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As I reflect on the inauguration events that occurred last month, I find myself musing once again on my “ancestors” in the Office of the President at Saint Mary’s. One of these, Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC, was present in my installation ceremony in quiet but important ways.

Many colleges and universities have a ceremonial “mace”—an ornamental staff made of metal or wood and adorned with the seal of the college and other symbolic decorations or materials that are meaningful to the institution. The faculty marshal or the president carries the mace in ceremonial processions such as commencement, convocation, or a presidential inauguration. Saint Mary’s College does not have a mace. Instead, recent presidents have chosen one of the walking sticks Sister Madeleva collected in her wide-ranging travels, and the marshal holds up the humble walking stick while leading any formal procession during that president’s tenure. The stick is placed in a holder at the front of the stage with the same decorum as a gold or silver mace encrusted with gemstones.

Over a year ago, I chose a walking stick that originated in Mexico—a small nod to the Mexican and Mexican-American members of my family. But the stick takes on new meaning when I connect it to the “journey” metaphor that permeated my inauguration address. I spoke about two books by British writer Robert Macfarlane, and how one of those books, *The Old Ways*, engaged with the idea of what we notice when we slow down and travel on foot. Sister Madeleva writes beautifully about how, when she lived in Utah, her hiking sticks “had journeyed miles with me to the tops of all our surrounding mountains and back. They had shared our quest of wildflowers: fritillary, lupine, lungwort, penstemon, cliff rose, columbine. They had shared with us the first call of the meadow lark, the iridescence of the lazuli bunting, the splendor of the western oriole.” Clearly, Sister Madeleva paused and observed with a precise and poetic eye what the landscape had to share.

In the second of the books I mentioned, *Underland*, Macfarlane explored the caves, tunnels, and secret passages beneath our feet, passages where our human ancestors found shelter or safety or comfort and consciously left evidence that they were here. The most common sign they left was a handprint, an open palm recorded on cave or tunnel walls. We do not know what these ancestors intended for us to understand from this symbol, but Macfarlane ultimately interprets it as “an open-handed encounter across time”—a greeting, a touch, a gesture of connection.

Today, I am thinking about Sister Madeleva’s guiding precept of “the relaxed grasp,” a different kind of open-handedness that she saw as emancipating her from a clutching hold on “friends, pupils, places, things.” She wanted to practice relinquishing “the nonessentials of encumbering humanity,” and she even considered giving up her walking sticks by burning them in the fireplace of the Great Hall in Le Mans! She observed with humility that God seemed to test her relaxed grasp with the deaths of several dear friends. “I am learning to let go,” she wrote, “in deference to Him.”

In my Inauguration remarks, I suggested that every life is a journey, and that at this moment when my journey intersects with the College’s journey, I am particularly aware of the open hands of institutional “ancestors” reaching out to me across generations that bridge more than a century-and-a-half of common enterprise. I am grateful for their “handprints”—their specific achievements, recorded in their own times and preserved in our history and traditions. And I am also grateful for their relaxed grasp, for the loose hold that allows the College to change with the times, as it always has, and that encourages those of us here today to imagine how our efforts—our signifying handprints—might leave the College better than we found it.

Katie Conboy

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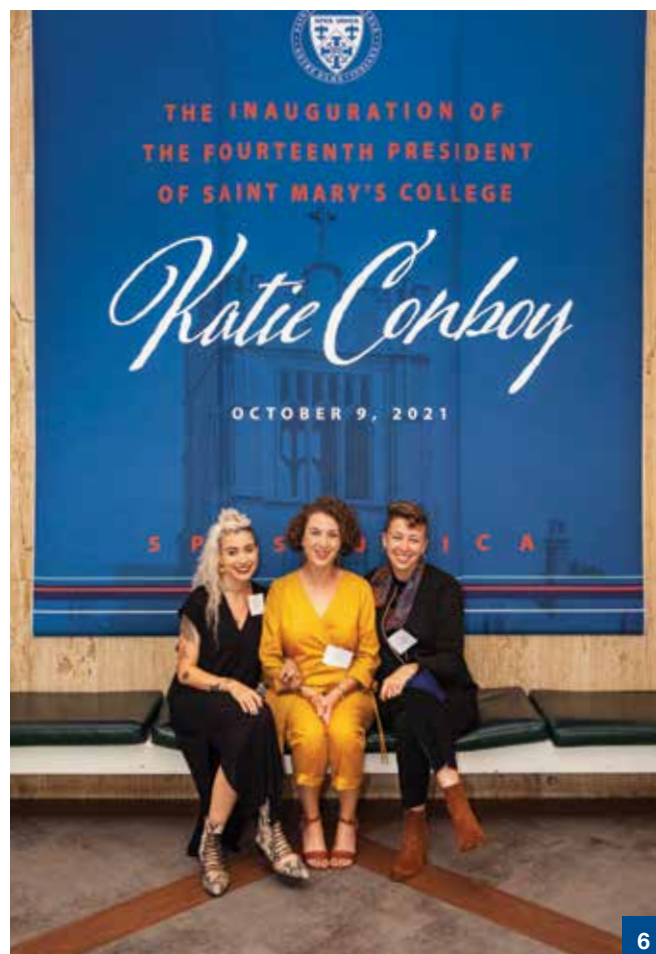


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The Inauguration of Katie Conboy

A Weekend to Celebrate

It was a long-awaited celebration, unlike any other in the history of Saint Mary's College. Following a year of successfully navigating the unpredictable and unprecedented events of a global pandemic, Katie Conboy was installed October 9 as Saint Mary's 14th president.

Conboy's Inauguration began with Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, followed by a luncheon in the Noble Family Dining Hall. Then, more than 500 guests gathered in O'Laughlin Auditorium where **Gretchen Flicker '93**, chair of the Board of Trustees, formally invested Conboy.

"Seventeen months into Katie's tenure, it's clear that students, faculty, staff, alumnae, parents, and friends feel Katie's commitment to our mission and are confident in her ability to lead us to a successful future," Flicker said.

The exuberant audience erupted with a standing ovation when Conboy took the podium to give her address. She focused on being at Saint Mary's College at this moment in history. Reflecting on how ancient people left their handprints for future generations, Conboy asked the audience to join her in leaving their 'own signifying handprints' that will make the College a better place long after they're gone.

"I am here; we are all here," she said. "The world needs Saint Mary's right now, and Saint Mary's is *here*."

Events leading up to the ceremony celebrated initiatives that Conboy's administration has already implemented.

For over a week, the campus simmered with activity, from a creative and academic symposium featuring student and faculty research, to the dedication of the College's newest academic facility—the Center for Integrated Healthcare Education—and the ribbon-cutting for the Office for Student Equity and LGBTQ+ Center. Additional events included a tour of the recent additions to the College's art collection, a lecture by award-winning author Jacqueline Woodson, and a concert by Grammy Award-winning jazz and blues singer Catherine Russell, one of Conboy's favorite musical artists.

On Friday, October 8 at a dinner with Trustees and special guests, Conboy announced a gift to establish a new fund: The Conboy/O'Grady Fund for Dialogue, Justice, and Intercultural Understanding. The fund honors her parents, Taine and Joseph



Saturday, October 9, the Board of Trustees formally recognized Katie Conboy as the 14th president of Saint Mary's College.



Conboy, and her husband Tom O'Grady's parents, Leah and Brendan O'Grady, as a tribute to their guidance and support.

Current Saint Mary's students embraced the celebrations, hosting two events of their own: a lip sync battle and a silent disco. Conboy reveled in both, and even recruited her leadership team as backup singers to Aretha Franklin's "Respect" during the lip sync fun.

With 31 delegates from national and regional higher education institutions attending the installation ceremony, the week's events highlighted Saint Mary's mission and strategic vision as much as they focused on celebrating Conboy, and officially welcoming her leadership at Saint Mary's.

An Event of Belonging

Off to one side in Rice Commons, a large multipurpose room on the main floor of the Student Center, a small gathering of people waited to take their turn at the podium and officially open the College's Office for Student Equity and the LGBTQ+ Center. The mood in the room was celebratory, and the audience enthusiastic.

"These offices coincide with the tactical recommendations in the College's 10-year strategic plan," said Redgina Hill, vice president for Inclusion and Equity, as she welcomed the standing-room-only crowd. "One of the calls is to reduce the economic and social barriers to success for our students. In doing so, Saint Mary's honors its commitment to creating a culture of belonging and mattering by fostering an inclusive environment," she said.

The Office for Student Equity provides financial resources so all students can share in the full college experience. As 29% of Saint Mary's students are first generation, and 26% are eligible for Pell grants, the office helps bridge the gap for students who can't always afford the extra costs of higher education.

Funded through an endowment from the Wilson Sheehan Foundation, the office works closely with the Office of Financial Aid, Student Affairs, and Multicultural Student Services to provide a cohesive network of resources in addition to financial help. "Since its opening, our office has been able to provide laptops and repairs, professional clothing, and money for field trips," said **Christin Kloski '15**, associate director of the Office for Student Equity. "This list will continue to grow. I'm excited to see the future!"

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Angela Martinez Camacho '23 spoke at the event about her experience needing financial help to purchase her books. “I knew my parents would not have been able to add yet another expense to their lives during a pandemic. The Office for Student Equity gives me hope that students like me won’t feel ashamed of needing extra financial assistance from time to time. Their services are beyond just giving money. This office is a resource where students can talk about our futures.”

The LGBTQ+ Center serves as a place for resources and support for the community and its allies in recognition of the fundamental dignity of each human person. No one is more enthusiastic than **Jacqueline Leskovec '74**. Her memories of her time at Saint Mary’s are good ones, but admittedly marked with a wistfulness that she couldn’t be her authentic self.

“I am so proud of Saint Mary’s for moving forward with this safe space,” she told the audience. “Back in the last millennium when I came out, I longed for such recognition and acceptance for who I am. I could only dream of such a welcoming place for LGBTQ+ students on campus. Visibility, acceptance, and a safe space help us all along the road to self actualization. Brava, Saint Mary’s!”

Today a network coordinator for the Network of the National Library of Medicine, Leskovec has committed her spare time to working with Saint Mary’s alumnae through Pride SMC, an official Alumnae Association affinity group.



The Office for Student Equity, along with the LGBTQ+ Center, were officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony during Inauguration week.

Current student **Francesca Guilana '23** draws strength from Leskovec’s story, and values the College’s commitment to the community. She leads SAGE, the Sexuality and Gender Equity club, Saint Mary’s gay straight alliance. At the dedication event, she spoke of her hopes for moving forward.

“I believe the opening of the LGBTQ+ Center will have an amazing impact on our campus community,” Guilana said. “It’s a showcase of the College’s efforts to acknowledge all students, and will be so beneficial for current and future Belles. This is such a fantastic step to take in fostering an accepting community.”

Expansion Promises Strong Future for Health Services

Saint Mary’s Department of Nursing Science has long been praised for its high level of education and training. In 2020, *Nursing Schools Almanac* named it one of the top three nursing schools in Indiana, and in 2021, *U.S. News and World Report* ranked it in the top 26% of undergraduate nursing programs in the nation. While these accolades are impressive, Provost and Senior Vice President Titilayo Ufomata is confident the program will grow even stronger in its new state-of-the-art facility, the Center for Integrated Healthcare Education (CIHE).



President Katie Conboy and Ashley Moreno '23, a nursing student, during the center’s dedication and blessing ceremony tour.

Student Events Add to Inauguration Festivities



Student-led events bookended Inauguration week with a lip sync battle and a silent disco. The lip sync battle brought students, faculty, and staff to the Carroll Auditorium stage with their song of choice. **Kylie Henry '24**, and **Isel Herrera '24** (left) offered an enthusiastic performance while President Conboy and her team brought the crowd to its feet with their version of “Respect” by Aretha Franklin. To cap the events, students joined a giant dance party on Le Mans Green. Students donned headphones during the Rave Around the World Silent Disco (right).



“This center has long been a dream of ours,” Ufomata said in her address to guests at the blessing and dedication of the building, celebrated during Inauguration week events. “We know that in order to educate students to become leaders in health and behavioral sciences, we must have a world-class facility that incorporates everything that the medical and behavioral disciplines consider best practice,” she said.

A \$1 million grant from the Lilly Endowment in 2020 helped fund phase one of the three-phase project, and has transformed the first floor and lower level of Regina Hall. The stained glass windows that once encircled the former chapel now reflect upon a moss-covered wall, a new 80-seat lecture hall, and ultra-modern conference room, while the lower level holds the simulation labs, high-tech medical mannequins, and observation rooms. At the dedication, guests toured the facility while students and faculty demonstrated the technology.

“This is a dream come true,” said Sue Anderson, director of Nursing Science, department chair and professor. “The center elevates the Department of Nursing Science to the top of nursing programs in the Midwest. The educational opportunities that this facility offers are priceless.”

Through focused interdisciplinary and interprofessional training, students will be next-level clinicians in healthcare delivery. As the

CIHE expands through phase two and three, all of Saint Mary’s health science and behavioral programs—Speech Language Pathology, Social Work and Gerontology, and Autism Studies—will be housed in Regina Hall.

“Students were extremely excited to finally get our hands on the simulation labs and all the new mannequins,” said **Kathleen Soller '22**. “Even though our education is already incredible, I believe this technology will enhance it greatly.”



Students demonstrate their technical training on one of the high-fidelity medical mannequins.

Still Making History

Even though the 50th Jubilee Reunion weekend for the classes of 1970 and 1971 didn't happen as planned, virtual reunion gatherings have brought the classmates closer than ever. They have evolved into monthly online visits for the Class of 1970, where they talk about everything from recent movies to travel ideas to the value of redemptive suffering.

Members of both classes became Inauguration VIPs, and were invited to attend every event of the weekend.

Sara Bateman Koehler '70 “jumped at the opportunity to attend,” she said. Koehler has been a guest at two Saint Mary's inaugurations, and said she could easily become an inauguration groupie because she loves attending them. “Celebrating the past and the future, you get to be a part of history; it's such a unique experience,” she said.

Noting that Saint Mary's will always be the place that shaped her as a person, **Susan Hoke Timmons '71** was just as eager to come to South Bend for the events.

Both alumnae commented on the parallels between their years as students and now. Social and political changes were as profound and disorienting 50 years ago as they are today. This was an ongoing topic during their virtual visits with classmates and President Katie Conboy.

