you told us your favorite memory of living in the halls was the night before winter break; you shared tales of the festivities that were traditional for the season. Responses, from the Class of 1958 to the Class of 1984, shared with us how special the season was made by candlelight caroling, the family-style Christmas dinner hosted by the juniors, and the Notre Dame Glee Club singing in the halls.

"I still think of the parade of stuffed animals in Holy Cross the night before we left for Christmas vacation. I also loved the holly and tinsel head pieces we wore for the very elegant Christmas dinner of duck and baked Alaska. I loved having a nun at each table for all of our dinners, and the intelligent conversation she often led with us."

— Kay Christenson Janiszewski '64



Maureen Murphy, Francie Russell, and Jo Lea McNamara (Class of 1968) sing carols before winter break.



Illustrations by Curtis Parker

"As sophomores, we all paraded over all dorms at 5 a.m. the morning of our last day before Christmas break. The sophomore class had spent the last two weeks learning all the Christmas carols by heart. We wore black choir robes, had holly in our hair, and we held small candles and walked dorm to dorm, floor to floor singing. It was magical to wake up the campus that morning. This is my favorite memory of dorm life!"

— Jane Evans Schaffler '68

“Here Come the Irish”

It was a very different time when panty raids were a traditional college experience and Saint Mary’s certainly was not excluded from this bit of Americana. While not quite as wholesome as apple pie at the time, the giddiness experienced by women, men, and the occasional sister perhaps reached a peak at the annual tradition often scheduled the Wednesday night before the first home football game. Imagine (or perhaps remember) the rumble traveling from Notre Dame to Saint Mary’s as hundreds of men made their way from across the street. Women, ranging from confused to excited, would toss their panties out the windows and doors to eager students from Notre Dame.

“Freshman year in Holy Cross Hall, I was only there five weeks when a low drone was heard outside. My roommate and I had no idea what it was until a Holy Cross sister came into the room shouting ‘throw your panties out the windows, throw your panties out the windows.’ We rushed to the windows and saw about 300 Notre Dame students below trying to get into the dorm. At first, I was not going to throw out my brand new lingerie. [But] when two ND students arrived on our floor, I threw out of our door a pretty pink pair and one of the students grabbed them and disappeared as fast as he had arrived. In half an hour, it was all over and we returned to our studies. Phew. That was my first and memorable experience of a ND panty raid.”

— Cherylann Galasso Harrington ’66

“Most Memorable Moment? The Notre Dame boys and the annual spring panty raid symbolized by the raising of a bike up the flagpole. The South Bend Police pretended to give a hoot by blaring their sirens, as the girls threw underwear out the windows. Sister Immaculate guarded the doors from invasion with a fire extinguisher — Cute!”

— Patti Theisen Moye ’67



Lights Out!

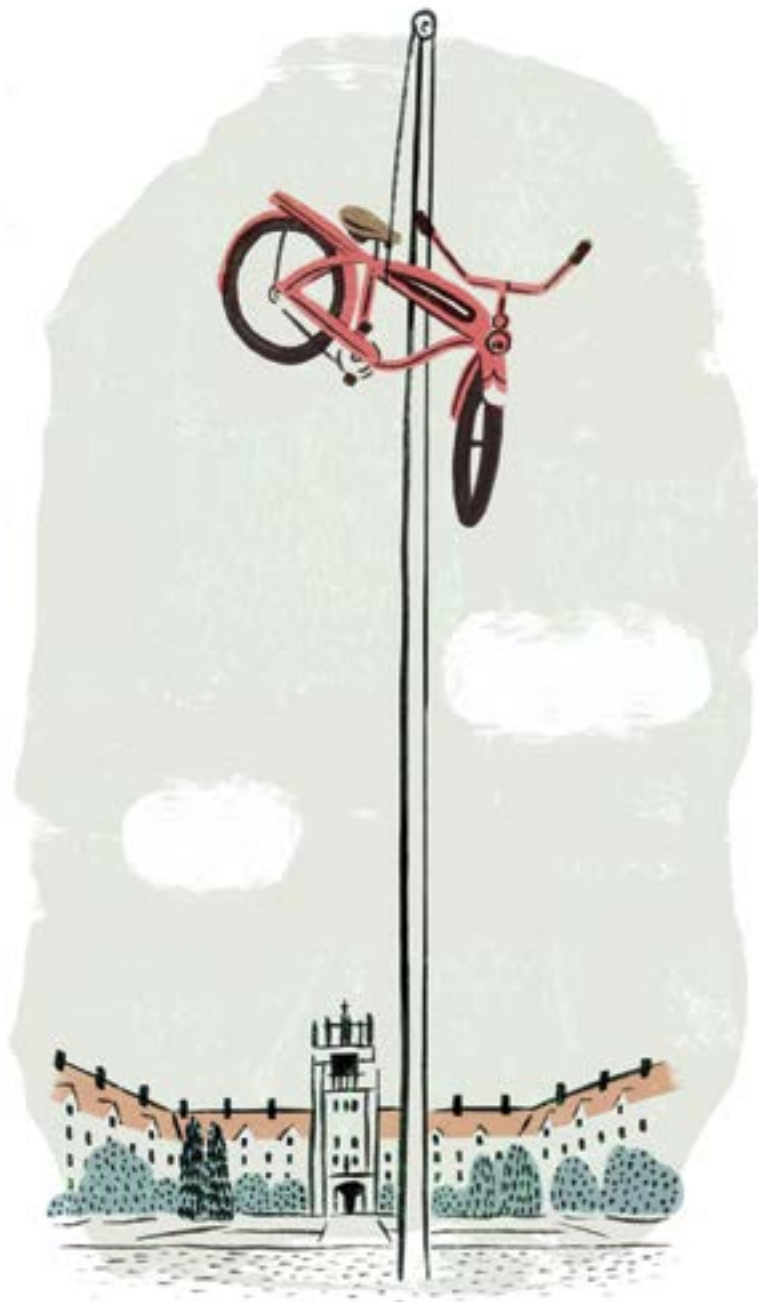
While current students can relate to quiet hours, the thoughts of “lights out” and hallways being patrolled by nuns is part of a distant past that probably seems incomprehensible by today’s standards. But that was the case for so many of you as you shared late nights of studying that occurred in your closets of all places!

“When we were freshmen the lights had to be off by 10:30 p.m. We still had electricity so we hid in the closet to study. We had glass windows in our doors so we were always afraid some nun would catch us. (The ND students had all their electricity turned off except in the bathrooms.)”

— Sandy Graham Bartlett ’61

“I was in a room with 4 other young women, so we had a long narrow closet. Lights out as I recall were at 10 p.m. and of course I needed to type a lengthy paper which was due the following day. So into the closet I went, with towels stuffed at the base of the door to keep the light in, just in case a sister came around checking as she frequently did. Seems like she made her rounds every night. I was able to ‘safely’ complete my paper and as I recall, get a bit of sleep, too. Wish I could recall the grade on it!”

— Donna Goodus Quinn ’62



Phones in the Hall, in the Rooms, and Back in the Hall

The luxury of phones has certainly progressed over the decades. Ironically, the students of today barely “talk” on the phones that now fit easily into their pockets — instead they rely on social media and text threads to communicate. But there was a time in which budding romances, family bonds, and the delivery of important information all took place on a single telephone that sat at the end of the hall. What a time it was when phones were installed in each room. The amount of access and privacy must have been liberating! Ironically, you again took to the hallways with long phone cords for privacy.

“In our freshman year, there were (if I remember correctly) seven of us named Mary Ellen. I don’t know how it is now, but back then, the phones were in the hall, and when someone answered and called out for Mary Ellen, many heads popped out for the call.”

— Mary Ellen Carroll Convery ’61

“One vivid memory I have of Regina Hall (1980) is how the telephone was mounted to the wall [of our rooms] and it had an unusually-long cord. On any given night, the floors would be full of freshman girls talking on the floor, not in their rooms, but out in the hallway. A double ring signaled it was an off campus call and there was usually much excitement for those calls.”

— Roseann O’Hara ’84



Class of 1996 friends pictured from left, Megan Bruchas Brunson, Kristen Ross O’Connor, and Kelly Kilmer-Mullagh.

Friendships That Last Forever

“... When I look back at my time there, I remember hanging out in that [dorm] room ... getting to know strangers that would become friends, that would become sisters.”

That is how **Lauren Zyber ’17** sums up her first year in McCandless. A common thread to all the stories were of the lasting friendships and meaningful connections made between students. Many of you met as strangers but formed bonds that are unbreakable regardless of the number of years that continue to pass.

“Most memorable by far was freshman year in Queens Court. Little did I know I would be meeting some of my closest friends to this day in that tiny hallway. On our freshman move-in day, I met my roommate, and our neighbor across the hall came over to borrow something out of my tool box. My roommate has been my best friend for 27+ years and my neighbor across the hall is one of my closest friends. They are truly two of the best things that happened to me at Saint Mary’s.”

— Kelly Kilmer-Mullagh ’96



Maggie Oldham Adams ’07 (left) and Dana Christiano Dearth ’07 the day they met and moved in to Queen’s Court in Le Mans.

“I was in a quint (Holy Cross 338) my first year. On the day we all arrived on campus, we ventured to Notre Dame that evening and met a group of guys who would become our friends for the next four years. Later that evening as we were all in bed and the lights were out, my roommate Ann Marie Calacci said, ‘I can’t believe I just met you guys today!’ Some 44 years later I can still hear her voice in my head. It was true, in less than 24 hours, the five of us had become a family ... and remain one today.”

— Linda Kawecki ’79

“Our favorite memory was laying on our beds flipping through the ‘Freshman Register’ (aka ‘The Dog Book!’) and the occasional prank call from the dorm wall phone. We had never met before (we were randomly assigned) and we ended up rooming together all four years of college (3 years in Le Mans!) and we were each other’s maid of honor in our weddings.”

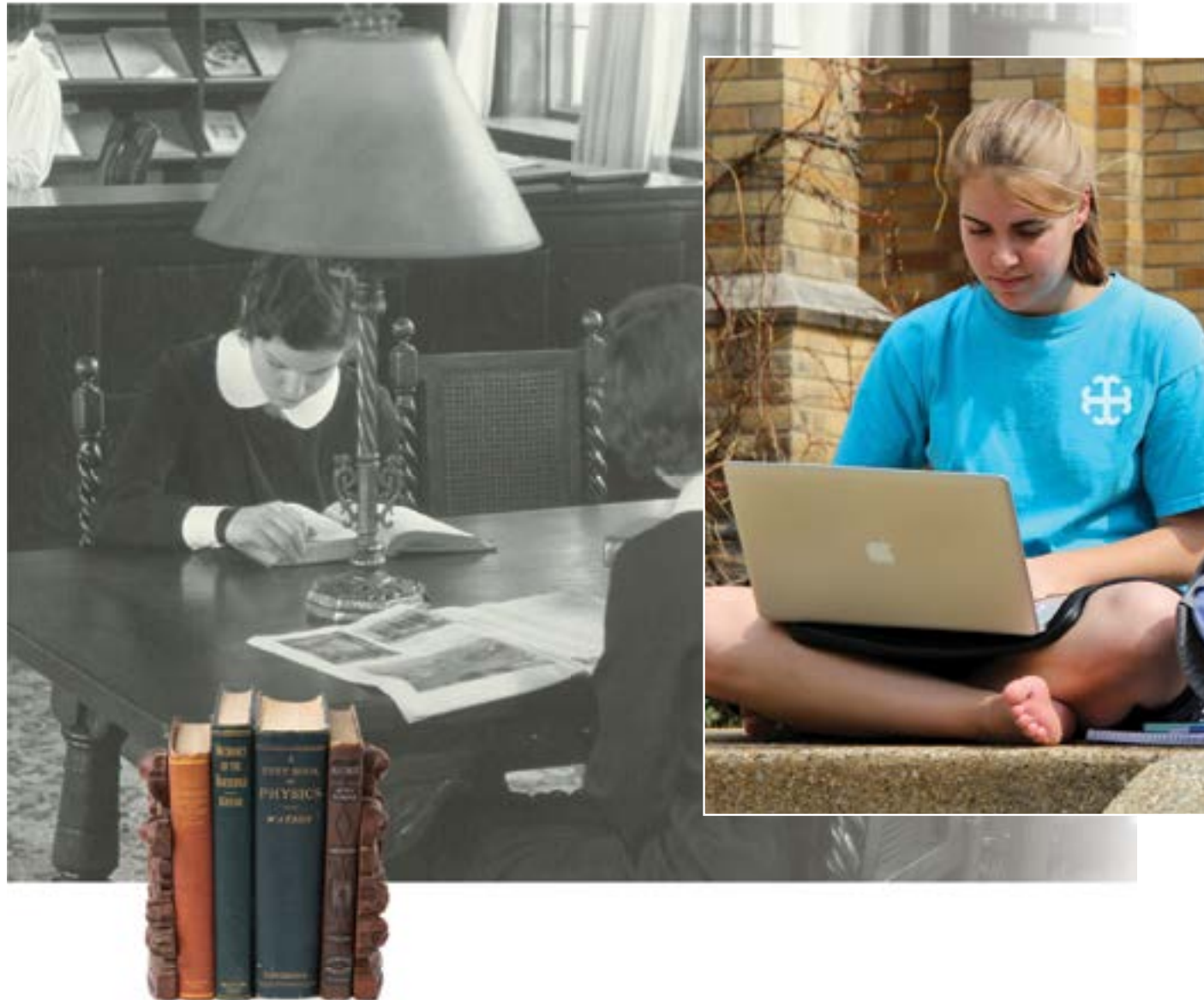
— Maggie Oldham Adams ’07



Visit saintmarys.edu/Courier for many more fun memories and photos.

Evolution of Academics

“The education given at Saint Mary’s is of the most practical and comprehensive character. It is intended to train the heart as well as the mind, to form women who will not only grace society with their accomplishments but honor and edify it by their virtues ... The course of studies is as extensive and thorough as long experience in teaching and a creditable staff of teachers can make it.”
— *Mother Pauline*



Mother Pauline’s words ring true today. Saint Mary’s women, over the course of their four years, leave with a better sense of who they are and how they want to contribute to the world. An education rooted in the liberal arts tradition has benefitted women for 175 years. It is through the classroom rigor, service in the community, prayer, and friendships that they become more assured women, ready to take on the world’s needs, prepared for a diverse and ever-changing workforce.

A commitment to educating women is at the core of Saint Mary’s, by offering students opportunities in an empowering environment where they can grow and gain confidence. That’s why when faced with the decision to merge or not merge with the University of Notre Dame in 1971, Saint Mary’s decided to remain independent. The following year Title IX was passed in the United States and served as a reminder that women were still not recognized as equal. And although Saint Mary’s had been educating women for 128 years at that point, they still faced discrimination in our nation and were not offered opportunities that men were. The College’s mission of educating women to make a difference in the world was wholly relevant then, and still is today.

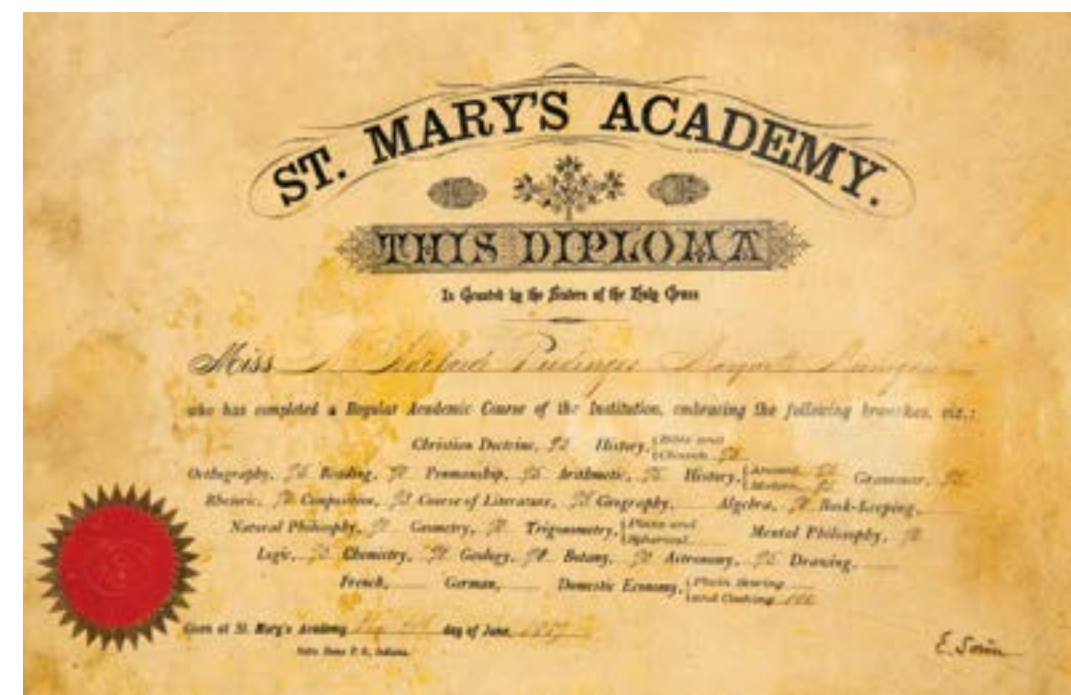
Today we still see women facing discrimination and injustice, and although it may manifest differently than in 1860 or 1970, the College has adapted and responded to the needs of women over time. Initially students could major in home economics and

philosophy, and now the College has just added neuroscience, a course of study with three concentrations: neurobiology, neuropsychology, and cognitive neuroscience.

Taking an interdisciplinary and applied approach, College leaders have always sought to raise women’s voices and help them develop the confidence through coursework and research to take on any problem. It’s why the College established a nursing program that emphasizes the whole patient, taught some of the first undergraduate courses in theology, implemented graduate programs when they saw a need, and continually brings on exceptional faculty to nurture students on their journey.

In 1899, the College hired the first physical education instructor, a nod to emphasis on teaching the whole student — mind, body, and spirit. And, at the beginning of the twentieth century, Saint Mary’s was officially recognized by the State of Indiana as a baccalaureate degree-granting institution.

In 1904, the College developed a degree program in pharmacy. And six years later, Mary Callahan, director of athletics, started a class in auto mechanics using the Studebaker chassis as the guinea pig. She took a crash course at the Studebaker plant, and a chassis was donated by Studebaker president A.R. Erskine. Instruction was given by Miss Callahan and John Seibert, the College chauffeur. In addition to theoretical instruction, driving lessons were also available.



The 1889 diploma of **Adelaide Riedinger** signed by Father Edward Sorin, CSC.

The pharmacy program ended in 1930 as demand waned when other schools opened similar programs for women. But a new program was introduced and reigned for nearly 25 years, a freshman course in the Trivium, a combination of rhetoric, logic, and grammar. Sister Miriam Joseph Rauh, CSC established the course in 1935, and developed a text combining into one course in the three arts from an interdisciplinary approach. Alumnae say that whatever else they have forgotten of their education, they will never forget the Trivium.

That same year the Trivium course was launched, Saint Mary's became one of the first colleges in the country and the first in Indiana to establish a baccalaureate degree program in nursing. Initially a five-year program, it was directed by Sister Maria Amadeo, CSC, and remains one of the College's most in-demand four-year programs today.

Continuing to pioneer education for women, in 1943 Saint Mary's College established the first program in the United States to confer graduate degrees for women in theology. Under the leadership of Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC, Saint Mary's was the only institution — for more than a decade — to offer this opportunity to women religious and laypeople. Some of the first female theologians in the US were educated at Saint Mary's. As the graduate school was growing, in 1946 Saint Mary's also became the first women's college in the US to offer theology as a regular undergraduate major.

Less than a decade later, legendary Bruno Schlesinger established the Christian Culture Program, which is now the Department of Humanistic Studies. Combining multiple topics such as history,



literature, art, philosophy, and religion into one major allowed students to embrace the rich and complex ways in which all disciplines overlap and influence each other.

Another graduate program began in 1965 for a co-ed master's in education. That same year a co-exchange program was established with Notre Dame, which allowed students to take classes across the street and vice versa. Although the education graduate program was phased out a couple years later, men from Notre Dame can and still do take undergraduate classes at Saint Mary's in the education department.

Encouraging a global mindset and education, it was in 1970 that the College opened a campus in the center of historic Rome. To expand student's learning outside of the classroom, this memorable, life-changing experience is still one of the most popular study abroad programs. Business administration and psychology were also added to the College's academic offerings in 1970.

In 1991 the College began awarding Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) grants to support student-faculty collaboration and original research. The early teams looked at tourism in Hawaii, the neuropsychology of driving ability, original drawings of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and Sister Madeleva's legacy, which resulted in Gail Mandell's *Madeleva: A Biography*. As the College celebrated 150 years in 1994, the Center for Academic Innovation (CAI) was endowed to nourish the intellectual life of Saint Mary's by providing faculty development and student enrichment programs.

Although Saint Mary's and its faculty are ahead of the curve with their academic offerings, students have always been encouraged to

chart their own course. In 1993 the student-designed major was formalized, which allowed students to cross disciplinary lines and combine courses in a variety of subjects.

As the academic landscape changed and advanced degrees are required for many professions, Saint Mary's launched three graduate programs open to both women and men in 2015: doctor of nursing practice, master of science in data science, and master of science in speech language pathology. Expanding those offerings in the 175th year, Saint Mary's added a master of autism studies program, the first of its kind that involves an interdisciplinary approach.

It is through the commitment to students and through listening to their passions and interests that curriculum has been developed. With our faculty as experts in their fields, they forecast new areas of study and seek student input. One example is the Five-Year Dual Degree in Engineering Program with Notre Dame, which

for more than ten years has offered students the opportunity to become a well-rounded engineer with a liberal arts background.

Continuing to chart the needs and interests of students in the coming years will be incredibly important, as the number of high school students is falling from 15.4 million students in 2022 to 14.3 million students in 2028. The College has always been good at responding to the needs of the world by asking where are women needed and how do we educate them to take on those complex problems and needs? The College continues to adapt by offering remote learning graduate programs and combined accelerated degree programs to become more widely accessible. Although Saint Mary's will remain a residential, undergraduate women's college, these offerings, which include graduate programs for both women and men, help to further the mission. Looking forward, the words of Mother Pauline root us and guide us to "train the heart as well as the mind" for many years to come. 🍷



Timeline: 175 Years

It's interesting to watch the changes of a tree in a landscape. Over time, it grows to provide shade or matures to yield fruit — each year ticked off by the changes that occur with the passing of seasons. If a tree is felled, we see that the growth rings mark the time passed and tell the tree's own story. Some rings will show years of solid growth, indicated by thick bands of color while others indicate trauma or drought. Still they pile on, like the minute hand on a clock, consistently tracking history.

We don't often think about time as it exists long before us and well after. But the trees mark each passing year on the campus of Saint Mary's and quietly watch the College grow. Small trees planted in 1856 tower above students today and line The Avenue that leads them home. The development of buildings, introduction of academic programs, and advancements in research also track the passage of time. As we take a look at the history of Saint Mary's and examine the "rings" — we see that the College has matured and yielded the tremendous fruits of labor that had such humble beginnings.



1856

First trees are planted on The Avenue.

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1882

The Sisters of the Holy Cross, students, and alumnae helped to gift the statue of the Virgin Mary that sits atop the golden dome at Notre Dame.



1899

The first long distance message telegraph in the US was successfully transmitted in Morse code from Notre Dame to Saint Mary's on April 18.



1907

An apple orchard was felled to make way for Lake Marian. Before the fountain was installed, Lake Marian was used for recreation like ice skating and boating.



1915

An astronomical observatory, a structure of brick, concrete, and steel, with an 18-foot dome housing the six-inch equatorial telescope mounted for electric power was built. During World War II the observatory was used for special training by naval units from Notre Dame.



1922

The Avenue was paved, with sidewalks added in 1931.



1924

The cornerstone of Le Mans Hall is laid. Nearly 700 guests at Reunion attended the ceremony and the hall opened the following year.



1935

Saint Mary's College became one of the first colleges in the country and the first in Indiana to establish a baccalaureate degree program in nursing. The five-year program was directed by Sister Maria Amadeo, CSC.



1927

First issue of *Courier* is published.



1969

A 2.5 mile trail and nature area was established under the direction of biology professor George Bick to commemorate the 125th anniversary and for research usage by biology students and faculty.

1942

Sister Madeleva established the School of Sacred Theology for laypeople and religious women, offering master's degrees and PhDs. The school closed in 1970 as existing graduate theology programs in the United States were beginning to accept women students.

1948

Sister Madeleva implemented policy to integrate the College. Carmelita Desobrey Walton, the first African American student, applied and was admitted. Later Sister Madeleva established the Martin de Porres Scholarship for minority students.



1974

Sister Teresa of Calcutta spoke in O'Laughlin Auditorium.