Koehler participated in a civil rights march at the University of Notre Dame, led by Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, CSC, while a Saint Mary's student. During her 35-year teaching career that followed, she regularly brought awareness to her classrooms about the wounds of systemic racism and the dangers of white privilege. Koehler said the insurrection on the Capitol and the murder of George Floyd and other Black Americans angered her. “We have a lot more work to do.”

The political tension of the past two years mirrors the climate 50 years ago. After experiencing both, Timmons thinks staying hopeful is essential for solutions. “There was a lot of misinformation then too, with Vietnam and civil rights,” she said. “But, as is integral to Saint Mary's strong liberal arts foundation, when we learn to listen for understanding, we can find new solutions. If we could do it then, we can do it today.”

Attending Inauguration was a continuation of her deep connection to Saint Mary's. “It's been wonderful to welcome a new president who has vision, is articulate, acknowledges the history while increasing STEM offerings and addressing broader diversity,” Timmons said. “She is willing to accept the complex challenges of her role—starting with COVID—and she's doing it well.”



Members of the Class of 1970 (left to right): Sara Bateman Koehler, Susan Vanek, and Addie Stefanac Cashore.



Members of the Class of 1971 (left to right): Mary Beth Crimmins Huba, Paula Dawning, Nan Kavanagh Poore, Susan Hoke Timmons, Michele Malloy, and Maureen Schimizzi.

Displaying Discoveries in Science, Art, Humanities

As the corners of the Moreau Center for the Arts came to life with violins and violas, about 300 guests wove through the center to the backdrop of student and faculty art exhibits.

In the Little Theatre, stage performances began with pianists and the *Sleeping Beauty Waltz* by Tchaikovsky, followed by vocalists and dancers captivating the audience. At the same time, drama students transformed the outdoor Miller Arcade into a scene from *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll.



Mimi Panzica '24 and Abigail Pinnow '22 perform a scene from *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll during the creative arts performances.

The festival feel of this year's symposium *Revere, Revise, Reimagine: A Symposium of Research and Creative Works*, complemented the celebratory atmosphere of Inauguration. The all-day event, held in three campus buildings, showcased the talents and projects of students and faculty across several interdisciplinary programs at Saint Mary's.

The addition of performing and visual arts to the symposium emphasized the importance of research in the performing arts.

Professor Nancy Menk, chair of the Department of Music, explains: “Research in the performing arts can involve many things,” she said. “Singers need to understand the text and its source, which often involves translation. We all need to understand through the historical context and the performance practice of the style of music we are performing.”

The primary goal of the symposium is to display and celebrate the original work and high-level research that faculty and students engage in across disciplines—from dance to neuroscience.

“So much of our research is community-centered, from the art exhibits in the galleries to the graduate students in Speech Language Pathology who study the effectiveness of speech therapies for those with Parkinson's,” said Colleen Hoover, associate provost and event organizer. “It's a joy to share our work—in person—with the community.”

Moving from creative performances to discussions, guests traveled to Spes Unica Hall to participate in interactive research panels and discussions. Panelists featured work that ranged from spiritual lessons of Catholic women mystics, to the evolution of the Cryptodiran turtle, to the proper use of walls from an artistic perspective, with engaging discussion about each of them.

A dynamic student poster session in Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex culminated the event as students and faculty displayed their work. Just as diverse, projects during the poster session ranged from potential solutions for antibiotic resistance to variations in fox squirrel alarm calls.

Ambrosia Bell '22 had a constant flow of guests surrounding her with conversations and questions about her research titled, “The Black Woman Experience at Predominantly White Institutions.” The motivation for her work stemmed from a lifetime of her own experience, including at Saint Mary's.

“It's time to take action, instead of pushing this issue aside,” Bell said. “I'm hoping this research promotes change at Saint Mary's and possibly other institutions.”

After 40-hour weeks of research for a solid 10 weeks, **Valerie Eddington '22**, who is majoring in biology, can discuss the minute differences in the sounds of squirrels. She even demonstrated the high-pitched alarm that she studied during her field work. “Being here is a great way to talk about our work. We get excited to know someone wants to learn more,” she said.

Wrapping up the event this year was a performance by the Program in Dance called “Welcome Home” that brought the day full circle with the “Bells of Saint Mary's.”

The research symposium—named this year with reference to President Katie Conboy's strategic plan for the College—epitomizes the daily work scholars are doing at Saint Mary's, Hoover added. “The research and creative work here is an integral part of our academic excellence, for faculty and students alike,” she said. “That students from all disciplines have the opportunity to pursue research projects with faculty is a signature of Saint Mary's.”



Lexi Kilcoin '23 answers questions about her research at the poster session.



During the panel discussions faculty presented their latest research.

Improving the World Through Writing

Award-winning author Jacqueline Woodson doesn't have time to engage in activities that don't change her in a positive way. She calls the practice "unsilencing" herself.

"I want to learn and question and be critical of the world, and somehow through my work, be heard to make things better," she said in an interview before her September 28 visit to Saint Mary's as the 2021 Christian Culture Lecture speaker.



While President Katie Conboy's Inauguration marks advancements to the College relating to justice and inclusivity for all students, Woodson said the same social shifts across the nation are energizing her as a writer.

"The change we're experiencing now isn't new, we're just finally realizing where more change needs to happen," she said. Not surprisingly, she said, there is a backdrop of resistance to these changes, which fuels Woodson's determination and her art. "I'm hoping that I can somehow help people get through this time safely."

Paying attention to the social changes is important to her because she believes all artists are activists. "People make art because they're critical of the world; they have questions about it; they want to understand it," she said. "A poor kid from Appalachia who writes a book is an activist, because when people put down their art, it does change the world. And that's what activism means."

She began her day at Saint Mary's with a circle of students, sharing inspiration and writing methods during a workshop designed for women authors and attended by students from surrounding areas.

High school students are longing for a personal connection to arts and humanities, said Laura Williamson Ambrose, associate professor and chair of the Department of Humanistic Studies.

"Reaching out to them helps them feel seen, and attending the author workshop makes them visible." The lectures have strengthened partnerships between the College and the surrounding communities to benefit both. Author lectures without the greater community are "academic exercises, rather than engaging celebrations," she said.

During the evening talk, Woodson spoke to about 400 people in O'Laughlin Auditorium. She said she was "thrilled to be at Saint Mary's at this important time in the College's history" with Inauguration, and especially as her first public speaking engagement in person since the start of the pandemic.

Woodson's voice captivated the audience as she read from *Show Way*, a rhythmic narrative that follows her female slave ancestors and their descendants who experienced early freedom, right up to her mother, who lived through the civil rights movement.

Sitting down with President Katie Conboy after her reading, Woodson shared her ideas about college graduates seeking jobs that bring them joy, encouraging young writers, and Jesus' commandment to love one another.

She was taught to be "in the world but not of the world" as a Jehovah's Witness, which is how she thinks of her characters. Woodson was also influenced by her uncle's practice as a Muslim. "He came home from being incarcerated as a Muslim so we had the Bible and the Quran in our house from then on," she said. Although no longer a practicing Witness, exposure to both religions showed her how spirituality and art intersect.

"Writing is meditative to me; spirituality gives me hope. So when I write, I light a candle, think about my ancestors and ask for guidance from those who came before me," she said. "I'm trying to create something that is better than what is already here. Writing and prayer are very much the same to me."

Woodson's body of work includes a long list of published titles and top-tier accolades. She received the National Book Award for *Brown Girl Dreaming*, is a four-time Newbery Honor winner, and a two-time Coretta Scott King Award winner. She was named the 2015 Young People's Poet Laureate by the Poetry Foundation, the 2018 Ambassador for Young People's Literature by the Library of Congress, and was selected for the 2020 MacArthur Genius fellowship. She was also the 2020 recipient of the Hans Christian Andersen Award, the highest international recognition given to an author and illustrator of children's books.

After all of her success, her intention is the same: Tell stories that make people think and feel because that's what drew her to being a writer. After reading *The Little Matchstick Girl* by Hans Christian Andersen, she realized the power of words.

"My 8-year-old self cried and was angry that she died of poverty," she said. "I felt the deep unfairness in the world and because those words made me feel so much, I wanted to tell the story and change the narrative and the ending; tell the story with hope."

Exploring New Campus Art

Midway through Inauguration week, a discussion and tour brought attention to some of the College's latest acquisitions. Molly Gower, interim vice president for Mission, joined Tiffany Bidler, associate professor of art history, to host *Representing Holiness: An Exploration of Marian Art*.

Enhancing the scope of religious art and icons at Saint Mary's has been a passion project for Gower, who is also an assistant professor in the Department of Religious Studies and Theology.

"I came in with a deep appreciation for the relationship between art and theological imagination," Gower said. "At its core, this project is about Saint Mary's telling ourselves and others who we are, who we welcome, and what we value. I had heard students, faculty, and staff, especially persons of color, describe their pain at not seeing more diverse representations of holy persons around campus."

Close to 40 new pieces have been installed around campus, including several majestic statues made of iron, paintings from the 17th and 18th centuries, vibrant contemporary lithographs and posters, and canvas works. In nearly every building, one or more new pieces of art can be found.

Much of the art presents a cultural representation of Mary. At the event, art historian Bidler took guests on a comparative journey, showing the parallels of six of the new Marian pieces to other well-known works of art. Audience members were invited to share their reflections on the parallels before later taking a walking tour to see the art for themselves.

Five of the new pieces on campus were the direct result of an alumna who understood the College's vision of itself as a place of belonging. Gower said, "Mary Burke is well known to our campus. As the former chair of our Board of Trustees, and an alumna with an extraordinary connection to our students and faculty, she made sure our new collection held some of the brightest examples of religious art."

Mary Burke '85 and **Susan Glockner Gallagher '80** both sit on the board of trustees at Mercy Hospital in Chicago, which until recently was operated by the Sisters of Mercy. Together, they arranged the permanent loan from Mercy to Saint Mary's of five remarkable works of art. Other pieces came from collectors and friends of the College, including Carolyn Woo, former dean of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame and retired CEO of Catholic Relief Services.

The pieces on loan from Woo all represent the mother of Christ through the eyes of Chinese Christian culture.

Woo describes one in particular. "Most precious is the Chinese statue of Mary with Jesus (pictured right). This was produced even though the Communist government prohibited religious images. So this appropriates an image from Chinese folklore in which a dutiful mother/spouse/daughter in a fishing village holds a lantern on her head to guide the fisherfolk to shore. It is laden with symbolism."

Because all forms of religious activity were banned in China between 1966 and 1976, Marian devotion was often disguised. Woo doesn't know who created this particular statue, nor does she know its year of origin, but it was given to her by "a much persecuted Chinese bishop and (is) a treasure to me." By loaning it to Saint Mary's, she provides an opportunity for the campus community to see some of the ways in which Mary is depicted throughout the world.



Professor Molly Gower talks about the People of God marble statue by Nassio Bayarri de Valencia during the campus tour of art.



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Inauguration Moments



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Ongoing Anxiety as Pandemic Persists

Understanding the Human Brain

By Haleigh Ehmsen '16

Q & A with Catherine Pittman, professor of psychology

For psychology professor Catherine Pittman, 2021 marks 32 years of teaching at Saint Mary's. It also marks year two of the coronavirus pandemic, College protocol changes related to it, and safety concerns.

Among the masked students in her in-person classrooms, as well as the clients at her private practice in South Bend, Pittman has observed how the ongoing pandemic continues to affect everyone's well-being. Her takeaway? From a neurological perspective, most people have not 'gotten used to things.'

Pittman's passion for understanding the human brain has driven three decades of research, and provided expertise in helping others cope with ongoing stress and anxiety. We sat down with her to discuss the distress that is accompanying the pandemic today, and the continuation of shifting protocols and safety measures.

Q: *What are you seeing regarding mental health and the pandemic?*

People are experiencing a lot more worry and anxiety. I have also seen decreases in social support available, so people face their worries—about health, how the pandemic will affect their finances, employment, personal safety, and their families—with less support. What's more, we are not built to handle stress for this long. People are experiencing things like increased muscle tension and difficulty sleeping, and month after month of potential danger can lead some to develop depression.

Q: *Can you explain what happens in the brain to elicit anxiety; what is the relationship between the brain and anxious feelings?*

In my book *Rewire Your Anxious Brain*, I outline how the brain is wired to protect us. Over the centuries, the things that we humans fear and the things which cause danger to us have changed, but the brain still works the same way. We sense danger and respond by protecting ourselves.

The amygdala is key in this process. Located in the medial temporal lobe of the brain, it produces the body's "fight or flight" response, which also causes the anxious feelings we experience. Think of the amygdala like the alarm system in our body. It is what produces fear, dread, anxiety, the sense that something negative is going to happen, and a set of physical responses even if there is no clear danger. We all live with these emotional reactions in our bodies. This is because the amygdala works faster than we can think and begins these responses, trying to protect us.

That being said, it's important to note the difference between fear and danger. Fear is sometimes elicited even when there is no clear danger. Fear is the smoke detector going off even though there isn't a fire—you just burned your dinner and it's smoky in your kitchen. Danger is when the threat is clear and present—your dinner caught on fire in the oven and flames are shooting out. We need to recognize that feeling fear or anxiety does not always mean we are in danger. To be clear, the feelings and changes in our body are very real, but the danger may not be.

Q: *What is the relationship between the brain, anxiety, and the media?*

We are built to be fearful. While fear is a healthy emotion, we don't need it to be elicited every day and every hour. Today, the availability of frightening information can be at our fingertips at any moment.

We play a role in it, too, because we pay attention to information that frightens us. As we engage with news content, we begin to think about people in our families who are very vulnerable and worry about the people that we love. The amygdala is ignited. We may experience increased muscle tension, a sense of panic, difficulty sleeping, and more.

This isn't to say we should avoid the media. News outlets are such an important source of information, but can also be a source of misinformation. This is why it's so important to understand how anxiety works in the body. We can't always operate off our gut feelings. We need to learn how to manage our feelings, and not misinterpret them as reflections of reality. We can be inundated with information that is about danger, but we need to be able to talk about it and process it to be healthy.

Q: *What is the best advice you can give about ongoing anxiety?*

When the pandemic will end is unclear. Learning how to manage anxiety around the COVID-19 virus, and the ways it has changed our world is key to continuing to move forward.

There are several practices that reduce the body's stress response. While none of them may be new ideas, they are the scientifically researched and proven methods to manage anxiety.