1954

Science Hall was constructed to house the growing programs in the sciences. The building doubled in size with renovations from 1985-87 and was modernized with a \$10 million update completed in 2017.



*"We promise you discovery:
the discovery of yourselves,
the discovery of the universe,
and your place in it."*

— Sister Madeleva M. Wolff, CSC

A Saint Mary's graduation medal belonging to Mary Anne Dolan from the Class of 1915 is inscribed on the back with her name and majors of history and economics. The Latin phrase *In Hoc Signo Vinces* translates to "In This Sign Thou Shalt Conquer."



2004

Carol Ann Mooney '72 became the first lay alumna president of the College.



2015

Saint Mary's College launched three graduate programs open to both women and men; doctorate of nursing practice, master of science in data science, and master of science in speech language pathology.



2016

Saint Mary's was awarded its first patent for a paper-based tool that can screen for counterfeit ingredients in pharmaceuticals.



Commitments That Will Endure

By Donna Fischman

One hundred and seventy-five years ... It's impossible to look back on such a grand anniversary without asking *"What's next?"* And I couldn't think of anyone better to discuss this question with than Interim President Nancy Nekvasil. For 35 years, "Dr. N" has shared her infectious passion for Saint Mary's College. But it's her understanding of our future that is perhaps the most inspiring of all.

"You don't get to be 175 years old without remaining relevant," she opened, "and that is what we must continue to do for the next 175 years." She immediately clarified that adapting to the times doesn't mean you change who you are. Instead, it's the ability to remain true to our roots and core values that keeps the College on course.

In the late 1800s, it wasn't easy for a woman to receive a college education. While today that is not entirely the same, we can't deny that men still dominate many fields, especially in math and science. Yet all this time, we have been educating women in uncommon topics and providing opportunities for them to enter fields of study that otherwise wouldn't be available. As part of this mission, the Sisters of the Holy Cross always made sure new technologies, inspiring artists, and compassionate leaders were readily available to Saint Mary's students, and it's the same today.

"The National Literary Festival we held this fall is a perfect example of providing our students with access — access to experience, to voices, and to leaders in their fields." Nekvasil explained that the inspiration to host the festival came from words of Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC, and her understanding that we always need to broaden our awareness and cultivate the mind with voices from the larger world of thinkers. "This vision and this drive lives in Saint Mary's today and must continue to be a part of our future."

Saint Mary's will always remain a Catholic college providing a strong, liberal arts education to undergraduate women. As a writer for the College, I spend a lot of time thinking about that identity and I believe it is our Catholic heritage that makes us so strong. I've always appreciated Moreau's guiding principle that "the mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart" and you don't have to spend much time with Interim President Nekvasil to know that she understands this vision and has inculcated it into her three and a half-decade tenure.



“The way we educate the mind over time will change, but what will stay the same is the way we educate the whole student.”


— Interim President
Nancy P. Nekvasil

"The way we educate the mind over time will change, but what will stay the same is that we educate the whole student," Nekvasil discusses. "We have to nurture all aspects of our students — mind, body, and spirit — at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. This is how you develop prepared, faith-filled graduates who fully discover their place in the world."

Our conversation continues on the importance of Catholic Intellectual Tradition and Catholic Social Teachings and how they are so beautifully woven into the tapestry of Saint Mary's undergraduate and graduate programs. These principles will always be timeless — to us and the world — and by following them, the College, too, shall remain relevant.

"Saint Mary's future is very bright. There has never been a better time to be an institution that educates undergraduate women and graduate women and men, helps them discover their voices, and then stands beside them as they go out and into the world. It was important 175 years ago and will never lose its importance." Nekvasil is incredibly passionate about our faculty and talks about the unique strengths they bring to the College and share with their students. She lights up as she talks about the students, and how mature and thoughtful they are. And then peaks as she shares the personal encounters she has had this past year with the alumnae she has visited. "They're all amazing — faculty, students, alumnae — they really are incredible," she shares.

Our conversation closes as Interim President Nekvasil pauses to share her final thoughts. "We remain strong because we're true to our Catholic roots, and we remain relevant as we investigate and adapt to the world around us. Saint Mary's will be here for another 175 years and so many more because we understand that is our nature, that is our calling."

My conversation with Nekvasil left me confident about the future of the College and how it will continue to evolve and adapt to the needs of both women and men in the world. I also know that we simply could not have had a better leader during this period to help spread this message and support the continuation of the incredible work being done at and by Saint Mary's College. 



ALUMNAE DEATHS

1944
Blanche McHugh Collins
Betty Guillaume Fay

August 20, 2019
May 29, 2019

1946
Lenora Finley Alter

July 8, 2019

1949
Lorraine Milewski Fredlake
Mary Louise Kelly Sullivan

August 20, 2019
August 4, 2019

1950
Kathryn Scott O'Hara
Mary Joellen Pence

September 13, 2019
July 10, 2019

1951
Margaret Schrock Mooney
Grace Theresa Newrock

October 30, 2018
August 22, 2019

1952
Joice Hayden-Cating
Mary McGlinn Nothdurft
Elizabeth Martin Smith

September 15, 2018
April 5, 2019
December 27, 2018

1953
Catherine Germano Koscielski
Loretta Riley Lambert
Mary Maher Stablein

August 22, 2019
June 4, 2019
October 21, 2019

1954
Audrey Weber Decker
Susan Whalen Heyer
Denyse Donovan Moore
Patricia Fagan Reid
Barbara Mooney Wittgen

June 11, 2019
September 4, 2019
November 13, 2018
July 28, 2018
October 26, 2019

1955
Elise Torczynski

June 21, 2019

1956
Mary Ann Miller Jacob
Kathleen Brennan Mikula

July 14, 2019
June 27, 2019

1957
Margaret M. Balfe
Shirley A. Chiavetta
Viola Kovacs Fischer
Connie Connors Hunt

June 28, 2019
February 13, 2019
July 28, 2019
April 21, 2019

1958
Barbara Kluth Harrigan
Kathryn Kramper Massey
Rosemary Harte Schierl

October 14, 2019
July 24, 2019
June 2, 2019

1959
Mary Ann Feeney DeWitt

June 13, 2019

1961
Rosemary Boughal Benchik
Diane Laughlin Spielvogel
Mary Cotter Whelahan

October 8, 2019
July 28, 2019
September 10, 2019

1963
Mary Catherine Howard Lind

June 25, 2018

1964
Janet Walton Gisleson
Mary Ann Hansman Troutman
Sister Grace Watson, CSC

August 1, 2019
August 24, 2019
August 14, 2019

1967
Cecelia Ruppert Barkley

August 9, 2019

1969
Sandy Rechtsteiner McKew

July 18, 2019

1970
Diane de Manbey Duebber

June 20, 2019

1971
Sarah Bird

August 25, 2019

1972
Jacquelyn Stephens Krause
Mary Jane (MJ) Weber

August 23, 2019
March 27, 2019

1978
Christine Gaffney Taylor

July 22, 2019

1979
Dorothy G. Dyer
Donna Cordiano Hannick

September 19, 2019
June 1, 2019

1983
Alma C. McInnis

February 27, 2012

FAMILY DEATHS

Ethel Adamo, mother of Concetta M. Adamo '85 and Janine Adamo Below '87, September 28, 2019.

Richard Anter, husband of Camille Arrieh Anter '76, brother-in-law of Michele Arrieh Nassif '75 and Danielle Arrieh Flaherty '81, June 20, 2019.

Thomas Armstrong, father of Ellen Armstrong Bellemore '81 and Anne Armstrong Amick '83, June 9, 2019.

Lionel Baldwin, father of Diane Baldwin Troup '81, uncle of Kathleen Cullen Holm '79 and Colleen Cullen Akers '81, great uncle of Therese Cullen McGovern '05, brother-in-law of Muriel Flanagan Cullen Argen '53, June 26, 2019.

James Barry, father of Mariellen Barry Roeder '89, August 13, 2019.

John Belfiore, husband of Betty Benford Belfiore '59, brother-in-law of Barbara Benford Trafficanda '59, uncle of Carmella Trafficanda Hurlbut '86, October 13, 2019.

Michael Birk, husband of Cynthia Jaskiewicz Birk '82, July 25, 2019.

Carol Blair, mother of Lisa Blair '92, August 3, 2019.

William Boyle, father of Courtney Boyle Carter '03, July 10, 2019.

Anne Bukovic, mother of Joann Bukovic Wess '64, July 2, 2019.

John Bulger, father of Eileen Bulger Molloy '79, October 21, 2019.

Kathleen Burke, mother of Jennifer Burke Harris '89, November 3, 2019.

Laurence Burns, father of Laura Burns Gaffney '89, August 19, 2019.

John Edward Carey, brother of Pamela Carey Batz '70 and Elizabeth Carey Kish '78, uncle of Carolyn Batz McGee '05, Catherine Ardath Batz '12, and Anne Marie Kish '21, September 19, 2019.

Robert Chandler, husband of Mary K. Sheehan Chandler '57, March 17, 2019.

Yoong Ching Cheah, father of JenYeng Cheah '87 and Susan S. Cheah '90, August 6, 2019.

Joseph Cosgrove, husband of Linda Arce Cosgrove '89, July 2, 2019.

Therese DeMarco, mother of Jennifer DeMarco New '11, June 26, 2019.

John Peter Devona, son of Virginia Werner Devona '67, June 13, 2019.

Rosemary Diamond, mother of Sheila M. Diamond '82, Erin Diamond O'Sullivan '83, and Brigid Diamon Hansen '90, grandmother of Nora Therese O'Sullivan '10, Bridget E. Enright '16, and Gabriela Diamond '18, August 19, 2019.

William Dillon, husband of Carol Guendling Dillon '51, September 18, 2019.

Lee Doerr, husband of Judith Rauenhorst Doerr '74, stepfather of Anne Mahoney Deanovic '05, August 1, 2019.

Norbert Dolniak, stepfather of Kimber Podemski Stone '00, June 23, 2019.

Rex Eckert, father of Holly Eckert Belzowski '05, October 19, 2019.

James Falvey, father-in-law of Jane E. Akalaitis Falvey '87, October 7, 2019.

Mary Alyce Ferstel, mother of Mary Beth Ferstel Strotman '83, March 30, 2019.

William Flick, father of Meghan Flick Schmelzer '05, January 11, 2019.

Thomas Flood, father of Erin Flood Brennan '83, Sheila Eileen Flood '86, and Patricia C. Flood Gallahue '90, April 7, 2019.

Richard Grontkowski, father of Michaeleen Grontkowski Lewinski '82, October 4, 2019.

Frederic Hogan, husband of Mary Beth Barry Hogan '69, brother-in-law of Kathleen Barry Daigler '71, August 9, 2019.

Mikel Huelsmann, husband of Kathy Henken Huelsmann '83, father of Ellen Elizabeth Huelsmann '11, July 12, 2019.

Meredith Cora Hurley, grandmother of Meredith Hurley Beachler '92, July 21, 2019.

Jack Katona, father of Kathi Katona Agostino '95, June 19, 2019.

John Keenan, father of Mary Beth Keenan Gorrell '74 and Kathleen Keenan Burns '76, August 9, 2019.

James Kelly, husband of Cathie Coleman Kelly '68, father of Margaret Kelly Fuentes '98, September 11, 2019.

Delores Kerr, mother of Traci Kerr Hall '92, September 17, 2019.

Robert Kilcullen, husband of Kathryn Hall Kilcullen '59, August 24, 2019.

William Killilea, father of Karen Killilea Wuszke '87 and Kathryn Killilea Lindenman '91, September 22, 2019.

Mary Kloska, mother of Kathleen Kloska Diltz '81 and Elizabeth Kloska Kearney '83, grandmother of Mary Frances Kearney '13, aunt of Theresa Kloska Thomas '85, Cheryl Kloska Murphy '86, Karen Kloska Swick '88, and Lisa Lynn Marino '91, June 13, 2019.

Janis Kryszczuk, mother of Laura Kryszczuk Popielski '95, August 11, 2019.

James Lamb, husband of Martha Risher Davis Lamb '59, September 11, 2019.

Shirley Lesniak, grandmother of Alexandria Nicole Charter '15, September 11, 2019.

Carl Liebscher, husband of Mary Garside Liebscher '50, father of Mary Fran Liebscher Stopulos '76 and Elizabeth Liebscher Scott '78, October 20, 2019.

George Lombard, father of Karen Virginia Lombard '87 and Sheila Lombard Drda '91, grandfather of Jennifer Lombard Kibbon '03, uncle of Gertrude Landsfield Lyons '87, June 4, 2019.

Timothy Malloy, husband of Patricia Smid Malloy '69, uncle of Martha Smid Cosgrove '09, September 3, 2019.

Bill Markham, husband of Vivian Tuerk Markham '52, September 14, 2019.

William Maus, father of Elizabeth A. Maus '81, July 8, 2019.

Brian McClowry, father of Erin McClowry Puzzella '09, Megan Elizabeth McClowry '10, Kari Anne McClowry '13, and Anna Marie McClowry '18, brother-in-law of Michelle Silkowski Hackett '88, August 20, 2019.

Joan McKenna, mother of Suzanne McKenna Sullivan '76, Karen Ann McKenna Sullivan '77, and Mary McKenna Dowdle '86, aunt of Maura McKenna Salter '90, mother-in-law of Mary Nash McKenna '80, July 20, 2019.

Colette McNichols, mother of Nancy McNichols Newell '72, May 19, 2019.

Daniel Meert, grandfather of Jillian Nicole Meert '13 and Kelsey Lauren Meert '14, June 29, 2019.

Timothy Meinken, husband of Anne M. Giere '79, May 23, 2019.

Ernest Menold, grandfather of Julia Menold Geisler '10, August 6, 2019.

Kenneth Michaels, stepfather of Renae Wozniak Frigo '96 and Amanda Wozniak Hirsch '98, July 28, 2019.

Frank Miller, father of Mary Miller Reid '73, June 6, 2019.

Mary Carroll Nicholson, mother of Kathleen Nicholson Webber '86, September 12, 2018.

William O'Loughlin, father of Amy O'Loughlin Courtney '97, brother of Mary Ann O'Loughlin Szydowski '57, uncle of Diane Cueny Chimko '81, July 23, 2019.

Patricia Olvany, mother of Patricia Olvany Hodson '74, August 22, 2019.

Donald Orth, husband of Kathleen Quinlan Orth '63, uncle of Caroline Quinlan Kappel '97, brother-in-law of Victoria Quinlan '70, July 23, 2019.

Robert Pearce, husband of Carol Artis Pearce '52, February 2, 2019.

Alan Pinado, husband of Patricia LaCour Pinado '58, October 6, 2019.

David Piser, father-in-law of Jessica Stuifbergen Piser '99, October 22, 2019.

Floyd Prando, father of Carla Prando Domenici '92, May 7, 2019.

Thomas Purcell, father of Ellen Purcell Hood '80 and Anne Purcell Bufalino '82, October 8, 2019.

Theodore Purvin, grandfather of Julie Scully Tucek '92, September 26, 2019.

Francis Raven, father of Ann Raven McCarthy '82 and Mary Raven Mansmann '88, September 12, 2019.

Alice Roman, mother of Barbara Roman Walsh '72, grandmother of Kelly Roman Ganter '97 and Kara Anne Roman '04, May 5, 2019.

James Rost, father of Alice Rost Kecseg '77 and Jeanette Rost Staiger '83, July 22, 2019.

Kathleen Rost, mother of Mary Rost Gorecki '78, Therese Rost Brown '80, and Jean Rost Collage '82, grandmother of Therese Gorecki Vicory '15, June 4, 2019.

Elizabeth N. Scheurer, mother of Elizabeth S. Scheurer '79, December 6, 2018.

Patrick Sheehan, brother of Mary K. Sheehan Chandler '57, grandfather of Bridget Regina Sitko '17, cousin of Nancy Drew Sheehan '64, July 27, 2019.

John Sheehy, husband of Joan Galligan Sheehy '58, father of Margaret Eileen Sheehy '88, September 11, 2019.

Leo Sobieralski, husband of Clare Reising Sobieralski '86, October 4, 2019.

Kathleen Sweet, mother of Julie Sweet Kryder '95, aunt of Tracy Lei Seese '05, June 27, 2019.

Theodore TePas, husband of Susan Graefe TePas '60, May 28, 2019.

Larry Tinker, husband of Margaret Eichelberger Tinker '63, brother-in-law of Elizabeth Eichelberger McCormick '57, July 30, 2019.

Robert Tomasi, husband of Dorothy Flaum Tomasi '67, March 6, 2019.

Mildred Ulicny, mother of Maureen A. Ulicny '82, October 10, 2019.

Paul Vanderheyden, father of Judy Vanderheyden Adamo '79, September 4, 2019.

Raymond Whelahan, husband of Mary Cotter Whelahan '61, father of Katherine Whelahan Schwab '84, June 23, 2019.

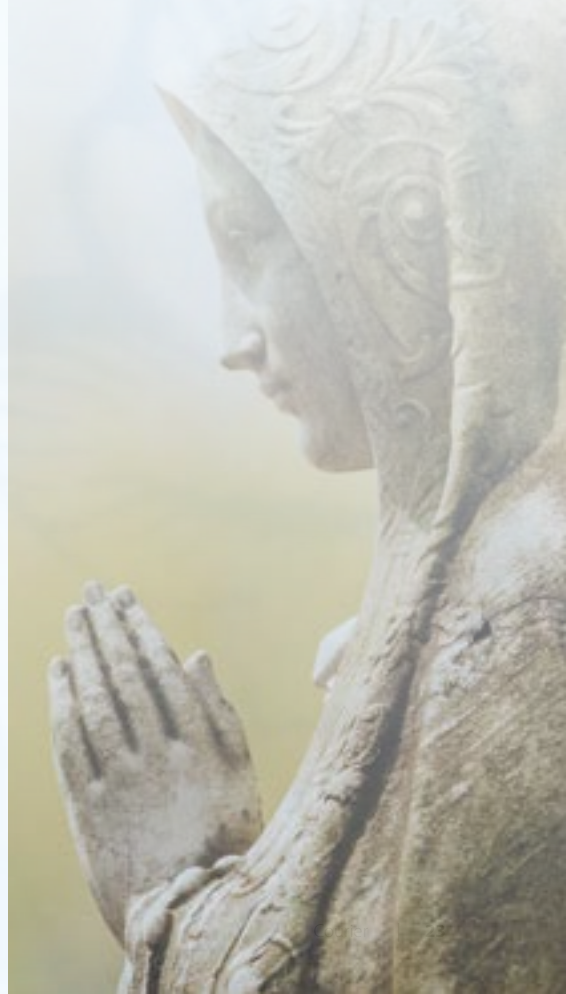
Brett Wieber, brother of Sarah Marie Wieber '07, June 23, 2019.

Evelyn Wilson, mother of Leslie F. Wilson '76 and Jenni Lynn Wilson '86, October 5, 2019.

Thomas York, brother-in-law of Denise DeBartolo York '72, July 17, 2019.

Joseph Zappia, brother of Mary Zappia Stanton '53, September 18, 2019.

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



Central Virginia/Richmond

The Central Virginia/Richmond Club hosted a gathering of regional alums in April in historic Shockhoe Bottom to cheer on **Kathryn Schwillie '74** for her talk and book signing for her terrific novel: *What Luck This Life*. We welcomed new alums to the area as well. We look forward to a holiday gathering. **Mary Ellen Stumpf '74**, contact area representative (804) 402-2511.

Chicago West

Saint Mary's College welcomed 29 young women from our club area into the Class of 2023. In August, the club hosted a freshmen send-off party at the home of **Patty Piercy Cushing '90** in Naperville. Ten of the new Belles and their parents attended and enjoyed fantastic camaraderie as they prepared to start their college careers. Juniors **Maeve Filbin '21**, **Maddie Hopek '21**, and **Patty Scheltens '21** joined us to answer all the girls' questions about this new and exciting experience. Thank you to Patty and her husband Dan for hosting and to the alums who attended and shared their SMC memories. All the best to the Class of 2023!

In lieu of our monthly book discussion, a "no reading required" evening of good food and conversation was enjoyed in July at Cooper's Hawk in Naperville. It was fun to catch up with fellow alumnae and welcome some new faces as well. Thank you to **Joanne Marsh '69** for organizing!



Front row, left to right: **Patty Scheltens '21**, **Grace Reid '23**, **Elizabeth Gerth '23**, **Maura Doyle '23**, **Grace Marcheselli '23**, **Leslie Lynch '23**. Second row: **Fiona Connelly '23**, **Peyton Buss '23**, **Trinity Marshall '23**, **Grace Benak '23**, **Reese Allen '23**. Back row: **Maeve Filbin '21**, **Maddie Hopek '21**.

On a personal note, cheers to **Joanne Marsh '69** as she celebrates her 50th wedding anniversary in September! Best wishes to Joanne and husband Ed for many more happy years ahead!

Cincinnati

The 2019 send-off held at the home of **Kate Carroll '00** was a wonderful evening honoring our current and new Saint Mary's College students headed to campus to start the 2019-20 school year. As usual, it was a great way for Belles to connect and reconnect over delicious food and refreshments while sharing stories of our time in college.



2019 SMC freshmen and returning student send-off, August 11, 2019 at the home of **Kate Carroll** in Loveland. Front center (left to right), rising freshmen **Brianna Sloan '23** and **Elle Soller '23**, with rising junior **Paige Finley '21**.

Cleveland

The spring and summer have been busy for the Club of Cleveland. In the spring, we assembled and sent care packages to the current SMC students for finals. We included all sorts of goodies that the students love! Thank you to everyone for your donations. In July, the group gathered at Maggie's Place, a safe house for pregnant and new mothers. We participated in a Saturday of Service by cleaning the house for the new mothers. To wrap up the summer, we gathered in August to send off the current students to South Bend. We enjoyed exchanging stories, meeting parents, and sharing our love for all things Saint Mary's. If you live in the Cleveland area and would like to get involved with the club, please contact Miranda Hoy at moltma01@saintmarys.edu.



Columbus

The Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of Columbus had a great summer and is looking forward to an exciting fall! This summer our club hosted the annual 614 Challenge on June 14 and raised \$1,841.40 for the Erin Gibbon's Memorial Scholarship Fund. We appreciate everyone's donations and are thrilled to be able to provide that needed scholarship for a Belle from central Ohio!

This fall we are looking forward to our monthly book club meetings. If you would like to be involved in the book club, please contact **Marilyn Messick '69** at marilynmessick@gmail.com.

On Thursday, October 3, our club partnered with the women of the Columbus Notre Dame Alumni Association for an evening centered around women's financial wellness with SMC/ND club member and *Forbes'* best-in-state wealth advisor **Kathleen Lach '85**.

If you want to keep up with our club events, please find us on Facebook (Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of Columbus) or email **Colleen Lowry '11** at clowry01@gmail.com to be added to the email listserv.

Dallas

The Alumnae Club of Dallas hosted a send-off for new and current area students at the home of **Tia Barrett Bisignano '70** in August.



Students and alums enjoyed connecting and sharing stories of first-year experiences with each other. Good luck to all Belles! Look for our fall newsletter with membership and event information to include our book club, football watch party, and annual Christmas Mass and dinner on December 8.

Des Moines

The Des Moines Alumnae Club held a Founders' Day event on Friday, November 15. It's our custom to invite a speaker to share the evening with us and this year the Director of Drake University's Harkin Institute was our guest. The Harkin Institute for Public Policy and Citizen Engagement was founded in 2013 and is a nonpartisan public policy research institute that also houses the archives of Iowa Senator Tom Harkin, the author of the landmark ADA bill. True to Senator Harkin's interests and legislative accomplishments, the Institute focuses on informing citizens, inspiring creative cooperation, and catalyzing change on issues of social justice, fairness, and opportunity. We were eager to learn about the Harkin Institute's work in four core focus areas (people with disabilities, retirement security, wellness and nutrition, and labor and employment). The event was held at the home of **Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75** (aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu).

Kim Hermann Darr '82 and **Sarah Sullivan Bigelow '96** will spearhead a service project focused on trafficked women. That project will gear up early in 2020.

Detroit



Front row, left to right: **Julie Fries '52**, **Carol Lee Markley '56**, **Mary Depman '50**. Standing, **Ann Klein '53**, **Bridget Bealin '79**, **Sally McKendry '58**, **Kara O'Leary '89**, **Lurray Bell '63**, **Joan Reddy '56**, **Eleanore Eldred '61**, **Julie Stackpoole '63**.

Georgia

The Georgia Alumnae Club gathered to send the Georgia Belles back to school on Sunday, August 11 at the home of **Francie Quigley '86**. Alumnae in attendance spanned more than 60 years of Saint Mary's history from **Paula Lawton Bevington '58** to **Emma Lewis '19**. We had a lovely afternoon sharing Saint Mary's memories and welcoming our newest members from the Class of 2023.



Upcoming club events include Founders' Day in October, goodie bag stuffing in January, and a Lenten day of reflection in the spring. Georgia alumnae who are not receiving club emails should contact **Gina Parnaby '02** at smcalumsga@gmail.com to update their contact information.

Grand Rapids

Our club enjoyed celebrating the freshmen from our area heading to Saint Mary's this fall during our annual new student send-off. Cathy Glenn Joelson (ND '90) hosted the send-off with a dessert reception at her home on Tuesday, August 6. What a fun night, and we all were excited for **Rebecca Jawahir Sypniewski '93** and her daughter Jane, who will be a freshman this year! The new students were able to get to know each other before they all head down to South Bend, and the alumnae all enjoyed sharing some "old memories" like the "double ring" off-campus phone calls! The young alums were able to share some more "up to date" and "useful" information with the students. Good luck to our new Belles, the Class of 2023!



If you would like more information on the Grand Rapids, MI Club, please contact our president, **Tara Melichar Millar '90**, at tmillar@comcast.net.

Indianapolis

The Indianapolis Alumnae Club hosted its annual first-year send-off on August 8 at the home of Eric and **Tara DeWitt '02**. More than 30 students, parents, alumnae, and friends gathered to welcome the incoming Class of 2023! It was great to see so many faces, both old and new. We wish our Belles all the best as they begin this exciting, new chapter on campus!



Our board is looking for new members! If interested in joining, please email smcindybelles@gmail.com for more information.

Long Island

The Saint Mary's Club of Long Island hosted a student send-off in August and also had a wonderful gathering of alumnae at the East End Winery!



Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Alumnae Club celebrated the 175th anniversary of the College with two events. We hosted Interim President Nancy Nekvasil in the spring and celebrated Founders' Day in the fall. At Founders' Day, our Mass liturgy included selections from the Mass at the Church of Loretto that kicked off the 175th year celebration. We have also successfully begun a book club, meeting for the second time, and reading the Saint Mary's book and others. Check all events and the sale of our last Christmas ornament at saintmaryslaclub.com.

Nashville



On Sunday, August 11, the Nashville Club welcomed several incoming and returning students at our annual student send-off.

We also enjoyed a joint event with the ND Nashville Club on July 13, watching the

Nashville Sounds baseball team play against the New Orleans AAA baseball club.

We are planning a winter and spring event so make sure your email and contact information are up to date with the Alumnae Office. We look forward to the continued growth of Nashville and the Saint Mary's community!

Omaha

On November 7, members of the Omaha Club met at the beautiful home of **Julie Haske Oberlies '87** to discuss the book *The Ninth Hour*, the One Book, One Saint Mary's selection. A very good time was had by all.

If you are interested in learning more about Omaha Club activities, please reach out to **Carrie Koontz Gaines '98** at carriekgaines@gmail.com.

Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh Club has enjoyed sampling many cuisines around the city at the monthly supper club. This laid-back event happens the third Tuesday of every month, in which a new host each month sets the time and location. The group met in August at

an Italian restaurant called *Il Burloni* south of the city. A yummy time was had by all. The Hungarian spot on the northside was everyone's favorite thus far.



We will gather in November for our book club and read *Tony's Wife* by **Adriana Triagani '81**, our favorite Belle author. Be on the lookout for more details.

Finally, the Belles of the Burgh are working on a canned food drive to support some great organizations in the area.

Quad Cities

The Quad Cities alumnae joined the ND Club of the Quad Cities for a joint student send-off on August 3. We enjoyed a wonderful evening meeting both the current and new students from both schools.

San Fran/Bay Area

In July, the SF Bay Area Club attended a lecture at Stanford University titled "The Art, Science, and Adventure of Environmental Storytelling" by Lauren E. Oakes.



Vero Beach/Hutchinson Island Snowbird Club

As more and more of us are flying south for the winter months or making the permanent move, we've decided to organize a Snowbird Alumnae Club for the Vero Beach and Hutchinson Island areas. We have a modest list of alumnae from the area, but to be sure that you're included, please forward your contact info (email address, phone number, address) to **Dawn Parker Santamaria '81**, 2800 N. A1A, PH05, Hutchinson Island, FL 34949, or dawnrsantamaria@gmail.com. We will initially gather together sometime late January 2020 (date, time, location TBD). Looking forward to getting together!

Youngstown/Warren Ohio

The Youngstown/Warren Ohio Club had our annual alumnae mixer and student send-off. We had a great turnout of Belles across many class years!



Pictured: **Allie Greene '08**, **Erica Antonucci Kempe '07**, **Elena Rossi Somers '78**, **Mackenzie Bledsoe '23**, **Kim Simons Cox '93**, **Veronica Vanoverbeke '21**, **Jessica Brinker Foster '08**.

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.

1948

From the *Courier* Office

Mary Kay Gaido Werner '90 attended her son Patrick's graduation from Marquette and while there she met a woman from the SMC Class of 1948. She's sad her class is no longer represented in *Courier*. So daughter **Jackie Ann Werner '16** and Mary Kay took a picture with her and sent it along. Her name is **Frances Delahunty Stengel '48**.



Jackie Ann Werner '16 with Frances Delahunty Stengel '48 and Mary Kay Gaido Werner '90.

1952

Marilyn Dargis Ambrose
mambrose2@sbcbglobal.net

After sending in my April deadline class news, I decided to call some classmates and connected directly with **Joyce McMahon Hank** since I had not heard from her. We chatted for about an hour as though we had just left being together at the last Reunion she attended ten years ago! That's what is so wonderful with our Saint Mary's background — good friends forever. She is alert as ever though she was affected by a stroke, so her sight and hearing is primarily one sided. After Jerry's death, she moved nearer to her daughters in Minnesota. They had already planned to move there, so she went as planned and feels very comfortable and safe in the assisted living residence. She is able to visit with her grandkids nearby and participate in regular family events. We discussed and, of course, settled all the country's difficulties. We closed saying we were most grateful for our liberal arts degree, no matter what our majors were. It gave us a broad perspective of life itself and we're versed in many fields with abilities to easily meet new friends, join and contribute to book groups, listen to and enjoy various styles of music, and of course appreciate artists and their works from various periods. Our gratitude to our teachers at all levels.

Antoinette (Toni) DiSalle Watkins writes that her son Michael lives with her for some time now and is a blessing. Her grandchild Janell graduates from college, so Toni will be traveling to San Jose for that. Luke, another grandson, is teaching English in Japan and his family will be visiting at Christmas.

News from Lakewood, IL and Minocqua, WI that **Beverly Miller Skoniecke** died on March 23, 2019. Her obituary said her husband Thomas died earlier. I remember Tom always attending our Reunions with her and enjoying our company. He was a pharmacist and Bev worked several years in Little Company of Mary Hospital. She was the backbone of their family of four children and seven grandchildren, leaving a legacy of kindness, connectedness, and generosity for them to follow. May she rest in peace.

Perhaps some of you may not know that the wife of Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, who died recently, was our classmate **Maryan Mulholland Stevens**. The monument shown in the *Chicago Tribune* is in Arlington National Cemetery with her name inscribed already — "a beautiful wife and dietitian." She died August 7, 2015. Her husband was 99 years old when he died, a Navy lieutenant commander and justice from 1975–2010. I got to know Maryan a little better since we were both dietetic majors taking similar classes. I kept in touch with her after we graduated and when she remarried and moved to Washington, DC. While attending a conference in DC, I planned to meet for lunch at their top floor condo and waited for John Paul to join us at the tennis courts lounge café. No business or politics discussed — just some commonalities of our busy lives.

Nancy Hutchison Newton writes from Houston, TX, where she has lived for nearly 50 years. Her husband, who worked for Shell, died 13 years ago and her son then moved in to help out. Nancy was quite close to her sister who lived in Tucson and just died last year after a lifelong illness. Nancy has three children and tries to keep in touch with several in our class.

From **Joanne Bryan MacDonald**: "With so few class members still alive, I'm sure your job of sending news to SMC isn't easy. To be honest, I have little to offer as my energies and opportunities dwindle. Fortunately, my retirement community offers many activities — great courses, documentaries, musical programs, lunches that feature speakers, and transportation to places of interest. I have access to personal transportation within a 12-mile area, but I will always miss being able to drive. All things considered, I'm fortunate to live where I do and with declining vision, it's good to have few responsibilities."

I read the Wikipedia account of John Paul Stevens. **Maryan Mulholland Stevens** was briefly mentioned. I hadn't realized how greatly respected he was and that his family had owned the huge Chicago hotel, The Stevens, and also The La Salle.

Technology is not my thing, but I'm grateful that it keeps my scattered family connected. My children live from coast to coast and in central Mexico. I had always hoped at least one would stay in Indiana, but they all love their locations and I'm happy for them. I wish all my classmates good days and gratitude for a long life and, most of all, acceptance and peace.

I'm just back "recovering" from a week of family reunion activities on the Indiana Dunes of Lake Michigan, where our whole family grew up. My brothers' families still live in the South Bend area, so were able to join us for several days. How different distance and size seem as we get older. It seemed like "forever" driving to Saint Mary's from Chicago and later to Notre Dame football games from Long Beach, IN — actually less than 45 minutes away. Revisiting our old home, which we built and moved to in 1956, brought back wonderful memories. Of course, we thought our home was large enough to raise ten kids in, yet in reality is rather average in size. At least the lot was big!

We had kayaks, water skis, tubes, bikes, refreshing fresh waters of Lake Michigan for swimming (have always preferred fresh water to salty ocean water), and BBQs on the beach in front of our Airbnb home that had room for 25 of us. Celebrations of special birthdays, anniversaries, and the most recent birth of a grandnephew, just two weeks old, closed with our Lithuanian heritage in folk dancing. I passed the organizing and preparation duties on to a capable crew of my kids, so simply enjoyed it all.

We spent a day on both the SMC and ND campuses since many in the family are grads from both schools. We all commented on how many new buildings and expansions were evident, yet the warm memories remained close to our hearts. I fondly recall our past secretary, the late **Mary Rose Shaughnessy**, saying to all as we departed from the Inn at our 65th Reunion, "This will probably be our last." In 2022, it'll be our 70th. Let's hope some of us will make it, "God willing."

1954

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Beginning with sad news: the deaths of classmates **Lois Langford Berry** on March 25 and **Mary Leim O'Beirne** on April 10, both elementary education majors. Lois is survived by husband Bill (ND '53) and was buried from the Church of Loretto. Mary Lou is survived by husband Pat, a retired federal marshal. A celebration of her life was held on May 11 in San Diego.

Briefs: **Patti Denholm Connor** says she's sorry to miss Reunion but is well and quite active. **Nancy Gibbon Ross** is a retired social worker with a grad certificate in gerontology. **Jane Flynn Carroll** is busy with visits from her family.

If you visit the campus, be sure and stop in Havican Hall. **Carol O'Brien Scheller** is featured there as receiving her MS in nursing in 1987. Her words of wisdom for us: Stay in touch with classmates for they are friends forever — and the rec would have been fun even without smoking!

Terry Martin Weber retired from her organist position as of May, a tough decision to make; she's been involved in music, playing, and teaching for 70 years. Her whole family comes to Wisconsin in August for an annual and much anticipated extended weekend. And in October, she and her five girls travel to Washington State for a girls' week.

Peg Tiernan Sheehan suggests we all should mention more books to read. "It's better than a medical report!" Her daughter recommended Cameron Wright's *The Rent Collector*. No way, said our Peg, but once started she couldn't put it down. He's also written *Letters for Emily*. Peg: try *Pride, Prejudice, and Other Flavors*. English majors — you'll enjoy *Semicolon: The Past, Present, and Future of a Misunderstood Mark*.

Patt Gannon Scully feels that working with clay (making grown-up mud pies) is the most frustrating satisfaction she's encountered so far in the arts. All is well in the Scully household. "Never thought I'd be alive and sassy at 87!"

Downsizing her college photography collection, among the thank yous **Joan Rossi** received were notes from **Mary Shane Helfrey**, **Sister Josephine Magoffin Lucker, MM**, **Sue Hartmann**, **Peg Tiernan Sheenan**, and **Patt Gannon Scully**.

Now to the latest stuff! Reunion — Small in number, we were mighty in spirit: **Rody Oppenheim Dilenschneider**, **Mary Ann Kramer Campbell**, **Gloria Kennedy Hermann** (and her five daughters), **Mary (Midge) Myler Russo**, **Rose Marie Murphy Foley**, **Joan Rossi**, **Janell Wenzel O'Barski**, and me. Unfortunately **Sue Hartmann**, **Carol O'Brien Scheller**, and **Bernice Boucher Hopp** had to cancel at the last moment.

From Friday night dinner in Stapleton, the picnic and banquet Saturday, and brunch after Sunday Mass in Loretto and most especially in our gatherings in Joan and Midge's room at the Inn, in those two to three days we were back in the early '50s. Togetherness, beauty-filled, unforgettable, just great, inspirational, phenomenal, and wonderful were some of our more descriptive 2019 Reunion memories.

An interesting fact: Thirty-one percent of the Class of 1954 contributed to the Reunion Gift Campaign!

1955

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Do hope to see you at REUNION 2020: June 4–7, 2020. There were twelve women who attended their 65th last year and I hope that we will increase that number for our Reunion.

I was hosted by **Patty McNulty Bindner** for an overnight as I attended a wedding in Indianapolis. She is doing well and enjoys attending the theatre during the fall/winter months and spending time with her children at Lake Michigan during the summer. **Shirley Wagner Van Devere** also hosted me for an overnight this summer. She and Joe still enjoy their home on the lake, where Joe swims every day and she plays tennis. Several of their children and grandchildren live close by, which keeps them busy and happy.

Madeleine Zeien Bordallo called me after seeing her name printed in *Courier* as unable to locate. We had a wonderfully informative conversation. She has lived a most interesting life and has done so much for the country of Guam and, may I say, for the world. She is currently living in Washington, DC, where she has served in the US Congress as well as holding other positions. I sure hope she will be on our agenda at Reunion 2020, as the story of a girl who spent her freshman year with us in Holy Cross Hall is amazing.

Jeanne Jenk Goen roomed with the late **Mary Ann Hoben Jensen**. Her husband, who has been gone for several years, was in politics as was her father. Jean has eight children and several grandchildren. She enjoys traveling to Montana, Phoenix, and San Diego, where some of them live. One of her children teaches special ed and another is an art teacher.

Nancy Cole Hodapp lives in Grand Rapids with her daughter and special cat. She enjoys cooking and doing her own housework even though she had a shoulder replacement a few years ago. Her eldest child was killed in an automobile accident in 1991 and has two remaining grandchildren. Her motto is: "BE YOU – THEY WILL ADJUST." Right on, Nancy!

Marie DeMeester Meehan enjoys her condo in Virginia, especially during the recent heat wave. She says she is slowing down somewhat (aren't we all) and is looking forward to her grandchildren coming for a visit from San Diego. She said she had intended to write a letter to **Carolyn Linnig O'Rourke**; however, she would like to publicly thank Carolyn for all she did for her and her family when they moved to Lemoore way back when. Marie said she never would have survived the early days of her husband's deployment with three little girls without the help of Carolyn. Marie still corresponds with Father Kenneth Grabner, CSC. She knew him during high school days and he is now stationed at Holy Cross College in South Bend.

Mary Ann Braun Merline — She is fine and very active. She enjoys quilting, singing in the funeral choir, and is a member of Silver Sneakers and the Y. She has five children in Missouri, where she lives, as well as five grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. Her sister is a nun and still living at age 93. She is looking forward to traveling to Duluth, MN to see her son and his wife. One of her granddaughters spent a semester in Australia and another is at the University of Dayton. Keep up the good work, Mary Ann. I hope to have a friend or two left as I plan to live to be 100 (says Maureen). PS: She has a fond memory of **Gerry Krysko Fritz** singing at her wedding.

Nancy Doersam Bichimer — She and her husband are back in Ohio for the summer and enjoys puttering around the house. She is in a neighborhood golf league.

Jean Lonergan Celeste is celebrating 65 years of marriage this year to her Notre Dame husband. Family members are coming from eight states to help them celebrate this happy occasion. Congrats to you, Jean! Four of their five children graduated from Notre Dame as well as four grandchildren and one more who is currently a sophomore. She was a volunteer for many years and now enjoys a more leisurely life.

I was sad to learn from **Barbara Bridgman O'Connor** of the recent death (June 21, 2019) of **Elise Torczynski**. She will certainly be missed by her many friends and associates. Elise became a nurse, after which she joined the Grail and worked in Ghana and West Africa. She studied medicine while there and graduated from Marquette University Medical School in 1969. She did her residency in ophthalmology and started her medical career, which took her to several states in the US. She was president of the Chicago Ophthalmology Society and the American Association of Ophthalmic Pathologists.

I left messages for the following and hope to hear from them or someone who might be in contact with them: **Joan Lynch Arthurs-Chadima**, **Dolores Dietsch Berry**, **Joan Birchenall**, **Jean Lonergan Celeste**, **Mary Powers Fitz**, **Gerry Krysko Fritz**, **Carole Wilber Giroux**, **Rita M. Gould**, **Elaine Mauch Grove**, **Pat Qualia Hanna**, **Jeanne Benish Hasbrook**, **Kathleen Giller Marke**, and **Barbara Orr Matovina**.

I thought you might be interested in knowing that the value of the 1955 Endowed Scholarship as of June 30, 2018 was \$237,637.39. At June 30, 2017 it was \$214,972.62. Thank you to all who have contributed in the last year. A \$10,000 scholarship was awarded during the past year.

I thought you might also be interested in a couple of thoughts I recently read: "A letdown is only a set-up for your next launching" and "Many will not understand your decisions in life and that's okay."

DON'T FORGET REUNION 2020 – June 4–7, 2020. Hope to see you there!

1957

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The warmth of summer has finally come to the Chicago area and we are reveling in it! After all the cold and then rain, no one should dare complain.

This has been the season of graduations and weddings. **Jody Donohoe McGoldrick** attended two college graduations this year. Daughter Maureen's son graduated from Augusta Dental School (U. of Georgia) and daughter Kelly's daughter from ND.

Our daughter Elizabeth's son graduated from Baylor University. Instead of attending the ceremony, I decided on a March visit to Waco with Liz and her high school freshman daughter Jillian. It was a great visit with the graduate and his freshman brother, and included time spent at Chip and Joanna Gaines' Magnolia properties.s

Mary Jo Long Coulter's nephew, son of her sister **Eolior Long Yokus '61**, also graduated in May from Baylor, majoring in organ.

In April, **Mary O'Connor** came from California for the funeral of her brother Paul. The services were in Oshkosh, WI, where he was an orthopedic surgeon and raised his family. Mary then came to the Chicago area to visit her brother Jerome. **Dee Kiley LeFevour, Josie Murphy Vorda**, and I drove through an amazing April snowstorm and met her for brunch. Mary also saw **Ellen Boyle Benish** and Tim O'Hara, husband of the late **Sheilamae Shannon O'Hara**, and more of the O'Hara family.

The family deaths page in the Spring 2019 issue of *Courier* told of the death of John McMahon III (ND '55), husband of **Carole Harnist McMahon**. Jack died in August 2018 and is also survived by their four children and three grandchildren. After wintering in Longboat Key, FL for many years, the McMahons made the move from Buffalo in 1999.

Also listed in the same *Courier* issue was the January death of William Carson (ND '54), husband of **Mary Guarnieri Carson**. In addition to Mary, Bill is survived by their six children and their families, including 18 grandchildren, and by his brother, good friend, and business partner James B. Carson, husband of our late classmate **Virginia Vighi Carson**.

Summer travels included the 27th annual mini reunion of our Trinity High School class. This June, the gathering in Lake Geneva, WI included **Katie Adele Perry, Dee Kiley LeFevour, Peggy Kearin Carey, Janet O'Connell McCue**, and myself. Later in June, Janet enjoyed lunching with **Mary Kathryn Carroll Hartigan**. Janet had two grandson's weddings this summer. Michael McCue, a graduate of Ave Maria University, was married in Florida, and in July, Janet joined many family members in Omaha for the wedding of Emmet, son of daughter Julie. The groom and his bride are both St. Louis University graduates.

In June, **Irene O'Leary Van Beckum** drove from her home in Brookfield to have lunch with Wisconsin neighbor **Margi McCarthy Rice** in Madison. Irene reported that Margi looked good despite some health concerns and they had a great visit.

Those of you on my email list heard the sad news that **Margaret (Peg) Balfe** died on June 28. Peg passed away in Cape Cod, MA, where she had lived since 2000, but she came to Saint Mary's from her childhood home in Rye, NY. After leaving Saint Mary's, she received her BS from NYU and master's in education from Hunter College in NYC. Her career in education began as a preschool teacher and reading specialist and ended as principal of Our Lady of Victory School in Mt. Vernon, NY. Peg will be remembered for her soft spoken East Coast accent and sense of humor, but also a strong determined spirit, evidenced as she battled with Parkinson's disease for many years. Peg is survived by her sister **Eileen Balfe Harrigan '49** and 15 nieces and nephews, including nieces **M. Colleen Harrigan '83** and **Margaret Ann Richardson '86**. She was predeceased by sisters Anita Balfe Bradley and **Marie Balfe Richardson '52**. Memorials were suggested for the Ann K. Balfe

(Peg's mother) Memorial Library Fund at Saint Mary's College, a touching tribute. Peg was a loyal classmate and friend and will be sorely missed.

Just before my August 1 deadline, **Judy Hanks Maus** came through Chicago after a family vacation in Michigan. **Dee Kiley LeFevour, Josie Murphy Vorda**, and I were delighted that we could meet her for lunch downtown. It was a bonus to meet briefly with Judy's daughter **Catherine Maus '81**. With all our conversation about graduations and weddings, it was fun to hear that Josie's oldest grandchild made her First Communion. Each age certainly has its charm but the younger ones have a definite appeal.

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From the *Courier* Office

From **Patricia Elen Costello**: "We've been corresponding about our Class of '58 news (and lack thereof) in *Courier* and **Paula Lawton Bevington** suggested that I send a photo taken at the Massachusetts State House this spring. I think I look a little like Bernie Sanders but he's taller.



Patricia Elen Costello at the Massachusetts State House this spring lobbying for taxation legislation that will help older citizens stay in their own homes.

From **Sally Teppert McKendry**: On October 22, Sally hosted a coffee to honor **Kara O'Leary '89**, executive director of Alumnae and College Relations. "We had a great evening with Kara, who reported on campus happenings. The college has recently been updated with residence hall improvements. Generous alumnae donors provide scholarships. Our surprise attendee was **Megan Anne McIntyre '23**, a freshman home on fall break. She came with her grandmother Paula Dow (Sally's neighbor) and her parents Kevin and Beth McIntyre. Others who attended included **Ann Bronsding Klein '53, Julie Hutchins Stackpoole '63, Judy Halter Enright '61, Julie Skelly Fries '52, Bridget O'Brien Bealin '79, and Maureen Sullivan '55**. A jolly time was had by all!"

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Kathleen Rucker called to inform our class that her mother **Barbara Kauzlaric Rucker** passed away on March 6, 2019 from cancer. She leaves her husband of 58 years William, four children, and one grandchild. Barbara worked for many years in her family's business, sold real estate, and ran the volunteer gift shop in the local hospital in her hometown of Gallup, NM. Sadly, two of our classmates' husbands have died. Tom Gnuse, husband of **Jeanne Pflaum Gnuse**, on January 20, 2019 in New Canaan, CT and Jim Milas (ND '56), husband of **Rita Andreas Milas**, on October 11, 2018 in Spring Lake, MI. Please remember them in your prayers.

So, our 60th Reunion has come and gone and I lament that I could not attend due to our move and granddaughter's wedding. I received a nice long letter from **Martha Risher Lamb** singing the college's praises. She said everyone had a great time, but they were disappointed that only ten in our class returned. They were: **Kate Bird, Sharon Reber Gumz, Martha Risher Lamb, Joy Manier Marchal, Teresa Nutting Marcy, Peggy Broughton McGrath, B.J. Hood O'Brien, Marilyn Kerkhoff Peltzer, Mary Moran Smith, Terry Dittrich Welch, and Rosemary Doheny Weller**. Congratulations, ladies, for representing the rest of us who could not make it due to graduations, weddings, and poor health. I received 21 responses to my Class of 1959 Update Survey. **Sally Brown** is very busy in the drama department of her retirement community in Virginia. She sees **Liz Mahler Keenan** for lunch and visits via phone with **Maureen Esbensen Busse** in North Carolina and **Connie Roller Curtin** in Arizona. **Ann Conaghan Hinckley** will arrive in Italy on her 82nd birthday for the 60th time. She stays busy in the gym, with Bible study, and taking online courses from Yale and Trinity College.