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Pittman recommends:

SCHEDULE SLEEP

One key factor in managing anxiety is to make sure that you're getting enough sleep. Sleep is an important reset process for the brain. The amygdala can try to keep us up in a continuous loop of worries, because it was built to keep us awake if there is danger. But a person whose amygdala is more activated and gets less sleep is likely to be more anxious, irritable and fatigued. Seven or more hours of sleep are necessary to be equipped to continue handling the many stressors in our daily lives, especially during a time of ongoing stress.

MORE MOVING

Any exercise—walking, running, yoga—helps reduce the activation in the amygdala. Regular exercise has the biggest benefit to stress, but even going out for a brisk run or walk when you're starting to feel anxious can manage the feelings of anxiety.

MIND YOUR THOUGHTS

Being mindful of where your thoughts are going and what might be influencing them can dissolve them. Our thoughts have the power to activate the amygdala into creating a stress response even if there is no present danger, and with so much fear in the media our brains can be on the "COVID channel," a place where we replay what we have heard. Constant updates on protocol changes or new cases can lead to worries circling as we play out hypothetical scenarios. Minimize your time on the "COVID channel" by focusing on other thoughts and activities in order to reduce amygdala activation. Your brain has more channels than cable TV so take advantage of them!

PLAY AND SOCIALIZE

Finally, making time for social interaction, whether in person or virtual, is always important for stressful situations. We are social creatures and have a need to stay in touch with family and friends. Give yourself time to play and have fun; do things that make you laugh. We need that lightness and opportunity to relax.



ALUMNAE DEATHS

1944		
Mary Ann O’Riley Lassuy	May 24, 2021	
1946		
Patricia Tiernan Roark	May 4, 2021	
1947		
Patricia Aubertin Baumbauer	July 20, 2021	
Patricia Christy Garlock	July 3, 2021	
Betty Dolan McCarthy	July 13, 2021	
1950		
Mary Garside Liebscher	June 22, 2021	
1951		
Rosemary Stapleton Findlay	March 12, 2020	
Judith Hogan McGah	May 23, 2021	
1952		
Loretta Jo Brazaitis Ebert	July 16, 2021	
Mary Jean Wallace Paxton	July 21, 2021	
Virginia Wise Phipps	August 14, 2021	
1953		
Betty Klein Moore	July 25, 2021	
1954		
Margaret Burns Macleay	August 14, 2020	
Mary Beth Adler Wilhelmi	February 14, 2021	
1955		
Natalie Healy Doell	July 31, 2021	
Mary Ann Franch	June 2, 2021	
Magdalene Zimmerman Iglar	April 22, 2021	
1957		
Sister M. Carolita Hart, CSC	May 22, 2021	
Catherine Frost Linehan	July 11, 2021	
1958		
Karin Moore Beckert	March 29, 2021	
Nancy Schwind Gallagher	July 22, 2021	
Ann Leonard Molenda	June 17, 2021	
Sharon Doyle Schellong	August 5, 2021	
Margaret Trenkamp	July 6, 2021	
Sister M. Louisita Welsh, CSC	August 19, 2021	
1959		
Geraldine Dunn Leinenweber	August 11, 2021	
Margaret Liebrich O’Connor	June 26, 2021	
1960		
Alice Wodtke Caputo	April 21, 2021	
Dolores Cernota Dvorak	May 12, 2021	
1962		
Joan Delmore Myles	June 6, 2021	
Mary Ann Smith Riebenack	June 5, 2021	

1964		
Edwina Krol Smith	November 1, 2020	
1965		
Suzanne Sheridan Joyce	August 19, 2021	
Sister Marietta Umlor, CSC	August 19, 2021	
1967		
Aurea Isabel Pereira Halford	April 10, 2021	
1969		
Victoria Boehnen Copley	June 17, 2021	
1974		
Marsha Pesdan Tokarski	July 24, 2021	
1976		
Mary Elizabeth Gambee	May 9, 2021	
Kimberly Bonk O’Connor	June 30, 2021	
1977		
Jeanne Florenzo Maday	August 2, 2021	
1978		
Mary K. Sheehy	July 1, 2021	
1979		
Moirá Shannon Minta	June 15, 2021	
1992		
Susanne Largura Benedict	May 30, 2021	

FAMILY DEATHS

Lorraine Adamski, mother of Mary Adamski Van Drie ‘76, September 30, 2020.	
Justin Ahrens, brother of Amanda Ahrens Meier ‘78, son of Margo Ahrens ‘52, nephew of Sara Jane Ahrens ‘69, cousin of Maryangela Basso ‘79, April 28, 2021.	
Richard Bartlett III, brother-in-law of Brittany JoAnn Payne ‘12, June 2, 2021.	
Frank Bettendorf, father of Ann Bettendorf Freeman ‘88, March 12, 2021.	
George Casson, brother of Joanne Casson ‘75, July 22, 2020.	
Helen Kennedy Clarke, mother of Helen Clarke Laseter ‘83 and mother-in-law of Kathleen Mirro Clarke ‘74, June 10, 2021.	
John Connolly, father of Karyn Connolly Godsoe ‘97, March 10, 2021.	
Mary Ann Conte, mother of Ann Conte Krizmanich ‘86 and Kathryn Conte Prokopius ‘89, aunt of Lori Jean Conte ‘87, cousin of Kathleen McKeever Cantanzaro ‘60 and Mary Elizabeth Cantanzaro Phelps ‘84, August 10, 2021.	
John Cooke, father of Caryn Cebulski Newcomb ‘84, July 15, 2021.	
Betty Cooney, mother of Lee Ann Cooney Picchiotti ‘76, aunt of Megan Hennessey Rapien ‘92, sister-in-law of Kathleen Cooney Lisa ‘67, May 20, 2021.	

Dennis Cusak, husband of Nancy J. Montroy ‘82, brother-in-law of Mary Beth Montroy McIntosh ‘78 and Sheila M. Montroy ‘87, July 21, 2021.	
Alfred DeCrane, husband of Joan Hoffman DeCrane ‘53, brother of Clarice DeCrane Walsh ‘51, uncle of Barbara DeCrane Bumbacco ‘75, Donna DeCrane Panzica ‘78, Melinda DeCrane Capone ‘81, and Melissa DeCrane Gary ‘81, September 22, 2021.	
Patricia Dellamano, mother of Theresa Dellamano Hessler ‘74, June 30, 2021.	
Eugene Diamond, father of Sheila M. Diamond ‘82, Erin Diamond O’Sullivan ‘83, and Brigid Diamond Hansen ‘90, grandfather of Nora O’Sullivan Beesley ‘10, Bridget E. Enright ‘16, and Gabriela Diamond ‘18, June 1, 2021.	
Sheryl Dillon, mother of Courtney Merriss Prange ‘98, December 3, 2020.	
Edward Dugan, father of Ann Dugan Van Thournout ‘85, May 27, 2021.	
Liam Gallagher, son of Kathleen Rooney Gallagher ‘89, October 16, 2020.	
Maureen Gallagher, mother of Maureen Sheila Gallagher-Burns ‘85, sister of Kathleen Smith Schaffer ‘52, aunt of Sheila Draine Kraemer ‘84, June 19, 2021.	
Michael Gauger, brother of Patricia Gauger Showalter ‘65, January 18, 2021.	
Charles Grodin, uncle of Kathleen Geis Belsky ‘81, May 18, 2021.	
George Hammer, father of Rosemary Hammer Lancois ‘79 and Suzanne Hammer Ferencak ‘88, May 22, 2021.	
Conor Hayden, son of Annette Jenkins Hayden ‘78, brother of Deirdre Hayden Fuerst ‘09, May 5, 2021.	
Mertiebelle Helgesen, mother of Pamela Helgesen Couture ‘79, aunt of Patricia Helgesen McAlpine ‘73, and great aunt of Meghan Kathleen McAlpine ‘13, July 2, 2021.	
Kenneth Ippolito, husband of Karlyn Cloherty Ippolito ‘70, July 7, 2021.	
Leonard Isban, grandfather of Kelly Elise Payne ‘11 and Brittany JoAnn Payne ‘12, August 10, 2021.	
Richard Jaworowski, father of Lauren Jaworowski Henzel ‘91, June 30, 2021.	
Liane Kabel, mother of Sharon Hagen Jackson ‘76, May 14, 2021.	
Edward Kerfin, father of Kristin Schultz Short ‘92, May 15, 2021.	
Donald Killian, father of Laura Killian Woods ‘81 and Jennifer Killian McCloskey ‘88, August 20, 2021.	
Tiit Koppel, husband of Kay Decker Koppel ‘61, June 9, 2021.	
Theodore Lang, father of Kathleen Marie Lang ‘74, August 27, 2020.	
John Leinenweber, uncle of Jane Leinenweber Campeau ‘84, July 7, 2021.	
John Lindberg, father of Julia M. Lindberg ‘90, April 28, 2021.	

Mary Kearin McMahon, sister of Margaret Kearin Carey ‘57, aunt of Kearin Carey Hansen ‘82, May 7, 2021.
Edward Minch, husband of Shelley Miller Minch ‘70, brother-in-law of Diane A. Miller-Deasy ‘72, July 27, 2021.
Eileen Nicholas, mother of Susan Nicholas Papiernik ‘80 and Karen Nicholas Schnelzer ‘87, June 9, 2021.
Michael Nowak, husband of Julia Hotop Nowak ‘75, May 14, 2021.
James O'Donnell, brother of Nancy O'Donnell Guhman ‘73, May 8, 2021.
Anthony Pazera, husband of Bette Carlin Pazera ‘52, June 30, 2021.
Michael Regan, stepson of Kathleen Malone Beeler ‘69, August 10, 2021.
P. Kevin Reidy, father of Maura Therese Reidy ‘90, November 28, 2020.
Frederick Reiken, father of Kimberley Reiken LeDoux ‘77, grandfather of Andrea Hipskind Miller ‘07, uncle of Emily Unger France ‘97, May 2, 2021.

Michael Renda, husband of Barbara Cowley Renda ‘73, June 28, 2021.
Kenneth Rowley, father of Margaret M. Rowley ‘85 and Colleen Rowley Allison ‘89, July 27, 2021.
Jon Sedlacek, husband of Ann Hollander Sedlacek ‘69, brother-in-law of Janet Hollander Ferlic ‘72 and Chris Hollandar Motto ‘74, July 10, 2021.
Donald Sporleder, father of Elizabeth Joanna Sporleder ‘98, grandfather of Jennifer Sporleder Gnottt ‘17, May 14, 2021.
Kenny Tidwell, husband of Madeline Gabler Tidwell ‘67, father of Amy Tidwell Bathgate ‘01, May 28, 2021.
Shirley Tremblay, mother of Kathryn Tremblay Bell ‘79, June 27, 2021.
Bernard Van Etten Jr., father of Susan Van Etten ‘84, grandfather of Katie Mae Ziltz ‘15, brother of Elaine Van Etten Cassidy ‘60 and Nancy Van Etten Haske ‘63, uncle of Julie Haske Oberlies ‘87, Mary Elaine Cassidy ‘90, Nancy Haske Schoenecker ‘90, Lucy Haske Beiter ‘93, and Jeanne Catherine Haske ‘02, cousin of Mary Van Etten Weithers ‘64 and Mary Weithers Walsh ‘94, June 22, 2021.

Daniel Vittone, father of Alexis Danielle Vittone ‘20, May 23, 2021.
William Voll Jr., husband of Ann Vandemotter Voll ‘76, brother of Susan Voll Galbraith ‘74, Virginia Voll Prochaska ‘76, Patricia Voll McBride ‘77, and Sally Voll Rowley ‘82, cousin of Suzanne Randall Shevitz ‘79, June 16, 2021.
Frederick Wagner, husband of Judith Openlander Wagner ‘60, April 6, 2020.
Joseph Weller, husband of Rosemary Doheny Weller ‘59, December 30, 2020.

FOR BIRTHS AND WEDDINGS PLEASE VISIT BABY BELLES AND WEDDING BELLES AT ALUMNAE.SAINTMARYS.EDU

IN MEMORIAM

Sister M. Louisita Welsh ’58, CSC

Sister M. Louisita Welsh ’58, CSC, passed away on August 19, 2021 at Saint Mary’s Convent, Notre Dame, Indiana. She was 89 years old.

Sister Louisita, or “Sister Lou” as she was affectionately known by decades of Saint Mary’s students, took her vows with the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1958, the same year she graduated from Saint Mary’s College with a degree in nursing.

In her career, Sister Lou worked as a nurse and in various administrative, educational and pastoral ministry roles in healthcare. She also served in the College’s Office of Mission from 1998 to 2011 as assistant to the Vice President for Mission. In the early 2000s, Sister Lou began her chaplaincy work with the volleyball and basketball teams at Saint Mary’s, becoming a key member of the athletics staff and a beloved department chaplain.

As an avid sports fan, Sister Lou loved traveling with teams and attended nearly every home game. “She had a powerful impact on our

athletics family,” said Saint Mary’s Director of Athletics **Julie Schroeder-Biek ‘88**. “She was a committed and faithful friend to us all, and took every opportunity to brag on her Belles like a proud mother. She shared her faith enthusiastically and brought the mission to life.”

In 2019, Sister Lou was inducted into the Saint Mary’s Athletics Hall of Fame. In her later years, she continued her ministry in a new way, inviting the Athletics Department and students to the Convent for community and fellowship with other Sisters. Her love for student athletes, her deep faith and commitment to service have made a lasting impact on many alumnae.

President Katie Conboy shared, “Sister Lou’s important work at the College strengthened our students, faculty and staff. Her vivacious spirit motivated students to be their best selves, on and off the court.”

A prayer service for Sister Lou took place on August 31 at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto.



Cincinnati

The Cincinnati Alumnae Club recently hosted its first in-person event at the home of **Shannon Culbertson Thompson '06** to share well wishes with four incoming students from the Cincinnati-Dayton region as they embark on their first year as Saint Mary's students. We will be hosting a Founders' Day event this fall and look forward to hopefully another potluck with our friends in Cincinnati Union Bethel's Off the Streets recovery program around Thanksgiving, as well as an online raffle fundraiser during the Christmas holidays. Good luck to all of our current Belles on campus and "Welcome home!"



Cleveland

The Cleveland/Akron club was excited to resume our in-person events this fall. We ushered in the new school year with our student send-off event. Special thanks to **Colleen Michael True '16** for hosting. SMC alumnae, current students, and their families gathered together to send the students off



into another terrific school year. The club was able to send a small gift to all current students as well. Thank you to all who attended. In the near future, our club is looking forward to hosting a Founders' Day brunch and care package creation. If you live in the Cleveland/Akron area and would like to be involved with the club, please email **Miranda Oltmanns Hoy '11** at moltma01@saintmarys.edu.