Mary (Meg) Stone Longtime enjoys her 15 grandchildren and seven greats — the latest two recently adopted from South Africa. **Mary Scuderi Loughran** writes that she has three grandchildren graduating from Notre Dame and two grandchildren in daycare. She sometimes sees **Janet Rauch Keck** and **Barbara Morrissey Kelly**, who live nearby. **Kate Bird** shared her personal triumph: "As a freelance writer after leaving the US Catholic Conference as a writer-editor, I wrote a short piece for the conference's laity office on what and where abused women might turn to for help. It was meant to be placed in churches so women could pick them up without their abusers noticing. That short piece, 'When I Cry for Help,' became the bestselling item at the conference in the year it was published. I've thrown away a lot of my writing and editing documents, but that one stays with me forever. It's the one that I know has helped people, and what else did I hope for as a writer?!"

Valle Rozier Duncan writes from Australia that her time is spent visiting her husband Glenn in their local aged care home and adjusting to living alone. **Martha Risher Lamb** has shared with me that one of her daughters (Mary Catherine — mother of three boys ages 15, 12, and 7) has stage four cancer. She has done a clinical trial at Georgetown and now will go to Sloan Kettering in New York. Please put Mary Catherine on your prayer list.

B.J. Hood O'Brien has had breast cancer two times and recently finished radiation for the second go-round. Three of her four daughters have also had breast cancer with no gene connection and are all doing well. In 2019 her family celebrated living on the Hood family farmland in Osceola, IN for 100 years. She is third generation and her children are fourth.

Rima Ripoll Scott sends word from the United Kingdom that she enjoys her 12 grandchildren, who are scattered across the globe. She founded and chaired a dance development charity that has brought dance to schools and people of all ages, led by national dance figures such as the Royal Ballet, etc. For **Rosalie Riegler**, 2018 and 2019 were years of traveling — Prague and Budapest in 2018 and a St. Petersburg-to-Moscow riverboat cruise in 2019. "When I go to my little cottage at St. Helen, MI in the summer, I always spend at least a day with **Annette Saylor**, and every Christmas several from our class join **Carol Podesta Foley** at the Union League for lunch. At that gathering last Christmas, **Barbara Morrissey Kelly** and I made plans to visit **Gerry Dunn Leinenweber** at Norwood Crossing, her new retirement community. And in January, we did! Gerry seemed well and enjoyed our excursion to a nearby French bistro."

From the *State Journal-Register* of Springfield, IL comes an article titled "Springfield dog wins national honor, brings comfort." It reads: "Rescued collie Fibber McGee Hutches was once so wild that he couldn't be trusted. But with the help of his owner and trainer **Rose Marie Cassmeyer Hutches**, he now brings loving comfort and joy to children, the elderly, the sick, and disabled." Rose Marie's collie was recently named 2019 Shining Star Ambassador, Hero Collie of the Year by the Collie Club of America.

I've heard from **Carol Podesta Foley** and **Betsy Finneran Kennedy** since Gerry and I made the big and final move to Reata Glen retirement community and they too are anticipating just such a move. Carol and her husband Brian will be retiring from their financial business Podesta and Company as well. **Rosie Mudd Nickodemus** met with other family members in Waldorf, MD on June 30 to celebrate Dr. Samuel Mudd's (Rosie's grandfather) return from Fort Jefferson after his presidential pardon for treating John Wilkes Booth following President Lincoln's assassination 150 years ago. I assume he was in prison at Fort Jefferson.

Spent a great week in Maui with all my children and their spouses to celebrate our youngest's 50th birthday, and he in turn surprised us all and got down on his knee and asked his girlfriend of five years to marry him — ring and all. So another wedding to look forward to. Once again, please note my new contact information.

1960

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Hey, '60 Belles... a class in the last issue called our era "Silver Belles!" I love it!

Think Reunion! Hope all are well and anxious to come home to Saint Mary's to celebrate our 60th.

In May, **Mary Jo O'Callaghan Martin, Marilynn Morrissey Sparacino, Peggy Hock Cahill, Diane Zarontonello Sullivan, Sue Shay Saletta, Jane Simpson Kiep, Nancy O'Toole Doppke, and Maureen Hogan Lang** lunched at Oakbrook, IL (again) and solved most of the world problems, at least the ones that concerned us. **Marilynn Morrissey Sparacino** had seen **Ann Lord Barton** and **Kathleen McKeever Catanzaro** in Vero Beach and all enjoyed the Florida weather. Another class reported in *Courier* that a Saint Mary's group is getting together near Vero Beach. (Sounds worth investigating.) Mary Jo and Maureen often get together in Venice, FL. You should see Mary Jo's watercolors! Diane's daughter Lisa Williams was recently named a Pinnacle Nurse Leader at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. What an achievement!

Mary Lou Ashley Summers and **Maureen Hogan Lang** again celebrated July 4 together at the lake house of Mary Lou's daughter. What a blast!

How great it is to see our families grow... and watch our grandchildren reach their goals. What a life! See you next spring at Reunion.

1961

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I received an inspiring email from **Rita Malek Palmer** saying she had been diagnosed with B cell lymphoma carcinoma in the fourth stage. Her doctor advised her she needed eight chemotherapy treatments which, hopefully, would rid her of the cancer. After the first treatment, she returned home and collapsed. Her body was not ready to take any further treatments, so family and friends prayed for healing. Later, she had the strength to take the Lord at his Word concerning healing and she was healed! She praises the Lord for his Blessings and now is walking and talking clearly again.

Karen Crotty wrote from Brittany, where she was enjoying a tour run by Irish musician and scholar Mick Moloney. She described Brittany as quaint and lovely and since it's the Celtic part of France, the people call themselves Bretons rather than French. She also enjoyed a lovely parade in Quimper, with participants all in Breton costumes. They were so proud and dignified. She would recommend a visit to Brittany to anyone who likes to travel.

Pauline Capelli McTernan is development director at St. Joseph Catholic Academy in Kenosha, WI. She wrote to outline what projects she currently has in progress for the fall: "Lancerfest: A gathering and fun event for SJCA families to welcome them back to 2019–20 school

year. Games, band, food, and various activities. Annual Fund: Solicitation of funds to support scholarships and funds to sustain the operating budget. Auction: November 9, 2019: All funds go directly to operating budget. An additional solicitation is done the night of the auction for funds to be dispersed equally to all teachers to supplement instruction for the 2019–20 school year. Alumni Association: Help the committee any way I can. Check out the website at sjcawi.org."

I received a very "happy and excited" email from **Mary Jo Altenburg Leroux**. Her grandson John Hollkamp had recently become engaged to a lovely girl who graduated from Saint Mary's, **Katherine Anne Kummeth '13**. They will be married in July 2020 at the Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall. The rehearsal dinner will be in Stapleton Lounge and the wedding reception at the Morris Inn. John is a graduate of Notre Dame and is presently pursuing his PhD degree in engineering at Purdue. Mary Jo had never dreamed while she lived in Le Mans or attended receptions in Stapleton that she would someday come back to attend her grandson's wedding in these rooms! It will be a very nostalgic day for her, full of happy memories!

From **Mary Cecilia Roemer**: "After a year at Healthwin Hospital, I am now back at home with 24/7 caretakers. The car accident's residual spinal cord injury remains a challenge to my walking, but with an aide and a quad cane, I am able to practice daily. My right arm, alas, remains disabled. I am delighted upon hearing from my '61 classmates and I cannot express how buoyed my spirits have been upon receiving so many 'get well' wishes. I thank each one from the bottom of my heart! These gifts of cheer and support have contributed mightily to my resilience and strength. Saint Mary's nurtured a faith that has carried me through. We were all blessed. My caretaker wrote this note for me. I get by with a little help from my friends."

Thank you to all who answered my request for news. There are many of you I never hear from, and I would enjoy so much if you would write.

1963

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Another book hot off the press from **Margie Nutting Ralph**. Publication of this book is an especially triumphant event for Margie as she set aside drafts for several years after Don Ralph's major accident and the long aftermath.

What does the Bible teach and what does it not teach? *Does the Bible Tell Me So?* addresses this question by first examining how the Bible has been interpreted in the past and then asking if the same mistakes are being made today. Margie maintains that correctly understanding what Scripture teaches underpins all efforts to create unity among Christian denominations as well as the possibilities for civil dialogue and peaceful decision making. She covers the most hotly contested biblical issues in our day and teaches readers how to read in context — in the perspective of the literary form, the setting of ancient culture, the situation of the author's world view, and the framework of God's whole revelation.

This is Margie's eighteenth book on Scripture and complements her best seller, *And God Said What?* Margie's work has been translated into Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Albanian, and Korean. The new book can be ordered from Rowman and Littlefield Publishers via email: orders@rowman.com. Kudos, Margie!

1964

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Dear Ladies of '64,

The 55th Reunion was a huge success and those of us who attended missed the absentees. **Diane Smith O'Donnell** for 20 years has been in charge of her parish confirmation program, so THAT was the day. She reported that she has 12 grandchildren between 18 months and 23 years and that **Becky Laird Ryan** and her husband Phil visited from Dallas.

Fran Bardello Craig has retired from the company, Unanet, which she founded 20 years ago. **Maria Mazza Kompare** saw **Kay Christensen Janiszewski** in Washington, DC and had a delightful visit while viewing the exhibits at the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

Nan Tomshack Tulchinsky visited eight days in Ireland to gather more family history. She also volunteered for the ND Warren golf course during the USGA Senior Open men's tournament. Her biggest thrill was to have two grands attend Saint Mary's fine arts camp. **Marty Thompson Coe** reconnected at Reunion with classmates with whom she had lost touch and loved their "stories." She felt that **Sister Madeleva 1909**, would have been proud of the "total women."

Auralea Sharrar Carroll has moved to Salida, CO, has been able to adjust, loves it now, belongs to a parish and a Bible study group, and goes back to Denver at least once a month. **Louise Habeeb Anella** hosted **Margaret Diver Mastros** and her husband for a week and they all attended **Maureen O'Hara Pesta's** art show. **Patsy Wellman Bove** and her husband have visited Boston, NY City, Bermuda, and Newport. They are looking forward to returning to Vero Beach, FL to settle into their new home.

Pat Malone Nathe and her husband cruised 12 days in Russia from Moscow to St. Petersburg. Three of her highlights were the Tretyakov Museum, The Hermitage, and cocktails at the Metropole Hotel in Moscow (scene of The Gentleman From Moscow).

Bambi Lamorte Lawless has found her soulmate, married on Anguilla, and has moved from North Carolina to 21 Chinkapin Circle, Homosassa, FL 34446, and would love to reconnect!

Please continue to send me updates.
LOVE, PEACE, JOY, and ENJOY!

1965

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A fine cause from **Sara Johnson Walz**: "Proud of what our local hospital has done. Maybe the program nationally could get a good boost from our great classmates. Everyone should be able to support this. As a grandma to two wonderful adoptive children, this is a remarkable tool to get kids into wanted, loving family situations. As our Bishop said, no child is unwanted." Here is Sara's info: https://www.thenewsdispatch.com/news/article_bef6e3eb-d538-5f72-a1739d84e682f893.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

Lil Chard Beshel sent a bit of news from **Susan Bodkin Tompkins**, who answered her birthday club email. Lil remembered speaking to Sue at our 50th Reunion, and the discussion of Sue's move to North Carolina to be near family and her adjustment to the new "neighborhood": "Wow, Lil! You do have a good memory! I continue to enjoy living here near family and friends. Last weekend we had a family reunion to celebrate my granddaughter Kelsey's graduation from Chapel Hill and my nephew Alex receiving his MBA from Duke. It was a wonderful weekend! I feel very blessed!"



1965 Denver mini-reunion. Left to right: **Sheila Flynn Boone**, **Elise Meyer**, **Kathleen McAnaney Glase**.

Sheila Flynn Boone, **Elise Meyer**, and **Kathleen McAnaney Glaser** had a mini-reunion luncheon in Denver. "Loved it!" said Kathleen. "The food was delicious but the best was the company! So good to see you both and catch up on your lives and try to solve the Cervelli mystery. Let's plan for an August luncheon and look into our travels. Prague and Budapest are fantasies of mine but am sure everyone else has been there." And, from Sheila: "Elise and Kathleen and I got together for lunch last week. We know each other well enough to talk about present things, but we always bring up college memories, too. So fun!"

From your reporter: Senior year I created two large, ceramic wall hangings for my Senior Art Comprehensive in 1965. For many years they hung in the front hall of my home. Now that I have downsized, I have no place for them. I contacted the art department chair, **Julie Wroblewski Tourtillotte '82**, sent photos, and asked if she might be interested in them. She got right back to me and said she was! I was completely delighted. I could not be more thrilled nor honored! So, I started out on my Saint Mary's journey in late June and

headed to **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo's** gorgeous home in Oak Park, where I spent the night, comps in the rear of the car and also a large Norman Laliberte painting that I was donating, which will hang in the Haggar Center. What a hostess Cille is! We went to dinner, but first made a stop at the beautiful condo of **Marianne Spalding Schiavone** and husband Dave for cocktails on their terrace. So enjoyable! We left the next morning for SMC. **Margo Lawrence Ludwig** kindly drove in from Fort Wayne to meet us — a special treat. It was, thankfully, a perfectly beautiful day. We've had very few of them.

We met **Addie Cashore '70**, director of Donor Relations, at Holy Cross Hall, along with Regina Wilson, director of campus ministry. The art department head was on vacation. Got my comps into the Sacred Heart Chapel in Holy Cross, where they will hang on either side of the large cross. It was kind of a déjà vu' for me when I asked to see my old HC room, where I roomed with the late **Carolyn Fleming Shinnick** for two years — 103 Holy Cross. Turns out Addie was in the very SAME room for a year while a student!

Cille, Margo, and I then wandered the Le Mans administration area with Addie and met up with **Kara O'Leary '89**, executive director of Alumnae and College Relations. She was so accommodating and took us for a tour. The new Angela Hall is just incredible. Then we three picked her brain on our 55th Reunion. Info follows. And, in closing I have to tell you that as I turned and drove into SMC, the GPS in my car said, "The Avenue"! Loved that! I was coming home! 436 miles, all told! Totally worth every single mile with dear friends at our home away from home. Thank you, Cille and Margo, and the wonderful SMC ladies who assisted in this venture!



Saint Mary's June visit. Left to right: **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo**, **Sheila Kelly Ames**, **Margo Lawrence Ludwig**.

Here's the Reunion info: Our 55-year Reunion is June 4 to 7, 2020 and we stay at The Inn at Saint Mary's on campus. Friday is the 50-year and above Mass, then dinner, hosted by Shari Rodriguez, vice president of College Relations. We are now called "The More than Golden" class. No Golden Oldies here!

Yes to our beautiful memorial on Lake Marian Island (apparently a few other classes have picked up this great idea of Lil's). Saturday is the banquet, and Sunday is Mass and brunch. Nothing for our class seems scaled down or eliminated. Somehow I thought we had a minimal type of Reunion for the over 50 group. So nice we don't. Please mark the dates and join us all for a truly wonderful occasion at SMC, where we will continue the conversation! If you have never attended a Reunion, now is truly the time. PLEASE JOIN US! If you have any ideas of events you would like to see included, kindly let me know: book reviews, program discussions, etc.

Something to be very proud of as a class: Our **Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship** has a market value of over \$1.7 million, and a fund distribution to our Saint Mary's students of \$60K. We thank **Molly Martin Mannino** for overseeing this scholarship.

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This June, I received a lovely email from **Alana McGrattan**, who said that she retired recently from the New Mexico State Library. With her new free time, she set out to travel the continent. First, Alana went to Florida to visit a sister. While in the Sunshine State, she stopped to see **Patricia Hilger Zeigler** at The Villages. She followed this trip with a cruise to see southern France. In a few weeks, she will be in the Amazon.

Alana continues to be involved in assisting the tribes of New Mexico with connectivity to the internet. She also volunteers with asylum seekers as they transition to their sponsors as they await their hearings. Prior to Alana's time at the NM State Library, she worked for 30 years as a teacher/librarian at a Santa Fe Indian School. It was the first contract school under the Indian Self-Determination Act. Many of her students followed her in the librarian career path.

She keeps in contact with **Christine Keenan Kealy**, **Dana Boussard Reifel**, and **Kathy Fehlig**, who have continued their art careers way past graduation. Christine lives in Manhattan and has been raising her grandsons with her daughter Courtney. Christine's daughter Courtney is a foreign correspondent living in Istanbul. Kathy lives in Helena, MT and is showing her work at a gallery there. Google Kathy's name and see many of her fine works. Kathy does her famous landscapes in pastel and acrylics. Her resume is long, citing many one-man shows, awards, and art societies.

Dana lives and works in Arlee/Missoula, MT. This well-known artist has works exhibited all over the world, including China. Robert Redford bought a piece of her art in 1988. Dana has lobbied for the NEA in Washington, DC and was chosen to represent Montana in the exhibition at the National Museum of Women's Art in DC. Her home state school, the University of Montana, presented Dana with a distinguished fine arts award. Dana has a long list of important places displaying her artwork.

Sharon Priester Lewert proudly announced the birth of her granddaughter Eva Joan. Sharon flew to California to be there for the birth. Her son Christopher could not be prouder.

Mary Dunn Finneran moved to Portland, OR to be with her new granddaughter Willa Ruth. This first granddaughter was born in late June. Mary's son E.J. could not be prouder also.

Sharon and I will deeply miss Mary, as we have met for years for breakfast at Walker Brothers North (Lake Zurich) and Walker Brothers East (Highland Park). In the past few months, we have had two distinguished guests join our breakfast club for the day.

Mary Beth Naes Scofield met with Sharon last month. Unfortunately, I was out of town. I did have the pleasure of entertaining **Pam Smith Malone**, who flew in from Nashville to join our group for one day. Mary and E.J. left the next day for her new digs in Portland. Both Sharon and Mary are counting the days to their next visit with their new sweethearts.

Carol Smither Mansfield reported: "We have just returned from our grandson's wedding in Richmond, VA. Our 'class justice' **Liz Bermingham Lacy** performed the ceremony and it was very special. Five Saint Mary's alumnae were present for the celebration — **Annemarie Elizabeth Loessberg '15** (my granddaughter), **Michelle Mansfield Bocock '93** (daughter), **Carol Smither Mansfield, Liz Bermingham Lacy**, and **Cathy Mansfield Fox '89** (daughter)."



At Carol Smither Mansfield's grandson's wedding in Richmond, VA. Left to right: **Annemarie Elizabeth Loessberg '15** (Carol's granddaughter), **Michelle Mansfield Bocock '93** (Carol's daughter), **Carol Smither Mansfield '66**, **Liz Bermingham Lacy '66**, and **Cathy Mansfield Fox '89** (Carol's daughter).

On Saturday, May 18, my granddaughter **Caroline Duffy Kennedy '19** graduated from Saint Mary's with a bachelor's degree in education. The graduates marched out of Le Mans like we did and proceeded to their seats on the front lawn of Le Mans. **Kelly Neuwirth Grier '91** gave the commencement talk. Kelly is the EY (Ernst & Young) US chairman and managing partner and EY American managing partner. The College bestowed an honorary doctor of humanities degree on Ms. Grier. Her talk was absolutely wonderful, as it outlined the bright future in store for these graduates. It was very meaningful that she was a graduate of Saint Mary's College. In fact, she is a classmate of my daughter **Bridget Gott Kennedy '91**.

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Jane Tiernan Meyer and her husband Jack celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a weeklong family celebration. All four children and 12 of 13 grandchildren were present and participated in a Mass and dinner on their lawn at Lake Cadillac. "Cousin Olympics," a party bus trip to a winery, and an all-family golf tournament at Carefree Peaks rounded out the week. "We are so grateful for our many blessings." Jane included a lovely then-and-now photo from her wedding day and more recently with her husband on The Avenue.



Jane Tiernan Meyer and her husband Jack celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and shared a lovely then-and-now photo portraying her wedding day and more recently with her husband on The Avenue.

Mary Lou Bleeg loves being retired for four years now. Her travels take her to visit her daughter's family in California every three months. Another daughter lives nearby, "a Godsend." As well, she visits her birth family yearly. When not on the road she's "pretty busy with various volunteer groups, political activities, and three book clubs." Then she puts her feet up to enjoy a glass of wine.

Sad news from **Ginny Werner Devona**, whose son John Peter Devona (ND '95) died in June 2019. He had dealt with Type 1 diabetes since the age of 15 years, but died after a courageous battle with aggressive neuroendocrine pancreatic cancer. Please keep Ginny and her family in your prayers.

Sue Williams Quinn and husband Bob traveled to Switzerland in June. The goal was to attend ART Basel, an international contemporary art exhibit that included over 300 galleries and over 1,000 individual artists. Besides indulging in world famous Swiss chocolate and cheese, they also visited Interlaken, where they spent part of their honeymoon 52 years ago. Sue has been in touch with **Kitty Plunkett Freidheim** to arrange a meeting when Kitty is in NYC for the US Open tennis tournament.

In May, **Sharon Wilchar** enjoyed travel, music, and art with a trip to New Orleans JazzFest and a visit to her favorite museums, the Ogden and the Museum of Art in City Park. Back in California, she had lunch with John Meany, husband of the late **Mary Mortimer Meany**. John was visiting with his and Mary's daughter **Nora Meany Huq '98**, who is teaching here. Sharon is now gearing up for the

annual Emeryville art exhibit in October. She has successfully coordinated this juried exhibit for over 30 years.



Janet Varga Berry has a fabulous painting titled *Beach 1943* on display.

Finally, I'm including a (lightly edited) letter from **Suzanne Seidl Griffin**: "2019 is the first year in two decades when all my travel has been within the western US. In 2017 I took my first 'bucket list' trip to South Africa and toured Morocco in 2018. I plan to be in the Greek Islands for Greek Orthodox

Easter in 2020. I am working on my first novel (bio-fiction), which features an Afghan girl growing up in post-conflict Afghanistan. It reveals more details of Afghan family life than I was able to share in my memoir. My years as college administrator led to my recent appointment to Cornish College for the Arts board of trustees. I frequently draw on my Saint Mary's College experiences to address the challenges of implementing the mission of a private college in this era." Suzanne is a long-term Rotarian, which provides many community service opportunities. She continues her involvement with Afghanistan through work with two Seattle-based organizations (PARSA and SAHAR). And she's a proud grandma of five (only one still shorter than her!), spending weekends attending their activities.

And last, I heard from **Madeline (Judie) Gabler Tidwell** and from **Sharon Wilchar**, both of whom are encouraging **Marty Tower Rebuck** to tell us about her experiences with fostering infants over many years. What wonderful work! We would love to hear from you, Marty.

Nancy Raber Tetlow and Frank (ND '66) have been married 52 years and both have been retired for some time. They are fortunate to have five children (including **Heather Tetlow Cleary '91**) and fifteen grandkids. They enjoy attending many of the grandkids' activities such as sports, concerts, plays, etc. The four grandkids in NYC are involved in show biz, which is always exciting and a new experience for them. Nancy is in touch with

many of our SMC '67 classmates and thoroughly enjoyed our 50th Reunion two years ago. Sadly in December 2018, **Colleen Moran Tobino** unexpectedly passed away. So grateful for the time spent with her and others at Reunion.

Just before the final draft of this report, I received a note from **Mary Chmielewski Golichowski**, who reports moving to St. Joseph, MI after her husband retired from his ob/gyn practice. Of the many friends and family who visited, a special friend, **Janet Varga Berry**, was able to stay for a couple of weeks. Janet continues to paint and has a fabulous picture titled *Beach 1943* on display. Mary spoke as well of her daughter Anne Damiecka's work teaching ESL to college students. Her videos on Worldwide Speak are awesome.

Martha (Marty) Tower Rebuck tells us about a life of giving that the years clearly haven't changed: "So, I'm writing for the first time in 50 years! After SMC I taught first grade in my hometown in Wisconsin and then went to Puerto Rico to teach and there I met my husband (Jim) of now 48 years. We raised our four kids in Charleston, SC. All went through Catholic schools and are now gainfully employed! We have six grandchildren. About 18 years ago we became foster parents. After teaching first grade for 40-plus years, I now just do foster care. It is both rewarding and heartbreaking. We only do little ones, mostly babies, and some of them have been through things no person should have to endure. We have had several great adoption stories and, as

I write this, we are in the process of adopting a little girl ourselves. Yes, at 74 and 80 we hope to become parents to a 5-year-old. We are the only mommy and daddy she has known in her five years and love her dearly. So, I haven't had much time for Reunions or sending news, but remember fondly my years at SMC, and I think they prepared me for trying to figure out how to make a small difference in the world. We have cared for and loved over 30 kids so far and we plan to continue for as long as God calls us. Our favorite saying is 'Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord.'"

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Nancy Sheeran Cholis' husband Tom (ND '67) passed away this spring after a long illness. Please keep Nancy and her family in your prayers.

From **Kathy Huisking Sullivan**: "I went on a D-Day cruise to Normandy and the British Isles with my sister **Karen Huisking Coffey**, **Harriett Hillebrand Cronin**, and **Peggy O'Connor** in June. It was a wonderful, emotional experience, especially to be there for the 75th anniversary."

Barbara Gibson South and her husband Hank took a similar cruise on the same cruise ship a few weeks earlier. **Mary Donoghue Brueggen** and Dave (ND '68) took a D-Day cruise last fall.

Jean Jacob O'Reilly wrote about her first Road Scholar trip with **Leigh Malone Tomaszewski**, who has been on many such excursions. This trip was to France, starting in Paris, then taking a bus to the D-Day beaches, then a boat up the Seine back to Paris, stopping at Rouen and an ancient abbey along the way. She included a photo of herself at the Arc de Triomphe and one of Leigh at the Rodin Museum, but no picture of both of them.



Jean Jacob O'Reilly at the Arc de Triomphe.

Leigh Malone Tomaszewski at the Rodin Museum.

Leigh Malone Tomaszewski added to Jean's news that early in May, she and Jean went to Paris. During three days they flew around the city on the Metro from Les Invalides to Hemingway's cafe Les Deux Magots. In between they saw the Rodin museum, the Lady and the Unicorn tapestries, and ate at as many cafes as they could. The most astonishing sight was the trampoline set up under a stained glass dome in the Galeries Lafayette department store with crazy people actually bouncing up five

stories! Then they were joined by their Road Scholar fellow travelers and started their actual tour. They had three days at the Musee d'Orsay, the Louvre and other sights, both walking and using the hectic Metro. A bus ride took them to Normandy, where they walked Omaha Beach before going to the cemetery where the D-Day commemoration was held. Then on to a Seine river cruise from Honfleur to Rouen with a special stop to see Monet's Giverny. They even had a special Mass at a monastery in Latin and French with Gregorian chant. The Protestants among them were amazed! They ended by sailing into Paris. She and Jean bravely went on the top deck as they cruised under the bridges of Paris for a nighttime look at the City of Lights. They had to lie flat on their backs because some of the bridges passed only inches above them but the finale was worth it. Just as they reached the Eiffel Tower, the sparkling light show began.

Peggy O'Connor wrote that in June, she went on a Celtic Lands cruise/tour with **Karen Huisking Coffey**, **Kathy Huisking Sullivan**, and **Harriett Hillebrand Cronin** along with other alumnae groups; the tour included England, France, Ireland, Wales, and Scotland. They also went to the Normandy beaches on June 7 and 8 and were moved by the D-Day commemorations. They enjoyed the company of **Sue Nelson Longenbaker '78** and her husband Bill on their excursions and meals. Special guest speakers David Eisenhower and Julie Nixon Eisenhower were delightful and informative.

Lynda Cannon Greene wrote that family events and commitments have always prevented her from attending Reunions, but nonetheless she enjoys news from the Class of '68 and greatly appreciates hearing from former roommates and friends. Her husband Richard and she retired a few years ago and moved to Marin County, just north of San Francisco, after having lived for many years near Palo Alto, CA. Richard worked almost fifty years as a pediatric cardiologist, and soon after she also stopped her consulting business in philanthropy and education. They live close to the youngest of their three children and near two of their six grandchildren, ages 9 to 15, all of whom live in the Bay Area and keep them busy.

Cathie Coleman Kelly and her husband James (ND '69) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June with their children, including their son Michael (ND '92) and daughter **Margaret (Meg) Kelly Fuentes '98** and close family members. Jim died on September 11, 2019.

Kathy Huisking Sullivan writes that **Addie Cashore '70** was able to find for us a copy of the Reunion 2018 Class Giving Report with the following data for the Class of '68. Giving totals are for the period June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018, which corresponds to Saint Mary's fiscal year. Total gifts and pledges from the Class of '68 were \$385,331. This includes gifts and pledges to the Class of '68 Endowed Scholarship, the Saint Mary's Fund, and other areas of the College as restricted by the donor. (The highest class gift/pledge award was won by the Class of '78 with total gifts and pledges of \$430,620.)

Our class participation was 53%. The Class of '68 won the highest class participation award. Exceeding 50% is a significant accomplishment

and one that doesn't happen very often. Participation was based on a count of 299 active records for our class and a total of 157 who made a gift and/or pledge.

The Reunion goal for the Class of '68 was the establishment of the Class of '68 Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship was established with an initial contribution from the class of \$173,119. This was announced at the class dinner on Friday at Reunion. The current principal in the scholarship as of June 11, 2019 is \$206,940. This is a result of pledge payments during the past year and additional gifts restricted to the scholarship. As of March 31, 2019, the market value of the fund was \$221,428. The first scholarship award will be effective for the 2020-2021 academic year.

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Mary Munsell Abroe '68

was elected in May 2019 to the Board of Trustees of the American Battlefield Trust, a charitable organization whose primary focus is the preservation of battlefields of the American Civil War, the Revolutionary War, and the War of 1812.

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Hello, dear classmates,

I am writing this column for the August 1, 2019 deadline, and I am still smiling in remembrance of our recent 50th class Reunion. We had 113 classmates registered, wonderful leadership, committee members who worked so hard, and terrific enthusiasm from the Class of 1969! "A watershed of the heart" — such a beautiful phrase, yes? — was how the liturgist at our Friday evening Mass described a reunion. How very appropriate! In our Sunday morning liturgy, the preaching touched on the Ascension, saying it revealed a window to eternity, another lovely image. I am certain I speak for each one of us who attended Reunion that we cherished the time (never enough!) we spent together back on campus, missed those of you who were unable to attend, and prayerfully remembered our Belles who have gone before us to Heaven. At times it felt like we were assembling a big jigsaw puzzle as we shared stories in the hospitality room of the Inn, looked at old yearbooks, albums, and photos people brought to jog one another's memories, and filled in the blanks. It was so good, too, to catch up on our current lives and also to look to the future together! I want to give a shout-out here to **Kathy Malone Beeler's** husband Brian Regan (ND). As our Sunday brunch was concluding, he showed extraordinary patience and good humor as at least 20 iPhones were handed to him in the dining hall, and many of us asked for a few more photos!



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Thank you to those of you who completed the Reunion questionnaires for updates. I will share some comments from them.

Andrea Magazzu Johnson lives in Annapolis, MD and retired in June as regional bishop for RCWP – USA Eastern Region, the Roman Catholic Women Priests. Andrea and her husband Spencer have three children and two grandchildren. The advice she'd give as a 2019-self to her 1969-self is "Planning a path is good. Better is to allow God to work in you."

Janet Krueger and husband Bruce live in Ada, MI. They have three children and recently welcomed a second granddaughter. She cited the personal triumph of making it to age 71 and attending Reunion!

Ellen Danna Ehrlich and husband Alan live in Los Angeles, CA and have two sons and one granddaughter. Ellen stressed learning that we all make mistakes, developing the ability to laugh at yourself, and to grow from those mistakes!

Margaret (Muggsie) Robertshaw Shern lives in Brookhaven, GA with her husband John. They have four children, and when she filled out her Reunion form, she listed nine grandchildren with one on the way! Her affirming advice was "You are stronger than you think. Family and friends are the mainstay of life. Kids are a blessing — grandchildren a double blessing!"

That's just a small sampling, but I'll include more notes next time!

Several classmates met in July for lunch in Wilmington, OH. The Columbus and Cincinnati Belles periodically get together at a favorite restaurant. **Mary Alice Herod Lajoie** was particularly celebrated at the most recent luncheon prior to her move to the Denver, CO area with her husband Dick (ND '69). Ohio's loss will be Colorado's gain, and I know Mary Alice will be surrounded by a big group of our classmates there! She and Dick will be close to their son Richard, his wife Sara, and their two little ones. **Ann Hollander Sedlacek** flew in from Blair, NE as a special surprise to see Mary Alice and **Margaret Roberts Richards**, who share a July 26 birthday. Margaret unfortunately was ill and sadly missed our Reunion, but was thrilled to join the July party! Attending the lunch were **Margaret Roberts Richards** and **Alison Whittaker Rink**. Also, **Shelley Bruno**, **Marilyn Murphy Messick**, **Mary Alice Herod Lajoie**, **Sue Richards**, **Cathy Kearney Buser**, and **Ann Hollander Sedlacek**.



Seated, left to right: **Margaret Roberts Richards** and **Alison Whittaker Rink**. Standing: **Shelley Bruno**, **Marilyn Murphy Messick**, **Mary Alice Herod Lajoie**, **Sue Richards**, **Cathy Kearney Buser**, and **Ann Hollander Sedlacek**.

Mary Jo Russell Searson '73 lived on SMC's campus all four years and got her ring as a junior. She did transfer to ND and was in the first class of graduating women at ND in '73, so she actually has both rings! Mary Jo and husband Mike (ND) live at Wrightsville Beach. They recently hosted **Kate Drumgould Scully '73** and her husband Bill (ND), who were visiting from Chagrin Falls, OH. Mary Jo wanted **Toni Benedetto Soule '74** and **Joyce O'Donnell Bussewitz '69** to meet her good friend, so we four got together one afternoon and were able to photograph our rings!



Hands pictured, left to right: **Mary Jo Russell Searson '73**, **Toni Benedetto Soule '74**, **Kate Drumgould Scully '73**, and **Joyce O'Donnell Bussewitz '69**.

Joanne Tracy Marsh and her husband Ed celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 6, 2019. Their daughter **Julie Marsh Deischer '93** and **Alison Spohn Kavulich '93** were classmates and POSC majors together.



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In closing, I want to thank those of you who were so appreciative of our class column and expressed your gratitude to me personally during Reunion. As always, send me your news anytime! God bless!

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An update on 50th SMC Class Reunion planning efforts: First and foremost — Save the Date — Thursday, June 4–7, 2020. We will start the party early with an informal dinner get-together on Thursday night at the SMC clubhouse for those who check in on Thursday and/or are available to join us for this event. We have had a change in chairs — **Sara Bateman Koehler**, **Veronica (Ronnie) Henry Kessenich**, and I are serving as the tri-chairs. We have successfully recruited 17 of our classmates to join us in serving on our Reunion committee. All of us are very excited about the opportunity to plan a Reunion program that will bring back as many of our classmates as possible and allow us to personally reach out to each of you. Thanks to **Cathy Collet**, we have created our own 50th Reunion website (independent of the College) — smc1970.org — for our classmates to track our planning for Reunion events, class-sponsored breakout sessions, lodging and travel options, and help find those classmates for whom we do not have current contact information. Our Reunion web page will include links to the College's general Reunion 2020 website to make it easy for you to register for on-campus lodging and paid events, as well as make a donation to and/or have your questions answered about our Class Reunion Gift. In addition, **Kathy Yuhas Kwinn** has offered her services to enable us to send out electronic surveys from time to time for your feedback on our planning efforts. We really need your input to ensure we are putting together a program that will draw you back to campus and help make attending Reunion as affordable as possible. If you have not received a "Save the Date" email from me, it is because I do not have a current email address for you. Please provide me with an updated email address if you want to be added to one of my class email distribution lists for future notices on the launch of our Reunion website and to participate in our Reunion planning surveys.

As always, I have news from our classmates.

Pamela Carey Batz decided to take a back seat on Reunion planning and fundraising this go-round. Pam has led this charge for so many Reunions, it is nice to have her just be able to sit back and relax. Pam and Bill's four daughters are settled between Maine, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania so they put on a lot of miles. I believe they now have six grandchildren (three in Pittsburgh and three in Massachusetts) and with their continued volunteer service in their parish (Bill is a deacon and Pam serves on a number of ministries) and travel, they are one busy couple!

Diane Daly McGarry writes — "The last two years I've been traveling the world by cruising on the *Crystal Serenity* for months at a time. Last year's cruise included 58 of 62 ports I'd never been to. This year another 24. I've 'zip-lined' in Fiji, ridden a camel in Jordan, climbed the bridge in Sydney Harbor, taken a tuk-tuk in Cambodia, walked the Great Wall in China, floated in the Dead Sea, and experienced so many other exciting adventures with so many interesting people around the world. Living on a ship isn't a vacation; it's another way of life. I've been so fortunate to be able to live this way the last few years and my life has been enriched by the people I've met and the places I've been. But as they say, 'There's no place like home' and Long Beach, CA is now that place, close to my sister and brother and their families."

Other classmates on the move include **Becky O'Connor Chandler**, who spent about ten days in Ireland with her husband in late June – early July and **Sue Strittmatter Sandeen**, who travelled to Israel with Eric (ND '70) for eleven days in May.

I received a great card from **Edi Hill Gibney** at Christmas. She and Richard (ND '68) welcomed three new grandchildren last year — Edi DeSapio, Max Rehmer, and Sloane Gibney. They join older brothers Enzo DeSapio and Leo Rehmer and cousins Wiley, Levi, and Walker St. Germain. Their parents — Martha (Gibney) and Tony DeSapio, Rosemary (Gibney) and Mike Rehmer, and Brendon and Courtney Gibney met each other as students at ND and all three couples married in 2014. Edi and Richard's oldest daughter Ellen Gibney and her husband Eric St. Germain are also ND graduates. The whole family celebrated a quadruple baptism at the basilica at Notre Dame that was quite the feat to pull off, as they live all over the country! The fourth baby included in this special event was Amy (DeSapio) Morten. Amy joins siblings Mary Ellen and James. Her grandparents are **Ellen Bradshaw DeSapio '74** and her husband Jim (an ND grad). Amy's parents, Sandria DeSapio Morten and Benny Morten, are also both ND grads!

Pat O'Hara Gable and Steve (ND '70) took a cruise to the Caribbean with their three children — Andrew, Margaret, and John — and their families for a belated joint celebration of their 70th birthdays in March. A good time was had by all, especially their four grandchildren! They have done a fair amount of traveling over the past months, going to Dallas to help their daughter Margaret and her family move into their new home, as well as other jaunts to Florida to connect with friends and family! In addition, with their two sons and their families settled in Chicago, they get a lot of use out of their condominium in the Windy City! In July, the family all met for their annual trek to Gloucester, MA. Pat's

family has spent time there each summer, and Pat and Steve have continued that tradition with their family.

Ann Toffanetti Schumacher and her husband Gil are active in two bridge groups and have been taking cooking lessons. One morning a week, Ann volunteers as an aide in a split first/second grade classroom in a nearby Detroit school. Ann writes, "We work on reading and math mostly, but occasionally we make cards, color, or go on educational scavenger hunts around the building. Since my little grandson is so far away in San Diego, I'm having a great time with other people's little children and, hopefully, doing some good." They did have a great visit with their son and grandson in June and love the opportunity to spend time visiting shoreside towns on Lake Michigan.

Sara Bateman Koehler is really enjoying retirement — taking yoga and being able to travel at will. She and Ken (ND '70) were in New Orleans at Mardi Gras and from there took a cruise. They followed this with a trip to Natchez, MS for a classic car roadshow and in July spent time with their daughter on Lake Michigan.

Ronnie Henry Kessenich is busy with volunteer work and helping to take care of her grandchildren. This has been an adjustment year since losing Peter (ND '69), but she has both her son and his family and her daughter, as well as great friends and other family nearby. Ronnie has also been on the move with trips to Florida with her daughter and her sister.

Rosemarie Rinella Stocky and her husband Tom (ND '70) have plans to get together with their daughter and son and their families for a week on Cape Cod in August. Not an easy undertaking given four working parents, six grandchildren ranging in age from pre-school to teens, and two very busy grandparents coming from two coasts.

Cathy Collet has retired but not really. She is very engaged in supporting several nonprofits in the Indianapolis area and is thriving on the work she is doing. Cathy and **Sara Bateman Koehler** have been able to connect for lunch and as noted, she is playing a key role on our Reunion committee with the work she is doing on creating our Reunion website.

Ditto for **Kathy Yuhas Kwinn**, who also continues to stay really busy with her volunteer work in Fort Collins, CO since retiring from HP. She was the first classmate I turned to for help in taking advantage of the technology tools now available to help the Reunion committee with our planning efforts.

Marilyn Riedy Claise, **Bernadine Connolly Travers**, **Sue Chase-Hildebrand**, **Nancy Delaney Nesbit**, and **Sue Gudgeon Reilly** all recently got together with their spouses for dinner at Marilyn's. This group has made a point of staying close. For 2020 they are planning on South Bend for our 50th. Marilyn also visited with **Susan Allen Benzie** in Stockbridge, MA this past summer.



L-R: **Bernadine Connolly Travers**, **Sue Chase-Hildebrand**, **Nancy Delaney Nesbit**, **Marilyn Riedy Claise**, and **Sue Gudgeon Reilly**.

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Diane Wallace McKee reports that her daughter Kate has just become engaged and they are just thrilled with her fiancé! Diane and a friend recently attended a Jackson Browne concert at Woodstock — a longtime favorite. They sat in the fourth row at the end with no one in front of them and she and Jackson definitely made eye and hand wave contact. Does it get much better when we have these opportunities to go back to those special times in our lives?

I have also spoken and/or exchanged emails with **Terri McBirney Begas, Gwen Gill Caranchini, Kerry Long, and Louanne Scanlon Mauro** over the past several months. We have talked about the extreme weather conditions of the past year, how we are staying engaged — be it still working or retired but now involved as volunteers, with our children and grandchildren, and unfortunately health issues we or our family members are experiencing. Louanne has embarked a new career, Gwen is still providing legal counsel but also actively engaged in volunteer work with her Episcopal parish in Kansas City, and Terri and Kerry are just as busy now as they were pre-retirement, sharing their talents but in different ways. Terri continues to come to the Bay Area several times a year to visit with her two daughters and their families.

As for me, I continue to work full time because I have an ideal set up — work from home full time, love the work I do and the people with whom I work, and have the best manager ever. At the same time, we have been going through a mental health crisis with my lovely, talented, and always very independent daughter. It has been challenging and heartbreaking. I have been able to maneuver my way through a divorce in my early 30s, raised my daughter as a single parent, and taken charge of my parents' health care with the illnesses they faced late in life (my dad – physical, my mom – Alzheimer's) but nothing had prepared me for this. I know that many of us are facing health challenges ourselves and/or with those we love the most. We just need to be there for each other. I certainly could not have gotten through the curve balls thrown my way over the years without the love and support of my friends and family.

Stay well and stay connected! Looking forward to seeing you at Reunion!

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My novel *Best of All Gifts* is a story about a Catholic, single mom, her 10-year-old son, and the man who loves them both. Then her long-lost father shows up wanting her forgiveness. For romance, family drama, gift giving, mentorship, and inspiration served with humor, the book has just been named a finalist in the 2018 UK Wishing Shelf Book Awards. Winners will be announced in April.

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In May 2019, a group of us traveled to Nashville for a mini-reunion. What a fun town! We had a great time seeing a show at the Grand Ole Opry, touring the Ryman Auditorium, the Country Music Hall of Fame, Johnny Cash Museum, and exploring the Belle Meade Plantation. Besides the great food, drinks, and fun of being together, a highlight was the NashTrash city tour in a pink bus hosted by two boisterous sisters. If you get to Nashville, don't miss it. After hearing I was from Florida, one sister asked if my trailer survived the last hurricane! She said putting used tires on the roof probably helped.

Along for the fun were **Kate Berney Werring, Heather Tripucka Carr, Martha Ann Coyne, Chris Newland Ketterhagen, Janet Teichen McHugh, and Claire Mignelli Hughes.**

Maura Carroll could not join us in Nashville, but she and **Martha Ann Coyne** visited **Chris Newland Ketterhagen** in Breckenridge and Colorado Springs, CO. They spent time in a forest surrounded by Ute prayer trees, went to Hoosier Pass at the Continental Divide, and celebrated Octoberfest in Breckenridge. Maura said the prayer trees did not help her!

Kate Berney Werring introduced her granddaughter Carly to Saint Mary's this summer. She said it was 95 degrees and the sun was blazing! Kate sent us pictures of the beautiful Memorial bench honoring **Frances Spinks Caver**, who died last year. The bench was purchased by her friends at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. A lovely way to remember a dear friend.

Well, dear classmates, I haven't received many emails with your news. So, I was forced to take information from Facebook!

I hope you all don't mind my sharing some of your recent posts. **Maureen Callan Fischer** and husband turned their Pine City lakefront cabin into a beautiful Airbnb. "Cabin" is probably not the correct word since it sleeps 12. The views from the large porch are fabulous, as is the interior.

Lots of traveling going on... **Mary Ellen Stoltz Bianco** went on a safari in Kenya in July 2019. She had amazing wildlife pictures of giraffes and elephants. And a rather gruesome one of a giant python who ate a baby antelope. She ended her trip with a stop in Paris.

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Denise DeBartolo York '72 was named the local recipient of the Simeon Booker Award for Courage in 2019. This award is given to someone who exhibits the courage and tenacity of Simeon Booker, a journalist who covered the murder of Emmitt Till.



Mary McNamara Young '72 was appointed House District 50 representative in Colorado.

Mary Jo Anderson Coughlin has a lovely picture of her reading her childhood books to grandson Connor. She and husband George travel to many places including a visit to the Jersey Shore — the best place to be in the summer!

Along with many of us, **Anne Pryser Leary** posts pictures of time with her family and grandchildren, including a recent trip to Detroit for a family wedding.

Susan Scherer Calandra retired from her position at Stanford. Her post says she is enjoying retirement and mentions traveling to Jordan and Israel in March and a Seine River cruise from Paris to Normandy with ND friends in May. They stopped at Omaha Beach right before the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

I am leaving in August for a third year of European travel, this year on a Baltic cruise. We have two days in St. Petersburg, Russia and have tickets for a night of Russian ballet. Not all will be highbrow since we will also visit an ice bar in Stockholm!

All for now. Sending love and best wishes.

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I was pleased to hear from a few of our classmates.

Nora Barry Fischer writes: "I took senior status as a district judge on Flag Day, June 14. I am trying to reduce my caseload, but it is slow going given the vacancies we have. Don continues his consulting work, which includes serving on the Board of Trustees at Saint Mary's. We hope to be out at ND for several games this fall."

And from **Catherine Mary Hicks**: "I have stopped acting and am spending my time doing much-needed advocacy work. I have joined the League of

Women Voters and am on the Homeless Action Committee. We have a housing crisis here in Los Angeles beyond belief. I am doing my best to remind the 'not in my backyard folks' of what I learned at SMC — Christ dictated that we care for the poor. On another topic, my husband (Kevin Yagher) makes monsters for the movies. At present, he's making all the make-up effects for the new *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures* movie. My only child, daughter Catie, lives in San Francisco. She is busy bossing a bunch of engineers around for an anti-diabetes start-up. I joined the SMC local book club! It's a gas. Love to all!"



Catherine Mary Hicks with daughter Catie and husband Kevin Yagher.

Claudia (Muggs) Traudt traveled back to Toledo, OH for her 50th high school reunion from St. Ursula Academy. Joining her in the festivities were a few Saint Mary's classmates: **Anne Lawton McKisson, Marcia Bevington, and Mary Miller Reid**. "It was like a lil' mini 46th year SMC reunion!"

Here's an update from **Denise Donofrio**: "Charlie and I have enjoyed traveling this year. We took a wonderful trip to Norway and Paris. This summer, we're visiting the Midwest a few times. First, for the umpteenth time, and in honor of his 75th year, Charlie rode his bicycle across Iowa (RAGBRAI). We'll be attending a Donofrio / D'onofrio / Denofrio Family Reunion in Chicago. (My grandfather came from Italy with his two brothers, and at Ellis Island the three ended up with three different spellings of the last name!) In September, I'll be attending my St. Scholastica (Chicago) 50th high school reunion and look forward to seeing **Maryann Bresnahan Wolowiec** there."

Mary Brelowski Zicafoose sent me a personal and a professional update: "My daughter Kale and her husband Tyler had their first baby and our first grandchild May 30 at Evanston Hospital in Evanston, IL. Her name is Gray Elizabeth Zicafoose Palin. Of course we are head over heels madly in love. There is nothing like a new baby to enliven great hope for this world.

"My SMC senior year housemate, great friend, and fellow art major **Jane McCormick Carney** and I

are having a dual show together at the Hammes Gallery at SMC, April 24 – June 6, 2020. The working title is 'Between Friends: Cloth/Dye + Canvas/ Paint.' There will be two receptions: the opening on April 24, 5-7, and a closing reception at Reunion 2020 on June 6. We had our senior BFA exhibition together and are coming back as guest alumnae artists to lecture and mentor art students and install the show the week of April 20. The show is not a retrospective of our work, rather we will be creating new work for the exhibition, featuring our distinctly different approaches to art making illustrated in painting, monoprints, and tapestry. We are thrilled and very excited to be exhibiting together again and are planning an after party to remember in South Bend! All are invited!"



Brunch at the Polo Club in Los Angeles with **Catherine Mary Hicks, Ginny Marie Russell, and Carolyn Mosier Pohlmeier**.