Columbus

The Columbus Alumnae Club recently hosted several events to write notes to incoming Belles. We truly loved the opportunity to welcome students back to campus!

We are also working to establish an Ohio organizational license plate for Saint Mary's College. If you are an alumna living in Ohio and would like to learn more or sign the petition supporting this effort, please contact **Katie Gugle '89** at krgugle@aol.com.

Our book club continues to meet regularly via Zoom or outdoors. Please contact **Marilyn Murphy Messick '69** at marilynmessick@gmail.com to join.



If you would like to learn more about our alumnae club or be added to our email list, please contact **Colleen Lowry '11** at clowry01@gmail.com

Dallas Fort-Worth

As I am sure many aspects of your life had to pause or redirect in one form or another due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Saint Mary's College Dallas-Fort Worth Alumnae Club is no different, but we are back in action! Last month, we held a student send-off at the Kawecki home. This year, we have six first years, two sophomores, eight juniors, and seven seniors from North Texas. **Jennifer Kacarab Holloran '92** sponsored gift bags for the students in attendance. Jennifer also organized a gift for **Linda Kawecki '79** to thank her for 40 years of service to the club. Linda will be moving to New York City soon and we wish her the best on her next adventure. Thank you, Linda!

Save the date for a few upcoming events and Like "SMC DFW Club" on Facebook for upcoming game watches and get togethers!

The SMC DFW Club will meet on Sunday, October 3, at the Holloran home in Allen. We caught up on club items and discussed the book *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict. Our group also brought gently used books to donate to a local literacy cause.

The annual Christmas Mass and Dinner will resume this year on Wednesday, December 8. We are finalizing the location, and invitations will be mailed in early November. Please be sure your address is up to date with the Alumnae Relations Office.



Crystal Ramirez '22, Sinai Jimenez '22, Juli Razo '25, and Tess Hayes '25 joined a student send-off by the Dallas-Fort Worth Alumnae Club.

Des Moines

The Des Moines Club will host its annual Founders' Day event on Friday, November 5, at 7 p.m., at the home of **Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75**. Our Founders' Day gathering is a speaker series, and this year will feature Sarah Trone Garriott, an Iowa state senator, director of Interfaith Engagement at the Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) and a Lutheran minister. Among other projects, DMARC runs the largest food pantry in the state, so Sarah will speak about hunger in central Iowa. Our service project, scheduled for early spring 2022, will allow us to assist the growing number of hungry Iowans. **Kim Hermann Darr '82** and **Sarah Sullivan Bigelow '96** will spearhead that project.

The club also plans to host a book discussion on this year's One Saint Mary's selection, *The Warmth of Other Suns*, by Isabel Wilkerson. **Kelly Cook Lewis '97** will host that event, which will be scheduled for spring 2022.

Indianapolis

The Indianapolis Club welcomes 23 first-year students from central Indiana to the Saint Mary's community! Many thanks to Greg and **Carol Knynch Stephens '83** for hosting a beautiful send-off event at their home in August. More than 40 attendees gathered to share in the joy of this new school year.



Long Island

The Long Island Alumnae gathered at an East End winery in June. We had a nice time with **Elaine Palombo White '72**, **Emma Diesing '22**, **Laura Halland Murphy '84**, **Tricia Olvany Hodson '74**, and **Kristin Murphy-Burkart '15**, along with spouses, parents, and friends of SMC.



Los Angeles

Our club celebrated Founders' Day early this year in conjunction with sending off the Holy Cross Sisters from Los Angeles. The sisters have been a lasting presence for 107 years at St. Agnes Parish in Los Angeles and have been operating the Brother Andre Outreach Center within the parish for the last 35. We



celebrated a bilingual Mass together at St. Agnes and then enjoyed a boxed luncheon outside in the beautiful courtyard of the parish. The sisters have been an integral part of our club for many years and we will miss them dearly. We wish them all the best as they move on to their next adventure.

Our book clubs continue to meet regularly and thrive! Contact **Susan Fitzgerald Rice '61** for LA and **Colleen Monahan '72** for OC book clubs; all are welcome. It's great to read different books with a group. We also sent the "notes to students," wishing them well as they begin the new school year. And, last but not least, check our website for the Le Mans Bell Tower Christmas ornament: <https://www.saintmarysclub.com/ornament> 2021

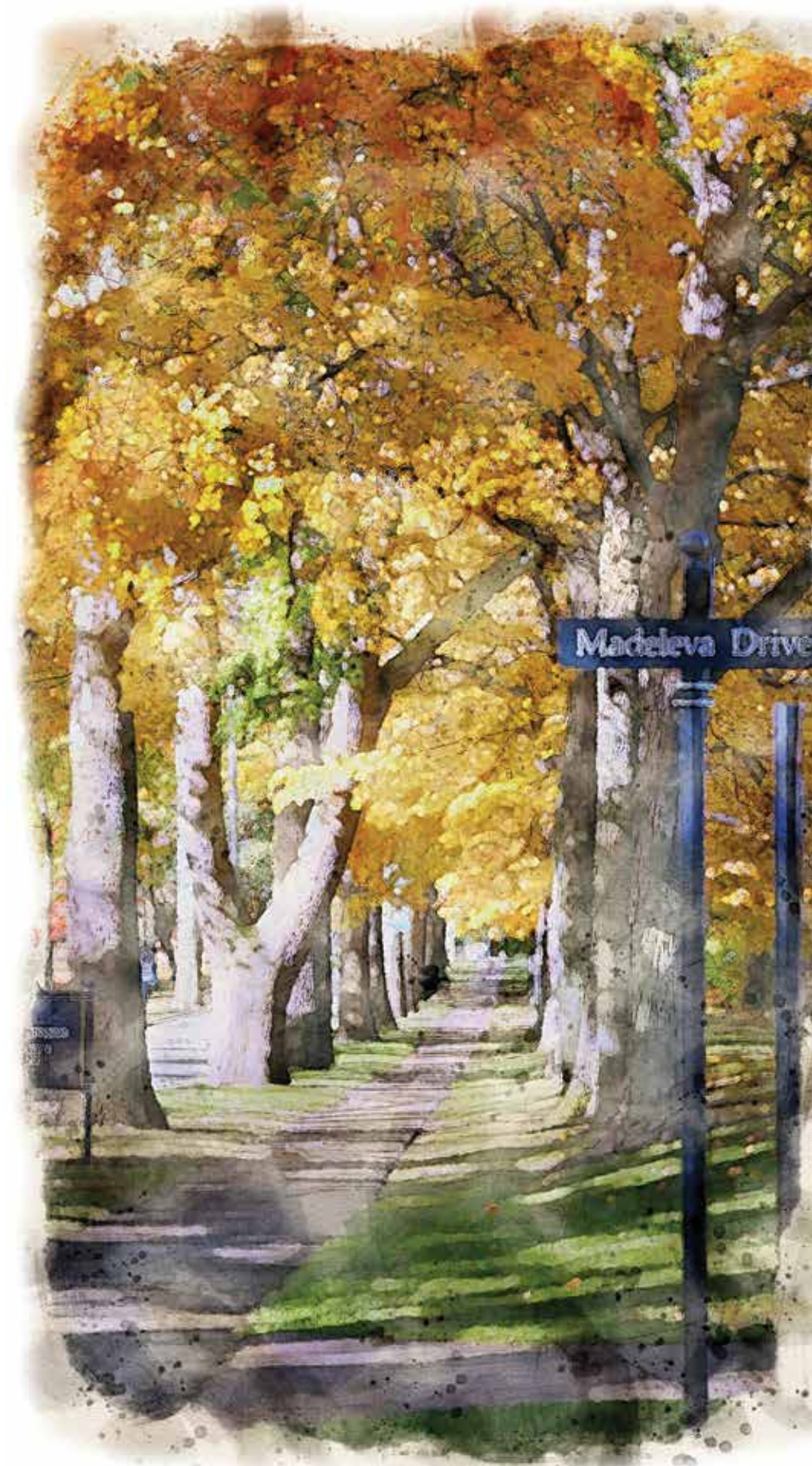


Nashville

Club President **Monica Cannon Meeker '03** drove around Nashville in early August to deliver four bags of goodies to the Saint Mary's College returning students. Monica, **Anna Keller '22**, and **Jen Retoske Keller '90** took a picture for memories' sake.



If you are new to the Nashville area and want to get involved, please update your information with the Saint Mary's Alumnae Office.



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.

1949

From the *Courier* Office

In May 2021, **Mary Margaret Herr-McGlynn** celebrated her 94th birthday. Her family celebrated her lifetime of achievement and Catholic witness and service.



Mary Margaret "Margy" Herr-McGlynn '49

She graduated in 1949 with honors, with a BA in English. She married Robert E. McGlynn (ND Law '51). They got engaged at the Grotto and married at Sacred Heart Church. In August 2021, they will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary. They have nine children. All three of her daughters attended Saint Mary's—**Kathleen McGlynn Maloney '76**, **Margaret McGlynn Harmon '80**, and **Dorothy McGlynn Rathgeber '83**. All nine of their children attended Catholic grade schools, high schools, colleges, and law schools. That totals 161 school years of Catholic education.

Mary Margaret's mother attended Saint Mary's and her father graduated Notre Dame in 1910.

Mary Margaret has been an active member of the St. Louis Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club for over 50 years. For over five decades, she has encouraged countless young ladies to attend Saint Mary's. Mary Margaret served as a member of the Saint Mary's Parents' Council. All 12 of her grandchildren attended Catholic grade schools and high schools. Nine graduated from Catholic universities. They have a combined 180 school years of Catholic education. She has 11 great-grandchildren.

Mary Margaret served as chairwoman of the board of Althoff Catholic High School and as a director of the board of Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois. In 2004, she served as a delegate of George W. Bush to the Republican National Convention held in New York City.

Some of Margy's favorite memories including dining and long talks with Sister Madeleva and the many great nuns who taught her and the many lifelong friends she made while attending Saint Mary's. She

also enjoyed the Notre Dame football games and still faithfully watches every ND football game. Go Irish!

Her faith is a source of great comfort to her. In spite of COVID, she has remained a daily communicant!

Her advice to current Saint Mary's students and younger alumnae, "Never underestimate the beauty and joy one experiences serving God, family, and our country. And never underestimate the power of praying the Rosary.

"My love and prayers for all of you and Saint Mary's," says Mary Margaret.

1952

Marilyn Dargis Ambrose
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It is with great sadness to inform you that a dear friend of mine, alumna of Saint Mary's college, and San Diego book club member **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton** passed into her heavenly home on July 21, 2021, at age 91. Some of us may remember how proud she was of her dad being on the ND Four Horsemen team and donated a framed photo of the team with her father front and center in uniform.

Mary Jean was in my Class of '52 but we didn't really see her till nearly graduation since she was a novitiate and then Sister of the Holy Cross for 20+ years and lived quietly in the convent on campus. She had the distinction of graduating summa cum laude. After receiving her PhD at Notre Dame, she taught for a number of years and then left the order and accepted a position as professor of biology at the University of Alabama, where she married her first husband and gave birth to her only son Ian. Sadly, her husband died young, but she continued teaching in Alabama and then married David Paxton, who suggested moving to California. They bought a home in Oceanside and lived there till she died. A brilliant scientist, she volunteered at the local campuses tutoring students, particularly in anatomy, which she taught for many years.

When we connected as SMC grads, I asked her to attend our newly formed book club and she wasn't sure about doing so, though she read avidly. When she did join us, she remained active, contributing much to our often lively discussions and thanked me regularly for convincing her to come to our gatherings. When her husband died about five years ago, they had gotten memorial plots at the Mission San Luis Rey nearby them and that is where she will be interred next to him on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. It will be a small memorial service and perhaps you can join some of us to pay tribute to a bright, enthusiastic alumna, loving wife, and mother. "As a bird free of its cage soars to the heights, so too the Catholic soul in death flies home to her Creator." May she now rest in eternal peace. Amen. (Sympathy cards may be sent to 3050 Skyline, Oceanside, CA 92056.)

Shortly after I sent my news for the previous *Courier*, I heard from Kathryn Skudnig, daughter of **Pat Egan Skudnig**, informing me that her mom had died. Pat was diagnosed with Alzheimer's 12 years

earlier and as her needs increased, Kathryn had medical help for her while she remained at home. She said her mom remained sweet and positive throughout this time. She contracted COVID and needed hospitalization, but pneumonia developed and she died in May 2021. A memorial Mass was held and **Faith McNamara** attended. She and Pat continued to live in the same neighborhood for all these years after our graduation. Kathryn confirmed the story I related in an earlier column about her dad saying she could attend any college; however, he would only pay for her going to Saint Mary's. After graduation, Pat and her family often visited Long Beach, IN, where I lived and where **Joann Frazel** had a summer home, as did Pat. So we had wonderful times on Lake Michigan with lots of little ones of similar ages. Hectic, yet joy filled. May she now rest in eternal peace.

Sister Grace Shonk, CSC, comments: "Thank you for sending the sad news about Mary Jean. Now she is rejoicing with God, family and all the saints. Here's an update about me: Greetings to all. This is my fifth year enjoying retirement at our motherhouse located on the west end of Saint Mary's College campus. Like everyone else, all of the sisters here have been living with restrictions imposed by COVID. Due to these safeguards, we have done well. My brother and two sisters are also good. I do volunteer work in our congregational archives office and was able to continue that during these COVID months. We are back to daily Mass in our church and eating together and welcoming vaccinated visitors. My daily walks on campus are interrupted a bit by the presence of mosquitoes. Otherwise, all is good."

From **Marilyn Schneider Piatti**: "Thanks, Lynn, for letting me know about Mary Jean. I talked with her a few years ago and will send our high school pals a note letting them know about her recent death. I so appreciate your sending this. God bless."

From **Joey Bryan MacDonald**: "Sorry for this last-minute letter. I had moved from Middleton, WI to a Brookdale assisted living community in Nashville, not far from my oldest child Maggie. My seven months there was disappointing, depressing, and unhappy. My children understood and moved me to an independent-plus community 17 miles south of Nashville. I now live in Franklin, a pre-Civil War interesting town, and I am both happy and relieved to be here. My vision continues to deteriorate and is beyond medical help, but I am learning how to deal with that. ...can't read or see people's faces, but periphery vision works so days are still manageable. I find that aging can bring helpful insights and deep appreciation for new insights and gratitude for blessings and for life itself. I am sending wishes to my classmates, wishes for health, and thanks for every new day, and thanks to you, Lynn, for keeping us connected."