During a trip this past March to **Carolyn Mosier Pohlmeier's** hometown, Los Angeles, to attend her 50th high school reunion, she had the pleasure of meeting up with **Catherine Mary Hicks** and

Come back to Saint Mary's College for the sixth annual alumnae retreat.

This year's theme invites participants to reflect on their relationship with the Church, however that's experienced, and to embrace hope during this time in our history. Together we will explore resources for discovering spiritual consolation and renewed commitment to our faith.

The weekend will include small group discussion, presentations, prayer experiences, meals, and other opportunities to connect with one another and our shared faith. The facilitators will draw on scripture that speaks to women who are reflecting on their place in the Church as well as those that give hope for women's spirituality.

Visit saintmarys.edu/Retreat to learn more.

Ginny Marie Russell. They had a lovely brunch at the Polo Club and spent hours reminiscing about their years at Saint Mary's. Cathy actually now lives in the neighborhood Carolyn grew up in. Ginny, from the Chicago area, was visiting. Carolyn lives in Redding, 600 miles north.

From **Mary Deneffe Anderson:** "Mark and I were in St. Louis recently visiting Joe and **Debby Lavin White.** They shared some exciting news about their son Mike. He and his cowriter were selected to premier their screenplay *Cancion Sin Nombre* at the Cannes Film Festival. It is the story of indigent Peruvian women whose babies were delivered, stolen, and then sold into the international black market. Mike worked on this project for a decade!"

1974

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A great Reunion weekend was enjoyed by many classmates who entered Saint Mary's College in September of 1970. Wow, hard to believe how long ago that was. Several classmates answered our call for "updates," so I'm sharing part of what I received (in updates) here. A big hand to **Debbie Johnson Schwiebert** and **Mary Ellen Stumpf** for running the Reunion committee donation and planning for our class...great job!

Toni Benedetto Soule relocated from Arlington, VA a few years ago to Wilmington, NC. She works as the US representative for international schools (TASIS) in England and Switzerland, which entails frequent trips to those countries. Toni has four grown sons, who are doing wonderfully well with their careers and have also blessed her with some grandchildren and more on the way. Toni says she has really come to appreciate and love the SMC community and its caring faculty. More and more, she says, she feels blessed to have graduated from a school that nurtured the whole person, educating us so that we also grew spiritually, physically, and academically. I certainly share her opinion in realizing how fortunate we have been to be part of that.

Kathy Reeves O'Donnell, who is retired as an accounting professor and lives in Williamsville, NY, writes that she and husband Mark have two sons and 4-year-old twin grandchildren. She is a snowbird with winters in Naples, FL. Kathy was able to connect with fellow classmate **Patti Cahill Brines** (ND '74) at Patti's daughter's wedding last October.

Resident of Louisville, KY, **Loretto Casper** has retired as an elementary school teacher. She said she just downsized to a lovely condo and seems quite pleased with that decision. She enjoys going to daily Mass, volunteering in her parish, reading, and being an "aquaciser" (aquatic exercise classes!). She is very grateful to be an aunt to 33 nieces and nephews...wow!

Sharon Brown Sobolewski lives in Plano, TX, is retired, and feels time has flown by since our graduation in 1974. She and husband Gary (ND '74) have a daughter **Colleen Sobolewski McGuire '03**

and son Timothy (ND '08) and two grandchildren. The good news is that those lovely grandchildren live nearby. Sharon plays on three tennis teams and volunteers. She's kept in touch with friends she sees such as **Laurie Bracken Flanagan, Mary Kay Conaty Leicht, and Jennifer Johnson Barth.**

Katie Weger Dabbelt writes from the Cincinnati, OH area, where she teaches at Saint Michael's. Her children, Peter, Elizabeth, and Nicholas have spread out a bit with one in Charleston, SC, one in Austin, TX, and one close to home in the Cincinnati area. She and husband David enjoy five grandchildren's company, too! Actually, by the time Reunion arrived in June, it was Katie's first day of retirement after teaching for 38 years! Katie also commented upon how fast the years have flown; she can still see herself sitting in Le Mans with Andrea, Diane, Liz, Sue, and others.

Well, if we are talking about Katie, we must talk about Andrea, right? **Andrea Bialko Jackson**, that zany lady, lives in Wescoville, PA. She and husband Dennis have two girls, Amanda and Olivia, and have also been blessed with one grandchild. She found Reunion excitement to be the same as it was 45 years ago. Staying in Pennsylvania keeps her somewhat close to the girls (in New York) and Andrea enjoys volunteering.

Jackie Zale Parker of Lebanon, OH is the community outreach director at Green Thumb Industries. She has three children, Max, Nathan, and Nicholas, as well as six grandchildren. She is greatly enjoying time with those grandchildren and keeps in touch with **Janet Caldemeyer** (as do I).

The mountains of Colorado are still home to **Debbie Schwarz Pierre** and her husband Glenn. She is happily retired but keeps busy enjoying her children and grandchildren. Debbie has Nicole and Danielle: Nicole is in charge of the wellness program for the state of Tennessee and Danielle writes grants for Red Hat/IBM and lives in Arlington, VA. She noted that having the most supportive and loving friends across 45 years from Saint Mary's has meant so much to her and that despite distances separating those friends, the "girls" have intentionally remained close.

Lynn Mosberg Gingras, who calls Bolingbrook, IL home, is a retired medical technologist. She is working on house projects and keeping busy until her husband (Bruce) retires in 2020, and at that point they will probably downsize. Their daughter works in the Chicago area in the film industry. One of Lynn's close friends, **Linda McMahon Hyduk**, also wrote to update us. She lives in Granger, IN, has also retired as a medical technologist, and has four married children and ten grandchildren. Sadly, Linda's husband John (ND '74) passed away in 2013, and after that, Linda decided to move to Granger from Connecticut so she could be closer to children and grandchildren. Linda indicated that **Barb Wolfston Urrutia**, Lynn, and **Geri Bobalik Macdonell** all come to ND football games each year and stay at Linda's house to catch up and enjoy each other's company. Linda says something I completely agree with: "How easy it is to pick right up where you left off with our old classmates."

Mary Wickham Sullivan, who works as an office assistant at Springfield Endodontics in Ohio, wrote to say she stays in touch with **Kathleen Flynn Fox.**

Judy Rauenhorst Doerr calls Mequon, WI home, where she is the publisher with Teach Me Tapes Inc., which I think we all know has been HIGHLY successful! Congratulations, Judy, and keep it up.

Dianne Elizabeth Gibbons, whom I am fortunate to see occasionally, also lives in Mequon and is retired. She noted that the loving and steadfast relationships she has made with her dear SMC and ND friends have been the greatest achievement and gift from college (amen to that). After 40 years of corporate America, Dianne is doing her best to catch up on reading, connecting with friends, and generally getting in shape.

Earlier I mentioned Andrea and Katie...here's the third musketeer: **Diane LoGuidice Highland**, who writes from Monument, CO, where she is an IT program manager. She and husband David have two children.

From Perrysburg, OH, **Donna Chezek Posluszny**, writes that she is a self-employed social worker/mediator. She and Poz (Edward) have three married daughters and three grandsons. She said she still feels 21 inside! Since she sets her own schedule in her work for the county courts, she can also be a caregiver for her father and father-in-law when needed. She stays in touch with **Nancy Tuohy** and **Mary Mitchell Maginot.**

Karin Gieseman Waterbury, who is based in Grand Rapids, MI, is retired as a teacher. She spends her time with her grandchildren and also in OLLI classes, which involve lifelong learning. She also enjoys yoga.

Ann O'Boyle Nash, an attorney trying to retire, is based in Chicago with husband Tom. I happen to know (a little birdie told me) she is a generous, caring person who donates her time to boards and helping others. Tom (ND '74) and Ann have Kate, Emily, and Julia, all married, and Ann has been blessed with four grandsons as of this writing. She hopes to spend more time in Naples, FL and commented that one of the most surprising things about these last 45 years is how fast it went. I so agree, Ann.

Lorraine (Laurie) Johnson McGrath, living in Wheaton, IL, is retired and she and husband Terry enjoy time with daughter Meg, who has two boys and a girl, and daughter Cait, who has two girls and a boy. Laurie helps take care of her grandchildren a few days a week, so she is able to really see and enjoy all those wonderful milestones.

More next time: I've run out of space!

1977

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Thank you very much to the following classmates who provided input for this issue of *Courier*. I, and our classmates, appreciate it. If I had not received any input, I was convinced that I would have to write some fake news; neither you nor I would have liked that! Thanks again!

Beth Marzano Fleming wrote: "Daughter Claire married Brent Vodrazka July 5 in Lincolnshire, IL. **Cheryl Klein Fischer** and **Nancy Kelley Gibson** attended the wedding. All eight of our grandkids were there. We are enjoying retirement, doing some traveling: Santa Fe, Las Vegas, Saint Louis, and of course Naples...living the dream! We thank God for our health so we are able to enjoy this time in our lives!"

Patty Schirmer Smith reported: "I visited **Dorothea Wieland** back in May. I think it would mean a lot if our classmates have her address so they could send her some kind words; she seems like she is doing okay although her life is tough! Dorothea's address is: Life Care Center, 120 Lamotte Drive, Room 212, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928."

Patricia Pavlik Duray sent this: "I have been in real estate residential and also working with the investors in Southwest Florida for some time now and really enjoy working with my clients to make smart decisions. Saint Mary's helped me so much with working with people and knowing how to analyze the numbers. I also started and am the current director for the Saint Mary's Alumnae Club of Southwest Florida. Please contact me if you have any questions or are in the area. Also serving on the Notre Dame Club of Naples as a board member and coordinator for the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Naples."

Nora Eileen Riley shared: "Retired in June of 2018. Took a trip across the US in my RV and visited brother, cousin, friends, nieces, nephews, great-niece and great-nephews. Went down to Florida first at the end of December, then followed interstate 10 across to Whittier, CA. Visited friends and went to birding festival in San Diego. Took my time out and back so arrived back in Richmond, VA at the beginning of April. Received news that I had a new grandniece in January while I was searching for wild turkeys in Texas. That's all I can think of that I did that may be interesting. Thanks!"

Kerrie Burnham O'Hagan shared: "Yes! I do very much enjoy reading class news, especially from our 1977 class. Those four years were some of the best in my life. I feel so fortunate and blessed to have had that experience. So here is my contribution to your next issue. My husband Jim and I are happily retired in Alexandria, VA. He is one of nine siblings so we enjoy a close-knit family — hitting about 50 strong at our annual O'Hagan Christmas. I've had an exciting 40-year career in both private industry and federal government, writing and negotiating contracts. My early career began with Raytheon and the Department of Defense. Not enthralled, however, with the world of military equipment, I moved on to areas that more closely suited my passions. I especially enjoyed the 27 years I spent between the Environmental Protection Agency and then NASA, retiring in 2017. My passions today are travel and theater. In closing, I'm forever grateful to my mom for convincing me to go to Saint Mary's College and also to Saint Mary's for having a profound impact on the direction of my life."

Mary Ann Daly reported: "I'm happy to update you about SMC friends I'm in contact with from our class. I am regularly in touch with **Marijo Rogers Kelly**, who lives in South Bend, IN; **Patty Nemistal Strachota**, who lives in West Bend, WI; and **Annie Cecelia Praught**, who lives in Dedham, MA.

"Annie closed her very successful long-time floral business so she could spend a year and a half being at her husband's side helping to care for him before she lost him to cancer. She is now working at a grammar school in the Boston area. There is truly no one I know who is more wonderful with children than she, so these are some lucky kids!

"Another piece of very sad news is that **Patty Nemistal Strachota's** husband Tom (ND '75) passed away suddenly a couple years ago as well. I've never seen a bigger turnout at a funeral service, an incredible testament to how beloved they both have been in their community. Patty retired a few years ago after a long career as a state representative in Wisconsin. She has been blessed with 14 grandchildren all under the age of eight! Her four children and their families all live nearby so needless to say they keep her very busy and bring her great joy!

"**Marijo Rogers Kelly** and her husband Kevin (ND '77) have welcomed their fourth grandchild and are beyond thrilled being grandparents. Marijo is an incredible grandmother, who puts many miles on her car regularly visiting her Milwaukee grandchildren. Fortunately, her latest one is in South Bend!

"During the first week of December for about 35 years now, Patty, Marijo, and I meet for dinner in Chicago to celebrate Christmas. It is one of my favorite Christmas traditions. I cherish that we've stayed in touch and shared in each other's lives throughout all these years. The last several years **Kat Beaulieu '76** has been joining us as well; she's an added gift to this special friendship tradition.

"Last fall a group of us got together for a mini-reunion weekend at the ND-Pitt game; this gathering included Marijo, Patty, Annie "Boston," the **Oxenreiter** twins: **Joanne Oxenreiter Fallon '78**, Bill Fallon (ND '76), and **Janet Oxenreiter Donahue '78**, and **Melinda (Mel) Hyde Girardi**. Several SMC '76 joined us as well, including **Kat Beaulieu '76**, **Molly McKenna Slaney '76**, and **Annie "Mac" McEleney Hargrave '76**. The twins are both in the Pittsburgh area and Mel lives in Wilmington, DE. Mel and Janet are also grandparents. Joanne and her husband Bill hosted a great party Friday evening at the lovely condo they own near campus. As you can imagine we had a wonderful time over the weekend with lots of laughs and great memories. On Sunday before we left we went to SMC to see the new athletic center and were wowed by how beautiful the new building is in addition to the athletic fields and courts.

"I'm still living in Chicago, have been in private practice as a psychotherapist, speaker, workshop leader, and professional consultant for over 25 years. I'm very grateful to have had and continue to have such a fulfilling career that I love! My psychology degree from SMC has served me well. I had a wonderful time at our last Reunion reconnecting with old friends and meeting some new ones! Such impressive women, personally and professionally. I am so proud to be part of the Saint Mary's community and very grateful for the education and friendships I received from there."

Susan Haugh Brooks wrote: "In July, **Kathy Schomer Kohorst, Suzanne Bona Barsaloux, Amy Ann Johnston, Ann Moriarty**, and I met up in Smith Mountain Lake, VA for a mini-reunion weekend. We were joined by Suzanne's sister Bonnie Bona (ND '78). Lots of catching up while floating in the lake, kayaking, playing Texas Hold'em, and drinking a little bit of wine. This was the fourth annual summer get-together and plans are in the works for a fifth."

Margaret (Meg) Rockey Chambers shared: "**Mary Mulholland Upjohn** and I will be traveling to Europe in September 2019 for two weeks. We will arrive in Paris and then head southwest to Chartres to visit the cathedral there. It is an extremely significant and beautiful Romanesque and Gothic architectural masterpiece. It also has a labyrinth built into the limestone floor, which we plan to walk. Then we fly down to Madrid to meet up with our group to walk the Camino de Santiago. That is a pilgrimage route from the Middle Ages. In February of 2019, I visited Mary in Florida for a long weekend. I also saw another Rome student from ND in Los Angeles in February, Tom Masterson."

Shevawn O'Connor wrote: "Not a grandma, yet. Stefano is 30 and Lara is 27, so that role may or may not be coming up in the near future! I'm still living in Viareggio, Italy with my husband of 42 years, Anchise. I'm still teaching English as a Foreign Language at the University of Pisa, in addition to being a La Leche League leader here in Italy since 1993. I've also been on the board of directors of La Leche League International for the past few years. I enjoy hiking, traveling, and art in all its forms, animals of all kinds, and last but not least, the company of my adult children. All four of us attended a huge family get-together for a wedding in Cincinnati in January — one of the year's high points. A big *Ciao* to all former classmates!"

Sue Greco Chambers reported: "It is SO much fun to have alumnae classmates and other SMC alums all over the states! I am blessed because I have six classmates from 1977 right here in Dallas. **Tara Ann Carey** has become like the sister I never had. She hosted the wedding shower for my future daughter-in-law this past Saturday at her house. Our other SMC classmate **Molly Martin Gamades** was not able to make it. Molly's only daughter Lucy, who graduated from Boston University, now lives in NYC. Molly lost her husband when Lucy was 11 to esophageal cancer and it was very hard. Molly, Tara, and I were able to have lunch together awhile back. Molly lives in Arlington. Tara's only son graduated from Villanova and now also works in NYC for Barclay's. I know Tara misses him. Tara's husband is wonderful and is a brilliant oncologist here in Dallas. **Nancy Rix Kraft** lives in Plano and has four children. **Laurie McCarthy Fan** keeps in touch from Connecticut. She and her husband have two dachshunds, and her 14 nieces and nephews just on her side keep her hopping along with work.

"Last summer in 2018, I took my youngest son on a West Coast college tour. We started in San Diego and I stayed with my former roommate **Barb Drossel McKnight**, who has not only moved back to San Diego but has downsized to a very cool condo on Imperial Beach! She has three lovely daughters. Her husband Wade and she were wonderful hosts.

"I hear from our other classmate **Joan Dadmun Kortsch**, who has also downsized but spends a lot of time at their cabin in Missoula, MT. She married Bill Kortsch (ND '77). He was a five-year architecture student and from her hometown. They have one adopted daughter Kelly, who is the same age as my fourth son Corey. Joan was in my wedding 41 years ago and we chat like it was yesterday still. Their permanent residence is in San Diego. Barb keeps in close touch with **Mary Wilbur** from Geneva, IL and **Joan Carroza '78**. Joan is in South Carolina, and Mary is outside of Chicago and a teacher.

"**Beth Lichtenfels Veihmeyer** was at Reunion and I saw her only briefly. Her husband John (ND '77) retired from KPMG as chairman and is now on the board of ND. He is my husband's best friend from college and Tom was best man in their wedding. Beth and John have three children. Their oldest Bridget went to ND, married an ND grad, and has a baby. Their youngest daughter **Eileen Easby Veihmeyer '13** went to Saint Mary's. John was a groomsman in our wedding. He came to Houston when our daughter died 26 years ago. They keep in touch with **Betty Feeley Easby-Smith**, who is married to John's cousin! Betty lives in Rockville and they have three daughters.

"I see **Joanne Oxenreiter Fallon '78** every so often up at ND because her townhouse at Ivy Quad is close to mine! I am also in touch with **Maureen (Peewee) Lamb**, who is from Cleveland. I see Peewee whenever I'm in Cleveland if I can. My daughter went to school at Notre Dame College of Ohio (NDC) and Tom's family is all there. My daughter is now working for NDC and lives in Cleveland. I saw that **Colette Morfoot Hannigan** now lives in Cleveland. Colette is still the same and still fun. I've seen her several times. On one trip maybe over a year ago, Peewee, Molly, Colette, and I all met up for breakfast and coffee in Cleveland!

"Our classmate **Arlene Gatmaitan Dunbar** had three boys who also went to Strake Jesuit, along with some of my kids. She and Larry (ND '75) have lived in Houston for over 30 years I think. I ran into her in San Antonio when we went to the ND football game against Army about two years ago. Arlene was the late **Sue Hopper Achterhoff's** roommate; Sue passed away at age 33. Sue was in line for a heart transplant at Stanford but never made it. She died from primary pulmonary hypertension and left a 4-year-old son. She was married to the ND football player Jay Achterhoff. I was living in Alaska at that time.

"**Sue Casey Corcoran** married Corky, as we called him. She lives in Georgia. **Kathy McNally White** and Sue were friends with the late **Cathy Coyne Lane**, who married John Lane, an attorney from Cleveland, which is where they lived. She died of cancer of the tongue at age 54. My whole family is traveling to Cleveland in August for my mother-in-law's 90th birthday party and we will baptize our sixth grandchild since all of my children and their families will be there.

"So my youngest child Peter (PJ) graduated in May from Bishop Lynch High School here in Dallas. He is headed to Saint Louis University, where he got a scholarship to major in theatre and computers, and sing in a capella choir.

"My fourth son is getting married here in Dallas October 19 so we will not make it up to South Bend for many games. We plan to go to the BC game in November. We have six living children. The oldest lives here in the Dallas area, about 20 minutes away. They have three children. The second oldest is in Houston and married, no children; he performs in musical theatre professionally and does a host of other things like coach swimmers in training, etc. The third, my ND child, worked for five years for the endowment investment office of ND and then left to go to Harvard and get his MBA. He lives in the Seattle area. They have three children and his youngest is the one we are baptizing in Cleveland. The fourth, Corey, lives in Florida but they will relocate to Phoenix after their wedding. Courtney is currently in Cleveland working as an advancement coordinator for her college that she attended, Notre Dame College of Ohio. So after 37 years of undergraduate education and 30 years of being a choir parent, we are going to be empty nesters! Really hard to imagine! My husband is CFO of Kosmos Energy here in Dallas, which is why we moved up here after 26 years in Houston."

1978

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Please keep our classmates and their families in your prayers. Many of us have family members, young and old, in need of God's blessings.

Joanne Meyer Lester, PhD, lives in Grove City, OH and retired in September of 2017 from her position at Ohio State University (OSU) in oncology research. Joanne received her MSN from Indiana University and her PhD from OSU. She and Gary have been married for 40 years and have two sons, each living in Ohio with spouses, and she is blessed with four beautiful granddaughters. She loves to quilt, garden, and read. She began a quilt project in 2004, providing quilts to patients receiving chemotherapy. It was initially for breast cancer patients, and to date they have distributed 20,000 quilts to outpatient chemotherapy patients at OSU. This is one project that she is most proud of, and understandably so. Joanne has had multiple orthopedic surgeries and credits her faith and family for holding her together.

Lori Wegelin Rugh of Milford, IA retired from teaching in 2010 after 25 years and is thoroughly enjoying working part time at a Goodies Handmade Candy shop in Spirit Lake, IA with her husband. They are living their dream with their Westie, Rudy. Husband James and Lori have a daughter living in Chicago and their son is married and living in Minneapolis. Their first grandson arrived February 13, 2018 and since they live only 3.5 hours away, they are able to see him often. He is the joy of their lives!

Lori lives close to her parents and she is able to spend a lot of time with them. She and James love to travel. She feels that it is important as a student to nurture your wonderful friendships and recognizes that they are forever a part of her. She is anxious to attend our 45th Reunion.

Elizabeth King DeSantis is a nurse practitioner at Northwell Health hospital in Syosset, NY on Long Island in pain management and presurgical

testing. She and her husband Mark, DO, live in West Islip. Mark is a radiologist at the VA hospital. Their son Mark is 25 and is studying biomedical science for his master's degree in Philadelphia, PA. Their younger son Matthew studied at Holy Cross College and played the alto sax in the ND marching band. He majored in communications. The youngest Jonathan is at Stonehill College in Massachusetts, which is also a Holy Cross College affiliated with ND. Stonehill has a grotto similar to the grotto at ND. He is a sophomore and is interested in science.

1980



EXCELSIOR

Lucia (Pia) Trigiani '80
a community associations attorney
in Richmond, VA, concluded her
10th consecutive year of service
as chair of the Virginia Common
Interest Community Board.

1981

From the *Courier* Office

Several Class of '81 alumnae celebrated their 60th birthdays in Nashville.

Pictured are **Colleen (Missie) Cannon Valencia**, **Carol Barry Cawley**, **Patti Koch Corn**, **Joanne Vannuki Crough**, **Mary Ellen Gallagher Gavin**, **Barb O'Connell Hoyt**, **Dorothy Spollen Johnston**, **Kathleen Keegan**, **Chris Russo O'Leary**, **Cynthia Rutledge Olson**, **Roselie Bellanca Posselius**, **Elisabeth McNamara Reed**, **Dawn Parker Santamaria**, **Nancy Roach Temoyan**, and **Adriana Trigiani**.



1983

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It's with sadness that I report from **Kathy Henken Huelsmann** that her husband of 33 years, Mike Huelsmann, was killed in an automobile accident on July 12, 2019.

From **Cathy Murray Lattimer**: "I retired from Sigma Delta Tau after nearly 24 years as the director of finance. My husband Rick (ND '81) recently retired after 37 years with Eli Lilly. Our three kids have all graduated from college but are scattered. Chris (ND '16) is in Ann Arbor; Erin (ND '17) is in Los Angeles; and Tim is in Chicago. We plan to travel and visit the kids!"

1984



Legacy reception at graduation 2019, left to right: **Judy Trippe Geaslen '84**, Judy's daughter **Samantha Rose Geaslen '19**, Judy's sister **Patty Trippe Brand '80**, and in front, Judy's mother **Rosemary Knope Trippe '57**.

1985

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Greetings, classmates! Great news from **Carol Pratten Smith**, who shared that her oldest **Marie Smith Lackey '16** was married in July of 2018 to ENS Gabe Lackey at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. She's shared a beautiful picture from the wedding reception at the Annapolis Maritime Museum that includes her SMC roommate **Mariana (Missy) Hussey O'Rear**. Serving as a bridesmaid was Marie's roommate **Bridget McCue O'Rear '16**, daughter of **Missy Hussey O'Rear** and her husband Kevin O'Rear (ND '85), my husband's roommate!

I hope to see you for our 35th college Reunion. It always proves to be a great Reunion with "old" friends and connections to new classmates you've never had the chance to meet.

Before then, please send your news to me before the next *Courier* deadline of April 1. Thank you! Laineyisnow@gmail.com.



EXCELSIOR

Mary Pat Hoffman Heftman '85
was promoted to Vice Chairman of
Winsight Exhibitions in June 2019.

1987

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Our class has news to share!

Eileen Couch Cramer writes: "I have been back in education for three years after a three-year hiatus in social work with the elderly. I am an intervention specialist in the South Bend Community School Corp. I truly love the work. Our youngest Nicholas is a senior at Georgetown University majoring in finance. Our oldest Amy is a mental health therapist specializing in working with youth who have been sex trafficked in Indianapolis. Our middle son Robert is in finance and IT and is also in Indianapolis. My husband Bob and I are creeping up on 30 years of marriage and love empty nesting despite missing our kids very much."

Mary Flynn Boener received her PhD in public service and is the clinical director of Community Mental Health agency in Georgia.

Lelia Burke Harig and her husband Bob have started a nonprofit to help Catholic schools in Chicago provide education for children with special needs. In late August, they will become an affiliate of FIRE Foundation (Foundation for Inclusive Religious Education). FIRE Foundation is an organization in Kansas City that has been helping Catholic schools there for over 20 years. Lelia and Bob's organization will be called FIRE Foundation of Greater Chicago.

Elizabeth Hughes Boice will be sending her oldest Owen off to American University. She and her boys live in Rochester, NY. We had a great visit with Elizabeth and her youngest Zachary, who spent a weekend with us while in town to see *Hamilton* a while back.

Anna Gaffney Conway and husband Chris have relocated from Oregon to Scottsdale,

AZ. She loves the countless additional days of sunshine she has in Arizona. Her three children, Clare, Caroline, and Stefan, also live in Arizona. Anna is a remarkable fiber arts crafter. She weaves and knits absolutely beautiful items.

Mary (Liza) Wheeland Luhmann and Mark are still in the suburbs of St. Louis. Liza is back working in a pediatrician's office after years of working for a phone-a-nurse program. Her oldest two kids Matthew and Anna are in college and her youngest Kate is a senior in college.

Mary Dilenschneider Condon and husband Tim are now residents of Sarasota, FL. She loves to send pictures of sunny beaches when some of us are knee deep in snow and ice. The joke is on her as a group of us may just show up on her sandy doorstep during the next polar vortex!

Mary Fisher-Viglietta writes: "My husband Gene and I lost our son Jacob Viglietta on March 17, 2019. He was killed in a tragic accident. He was 17 years old and a sophomore in high school. Jacob was born December 24, 2001 in Salekhard, Russia and created our family at the age of 13 months. It has been incredibly difficult to deal with Jacob's death. Thankfully we have been blessed to have a large tribe of people who loved him and are now helping us through our grief.

"Our blessings include SMC alumnae who have been here for us. My roommates **Cathy Logsdon Moreno '86** and **Anne Piacentine Wallace** have been a big part of our lives in Arizona. Cathy and I were blessed to have our kids grow up together. She and her husband Ernie were with us when we were told that Jacob would not survive. They have been with us every step of the way. **Alice Kroeger Montgomery** flew out from Boston to support us. And **Patty Williams Bodien** has reached out and been helpful in dealing with our grief.

"**Margie Marie Kersten** and I had mutual friends at SMC but did not know each other. A mutual friend connected us and Margie made herself available to me right away. She has been so supportive and sent me a rosary from Rome."

Our deepest condolences go out to Mary and all other classmates suffering the loss of loved ones. Life has certainly had its ups and downs for everyone since our graduation 32 years ago. One of the incredibly beautiful things amid the sadness is the collection of stories of Saint Mary's women coming together to support each other and honor the lifelong friendships created at our beautiful alma mater. May God bless you all.

1988

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I am writing this update from my classroom. It is August 5, past my deadline. Students arrive in two days. It's difficult to wrap my mind around the fact that summer is over for me.

I start the year having accomplished a variety of mundane tasks: the house was painted, the garage cleaned, and the closets purged. I stole

some time to visit family and friends in Chicago. **Jamie Smith Taradash** and I had a lovely visit in the burbs. But I found myself dreaming of greater adventure when I heard from many of you.

Meghan Farley Astrachan was delayed in her response to me because she and her family “were in transit to France.” They spent some time in Paris visiting friends and Isaac’s relatives, and then took the train to Provence. The highlight of the summer, though, “was seeing fellow SMC sister **Anne Marie Borgman** and her two gorgeous children Julia and Sebastian in LA!” Unfortunately, I was visiting family in the Midwest during Meghan’s visit. She was in California for her son Aidhan’s soccer college tour. She reflects: “I can’t believe we’ll be empty nesters in two years!”



Meghan Farley Astrachan (woman on left) with husband and teenage son, and **Anne Marie Borgman** with the twins.

Michelle Franz McCauley also had a European adventure. She writes: “This July my husband Emil and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary by

taking a trip to Italy with our children and their spouses. We are looking forward to becoming grandparents for the first time in December and to welcoming a new daughter-in-law to the family in October of 2020.”

EXCELSIOR

Saint Mary’s College Alumna ‘88 has a book out titled *The Santa Monica Club: How to Wait, Hope, and Pray for Your Fallen-Away Loved Ones*. Set in the fourth century, it tells the story of a mother praying for the salvation of her son who has turned his back on the church.

With ten kids, **Sherry Green Antonetti** notes: “Summer is always busy!” She has been working for the past three years at a local high school as an English composition assistant; she is also a regular blog contributor to the National Catholic Register. She may not have had a grand European adventure this summer, but several of the kids did. She explains: “The oldest (Will) took a trip to England and Iceland this summer. The next oldest (Bonn) is getting her master’s at the Maryland Institute of Fine Art and spent a summer semester in Italy. My daughter Marta Antonetti is finishing up her senior year at Saint Mary’s College; my second son is at UMBC (University of Maryland Baltimore County). The senior in high school is eyeing Notre Dame and



Nancy Finn ‘88 participated in Miami University’s Earth Expeditions global field course in Hawaii, where she studied what it takes to save species in the wild and engaged with local partners developing and testing site-specific methods of community engagement to sustain ecological and social health in Hawaii.

Saint Mary’s as she applies for schools. The younger five have spent the summer running, reading, swimming, and being told, “Turn off the screens!”

Gatmaitan Moore, Rose Pietrzak Carter, Katy Marie Burns ‘90, Maria Koch Pogwist, Patrice Jordan, Sandy Cerimele Fralich, and Sue Suchy rented a house in town and all stayed up laughing and remembering stories from their wonderful days at Saint Mary’s. As for the O’Leary family, they are excited that their youngest son Jack is a freshman at Notre Dame and Mary Kate is a Notre Dame senior graduating in May. The oldest O’Leary, Joe, is a December 2019 Auburn graduate. Mimi and Mike (ND ‘89) are enjoying the college trips and cheering on their teams on football Saturdays.

In May, **Karen Crespy** caught up with **Katy Marie Burns ‘90** — first, when Katy made her annual visit for the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival weekend, and again later in May when Karen visited Chicago and they enjoyed a long lunch. While in Chicago, Karen also had a great visit with **Jackie Brody Tavitas ‘91** and a lovely brunch with Tom Schlegel (ND ‘89).

Maureen Richards Cones started a new role as general counsel of Chimes International in Baltimore, where she lives with her husband of 15 years and their 14-year-old son. Previously, Maureen spent 12 years at the American Nurses Association, where she served as chief legal and compliance officer. She is also a first-time grandmother to her stepdaughter’s baby boy, who arrived on New Year’s Day 2019! Congratulations!

Anne Palamaro Wynne and James are so happy to be living in Virginia again after nearly 30 years! They are finally close to family and friends in the Richmond area. Seven of the eight Wynne kids are with them and they are trying to convince their oldest that he needs to move closer to home! Anne enjoyed an impromptu lunch with **Kay Davis Nakamura** in Manassas, VA, and then they met Kay and her husband Myles in Fredericksburg, VA for a wonderful dinner.

NOTE: As we head into the new year, please take a moment to update your information with Saint Mary’s or through your class reporter. Keep in touch!



Sheila O’Grady ‘89 joined Korn Ferry Consulting Firm as a Senior Client Partner; she will specialize in the Consumer Market.

Clearly, it’s tough to take a vacation while parenting. **Sarah Rauh Cole** spent a lot of the summer teaching young drivers the rules of the road. She shares: “I ate dried cereal as we cruised the highways and byways! I also spent a lot of the summer picking blackberries at a friend’s farm.” Sarah has been living for two years in Tucson, AZ, where she loves the Catalina mountains. She works as a residential counselor at Sierra Tucson and says: “I feel I am making a difference.”

Rachel Durkin Drga has been working in a new role for her long-time employer. Since February of 2019, she has been the interim director for Texas Performing Arts at the University of Texas-Austin. But she’s been doing her “old” job as senior associate director for programming, production, and business operations, too! She elaborates: “Since it has never been my desire to be the director of a center, I did not put my hat in the proverbial ring, so I’m hoping to return to just one job sometime during the next 6–12 months.” At home, the summer is nearing its end. She explains: “We are two weeks away from taking our only kiddo off to college. She will be attending the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA, studying international relations in their joint degree program with the University of St. Andrews in Scotland — a mere 4,670 miles from home.”

1989

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Hard to believe 2020 is upon us! Thank you to everyone who attended Reunion 2019 — it was a delightful weekend — and all who supported our class Reunion Gift Campaign!

It’s always fun to see the replies to our class survey. We gathered from as close as South Bend to as far away as Australia to celebrate our college years together and to make new memories. We’ve changed careers, opened our own businesses, and raised amazing, special kids. Our advice to our young selves and our advice to the 2019 Saint Mary’s grads is similar: Stay strong, faith-filled, and faithful; find balance; be positive, kind, present, and carefree; love yourself; cherish and value your Saint Mary’s friendships; little in life will go exactly as expected — and that’s okay, you’ll be okay; and specifically...get a dog!

What we loved about Saint Mary’s are lifetime friendships; an excellent education and learning how to write (W classes!); self-confidence to face life, challenges, celebrations, and adversity; and a nurturing environment for faith and prayer. Most of us wish we’d participated a little more in clubs, activities, and competitive athletics; taken an extra elective class; and spent more time on campus. And overwhelmingly, we’d choose Saint Mary’s again. Thank you **Jenifer Chlebek Cottrell** for sharing this quote: “A good life is when you assume nothing, do more, need less, smile often, dream big, laugh a lot, and realize how blessed you are.”

Mimi Tuohy O’Leary had a great time at Reunion and loved seeing so many friends. Mimi, **Rozel**

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1991

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Hello, ladies!

Hope all is well! **Anne Parker Baker** had an epic 50th birthday party back in August in the Napa Valley, and myself and our roomie **Maureen O’Neil Butler** happily made the trip. In typical Parker fashion, it was full of great friends, laughter, music, and of course, SWEETS. Earlier in June, a girls’ trip to Napa was also a fun time with **Ann Brennan Cooper, Anne Tandowsky Lang, Erin Cusack Micklo, and Lowell Ann Lehmann**. They loved the house they rented, and Parker was of course the perfect host and Uber driver.

Happy to report a huge honor for our friend **Amy Shelly**, who was recently named one of *Crain’s Chicago Business* magazine’s Notable Women in Finance! Proud of you, Amy!

As for me, I’ve recently started a podcast about sandwiches in Chicagoland. It is called “She’s on a Roll!” Hope you will check it out! Details at wshechicago.com.

Don’t be shy, ladies! Remember, I can’t brag about you unless I know what’s going on — ha ha! Please continue to share your good news with your fellow Belles. Reach out to me on Facebook or at smcbelles91@gmail.com!



T. Elizabeth Mennell ‘91 has been selected as Vice President of University Advancement at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah.

1992

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Alicia Higgins-Kinane celebrated the graduation of her daughter Cecelia from the University of St. Thomas with a degree in chemistry and materials engineering. Cecelia heads to the University of

Michigan for her PhD in engineering, officially making the Kinnane household a house divided!

Marge DeBlasio Hoffman recently started her new job as continuous improvement manager at Axogen, a company that's revolutionizing the science of nerve repair.

Debbie James Rosmarin's oldest son will be starting college at Butler University. Coming from Orlando, this will be a big step for him. He met his roommate, whose older sister just graduated from SMC. Debbie has taken a step away from health care working as a PT. With only one remaining in high school, she's looking forward to starting something new.

Kathryn Gretter Rice and **Greer Gilliland Stasko** were able to catch up over dinner in Georgetown recently, while Greer and her husband were in DC visiting law schools with their oldest. It was as if no time had passed!

Maureen Schneeberger McDaniel started a new job at Garmin one year ago. She is still doing technical writing and loving it! Her daughter Kathleen will be a freshman at Kansas State in fall 2019 and will be rowing for their crew team. Her daughter Ellen will be a junior in high school and daughter Bridget will be a freshman.

Jennifer Wolk Norton recently wrote a book, *The Hot Flash Solution: Finding Relief That Lasts*. It is full of health information for eliminating hot flashes and other pesky menopausal symptoms naturally,

without hormones. The book was available for pre-order through Amazon before being released as an ebook on August 15, 2019. The paperback edition will be released around November 15, 2019. Jennifer will be leading a coaching group and creating a community for menopausal women who are looking for natural ways to heal their symptoms.

Kelly Smith Inman '99 is back at Saint Mary's (at least virtually) as a graduate student in the online data science program. Kelly is one year into the program so far. It's a lot of work, but she's enjoying the challenge! Kelly also recently started a new job as a technical business analyst at Sallie Mae. Her wife, Des, is an RN on the orthopedic unit at Community East Hospital. Kelly and Des celebrated their third wedding anniversary and 23rd anniversary overall on May 11.

Wedding bells rang for **Jennifer Ann Hafner** and **Scott Newkirk** on September 22, 2018 in Pasadena, CA. **Celynn Krueger McClarrinon**, **Lisa Campione Mullen '93**, **Kate Mulherin Longley**, **Nicole Laux Sholly '93**, and **Therese Marie Devoe '93** were all there to celebrate the day.

Life in Alabama for the Donahue family is going well. My dad passed away in June so I was able to see **Lori Corirossi Hazen** and **Scott**, **Annie Martin Flynn** and **John**, and **Heather Anne Pflanz** for a few days in Chicago. My mom and dad had been living with us since January so we are all still adjusting to the new normal. Jim and I now have a senior in high school, two in junior high, and our youngest in third grade. Time is flying but if

anyone happens to be around Birmingham, please let me know. I'd love to see you! Take a moment to update your information with Saint Mary's or through your class reporter. Keep in touch!



Tracy Hartzler '92

In November of 2019, Tracy was selected as the sixth President of Central New Mexico Community College. She will begin her presidency in 2020.

1994



Kristin McAndrew '94

with nearly 25 years of experience in enrollment, she has been named Vice President of Enrollment and Marketing at Saint Michael's College in Vermont.

2000



Mary Ellen Blumreich Krueger '00

was named a "2019 Top Working Mom Wealth Advisor" by *Forbes/Shook Research* and *Working Mother* magazine.

2001

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From **Molly Kahn Allen**: **Cathy Schroeder** shared that her family recently moved to Evanston, IL. She is reducing her commute to Winnetka, where she teaches first grade for Winnetka Public School District 36. They now live close to Lake Michigan and enjoy being a part of a community that supports inclusive policies for all. Their son starts kindergarten this fall at Lincoln Elementary.

After ten years of teaching and living in Boston and five years in the Washington, DC area working at a public bilingual Montessori school, **Maureen Capillo** headed back to the Midwest to lead North Park Montessori, a public Title I Montessori school in Grand Rapids, MI. She and her partner Brett Kempler look forward to the dynamic urban environment that Grand Rapids has to offer as well as the gorgeous lakes in the area. She will have July off and looks forward to reconnecting with a few of her oldest SMC friends in the area — **Sarah Jean Morkunas**, **Jami Lynn Newcomb**, **Ang Margaret Romano**, and **Julie Marie Frischkorn**, as well as a variety of family from further south in Kentucky. She and Brett hope to buy a home in the next three years near Dean Lake, north of the city.

Jill Fenske Boerstler sends news from another country: "I completed my doctorate in bioethics at Loyola University Chicago in May. After twelve years of graduate school, I'm thrilled to be finished! I've been publishing and I landed my dream job as an ethicist for Providence Health Care in Vancouver, British Columbia. My husband of 18 years Steve is incredibly supportive of our relocation to Vancouver; after living our lives in the Midwest, we simply adore the mountains, ocean, and Pacific Northwest lifestyle."

Megan Maureen McKeon was promoted to director of business development at Clark Hill PLC, a top 100 law firm in the US with offices in Mexico and Dublin. Megan now leads the business development team in identifying key client service opportunities and in growing revenue for the firm. Congratulations, Megan!

In the suburbs of Chicago, **Colleen Sullivan Schaefer**s and her husband Scott recently hosted a Belles' BBQ with **Cathy Schroeder**, **Amanda Shock Johnson**, **Shannon Ross Perrino**, **Katie Kelleher**, **Sherry Desautels Prisco**, **Colleen Carey Passolt**, **Molly Kahn Allen**, and **Colleen Borkowski Fontaine** and their families. Although a few of the crew could not make it, a fantastic time was had and all twenty-plus children had a great time together as well.

Be well. Do good. Be in touch.

From **Alyson Leatherman**: I recently heard from **Kimberly Hansen Petrino** and she shared that in April 2019, she was promoted to head of excess casualty claims at AXIS Insurance Company. In 2017, she left private practice after 12 years of practicing law and joined AXIS as senior litigation counsel. She was promoted to head of excess claims in April 2019." Congrats, Kimberly!

I also heard from **Katie Willkom Stopczyński** and she wrote, "I have been working at POLY-WOOD in Syracuse, IN as a customer experience manager for the last couple of years. POLY-WOOD makes outdoor furniture out of recycled milk jugs! I enjoy utilizing my skills and overall passion of leading, growing, and developing a team and love for helping customers. My husband John and I celebrated 15 years of marriage in July 2019. My children are growing up fast — Madilyn is headed into eighth grade and Jacob is headed into sixth grade this fall, both middle schoolers!" Thanks, Katie!

Becky Stephens Pavich also shared, "This summer we relocated to Boca Raton, FL from Indiana to be closer to my brothers and new nephew! I am continuing in school administration at Somerset Academy. My husband and I hope to continue dabbling in brewing craft beer down here and are visiting all the new breweries to network. We won a gold medal at the Indiana State Fair homebrew competition this summer, so we are itching to keep growing." So fun!

All is well here in Oregon! I was recently accepted to and began a PhD program in counselor education at Oregon State University. It's been challenging so far, but I can honestly affirm that my Saint Mary's education was a solid foundation for this new endeavor! I also had a chance to sneak away to California for a bit and it was refreshing. Until next time, my best.

2003

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Thank you to everyone for sharing your news with fellow alumnae. I enjoy hearing from the unexpected friend who I haven't heard from in a long time!

Kate Moeller Holloway was married in 2018 and recently moved to Copenhagen, Denmark.

Val Gillis Brown and her husband Scott Brown welcomed their daughter Lily Joy on June 11, 2019 in Chicago.

Jessica Saxton Fraser was in the *Indianapolis Business Journal* for the 2019 Forty Under 40 recognition. Jessica "leads the only statewide program in Indiana that combines research and policy analysis on federal and state legislation, public policies, and programs affecting low-income working families." Jessica is the director for the Indiana Institute for Working Families.

2005

From the *Courier Office*

Meghan Molyneaux Hargrave reports that after seven years of working as senior staff developer with Lucy Calkins at Columbia University Teachers College Reading and Writing Project in NYC, she moved to Chicago to start her own education consulting business. Meghan supports reading and writing instruction in K-8 classrooms across the world.

2007

From the *Courier Office*

Sara Metts Henderlong married Adam Henderlong on their seven-year dating anniversary on June 28, 2019 in Crown Point, IN. Fellow Belles included matron of honor **Kimberly LaVigne**



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Bialek and bridesmaids **Amber Schaffer Chelladurai** and **Tara Marie Morin**. Sara and Adam live in Fort Wayne, where she works as a teacher at Bishop Dwenger High School.

2009

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Hello, Belles '09!

I'm excited to join Liz Harter as your co-reporter for *Courier!* Liz and I worked together at *The Observer* all four years, so it's easy to pick up where we left off as a team to make sure our 2009 news is commemorated. We have a lot of babies and weddings to announce and are happy to have had such a great turnout at Reunion in June.

I currently live outside of Philadelphia with my husband of six years John (ND '09) and our three children: Rachel, 4, Timmy, 2, and Elaine, 3 months. We call her Ellie. I am home full time and am loving the chaos of having everyone at home. I missed seeing you at Reunion this summer, but had a mini-reunion of my own for **Allison Louise Rider's** wedding June 1 in Grand Rapids. She married Jeremy Dzingle. Belles in attendance were **Clare Heintz Butler**, **Kristen Anderson Zwieg**, **Jayde Kennedy Ball**, and **Emily Perry Sims**. I always try to get back to a football game every year and love running into fellow alumnae.

Kristen Anderson Zwieg and her husband Mike welcomed her second child in November, Jameson Grace. Her big brother Liam is 3. Kristen is excited to bring the whole family to a football game this fall.

Jameson Loubsky Pizarro welcomed her second son Tiago Andres on May 7 with her husband, Eduardo (ND '09). He joins his older brother Nico, 2, and they recently moved to Miami.

Laura Kinney Maher has had a busy year. After her husband Niall received his green card, they moved from Dublin to Boise, ID. They welcomed their second child Róisín Marilyn in February, and older brother John adores her.

Laura Beth Urban married Sam Pecoraro (ND '10) on June 15 in South Bend. They were surrounded by many of their Saint Mary's and Notre Dame classmates.

Alexandra Meckes Heckert also got married this year on June 29. They went to Greece for their honeymoon. **Jessica Ann Sheehan** also got married on June 29 to Michael Voll. Bridesmaids were **Maria Christine Sheehan '13**, **Arlene Forney Fair**, **Laura Cronmiller Kettlehut**, and **Mary Beth Harris**. **Kelly Gasior Pittner**, **Annaliese Furman McSweeney**, **Sharon Rhode Tracy**, and **Mickey Marie Gruscinski** were also in attendance.

Meg Varty Reen moved to Charlotte, NC in April after seven years in New York City. She and her husband Sean (ND '09) are expecting their second daughter in November. Her older daughter Eloise was born in July 2018.

Katie Chmelko is the choral director at Nazareth Academy High School in Philadelphia. She was also recently named director of performing arts. In March, she joined fellow Belles choir alums in the Carnegie Hall performance under the direction of Nancy Menk. She also completed her MM in choral conducting from Messiah College.

Maura Clougherty Bonham welcomed daughter Ada Clare in November 2018. She currently lives in Jacksonville, FL after living in Yokosuka, Japan. Fun fact: Saint Ada is a Catholic saint from Le Mans, France! Maura is still close with her freshman year roommate **Leah Marie Kuharevicz**, who visited her earlier this year.

A number of you sent us updates through the Class of 2009 update survey that was sent out with Reunion invitations.

Regan Shikada Rosenberg is a felony division supervisor in the Public Defenders Office in Fort Pierce, FL, where she lives with her husband Shaun and son Lochryn.

Lauren Gilmore Lindloff is a captain in the Air Force Reserves and pinned on major this summer. In her civilian life she works for Northrop Grumman and trains on a military defense system. She lives in Colorado Springs, CO with her husband Andrew and two sons.

Erin McClowry Puzzella recently welcomed son Luca Joseph on April 5, 2018 with her husband Matthew.

Audrey Anweiler Davis reports: "It's been one of my life's biggest joys and challenges to build a multi-faith, community organizing chapter of what is now a state-wide 501 (c)(3). It brings together people of faith and marginalized communities to address structural injustice and advance racial and economic equality. My husband and I are currently beginning the process of seeking a child to adopt."

Mary Deery Oakley returned to school in 2016 to complete an accelerated nursing program and currently works as a nurse in Indianapolis. She married Nicholas on January 4, 2019 with **Anne Therese Stroude Kelshaw** as a bridesmaid. **Kaitlyn Kuns Edwards** and **Emily Bernath Esteban** were in attendance.

Caitlin Marie Stevenson graduated from a residency in anesthesiology in 2017 and spent the past few years in New York City, but she moved to Grand Rapids, MI in July 2019.

Leah Bocinsky Godwin was selected for promotion to the rank of major in the US Air Force. She and her family, including her newest addition Elise, moved to Washington, DC in summer 2019.