Kathleen Healey writes: "Finally, I'm answering you. I'm 92 now and doing very well at the moment but my eyesight is getting worse. I can still drive but only around the little town I live in. I love hearing all about all my old friends. Thank you for doing a wonderful job of reporting."

Sister M. Emily Demuth, CSC, says: "Once again I am happy to receive your welcome request. I am now preparing to transfer to Saint Mary's Convent,

Notre Dame, IN for my official retirement at Saint Mary's. I am looking forward to a reunion at the motherhouse after 70 years since my first profession in 1951. Once again, I will be able to walk down The Avenue at Saint Mary's in the fall as the leaves are changing. I am sorry to leave California, where I have been in ministry for over 50 years; however, am really looking forward to uniting with the sisters at Saint Mary's. Thank you for your dedication to Saint Mary's alumnae. My prayers for **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton**. May she truly rest in peace."

Mary Berners Kishler sent a couple emails: "I'm so sorry to hear about Mary Jean, and how sad you didn't know what was happening.

"After missing out last summer on our annual family vacation in Door County, WI, called the Cape Cod of the Midwest, we had a wonderful gathering this year. It's the only time we can count on having most everyone together and plan on the 4th of July week every year. That way, everyone knows how to schedule. It was our 56th year at the same resort, a tradition started by my parents. People ask why the same place, and we say because we like it! Rather than visit our favorite restaurants, we had all our meals in our full housekeeping units, usually outdoors. Leslie and Patti (wonderful daughters-in-law) and granddaughter Jessica planned the menus and brought much of the food to limit grocery shopping. With two little great-grandchildren, 5½ and 2½, meals at home were perfect.

"Everyone was very careful with distancing and masking as Mike, my oldest, is immunocompromised from treatments for lymphoma, and I ask for your prayers for his health. Summer is great, as he can be out on his sailboat on Detroit's Lake St. Clair. No germs there, just black flies that keep Leslie busy with her swatter!"

"Faith Kilburg McNamara, Barb Callahan Johnson, Julie Skelly Fries, and I are planning on the 2022 Reunion. We joke about coming with family members who will keep us in line—and in one piece. Hope to see you there." *Mary sent a follow-up email and corrected herself, saying she should write: "hoping" rather than "planning," being more realistic, she says.*

And rightfully so. Faith sent me news just before I was writing the *Courier* column saying that **Loretta Jo Brazaitis Ebert** died on July 16, 2021, just five days before Mary Jean died. Faith attended her wake in Wilmette, IL and spoke with her daughter Betsy. She too was planning on coming to our Reunion with her mom. Jo went to St. Casimir Academy with me in Chicago—the Lithuanian school which **Mary Dvilaitis Blanford** and **Teresa Simkus Suelzer** also attended. All of us visited Saint Mary's our senior year, taking the old South Shore RR, and loved the school. Jo and I stayed through graduation. She majored in music, her lovely soprano talent shared by many. She was our vocalist at my wedding and at Faith's, and perhaps others in our class. She was choir director for many, many years at her local parish, and contributed her expertise to the liturgy through those years of turmoil after Vatican II. May she rest in peace now, singing along with all those heavenly angel voices like hers.

My 90th birthday jubilee was last weekend, and my garden was filled with family and friends helping

me celebrate. Since I had married another Lithuanian, we included plenty of Lithuanian dishes, homemade brews, and rituals to fit the theme of "a night at the theatre." The costumes and decor were creative, stories and folk music filled the night, and even my 14-year-old golden doodle Caleb and his 3-year-old sister Grace were at my side but got more petting from other dog lovers there. God is good. Till next time.

1954

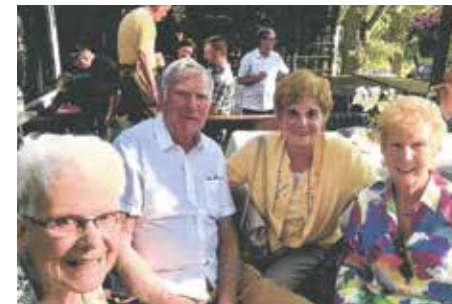
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We so miss our dear classmate Ann Korb, who was our class secretary for so many years.

In her absence, however, we do want to congratulate **Rose Marie Murphy Foley** and Ben Foley on their 60th wedding anniversary. Their daughter Jennifer arranged a surprise celebration for them on Saturday, June 5th. Fortunately, my niece Ann was able to drive **Janell Wenzel O'Barski** and me to their home in Bayles Lake, IL (near Champaign). It was an absolutely beautiful day, and all of their family and friends were there to help them celebrate. Congratulations, dear Rose Marie and Ben.



1961 wedding of Rose Marie Murphy Foley with classmates.



60th wedding anniversary celebration for Rose Marie Murphy Foley and Ben Foley. Left to right: Janell Wenzel O'Barski, Ben Foley, Joan Rossi, Rose Marie Murphy Foley.

1955

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As for news—sad—I received a call on July 31st that **Natalie Healy Doell** had died that morning.

Happy, because when you read this issue I will be living in downtown South Bend in a high-rise apartment building for people of all ages. You are welcome to come for a visit anytime. I look forward to making more phone contacts for the next issue of *Courier*. Hope you have all survived the COVID epidemic A-OK.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – P.S. "Your day will go the way the corners of your mouth turn!"



From Maureen Sullivan: I thought a trip down memory lane with these pictures might be interesting, fun, and thought provoking.

1956

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It is July 31, 2021, as I write this, preparing to meet the August 1 deadline for *Courier*. However, at this time, you should have seen the news in the summer issue. That information had been sent to meet the April 1 deadline. Such is the discipline of deadlines. Fixed deadline dates are: August 1 (fall/winter issue); December 1 (spring issue); April 1 (summer issue). I hope that you will keep these dates in mind. My address and phone number are printed above.

There is less news about the class than was in the summer issue. I think people have been waiting until they see what I've said. But I was able to contact a few people. **Carolyn Greives Kelley** has added air conditioning to her Wakefield, MA home. She says that when she moved into her home years ago, she didn't need it. Like many of us, Carolyn is getting out more. She lives alone, but she stays in touch with her children and grandchildren. She remembers fondly a trip to Tanglewood and Shakespeare and Company in the Berkshires. She was accompanied by her older grandson Nigel,

a senior at the University of Maryland. Nigel, who lives in Maryland, flew in just for the opportunity to escort his grandmother.

Keeping in touch with family seems to be central to everybody's news. **Paula Rochon Egyed**, who lives in Spring Lake, MI, spoke of the wonderful time she had visiting her son and his family in Nashville, TN. The family is working on plans to get together for Thanksgiving. Both Paula and I continue to live in historical homes over 100 years old. Our home was built in 1906, but Paula's is much older. We often talk about how much we want to continue to stay in our homes.

However, many of you have moved into senior living and have praised the joys of a changed lifestyle. During a call to **Charlotte Keefe Briesch**, I spoke to her husband Earl Briesch (ND '57) about how much he and Charlotte are enjoying assisted living in Stuart, FL. They have been there since December 2020. Earl says it's like ocean cruising on land. Another plus of assisted living is the ease of getting care and therapy. Charlotte is in a wheelchair but, as she says, she's working on getting up and out of it.

When I spoke to **Carol Lee Jasper Markley**, she was about to leave for a dinner date with fellow '56er **Mary Falls Lee**. Carol Lee and Mary see each other often, and Carol Lee says that Mary is a friend on whom you can rely. Carol Lee and I see each other infrequently at various Saint Mary's alumnae events. A group of "golden girl" alums get together occasionally on our own, but Carol Lee wasn't able to make the last few. When we spoke, Carol Lee, who lives in Bloomfield Hills, MI, was looking forward to a mini-reunion with some of her family members in Traverse City, MI.

Louise Warnicke Renault called from Tucson, AZ. (She says it's more fun to call than to write.) She continues her life as a teacher on the internet and as an occasional usher at various events. But she says that she feels she is in a "state of waiting." Life still seems to be in a state of flux, and the pandemic is still a part of it. However, life does go on with good things like a trip to Washington, DC to visit two of her sons. COVID-19 had kept them apart.

Sheila Siebert Gallagher is a '56er who may sympathize with Louise's ideas about waiting and the pandemic. She said that she would describe her life in Western Springs, IL as "quiet." When it comes to COVID-19, she says she is very "cautious." She is careful to usually wear her mask when she leaves her house. However, she has special health considerations. She has planned a restaurant with an outdoor setting for the much anticipated family visit, which includes two grandchildren. Other news I picked up during our phone conversation is that Shelia's daughter **Eileen Gallagher Loranger '90** is a member of the current Saint Mary's Alumnae Board.

As for my approach to COVID-19, I am delighted to be mostly free from mask wearing. We've signed up for season tickets for several drama groups and have attended one indoor concert, mask-less, so far. Like many of you, our family has been coming to visit now that travel is more open. That means that we send out for pizza a lot!

Anne Clifford Petach just sent an email to meet the August 1 deadline, which seems an appropriate way to end the news. (It's dated Sunday, August 1, 2021, 1:16 a.m.) Anne, who lives near Los Angeles, reports that she is focusing on "regaining in-person social skills" to attend her granddaughter's wedding at the end of August.

Anne also says: "Just checking in to honor your efforts despite having no real news to send. Although no news is a blessing in itself, so many have had sad news to bear this past year. My condolences to any classmates who have."

ME, TOO!

1957

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This is the first column, in what seems like a very long time, that didn't focus greatly on the pandemic and its effects. Now, thank God, we are moving forward, in baby steps, and enjoying each resumed freedom with pleasure. Zoom surely helped but clearly is no substitute for "the real thing."

Peggy Kearin Carey was thrilled that relaxed regulations made it possible to attend the out-of-town weddings of three grandsons this summer. Sadly, her own sister Mary Kearin McMahon died in May. We know what a blessing it is to be together with friends and family in times of joy and sorrow.

In April, we learned of the death of **Barbara (Bobbie) Barker Dooley**. During our college days, Bobbie met her husband Vince Dooley (ND '57), who predeceased her in 2017. They lived for years in Rocky River, OH, where they raised their four children. Bobbie was fondly remembered by **Bobbi Frederick Black**, who roomed with her and the late **Anne Bittorf Cox**. Thanks to **Diane Landphair Knuth**, who spotted the obituary in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

When **Margi McCarthy Rice** died in May 2020, her children vowed to honor her memory with a Celebration of Life when it was safe to gather. This will be held in Madison, WI in early August and **Irene O'Leary Van Beckum** will be there. As Irene said, Margi introduced her to her late husband John. Talk about the life-altering effects of friendship!

I know you will join me in sending belated sympathy to **Imogene (Jeannie) Haenn Rainey**, whose husband Robert J. Rainey also died in May 2020, in Elverson, PA. COVID restrictions kept them apart in his final days, making a tough situation even worse. Jeannie added the happy news that she is now a great-grandmother, thanks to the arrival of "a sweet little boy named Bennett—a silver lining." **Janet O'Connell McCue** stays in touch with Jeannie and they enjoyed a recent phone visit.

Another new great-grandmother checking in is **Mary Ann O'Loughlin Szydłowski**! How could this be happening when we are all so youthful? Larry and Mary Ann did get to Marco Island in the

spring. They missed meeting up with Irene and friends as in the past but enjoyed good weather and lots of reading, while being cautious. In July, Mary Ann did travel to Lorain, OH to see her cousin and had a nice visit with **Lois Bohoric Binder**. Mary Ann is the first to mention that our 65th Reunion will be next year, which made my jaw drop!

Recently, I had a nice phone call from **Jody Donohoe McGoldrick**, who had traveled to Chicago this May for the engagement celebration of her grandson Robert and a full weekend of family events. In July, she spent some time with daughters Maureen from Atlanta and Kelly from Rochester, enjoying the Connecticut shore. Family gatherings seem doubly sweet now!

Josie Murphy Vorda made a March trip to Arizona to visit her daughter Ann, her husband Chris, and their two children who recently relocated to Scottsdale.

Mary Baker Culhane was in touch after we commiserated about her computer hacking (quickly fixed by her son). She keeps in touch with George and **Marge Smith Broucek** and hoped to see them soon.

Julie Dittoe Schmidlin sent an Easter card apologizing for lack of news. Julie said she was "lazy and boring!" We could never accuse Julie of being either but frankly until very recently going to the grocery or drug store were nearly the high points of everyone's week.

Dee Kiley LeFevour enjoyed a June California trip attending the wedding of a family friend. Her daughter Cara, who is a judge, was asked to officiate at the wedding. Afterward, they were joined by Dee's daughter Maura for a few days of fun.

I was delighted to receive a note from Jim Lenox, husband of the late **Gaetana (Gay) DiCerto Lenox**. Jim was grateful for the notes and support he received after Gay's September 2020 death was mentioned in *Courier*. I wish we all lived close to Keithville, LA and the Lenox Acres Farm, where they welcome visitors to pick blueberries, blackberries, or Muscadine grapes and to simply enjoy the beauty of nature!!

Our grandson Eric and his bride Elisabeth were married this July in Dallas. Dick and I decided to let the rest of the family represent us in attendance, but in a sign of the times, our youngest grandchild (Turner, 13) FaceTimed the ceremony for us. Perfect!

Pat Bauervic Leonard's family gatherings are more fun than ever now that her youngest grandson (and maybe the youngest of all of us) joined his 2-year-old big brother this year. Pat is still busy directing the private family foundation established by her father to provide educational grants to colleges and high schools. She might retire next year but would certainly miss the interesting contacts she makes.

I can't leave our recent pandemic coping report without sharing the most original family Zoom plan that I have heard. Our own family, like so many, has used this medium to celebrate birthdays, open grab bag gifts, etc. **Ruth Keefe Herman's** daughter Judy suggested an every-other-week Zoom in which

they discussed a previously viewed documentary. This went on during the full length of the pandemic, and Ruth said it was an engaging and enriching experience, especially since many of the grandchildren are young adults. I'm very impressed.

How about you?

1958

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Dear Class of 1958,

How are all of you? Hopefully staying healthy. I am writing July 30, 2021, and it's good to hear about your lives.

I got a great note from **Mary Ann Saxe Hickey**. Roger and she are blessed to be active and still driving. Daily Mass starts their day. They seldom travel far, as their six children and families live reasonably close. Mary Ann mentioned that her daughter **Maura Hickey Rosencrantz '87** and her granddaughter Erin will join them for a family golf outing. Doesn't that sound like fun?

Now some news from **Patricia Kennedy Flock**. Her great-grandson is a year old and she also has 10 wonderful grandchildren who are either out of

college or chosen not to go. No one married yet. Pat enjoys reading, tending orchids, and taking Holy Communion to folks living in retirement homes. She sends you all a hello from Florida.

Enjoyed a great note from **Jody Vetter Olson**. She is doing great. She mentioned some very welcome visits from graduate school grandkids. Also is slowly returning to lunch with friends and in-person adult education classes.

Some great news from Jody. She has connected with **Mary Ann Ewald Van Auken** after many years. They were roommates at Saint Mary's and when they visited, it seemed as if no time had elapsed. Mary Ann moved last year. Jody wonders if anyone from Cleveland knows how to reach her? Jody also mentioned Reunion coming up soon. I am looking forward to it also.

Teddi Reid Murray sent me a short and sweet note. She said, "It was nice to hear from you. No important news to share but just trying to stay cool in Arizona summer heat."

Ellen Canny Werner sent sad news. **Margaret Trenkamp** died in July 2021. Ellen remembered she was always so much fun, traveling back and forth to Saint Mary's along with **Gail Matousek Waldeck**, **Mary Ann Ewald Van Auken**, and **Lockie Coulter McGill**. Also, Ellen mentioned keeping in touch with **Eleanor Hankes Connors** and **Marty Slavin Fogarty**. Ellen lives near her sisters in Fort Myers, FL.

Also, she said she survived "Elsa" tropical storm but the summer rains 2021 have been huge.

Paula Lawton Bevington sent a good pandemic report: "No news is good news." She brought a smile to my face when I read it. Paula also has a monthly book group and hopefully lots of us do that too. Six grandchildren brighten up Paula's life, and luckily four live in the Atlanta area, also some stepchildren live close.

From **Sally Teppert McKendry**: "It seems as though it's been ages since our local Saint Mary's Belles have met for lunch. I contacted a few faithful attendees, and we met this past June first. The weather cooperated, so we dined outdoors! The mood was jovial, lots to chat about. Those who attended included **Joan Mette Reddy '56**, **Julie Hutchins Stackpoole '63**, **Harriett Hillebrand Cronin '68**, **Eleanore Wilson Eldred '61**, **Julie Skelly Fries '52**, **Bridget O'Brien Bealin '79**, **Lurray Pfister Bell '63**, **Ann Bronsing Klein '53**, **Judi Halter Enright '61**, and **Sally Teppert McKendry**. We experienced stimulating conversation following our prolonged lockdown. I contacted Kara O'Leary to join us, but she was busy with graduation and virtual Reunion—maybe next time. **Annette Saylor '59** couldn't attend due to being out of town. **Sue De Ponio Boyer '73** had other conflicts. **Carol Lee Jasper Markley '56** wants to attend next time. Many thanks to all who came. We hope to get together in the fall.

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Last but not least, I heard from **Joan Renehan Thompson**. Good news is everyone in the family is vaccinated and all are healthy. Joan went to Hawaii with friends in April 2021. Her next trip is to Yosemite National Park. Her granddaughter and granddaughter's boyfriend found out she had never been there. They invited her to go along with them. "What fun. Babs wishes she could be a stowaway."

Just before I started this 1958 news, I got the sad news of the passing of our classmate **Nancy Schwind Gallagher** on July 22, 2021, in Peru, IL. I appreciated so much that the email was sent from her granddaughter-in-law Sophia Astrene.

Much love to all of you. Keep thinking about Reunion.

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1959

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Sadly, I was notified by the College that our former classmate, who did not graduate with us, **Thamer Sacco Millsap** passed away October 8, 2020, in Houston, TX. She received an education degree in 1969 from the University of Houston and was well-loved by her students and parents alike at Nottingham and Bunker Hill elementary schools. Upon retirement, she dressed many beautiful brides at her salon "I Do I Do." She is survived by two children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

I received a letter from **Martha Risher Davis Lamb** informing me that her husband James died on September 11, 2019, in Fairfax, VA. They were married 26 years, having met when they were both widowed. She has sold her home and is moving into a nearby condo. She's active in a local book club and bridge club and attends her grandchildren's games. She spoke of seeing her college roommate **Marilyn Kerkhoff Peltzer** at our 60th Reunion, which was not well represented by our class, sad to say.

Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon lost her beloved husband Bob from a sudden brain bleed on April 18, 2021. He is survived by Colleen, his four sons and Colleen's four daughters, 22 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. **Sally Porth Brown** had a long chat with Colleen and said she is doing as well as can be expected. I'm sure she's making plans to downsize and move to a condo. Please remember Thamer, Martha, and Colleen in your prayers.

Got a phone call from **Carol Podesta Foley** to tell me she met **Betsy Finneran Kennedy**, **Katie Hall Kilcullen**, and her sister **Mary Ellen Podesta Burke '61** in Chicago for lunch in June and they enjoyed a lively time. She also said she heard from

Rosalie Riegle that **Gerry Dunn Leinenweber** was being cared for in hospice.

All is well here as we slowly return to some normalcy. Six grandchildren are engaged and three more are in serious relationships. We have weddings in August and October of this year and in February and July next year. We just welcomed our fourth great-grandchild in June and the fifth is due in September. That's what makes the world go round! We are so proud of our #8 grandchild Morgan, who graduated medical school in the West Indies and Brooklyn in the middle of COVID and was accepted at her first choice for residency, Resurrection Hospital in Chicago, specializing in emergency medicine. With all the shootings going on in that area she's going to be a busy little gal. Of course, I am proud of all my 22 grandchildren but this endeavor has been especially arduous and my hat goes off to her and her tenacity.

Thank you for your news. It's always good to hear from you.

1960



July 12, 2019, the late Dolores Cernota Dvorak with granddaughters, Katherine Mary O'Connell (student) and her sister Mary as they waited for Clare O'Connell to finish summer camp.

1961



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After 43 years living in her Victorian-era home in Newton, MA, **Anne Kantowicz Serafin** made the decision to move into a nearby new apartment building. Fortunately, her son Conor and wife Erica will move into her former home to continue the family's love and maintenance of the home. Anne's new address is 28 Austin Street, Apt. 426, Newtonville, MA 02460.

Joan Schaefer Haviland was in Indiana in July for their annual family reunion (ongoing for over 50 years), where they visited Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, and she showed her grandson and daughter where she lived freshman year.

Sad news from **Kay Decker Koppel** of the death of her husband Tiit in June. He was able to see daughter Kata, who came from Montreal, and son Thomas, who came from Guam. Tiit died peacefully, for which they were most thankful. Kay called **Mary Maley Burgess** to pass on the news, and she had moved to Arizona just days after Tiit's death. Mary had bought a home in Sun City and is staying with family until it is ready. Three of her four sons live in the Phoenix area.

Sandy Graham Bartlett's email contained descriptions of multiple health problems she is enduring and which have spoiled their relocation plans. There is always a spark of humor in her messages though: "You plan; God laughs."

Margaret Bohle Gleis wrote she felt blessed to have had her mother living with them until she passed in June at the age of 104. She was thankful to be able to enjoy dominoes and Scrabble with her, and her mom Clara was happy to be able to see so many of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Julia Armstrong-Zwart sent word that like everyone else they're cautiously emerging back into a semblance of normal. Face masks have become her essential accessories, and she has them stashed in a pocket or purse whenever she's out and about. She and **Susan Fitzgerald Rice** met for lunch at the end of May, and it's always a pleasure to touch base and get caught up on Saint Mary's news.

B.J. Sitzberger Gorman reported on their mini-reunion in Florida in May at Marylee's place in Palm City. Attendees were B.J., **Marylee Zahner Foley**, **Nancy Higgins Keenan**, **Mary Cotter Fee**, and **Sheila McAnaney Kostaneki**. They talked and walked and wine and dined, and had a wonderful boat ride around the beautiful St. Lucie River.

Mary Ellen (Straw) Berry Malone wrote to request I ask if any classmates happen to have Parkinson's. She would like to form a question and answer group. Straw's email: dolly5@airmail.net.

Susan Fitzgerald Rice reported there were seven classmates who "attended" our virtual Reunion. **Marilyn Mayworm McKeown**, **Mary Ellen (Straw) Berry Malone**, **Mary Ann Cooke Campbell**, **Helenmarie Anderson Corcoran**, **Sister Mary Ellen Vaughan, CSC**, **Chris McGoeys Cummings**, and Susan. I had the greatest intentions of joining in, only for the time to slip by without me. (I just forgot.)

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

1963

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Over the years, it's been heartening to watch how our classmates negotiate the challenges that require major adaptation. Three of our classmates—and perhaps more—have handled major moves in the past year or so after the death of spouses. For several years, **Ann Purcell Perini** and husband Al (ND '60)

had been contemplating a major move from Marin County, CA. Then Al died in February 2020. At that point, the move became a very deliberate process for Ann, who managed the downsizing on her own and is now located in Claremont, within walking distance of the town and the Pomona campus where daughter Laura is a tenured professor of philosophy. Son Dan (ND '89) is located within driving distance and a second son Mark sees the possibility of relocating professionally to the area in the next few years. That would leave only one son Andrew, north in Reno. For now, the family gathers on Zoom late on Sunday afternoons. Quarantining for the pandemic complemented Ann's longing for rest, quiet, and contemplation after the move. If the Delta variant doesn't lead to further restrictions on our activities, she now feels ready to re-engage and choose one or two avenues of involvement in her new community. Ann's new address: 650 Harrison Avenue, Unit 368, Claremont, CA 91711.

Ruth Schnaus Smith summoned all her energies and organizational powers to execute a move after BJ (ND '63) died suddenly. Ruth had lived in their Louisville, KY home for 52 of their 56-year marriage, so we can all appreciate the monumental undertaking her move to Overland, KS entailed. Ruth is still deeply moved by her children's investment in the task and the support of "the world's greatest friends." She is delighted to be living near daughter **Kathy Smith Von Wyl '86** and her family. Her new senior community is "a vibrant place," and she has been impressed with all the measures the management has put in place to keep residents safe. Two sons live in California, but this is another family that keeps in regular touch via FaceTime, though in-person reunions were anticipated in the summer once vaccinations took hold. Ruth's new address: 13810 Metcalf Avenue, Apt. 12107, Overland Park, KS 66223.

Moving to a new home was perhaps the least of the challenges that confronted **Margaret Mary Scanlan Shuff** after John's death a year ago. As she continued to lead the publishing company that she and John (ND '62) started in Florida 41 years ago, Margaret Mary set in motion the sale of their home in Park City, UT, as well as their condominium on the ocean in Boca Raton. JES Publishing continues to flourish in both Boca Raton and Salt Lake City, and Margaret Mary credits the great teams they put in place over the years. John and Margaret Mary had an extraordinary relationship. His professional accomplishments in the Midwest and in New York were notable early on; six years after his being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1975, John and Margaret Mary left the fast pace of life in Manhattan for the burgeoning city of Boca Raton. There, their partnership—well beyond the successful publishing company they founded—has had a formative impact on the city. Active volunteer work and community involvement were also hallmarks of their leadership and they have both been hailed over the years with some of the most significant awards and tributes the city has had to give. Margaret Mary's son David and daughter **Molly Shuff Rocha '97** live close by, but Northern Trust may transfer Molly and her family to Atlanta in the near future.

Joyce Jatzcak Snedaker moved many years ago to Fort Lauderdale, a maker that the late **Mary Jo Bell** accomplished at the same time. During

the years in Florida, their friendship deepened immensely. Joyce taught elementary and middle school, earning a master's in guidance and counseling along the way, then the advanced training that enabled her to attain a license as a mental health counselor. She has three sons and 12 grandchildren and feels "so fortunate to witness the integrity" she sees in her children. Sadly, Mary Jo—a longtime reading specialist—died two years ago. Joyce deeply misses Mary Jo's "great wit and intelligence."

I haven't moved, but I have a new adventure underway for 2021–2022. My younger son spurred me to look into the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) as a possible focus for my energies after the pandemic decimated the principal development program I had been directing for eight years. Each year, IVC has more than 600 members working in 300-plus partner agencies across the country. The corps matches individuals age 50 and over with service providers in struggling communities that need their expertise. IVC members volunteer one or two days each week and gather regularly for shared spiritual formation and reflection in the Ignatian tradition. It's been a rewarding discovery for me, and I've met people I never would have met otherwise. The Ignatian Volunteer Corps' national office is in Baltimore (www.ivcusa.org).

All for now. Please keep sending your news to me. It's most appreciated!

1964

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Dear Ladies of the Class of '64,

Starting with great joy: **Rebecca Paczesny Delahanty** is a great-grandmother! **Linda Camiller Sanderson** also sent news that she is a great-grandmother! Linda shared that her family had a reunion at her daughter's in Fairfield, CT and that she and Mike have moved into a retirement community near Villanova. "We love the simplicity of what the kids call 'minimalism.'"

Fran Bardello Craig and her husband spent five days hiking in the Teton National Park and visiting Yellowstone. The highlight of the year was their daughter's wedding in Italy. For two weeks, they experienced the culture and spectacular scenery. **Kay Christenson Janiszewski** hosted **Mary Jane Foley Brisbane** and her husband Gene for two nights while they were enroute to Vermont to spend two months in her family home and be close to their sons and their families.

Noel Giblon Manion reports that granddaughter Emerson Henry is starting her sophomore year at SMC. She is the third generation in their family to attend. Emerson is vice president of the American Sign Language club, which promotes deaf awareness and teaches signs. She is in the student government association (SGA) and her position is chair of food services. This position allows her to make a change in foods across campus by advocating for better food, allergy friendly and healthy foods for the student body. She also

promotes awareness about food, food allergies, and anything else that relates to that area. For your information, Emerson has cochlear implants, celiac, and is a type 1 diabetic. These causes have a special meaning to her. Noel and family are very proud of how Emerson carries on and moves forward.

Jinx Hack Ring lives in Coronado, CA right on the water, so she is constantly in the water or walking on the beach. Her daughter Kristin came to celebrate Peter's 80th birthday, and this summer they hope to go to Groton Long Point, CT for a Ring reunion.