Meghan Larsen-Reidy is enjoying the working mom life in Pittsburgh, where she serves as a campus minister for the diocese. She volunteers with the immigrant and refugee population on the side and says she misses The Avenue, the dining hall, the residence halls, and even Trumper, but most of all she misses the professors and friends who made it so special.

Alexandra Tulisiak Harvan and her husband John recently bought a house in a suburb of Cleveland. They love being close to downtown and working on

home projects. Work keeps them busy but they're close to family and love spending time with them.

Caitlin Rose Fredericka graduated with an MSN/MPH from Case Western Reserve University in 2017. She works as a dermatology nurse practitioner in Florida and loves what she does.

We love hearing from our classmates all over the country and hope these updates help you reconnect with fellow Belles in your area.

2010

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Hello, Belles! I hope everyone had a relaxing summer with family and friends. It's hard to believe that our ten-year Reunion is next year! It feels as though we just had our five-year the other day. Keep sending your updates whenever they arise — it's great hearing about new careers, mini-reunions, accomplishments, and everything in between!

Justine Woodhouse Debelius completed her PhD in biochemistry from the University of Colorado, and is doing post-doctoral research at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. Her research focuses on the relationship between the human microbiome and disease. In her spare time, she dances tango. If any Belles are traveling to Sweden, call her for fika (hot drinks, pastries, and conversation).

Julie Marie Brkljacich and **Megan Kathleen Sotak** traveled back to Rome in 2018, ten years after first meeting there during their study abroad experience. They made sure to stop by the student-favorite cafe, Pascucci! Julie currently works as an analytics manager at Weber Shandwick in Chicago alongside **Kellyn Marie Schmitt '17**.

Kelly Vaas Bizjak and husband Greg added another future Belle to their family. On June 27, 2019 Rylee Vaas Bizjak was born; she joins her big sister Kailey, 2, and is lucky to have **Madeline Claire McCrea** as her godmother.

Christina Smotherman Crush and husband Patrick welcomed their sweet baby girl Mary Catherine Crush at 5:00 a.m. on April 9, 2019 in Louisville, KY. The future Belle weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. She brings the world so much joy!

Looking forward to hearing more updates from everyone over the next several months!

2011

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I hope that this fall/winter issue finds everyone in good health and happiness. As always if you have any class news you would like to submit, you can email it to me at any time. Congratulations to everyone below on your exciting news! Go Belles!

Colleen Rebecca Lowry started a new job as the director of the foundation board at The Ohio State University.

Sarah Michelle Horn has a new job as a school counselor at Goshen Middle School in Goshen, IN.

Kelly Jean Zenere started a new job at Matrix Partners in Chicago. It is a PR/marketing agency that is focused on product and brand development for pet products. She also hired her agency's first intern from SMC, a 2019 graduate.

Caroline Marie Baumgartner took her passion for health and wellness out of the office and on to her mat to earn her 200-hour level yoga teacher certification in power vinyasa yoga earlier this year. She will share her love for lifestyle-wellness with studio classes and private sessions while also continuing in her full-time role as the health care group manager at The Motion Agency.

Just after Christmas of 2018 **Karolyn Wojtowicz Gore** and husband Matt (ND '10) moved to Westfield, IN in the Indianapolis area from Seattle, WA. They welcomed their son Henry James on June 4, 2019. He arrived almost a month early and spent three weeks in the NICU. After the NICU stay, Karolyn and Matt are happy to have baby Henry back at home. At birth he was 20 inches long and weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces.

Ally Drake Bernstein and husband James welcomed son Eli Drake Bernstein on January 31, 2019. At birth Eli was 8 pounds and 22 inches long.

Erin Melone Smith and husband Matt welcomed their son Hugh on April 21, 2019. At birth Hugh was 7 pounds 4 ounces. Erin, Matt, and baby Hugh are living in LaGrange Park, IL.

Mia Van Nostrand Gorrell and husband Alex are thrilled to announce the birth of their son Hollis Tyler. Born April 30, 2019, weighing 7 pounds 14.5 ounces, Hollis joins his big sisters Harper, Isabel, and Grace.

Christina Kolling Carlson and husband Adam (ND '10) are thrilled to announce the birth of their second son Adam Theodore (Teddy) on May 1 at 9:23 a.m. Teddy weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. He was so excited to meet everyone that he decided to arrive nearly four weeks early. His little lungs were not quite ready yet so he spent some time getting stronger in the NICU before heading home, and he is now doing really well. Their oldest, Josef, 3, has enjoyed becoming a very proud big brother.

Claire Schaffner Watson and husband Matthew welcomed the birth of their son Robert John (Bobby) on July 28, 2019.

2012

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Elizabeth Ann Munger graduated in May from the University of Toledo with a master of education in early childhood education. Last spring Elizabeth was also awarded the Golden Apple Award, an award that is presented by the Diocese of Toledo

to honor outstanding educators who devote their lives to teaching in Catholic schools.

Mary Morgan McGinley Mitchell completed her residency training in family medicine and is beginning her fellowship in sports medicine at Virginia Tech.

Kristin Hepburn Sharp graduated from Michigan State College of Osteopathic Medicine in the spring of 2019 and began as a family medicine resident at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka in the summer.

Melody Emelina Alvarado Latino was officially barred in New York. She recently moved to Seattle and is currently working at Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson PS.

In the fall of this year, **Catherine Moore Anton** moved to Lebanon, NH.

Lindsey Downs Shaw and Adam Shaw were married at Saint Mary's on October 27, 2018. **Jennifer Jane Putman** was her maid of honor and **Chrissy Ann Carson**, **Ali Nicole Smelko**, and **Grace Kenesey Kilpatrick '11** joined her as bridesmaids.

On May 25, 2019, **Michelle Rozman Miller** and Ian Miller were married in Elizabethtown, PA. **Erin Kepner Scully** was one of Michelle's bridesmaids.

Katie Rose DiPiero married Tommy Maranges on June 15, 2019 at Holy Spirit Chapel. Bridesmaids included **Claire Marie DiPiero '10** and **Alexandra Zellner DiPiero**. Groomsmen included Mike O'Brien (ND '12), Mitch Gainer (ND '12), Jack Greaney (ND '13), Bobby Reichle (ND '13), Bill DiPiero (ND '09), Leo DiPiero (ND '13), and Allan Joseph (ND '13). The couple changed their names to **Katie Maranges DiPiero** and Tommy Maranges DiPiero.

On June 22, 2019, **Christie Draddy Eaton** married Michael Eaton. Christie's sister **Hanna Draddy '19** was her maid of honor. This fall **Christie Draddy Eaton** started a new job as a pre-K teacher at the independent school she grew up attending.

Colleen Golden Jankowski married Dan Jankowski on July 13, 2019 at Holy Spirit Chapel at Saint Mary's. In the wedding were **Alyssa Grace Vinluan '13**, Lindsay Walker (ND '12), and Shay Kleinpeter (HCC '12).

Katherine Bennett Hyde and her husband Peter Hyde welcomed the birth of their daughter Molly Heather Hyde on December 29, 2018. She weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Kirsten Thornton Vi and her significant other Steve welcomed the birth of their baby Poppy Faith Vi on May 9, 2019.

Kellie Stepaniak Lapham, her husband Mike, and their first son Wade welcomed the birth of the couple's second son Owen Dennis Lapham on May 30, 2019.

Lauren Enayati-Lorenz and her husband Mitch Lorenz (ND '12) welcomed the birth of their son Robert Reza Lorenz on June 26, 2019.

Samantha Tulisiak Lee and Nathaniel Lee (ND '12) welcomed the birth of Elizabeth "Elsie" Athena on April 26, 2019. She was baptized into the Catholic Church on June

29, 2019 with godparents **Alexandra Tulisiak Harvan '09** and John Harvan (ND '09).

2013

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Hello, Belles. We have some good news to share!

In wedding news, **Bri Tepe** has become **Bri Tepe Roy**. She married Jordan Roy in June. **Megan Marie Byorth** married Jeffrey Sobecki in May. Congratulations, ladies!

Bridgett Fey LaBella and her husband Matt welcomed their first son Luca Matthew LaBella July 13 at the University of Utah Hospital. Welcome, baby Luca!

Meghan Katherine Dillon is now working as a data analyst at Medline Industries in Northfield, IL. **Kaitlyn Elizabeth Takach** recently earned her doctor of medicine from the American University of the Caribbean (AUC). Starting in June 2019, she will begin her residency in emergency medicine at Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc, MI.

If you have any updates, please email smcclassnews2013@gmail.com.

2014

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It is hard to believe that by the time this prints, it will be nearly six months since our five-year Reunion. It was so much fun to catch up with everyone who was there, can't wait for the next dance party in the Student Center for our ten-year Reunion!

Our class continues to thrive and excel in all aspects of life, both personally and professionally. **Hannah Elizabeth Mudd** just started a new role as a transactional associate attorney for the law firm Danna McKittrick PC in St. Louis. **Sophia Viola Schrage** was promoted to business systems analyst at Lincoln Financial Group.

Sam Marley Favorite moved from Chicago to Norfolk, VA and accepted a position as a behavior analyst at a nonprofit. **Katie Slotterback Arthurs** and her husband also recently moved in April 2019 and bought their first house in Rock Hill, SC. Congratulations to all of our #bossBelles who are making our alma mater proud!

We are so excited for our classmates who are furthering their education. **Ana Maria Weikert** is currently enrolled in a doctorate of nurse anesthesia program. In the fall of 2019, **Alexandra Zahm Ramsay** began a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling at Adler University in Chicago.

Wedding Belles continue to ring for our class. **Devree Stopczynski Czupinski** married Joseph Czupinski on June 22, 2019 at Saint Mary's College in Le Mans Chapel.

Clair Kusbach Springer got married October 27, 2018 to Kyle Springer and welcomed a beautiful baby boy Grant on May 24, 2019.

Brianne Michaels Sprenger and her husband welcomed their son Grayson Scott Sprenger on July 12, 2019. **Hayley Helmus Tillman** and her husband had their second baby born on July 28, 2019.

We love hearing about all of the wonderful changes happening for our 2014 Belles. Please continue to share your news with us by dropping a line to belles2014news@gmail.com.



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Hannah Mudd '14

has joined Danna McKittrick PC as an associate attorney on the transaction team.

2015

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Greetings, Class of 2015,

Excuse the lengthy post, but we've got a lot of catching up to do! What a perfect time to update you on all of the exciting things we've been up to since 2015, before we all get together again for the 2020 Reunion. Don't forget to pack your shower shoes!

The Class of '15 Belles have been making money moves. **Kelly Marie Konya** joined fellow Belle **Madison Maria Maidment** (COO) as chief editor and media director at Coworker.com. Kelly spent her summer working in Dublin, Ireland. **Grace Marie McSorley** recently received ANCC medical-surgical board certification. She is currently a registered nurse at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. **Amanda Gilbert O'Sullivan** started a new position as a registered nurse at Gold Coast Surgicenter in Chicago. **Nicole Elizabeth O'Toole** and **Kelly Ann Rice** both recently passed the Illinois bar exam and began practicing as associate attorneys in Chicago. Nicole is at Swanson, Martin & Bell LLP and Kelly is at Nisen & Elliot LLC. **Karly Lauren Surman** made a big move from Dallas, TX to Chicago to start her new job as a partner manager at Facebook.

I hear wedding bell(e)s! **Amanda Gilbert O'Sullivan** married Thomas O'Sullivan (ND '14)

last fall in Chicago. Fellow Belles **Kelly Marie Konya**, **Grace Marie McSorley**, **Meghan Christine Roder**, and **Rosie Mary McSorley '13** were bridesmaids. Rumor has it the groom even performed at the reception. **Sarah Hossfeld Dancu** married Justin Dancu (ND '15) last fall in Niles, MI. Fellow Belles **Julia Marie Ritter**, **Rachel Ann Sinchak**, **Meghan Christine Roder**, **Karly Lauren Surman**, and **Emmie Anne Scanlon** were bridesmaids. Sarah and Justin are currently living in Boston, MA. (Shout-out to **Meghan Christine Roder**, bridesmaid of the year.) Many Belles and Domers tore up the dance floor all night long. **Julia Cathleen Saran** recently got engaged to Thomas Flannery in Chicago, surrounded by family and friends and many fellow Belles. **Sarah Dapper Cobb** married Owen Cobb (ND '15) last summer in Florida. Many Belles helped them celebrate: **Chris Knych Ugo '97**, **Kathryn Knych Dapper '87**, **Joanie Stephens '21**, **Katie Dapper Dressing '12**, **Carol Knych Stephens '83**, **Maria Kathryn Ugo '23**, **Callie Rose Brown**, **Bridget Ann Lyons**, **Sarah Cathleen Scheer**, **Allyson Nicole Darragh**, **Allie Holly Stride**, **Carolyn Rigby Tansey**, **Nicole Marie DelMonte**, **Lauren Fox Kwiatkowski**, and **Adrienne Mocogni**.

Andrea Swift Doherty married Matthew Doherty (ND '15) shortly after Andrea graduated from Notre Dame with a master's in management and Matthew graduated from Notre Dame Law School. They are now living in Honolulu, HI, where Matthew is commissioned in the US Navy JAG Corps. Andrea is working in privatized military housing. Thank you for your service, Dohertys!

And the newest members of the Class of 2041 are... **Jackie Rivera Jozwiak** and husband Matt Jozwiak (HCC '14) welcomed baby girl Caroline Elizabeth on Valentine's Day. **Ashley Dickson McCallum** and husband Kyle McCallum welcomed their baby boy Levi David McCallum on May 7, 2019. **Maddie Helman Laidig** and husband Nate Laidig welcomed their baby boy Lincoln on February 27. Maddie also started her own business designing wedding invitations; check her out at: @Linedgoods on Instagram!

Because they missed Noble Family Dining Hall chicken nuggets so much, these rock stars all went back to school to pursue post-graduate degrees. **Audrey Kathryn Kiefer** finished her first year at Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business MBA program and spent her summer working in brand management for Kimberly-Clark in Neenah, WI. **Christina Theresa Wenn** and **Rachel Anne Copley** recently received their doctor of optometry degrees — Christina from Arizona College of Optometry at Midwestern University and Rachel from the Michigan College of Optometry. **Sara Santiaguel** graduated from Indiana University School of Medicine and is now completing her pediatric residency at the University of Louisville. **Madeline Elizabeth Havrilla** recently returned to South Bend and is working towards her master of science in clinical mental health counseling from Indiana University South Bend.

Therese Gorecki Vicory was married on June 29, 2018 to Brandon Vicory at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Naperville, IL. Classmates **Krista Ury Wall** and **Jessica Elsner Yoakum** were bridesmaids.

Congrats to the Class of '15 for such exciting accomplishments! Send me your life updates to: nicoleotoole128@gmail.com.

2016

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Hey, Belles! Congratulations to our classmates who tied the knot recently:

Katelyn Sierra Smith married Kevin Kans on May 25, 2019 in Annapolis, MD. **Ally Emily Strasen** and **Andree Wilson-Nixa** were bridesmaids.

Theresa Jane Albert married Seth Kreeger on June 22, 2019 in their hometown of Belding, MI. Bridesmaids included **Melissa Marie Fitzpatrick** and **Kelly Marie Lyden**. **Sarah Kathryn Kalal**, **Nicole Anastasia Roulo**, and **Bethany Fenker** were also in attendance. The couple now live in Milwaukee, WI, where Theresa works as a speech language pathologist in a bilingual school and Seth pursues his doctorate in philosophy at Marquette University.

Emily Lynn Milnamow married Mark Canner on August 3, 2019. **Sinead Michela Hickey** was her maid of honor. The couple live in Kalamazoo, MI.

Don't forget to send updates to smc16news@gmail.com. Let your classmates celebrate with you!

2017

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Hello, Class of 2017!

In baby news, **Tyler Booth Lyon** welcomed a baby boy Alexander Lyon on July 14! Congratulations to your family, Tyler!

In wedding news, **Sara Elizabeth Knable** married Coby Croft in Pittsburgh, PA on July 26. Two of her bridesmaids were **Emerald Ellen Blankenship** and **Bridget O'Brien McKinnon**. Joining in attendance were fellow classmates **Hannah Kaylie Britton**, **Aspen Marie Davis**, **Maranda Louise Pennington**, **Morgan Kathleen Sands**, **Samantha Madisen Setterblad**, **Ellen Katherine Smithy**, **Bridget Mary Swanson**, **Erin Sommers Rigney '07**, and **Maura Sommers Rahm '11**. On June 22, **Kaitlyn Alessi Duran** married Mark Duran in Harbor Springs, MI. **Madeline Alicia Danz** was a bridesmaid, also in attendance was **Caitlin Klatt Blum '18**. **Jessica Jones DeJong** married Patrick DeJong (ND '17) at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on March 9. **Kendall Lauren Kane** was her maid of honor, while **Deidre Lyons Brower '16** and **Allyson Blair Karaffa** were bridesmaids. **Carly Elizabeth Feduska**, **Mary (Molly) McDermott O'Neill '18**, and **Katy Ann Stalter '20** were in attendance. Congratulations, Sara, Kaitlyn, and Jessica!

We are so proud of our fellow classmates **Mary Margaret Canady**, **Lauren Maria Faso**, **Carly**

Elizabeth Feduska, **Kaley Lynn Kubiak**, **Kate O'Neil Looney**, **Olivia Ortiz**, and **Alyssia Jean Parrett** for graduating with their masters of science in speech language pathology from our beloved alma mater this May. **Anna Judith Bourjaily** and **Itzrul Alejandra Moreno** both received their masters of education through the ACE program at Notre Dame this summer. Anna will be teaching in the suburbs of Chicago, while Itzrul will be staying on to work for ACE. Congratulations to all; we can't wait to see where your degrees take you!

Emily Danielle Crimmins is excited to share that she has been working as a technician for the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program. She is also buying a house in Port Huron all on her own. Congratulations, Emily!

Although summer is coming to an end, we are excited for the start of football season! We can't wait to hear more updates for the next *Courier* report. Best, Maggie and Megan.

2019



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Anna Carpenter '19

was hired by the Association of the Genuine Alaska Pollock Producers as the Communications and Membership Coordinator, a newly created role.

Welcome Graduate Studies!

We're excited to include news from our Saint Mary's College graduate students in this issue. To submit news, email Emma Lipka at elipka@saintmarys.edu.

Speech Language Pathology

Erin Duffy Correll '14, '18 was married November 3, 2018 and moved to Milwaukee, WI, where she works as a speech language pathologist with school-age children.

Chelsea Dawn Scapino '18 and family moved to a new home in Michigan and are expecting their second daughter in December.

Grace Anne Connolly '19 moved to Fort Wayne, IN and is working at a skilled nursing facility and rehabilitation center.

Katherine O'Neil Looney '17, '19 is working as a speech language pathologist for a special education cooperative just outside Chicago.

Kelsey Deilus '19 is engaged to her high school sweetheart Ryan and working as a speech therapist for a private clinic in her hometown of Jackson, MI.

Jess Skelton '19 has accepted a position as a speech language pathologist at LaVille elementary and high schools in Lakeville, IN.

Allison Rose Cox '19 is employed by the Waukegan, IL school system, with a split caseload between two elementary schools and a preschool. She will marry her fiancé Kevin in November.

Darcy Nicole Cowley Zack '19 divides her time as a bilingual speech language pathologist between two professional experiences: deLancey Family Center Education Center serving children ages 3–5 and their families, and Liberty Elementary School in their dual language program. She is engaged to be married in Costa Rica in 2020.

Angela Gillis Williams '12, '17 was married to her husband Zac on July 12, 2019.

Christina Rose Witmer '19 moved to Portland, ME and is now a speech language pathologist at Southern Maine Children's Academy.

Jessica Lee Baumann '19 is a speech language pathologist in Baugo Community Schools' Jimtown elementary and high schools in Elkhart, IN.

Data Science

Sanjiv Kukadia '18 was promoted to practice lead at Digital Assurance and Testing for Sogeti's Indianapolis unit, and his wife was approved to immigrate to the United States.

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Brianna Noel Acotsa '10, '18, DNP, WHNP-BC, presented her practice innovation project "Increasing Human Papillomavirus Vaccine Rates in Young Women" at Sigma Theta Tau's Creating Healthy Work Environments conference in New Orleans on February 23. She also presented at the Midwest Nursing Research Society's annual conference on March 29.

Catherine Duffy Shah '09, '19 presented her "Health Literacy Assessment and Education Level" at the Midwest Nursing Research Society's annual conference on March 29.

Anna Kathryn Person '10, '19 presented her practice innovation project "Transitional Case Management Interventions: Effect on Readmission Rates and Health Disparities in Pediatric Asthmatic Patients" at the Midwest Nursing Research Society's annual conference on March 29.

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Event Highlights



Kickoff Celebration

On January 20, 2019 — the feast day of Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of the Holy Cross — the College hosted Saint Mary's Serves, a community-wide service project to kickoff the year-long celebration. The College's core values (learning, community, faith/spirituality, and justice) encourages students to take what they've learned and use it to serve their communities. To honor those values, Saint Mary's students, faculty, and staff paired up with local organizations such as La Casa de Amistad and St. Margaret's House to serve the South Bend community. After the service blitz, the kickoff celebration continued with an Opening Liturgy in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto and the Moreau Dinner in the Noble Family Dining Hall, both of which honored Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau.

Belles Weekend and Women's Choir Concert at Carnegie Hall

In 1843, the Sisters departed Le Havre, France and made the pilgrimage to America by means of a ship called the Rhone which sailed across the Atlantic Ocean. In order to commemorate their arrival in New York on July 16, 1843, many Belles, both current and former, took on the Big Apple as part of a Belles Weekend in New York City that included tours of NBC Studios and the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. The weekend culminated in a special Marian-themed performance by the Saint Mary's Women's Choir at Carnegie Hall. Member of the choir, **Mary Trainor '20**, knows it's a night she'll forever remember: "Music is something that really brings us together and being a Belle is something I will never forget."

Women of the Church Conference

In 1943, Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC opened the Graduate School of Sacred Theology — the first of its kind for laypeople and women religious. This history made Saint Mary's the perfect place to host the Women of the Church Conference on campus in October 2019. Emily Sipos-Butler, associate director of the Center for Spirituality, said more than 150 "women and men from around the country and Europe gathered to explore the diverse work of Catholic women in the church and the world." The conference featured three days of breakout sessions, keynote addresses, and conversation about women's leadership in the Catholic Church. It was timely, as the spirit of the Women of the Church Conference reflects the overarching mission of the College: "It was a unique gathering of people with a diverse range of experiences and views of the church, all of whom were invited to listen and learn, to share and connect, and to look honestly at the current situation — precisely what the College encourages in its students."

Background photo: Women's Choir Concert at Carnegie Hall. Clockwise from upper left: National Literary Festival, Lessons and Carols, Women of the Church Conference, Discover Saint Mary's: A Walk in Time, and Saint Mary's Serves at the Kickoff Celebration.


Discover Saint Mary's: A Walk in Time

Participants embarked on a pilgrimage across the historical campus on September 22, 2019 to explore the history and heritage of Saint Mary's College. Participants were commissioned as pilgrims at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto and braced the rain that showered over campus journeying to experience the imprint of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and other members of the Congregation who were influential in the conception of Saint Mary's College. Pilgrims congregated at the end of the day in the Noble Family Dining Hall for a French-inspired Blessed Basil Moreau Dinner.

National Literary Festival

On November 8 and 9, Saint Mary's campus was filled with celebrated novelists, poets, and screenwriters during the first Saint Mary's College National Literary Festival. The festival was hosted by alumna and *New York Times* best-selling author **Adriana Trigiani '81**, who "engaged all ten authors in substantive and entertaining public conversation at the Saturday luncheon event," said Laura Haigwood, chair of the English department. The two-day event allowed students from both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame to engage each author in discussion about their lives and their writing processes. On Friday, students and faculty were able to meet with their authors over a special dinner in the Noble Family Dining Hall while Saturday's events featured a lunch followed by author interviews and book signings in the afternoon.

Lessons and Carols

The celebration of 175 years of Saint Mary's College culminated with an event which celebrated the past, enjoyed the present, and looked forward to the future. Campus Ministry and the Department of Music presented Lessons and Carols: Looking Forward, an annual service of music, scripture, and candlelight celebrated in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto on December 15th, 2019. The Advent tradition has been celebrated by the Saint Mary's College, Sisters of the Holy Cross, and South Bend community for over forty years — an appropriate wrap-up of the College's celebration of 175 years. Traditional Advent hymns were paired with seven lessons adapted from scripture and the Women's Choir also performed Andrea Ramsey's "The Dark is Shattered" — a special musical piece commissioned this year and based on a poem by Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC titled "New Things and Old, Christmas, 1941." The carols and lessons were followed by a candlelight service which brought community members together under one light and served as a reminder of the beauty which comprises Saint Mary's history, present, and future. 

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