I have had lunches or dinners with **Karen Mortimer Williams**, **Ellen Brown McBride**, **Margaret (Sis) Reynolds McBride**, **Margie Carroll Flynn**, **Colleen Pierce Garard-Dahlem**, and **Roberta Limarzi Weinsheimer**. Now that the nursing homes are allowing visitors, I am off to see **Nancy Drew Sheehan**. **Carole Barskis Weber** and I emailed with reminiscences of being in Tokyo, teaching for the Sacred Heart nuns, during the 1964 Olympics.

REJOICE, RELAX, REFLECT

1965



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Barb Kurien Wolfe keeps us updated: "We also are hopeful that Hurricane Elsa gives us a pass. Sarasota has not had a direct hit for over 50 years, that is, until a few years ago. So maybe we can do without for another 48 years! However, at that time we installed a whole-house generator and hurricane screens. We should be OK if Elsa does decide to visit. My younger daughter **Tina Marie Reid '88** recently moved to Port Charlotte, about an hour south of me. It was so nice to have a visit from her and her fiancé this afternoon. It's great having them so close. I retired 11 years ago. Bob retired at the same time, but decided to take the Florida bar exam. He passed and now he does just enough to keep himself a little busy."

"I'm getting excited for our reunion in August" writes **Sheila Flynn Boone**. "We're just finalizing plans now, but by the time our *Courier* comes out it will be a fond memory! And, for the next *Courier*, we'll be sure to include a photo of the event and lots of details. We're anxious to meet with our new president, Dr. Conboy, and we will remember all our classmates with our memorial by Lake Marian, for all who have left us way too soon. And it will just be fun to get together and reminisce about old times and share what's going on in these times. We will miss everyone who can't make it, but will look forward to seeing you at our 60th!"

"Thanks so much for doing this again! I'm sorry I cannot attend the mini-reunion in August," writes **Theresa (Teffy) Lyons Brosnan**. "My life has been so full of blessings during this past year, even during the COVID pandemic. I am the volunteer educational program coordinator for Homeless not Hopeless, a nonprofit organization that now has four houses helping 50 formerly homeless men and women. It was founded by the homeless

and run by the homeless. The managers of each house are still people who would have been out in the streets were it not for our organization and several others on Cape Cod. They are such a joy to be with! On July 24, my family, including my niece from California, my brother and his family, my sister-in-law, and of course my sons, are celebrating 'Christmas in July' along with all the other holidays we missed during COVID. We are very excited! Cape Cod is very busy this summer with tourists, which help with our economy. Everyone suffered this past year and unfortunately some of our businesses had to close. Hopefully, everything will come back to some normalcy."

Marianne Spalding Schiavone sends an appropriate message. "Hello, Sheila, I'm sorry to have no news to report, but that fact is in itself good news: Family is well, we are aging gracefully some days, and each day brings some joy without a hunt. We are fortunate."

I will be sending you all some pictures from our SMC mini-reunion August 10 to 13. We will miss every single one of you who could not attend, and you will be remembered in our prayers.

Ladies, here is an update on our Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship. There were five Saint Mary's 2019–2020 recipients, and each young woman wrote lovely thank-you letters to our class. Total amount dispersed was \$73,200. We can be truly proud of this achievement.

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These past many months have been very hard on everyone. Many classmates had to forgo seeing family for almost a year. Travel was curtailed or cancelled. After getting the vaccine for COVID-19, many ventured out to visit these family members or take that trip planned many months before.

Carol Senda Damaso traveled to Ohio for a family reunion early this summer and then on to a wedding in Wisconsin. On the home front, Carol has been active with the Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library Board and the Scottsdale Leadership Advisor Council. Carol feels that this is just enough time for retirement and for community outreach fulfillment.

A few months ago, Carol graciously invited new Scottsdale resident **Mary Fran Petricca Gleason** for lunch. Mary Fran sold her home in River Forest, IL and moved to Scottsdale to be near her three adult children and grandchildren. Mary Fran's daughter Mary (ND '93) lives within a mile of Carol's home.

Amy Bertorelli and her husband traveled to Big Sky Montana for a get-away time from their home in San Luis Obispo, CA. Amy said that the first few days the skies were filled with smoke from the fires in California. They took great hikes through the area,



occasionally gasping for air, seeing that they were adjusting from living at sea level. On the way back, they drove through Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park.

We here in Chicago experienced for many days the smoky skies from the fires in California and Canada. Our weathermen cited the weather systems that sent the smoke our way.

Mary Lee Hamilton Spencer wrote that her son Ted Hartzler moved in with them the day before Indiana closed for COVID-19. He stayed until recently. He helped Mary Lee and her husband with the shopping and cooking. Her son brought with him a Great Dane and a lovable cat, who fell in love with Mary Lee. At this point, Mary Lee is a proud owner of a lovable cat, and the Great Dane went home with her son.

Shirley Yancey Kloepper will hike the Caminho Português trail in the fall. The hike will start in Lisboa and end at Fistera. A few years back, Shirley hiked part of the Spanish Camino. Shirley said that a pilgrimage is a renewal of mind, body, and soul.

Jeanne Konzen Rowe wrote that her husband Jack (ND '65, ND Law '68) is contending with Alzheimer's disease. He spent his 42-year career at EEOC, after being a Navy JAG officer. Twenty-five years, he was director of the Chicago Field Office. They were able to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary by taking a fantastic trip on the Rocky Mountaineer from Vancouver to Lake Louise, Banff to Calgary. With the confinement of COVID-19,

the Rows have not been able to visit their son Paul, who is a Trappist monk living in his abbey in Portland, OR. They hope to make the trip in the next few months.

Prayers for everyone's good health in these trying times of COVID.

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COVID vaccination and good weather have conspired to relieve some of the constraints of the past year, and each of the letters I've received expresses anticipation of a less fraught time ahead.

Penny Haller Hyman writes in June that "being vaccinated has made such a difference...good to see friends and family again." She was able to gather family to celebrate her oldest grandchild receiving a master's degree from Georgia Tech, and she was about to take her first plane trip to visit her husband's sister. Penny reports that she has written a memoir, now in book form, about her father for the grandkids and great-grandkids. He was an ND graduate, teacher, lawyer, journalist, law professor, and served in two world wars. He also raised Penny and her brother as a single parent in the 1950s. An inspiring story. At home Penny is still playing golf, helping her daughter with childcare, and camping in the RV. She anticipates going back to volunteering at the hospital and doing yoga in live classes. And of course, after the long dry spell of the pandemic, unable to see family and friends, she is anticipating our 55th Reunion next year!

Jeanne Graham Bixler sends greetings from Sun City, Palm Desert, CA, where she moved in October 2019. She enjoys the gorgeous scenery and lots of golfing. And then there is line dancing and water walking "to keep mind and body active." She also appreciated the lifting of travel restrictions to finally get to visit her son's family in Georgia. Her granddaughters are now 14 and 17 years old. Jeanne has a new email address and would enjoy hearing from you: jeannebixler@gmail.com.

Sharon Wilchar writes that she and **Pat Holland** had a chance to catch up in early June over a long breakfast at a favorite Bay Area hangout, and made plans for the ND/Stanford game in November. She's just gearing up for her annual art exhibition (her 35th year as director and program coordinator). And she is determined to have this one in real time and not remotely as in 2020—sorry, Zoom! Her city's artists and residents are so ready to party for the arts! For the first time, she finds herself sometimes wondering if it isn't time to retire.

Susan Rogers Schenkelberg sends greetings to all her wonderful friends! She and Charlie are moving after 40 years to nearby Beachwood, OH. Packing up and moving after so many years is hard, but Susan notes that there are positives too. The "first floor bedroom and laundry room will be nice, and there is plenty of room upstairs and in the basement for the eight grands to visit. And there is even a finished wine room! *Salud!*" Susan has two daughters and four grands only 10 minutes away, and her daughter, **Katherine Schenkelberg**

Huftalen '93 and her ND husband and four children are not too far away in Cazenovia, NY. "We thank God for our many blessings over the last 40 years and look forward to our years ahead. May God bless us all."

Judie Gabler Tidwell has written several times since she had to make the difficult decision in April to move her beloved Kenny to a memory care unit, where he died on May 28, 2021. In a clear demonstration of the circle of life, Judie's first granddaughter was born in early July, coming a few weeks early. Baby Finley Jude Bathgate did everything by the book and came home to join her family after only two weeks. Congratulations, Judie and **Amy Tidwell Bathgate '01** and Jarrod!

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I received word from **Mary Alice Herod Lajoie** that Jon Sedlacek, husband of **Ann Hollander Sedlacek**, passed away on July 10 in Blair, NE. Jon was also the brother-in-law of Ann's two sisters **Janet Hollander Ferlic '72** and **Chris Hollander Motto '74**. We send our love and prayers for peace and comfort to Ann and their family.

Mary Alice and husband Dick (ND '69) made a trip back to Cincinnati in June, and she wrote: "I was able to crash lunch with the Cincinnati-Columbus lunch bunch! **Marilyn Murphy Messick** has been busy certifying teachers, office workers, and anyone in need of CPR training. She loves her six months in Florida but also enjoys seeing family back in Ohio, including a new great-grandson! Several others escaped the gray Midwest with trips to Florida. **Alison Whittaker Rink** and husband Tom (ND '67, ND Law '70) spent a month there and had lunch with **Phyllis Redgate Finn**. **Fran Roat Stinnett** and Clay also spent much of the winter there and were headed to Maine for a week following our lunch. They are the consummate travelers, but COVID put a kink in their plans. **Sue Richards** was in Florida for much of the winter but also evidently visits New York. She told us of her favorite haunt there...the M&M store on Fifth Avenue that has every type of M&M imaginable, including printing your name while you wait! Although Sue has retired from her law practice, she remains involved with the bar association, trying to make things more difficult for potential barristers! **Margaret Roberts Richards** is enjoying improved health after some



Top row: Marilyn Murphy Messick, Marian Morris Furey, Margaret Roberts Richards, Fran Roat Stinnett. Bottom row: Mary Alice Herod Lajoie, Sue Richards, Alison Whittaker Rink.

challenges the past seven years and is happy to be active again. **Marian Morris Furey** had just returned from visiting her daughters and their families in Salt Lake City, UT and Medford, OR. She was thrilled to see her grandchildren in both places after waiting to be able to visit safely.

"Here in Colorado, I have seen several classmates. **Kathy Ellis Prescott** spent a week in Hawaii with her husband Dana. **Nan Raaf** was in Sandpoint, ID with 24 family members to celebrate her sister **Monica Raaf Huso '73** on her 70th birthday. **Katie Garrity Leatherman** is enjoying grandma duties with her namesake granddaughter. **Joyce Kenny Young** is always busy and game for every activity. **Mary Ann Taverty** is an avid camper and bike rider with husband Willie. Finally, Dick and I had a great two-week cross-country trip with the first stop in northwest Indiana to visit many cousins, and a stop at ND for an early celebration of our 50th anniversary and Mass at the Basilica, followed by supper at our favorite pizza establishment, Rocco's. We were joined by **Lyn Leone**, who has a law practice in town. We then headed for a week in Cincinnati to share time with old friends. What a happy reunion after the COVID-forced hibernation! It has been a hard transition moving to Colorado when we couldn't meet anyone, but things have gotten much better since immunizations have become available."

Pat Frazier sent her news from Ithaca, NY, where she belongs to the Ithaca Singles Group, which meets for walks, billiards, and coffee on weekends. Her senior program goes on short trips of interest in the region and offers a lot of activities. "Lifelong" also has all kinds of things to do in and around Ithaca. Pat added that she signed up to volunteer in the clothing closet project with Catholic Charities and will be in a play with the Senior Troupe, part of the Senior Center in town. Her nephew and his wife live nearby with their two daughters and one son. "Sophia, 15, is on a swim team. Olivia, 13, plays lacrosse at an alternative community school. Jack played baseball on his high school team and is heading off to Cornell in the fall."

Janet Krueger wrote from Ada, MI: "So far, 2021 has not been the best year for Bruce and me. Some of you may remember that at our 50th Reunion, I was very concerned about our darling granddaughter Oona, who was then 2½ years old. She had an attack of PANDAS, which was put into remission with a long course of antibiotics. Two years later, almost to the day, PANDAS came back and this time hasn't responded to antibiotics, so Oona will be having her tonsils and adenoids removed and six weeks later she will undergo an IVIG infusion. If you are unfamiliar with PANDAS syndrome, you will find lots of information on it on the internet. Just Google it. It is now more widely recognized by the scientific community, and the incidents seem to be increasing. If anyone has had experience with any aspects of this situation, I'd love to hear from you. If you contact Joyce, she will give you my email address.

"I will always be grateful for the friends I made at Saint Mary's for they are still an important part of my support system and still my 'besties' 56 years after we all met in 1965! **Joanne Tracy Marsh**, **Betsy Mueller Heil**, and I were planning a mini-reunion in May, but unfortunately a health concern

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caused us to cancel our plans. **Georgia Florin Gasner** and I chat regularly and for hours. Georgia is still working as a therapist in the Bay Area. **Rosy Naphin** and I are also frequent communicators. Rosy keeps busy with her family and friends. We have been seeing each other yearly when I visit Chicago with a Grand Rapids friend and **Betsy Mueller Heil**. Since the onset of COVID, **Nan Raaf** and I have also kept in closer touch. I hope to talk to my 'roomie' **Lynn Champion Schmitt** again in the near future. Last week, **Kathy O'Donnell Effler** and I spent the afternoon together when we were both (as we say in Michigan) 'up north.' Kathy and I began corresponding even before we met, as our Saint Mary's 'big sisters' were roommates! I also enjoy communicating regularly with our class correspondent **Joyce O'Donnell Bussewitz**. Thank you, Joyce, for all your hard work keeping up with our class."

Barb Morris Woodroof sent her update, writing: "We live in a rural area of Texas north of Dallas on a 500-acre cattle ranch. Both of us are retired, of course. I was a teacher and George was a pilot with American Airlines, which means we are now employed as volunteers. I keep in touch at Christmas with **Janet Krueger, Dee Simpson DeRossett**, and **Linda Herrington. Kathy Cook Munson** lives in the same county, and we see each other occasionally. I volunteer at a food pantry at the Catholic Church and am the county chair of the Grayson County Republican Party. George is on various boards. We met in Okinawa, Japan. George was in the Marines and I was a teacher for DOD schools. This year marks our 41st wedding anniversary. We have traveled extensively through the years and are ready to travel again. My sister still lives in Massachusetts, so we get back there on occasion. I was sorry to miss the last Reunion, but we were on a cruise to Normandy."

The big news from the Bussewitz family is that we joyfully celebrated our daughter Christine's marriage to Deven Murphy on July 16, postponed a year due to COVID restrictions. Christine and Deven were surrounded by many family members and friends on a beautiful day in Plymouth, MA. Our daughter Katie was her sister's matron of honor, and her husband Kelly walked me down the aisle. The priest who officiated at my wedding to Roy almost 41 years ago at Georgetown University's chapel also officiated for Christine and Deven. **Sheila Dwyer Robusto** and Danny (ND '70) joined us from Lake Winnepesaukee, NH, as did **Toni Benedetto Soule '74, Mary Jo Russell Searson '73**, and Mike Searson (ND '72), who traveled up to Massachusetts from here in North Carolina. Many folks took advantage of the area to also sightsee in Boston and/or Cape Cod, so we had several days of visiting on both sides of the wedding date. In the very best sense of the word, we joked that it was the wedding that wouldn't end! Roy and I had such a wonderful time spread over the better part of a week there. As some of you know, I have had medical bumps in the road the past few years, and I was afraid it would take gorilla glue and duct tape to get me there, but I know it truly was the hand of God. My many prayer warriors were behind the numerous miracles all along the way. You know who you are. I thank you from the bottom of my heart and hold you and your intentions in my prayers as well. God bless!



Joyce O'Donnell Bussewitz's daughter's wedding in MA in July. Top row: Joyce O'Donnell Bussewitz and Sheila Dwyer Robusto. Bottom row: Toni Benedetto Soule '74 and Mary Jo Russell Searson '73.

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With the COVID vaccinations made available in the past six months, many of us are beginning to enjoy the new version of "normal" in our lives. We have been able to get together with family and friends in person and indoors for the first time in months without masks. We are able to have a sit-down meal inside of a restaurant, have our hair and nails done, and above all feel safer. Some of our classmates have ventured forth and taken airline trips! It is amazing standing back and looking at all of the things we just took for granted but for which we now have a whole new level of appreciation!

We hosted our own second class e-Reunion the first weekend in June in combination with the College-hosted event. Kudos to **Cathy Collet, Kathy Yuhass Kwinn, Ronnie Henry Kessenich**, and **Sara Bateman Koehler** for putting together a wonderful itinerary held over a three-day period. Sessions included our always enjoyed lounge chats, a book discussion on *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse* led by **Kathy Bernard Franzel** (if you have not read this book you should!!!); a panel discussion on "What Makes Your Heart Sing," where four of our classmates spoke about their volunteer experiences and their passion for those causes (**Pam Carey Batz** – Parkinson's, **Cathy Collet** – ALS, **Ronnie Henry Kessenich** – her work from the gift shop to serving on the board of an Atlanta hospital, and **Rosemary Anderson Kendall's** 50-year career and advocacy for early childhood development and education); and a beautiful liturgy and memorial service that included a memorable sermon by **Pam Carey Batz's** husband Bill. Once again, Kari Kwinn did a great job of managing our Zoom hosting for these sessions.

In April, we sent out a Reunion ornament to all of our classmates for whom the College has addresses. I have since sent out ornaments to many of the family members of our classmates who have passed too early. If you have not received an ornament and would like one, please email me your name and mailing address and I will send one out.

I have a lot of class news to share. Below are updates from some of our classmates with whom I been in touch over the past several months.

Donna Feliciello Holtz, who transferred after our freshman year, is living in Southern California. Her roommate in Holy Cross was the late **Barbara Morrin Cook**. Donna is now retired but had become an occupational therapist because of a health crisis of a close friend. After getting her certificate, Donna ended up working at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital (where parts of the movie *Coming Home* were filmed) with spinal cord injury patients and later with arthritis, stroke, etc. More recently, she has worked with a hand specialist, and the two fashioned fabulous splints. As one of their pandemic projects, Donna and her husband built a bird feeder that is truly a work of art!

Jane (Jinny) Hobson is the co-chair, Health Science BSc Program, and instructor in the biology department at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Vancouver, Canada. One of her saving graces during the pandemic was that she has a wonderful cottage home near great walking trails that allowed her to get some exercise and get away from the confines of being housebound!

Carol Yockey Wynne writes: "I lived for a year in Chicago after graduation and then moved to St. Louis, where I obtained a BSN at St. Louis U, where I met my husband. I worked part time as a nurse and thoroughly enjoyed it. We have four children and so far nine grandchildren but I had a baby at 40 so my youngest is only 32 and I believe is still fertile, so we are expecting more. For a number of years, I have gotten together with eight other SMC graduates every year. It has been many laughs. I just found out with the listing of the deceased classmates that **Susie Glerum Hunt** died. I was very close to her freshman year and in fact introduced her to her husband Dr. Gordon Hunt. I felt really empty after seeing that she died. But as we all have learned, life sure has its ups and downs."

Christine Lungren-Maddalone also shared: "My husband Ray (ND '70) and I relocated to Fishers, IN in the winter of 2012. After I retired from almost 30 years of being a classroom teacher, reading specialist, district program specialist, and then elementary school principal in LBUSD in Long Beach, CA, I retired in June 2007. Ray retired in 2010 from over 35 years at both TRW Systems and then Northrop Grumman as a program manager in missile defense. My closest sister **Loretta Lungren Vestermark '72**, who I grew up with in the same bedroom in Long Beach until we were both married, moved to Indianapolis about 15 years ago before we came here. Her two sons are like my own sons since Ray and I were never able to have our own children. I was able to be close to both Dean and George as they grew up in Newport Beach and Laguna Niguel, CA. So since they both live here now, Ray and I decided to retire here to be by all of them. Also, Ray was born and raised in Munster, IN and his family now lives in Crown Point, IN so we are able to be close to them as well. Loretta and her husband Gary live about 10 minutes from us. George Lungren Vestermark, MD, (my nephew) and his wife Caitlin have three precious children—Julia (named after my Nana Lungren), 7 months, Will, 5, and Joe, 2½. George graduated with honors from IU School of Medicine and then did his five-year residency in Charlotte, NC at Carolina Medical Center and then a one-year fellowship at Charlotte-Ortho. In August of 2019, George started his practice as an orthopedic surgeon specializing in hips, knees, shoulders, and

robotics at Ortho-Indy. After waiting seven years from when we moved here, George and family are back here and we see them every week and sometimes a couple of times a week to play with the boys. Ray and I are honored to be asked to be Julia's godparents on Sunday, May 23. Such a privilege!

"Our new home here in the Midwest is in a small city called Fishers (much smaller than my hometown of Long Beach) and is in a community of 104 homes built on a lake called Lake Stonebridge. When we first walked in to view the house for ourselves and not online, we fell in love with it. In California, we would never have been able to have a view of a lake or the Pacific Ocean in every window except our library in the front of our home. We live on a hill with a walk-out basement, which leads to our dock, where we have our pontoon boat. We store the pontoon boat during the winter, and it just arrived yesterday from storage. We have two lakes. We live on the East Lake side and Lake Stonebridge is 60 feet in some areas and fully stocked for fishing. I am used to the Pacific Ocean so I can't say I really go out in the lake to swim. Once in a while I borrow our neighbors' kayak and go out on the lake by myself. Ray and I love to cruise on the lake in our pontoon boat and have friends over for a light dinner and finish off with some wine or nonalcoholic beverage on the boat for a night cruise on the lake.

"I did form an interior design company with the encouragement of my amazing mentor father in the mid 1970s. It is still active here in Fishers, IN. My dad and I named it C'Jule Interiors (C = Christine and Julie = was my middle name, stands for Julia for my Nana Lungren and Jules for my great-grandfather Lungren). I do a few special clients now. I interview them and see if they will be easy to work with. If they will be, I take them on. If they seem to be a little too "interestingly perfect" (and I'm a perfectionist), I make up an excuse and decline the job. I've done my own home here in Lake Stonebridge, all in blue and white. Even my wool carpeting is done in blue and white squares of white with two shades of blue. Of all the rooms I did, the most difficult one to do was the living room because it has one very long wall with two pillars and then a shorter wall. Please know to all my former SMC 1970 classmates, if you are ever driving through or coming to Indianapolis, please give us a call so we can have you stop by. That is an open invitation. I'd love to hear from any of our classmates."

I received a lovely thank-you card from **Anne Kalvin Klein** that she designed. I asked her more about it and she wrote: "Post-retirement, I began working with East Asian brush painting (referred to as Sumi-e). I was fortunate to study early on with several master Sumi-e artists. It is a wonderful creative outlet; also, quite challenging for someone who had no art background, per se. Learning about Sumi-e's origin, history, philosophy, and practice in East Asia has been very instructive, as it grew originally from the use of Chinese calligraphic strokes and was influenced by Buddhism/Zen, Confucianism, and Taoism. It has since adapted or evolved to a more Western orientation. Sumi-e's medium is generally rice paper using ink that is made by grinding an ink stick with water on an ink stone. (Grinding ink is a preparatory centering process.) Shikishi boards are another medium used for more spontaneous poured works. Fellow artists

have suggested that I create a website displaying my art for sale. I do have a collection of Sumi-e art and watercolor that could populate it. But, as of now, I continue to enjoy painting for painting's sake. Its enjoyment might lessen if I paint with the intention primarily to sell, though I have accepted occasional commissions. For me, it is enough to have had my art accepted for local and national exhibits, where it is available for sale."

Patti J. Walters provided a beautiful presentation of the body of artwork she has done since graduation, including photography, drawing, and painting in multiple media, in our monthly class session held on July 8. You can find her presentation on our class web page or request a copy from **Kathy Yuhass Kwinn** or me. As many of you know, Patti pursued a graduate degree in architecture and then was asked to help start the School of Architecture at Stanford.

Sandy Merritt Lyons: After receiving her "The Avenue" ornament, Sandy wrote: "Can't wait to share it with my 96-year-old mother. She has always told me that when she was driving me down 'The Avenue' (from KC, MO) for an interview, I announced 'This is it...this is where I want to go!' Thank goodness I was accepted and also got post office and receptionist duties to help my single mother pay tuition. I am also happy to say that I married my Domer husband John at Sacred Heart Chapel in 1969 (after his graduation and commissioning into the Army). We will celebrate 52 years June 3. We have three wonderful sons and six grandchildren. Life is good! Almost forgot to mention that I had a wonderful career working for Stepan Company (product development chemist and sales executive). Didn't see that coming when we were in Stepan Center for big events."

Mary Lou Wylie and her husband Lenny have now moved to Richmond, VA after Lennie's retirement as a professor at James Madison University in Harrisburg, VA. They are now living close to their son Caleb and his family and loving every minute they share with their grandsons James and Gabriel. Overall, their move went very smoothly and they are already welcoming houseguests!

Ann Toffenetti Schumacher and her husband Gil have continued to take trips to the Michigan shore and play bridge via Zoom but are very much looking forward to playing in person and being able to take advantage of actually going out to eat on their travels. Their basement was flooded with the summer storms that swept through the Detroit area, so they are still dealing with the aftermath.

Pat O'Hara Gable and her husband Steve (ND '70) report that they are really enjoying being able to spend time indoors with their two sons Andrew and John, who live in Chicago, and their families! They have also been able to visit Margaret and her family in Dallas. With work from home, John and his wife Catalina spent part of the pandemic in Columbia near Catalina's family. Steve has just finished teaching a class on Hemingway and has been able to resume providing guided tours of the Sacred Heart Basilica on the ND campus. In June, the family all got together in Chicago to celebrate Pat and Steve's 50th wedding anniversary. In July, they made their annual trek to Gloucester, MA. Although the weather was not the most cooperative, Andrew, Margaret, John, and their families were able to join

them at some point and they actually had overlap when everyone was there together.

Mary Dorgan Barrett has been a long-time volunteer at both the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Point Lobos State Natural Reserve. Mary was very excited about resuming her docent role when the Monterey Bay Aquarium opened up in June after a 15-month closing. She had previously been able to return to guided tours of Point Lobos when Monterey changed to the "orange zone" earlier in 2021. Mary reports: "I am a volunteer guide at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, where I am a shift captain, tour guide, mentor, and trainer. I am one of 15 volunteers on the Volunteer Advisory Council and represent our 1,200 volunteers. Both of our daughters and my mom **Jane Cahill Gormin O'Brien '39** volunteered at the aquarium. I volunteer as a docent at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve. It is a beautiful place right on the Pacific Ocean. I lead nature walks for fourth graders and the general public, work at the Information Station and the Whaler's Cabin, and help train new docents. My husband Dave and I are celebrating our 48th anniversary this year!"

Sue Gudgeon Reilly and her husband were finally able to return to their home in the Boston area after spending the initial 15 months of the pandemic at their home in Savannah, GA. Unfortunately, they came back to one of the rainiest Julys in Massachusetts history! Their daughter recently relocated from Denver to Dallas.

Kathy Yuhass Kwinn and her husband Bill (ND '70) have been hunkered down in their home in Fort Collins, CO. Their daughter Kari, whom many of us have come to know as our class Zoom call moderator, and her boyfriend have gone through very challenging times since last November when he was diagnosed with a rare genetic liver disease. He is on his road to recovery, and they were able to visit Kathy and Bill for Easter. Keep them in your prayers, as it will continue to be a slow recovery.

Gwen Gill Caranchini is still living in Kansas City, MO and although now retired from practicing law, remains very active in her volunteer work with her Episcopal church. Gwen was able to visit her daughter Kelly and her family in the Chicago area for Mother's Day weekend.

Louanne Scanlon Mauro came out of retirement to work at a local library. She has been in and out of furlough with the pandemic but is now back at work! Louanne recently lost Harley, her long-time canine companion. As many of us know, losing a beloved pet is like losing a family member, especially when it is just the two of you and you have been through thick and thin! Louanne's two daughters (**Jeanine Mauro Stricker '01** and Deirdre) and their families live close by and have really been there for her!!

As for me, I am really enjoying retirement. I have started doing some volunteer work with our local Second Harvest Food Bank and am now an advisory member of the Finance Committee for our local water district. My intent remains to gradually work on purging my closets, cupboards, and garage. Our class Zoom call in May on downsizing provided great insights and tips based on the experiences of several of our classmates who have gone through this, but I have yet to get there! Now that we are

fully vaccinated, my daughter and I are taking advantage of California opening up again, getting together with friends and going out to eat!! We have also discovered a great service called Gold Belly, where you can order those dishes you hanker for but cannot find locally. They ship overnight, are easy to prepare, and taste as if you were sitting at that restaurant! We were able to celebrate Megan's 50th birthday with a surprise party with a small group of close friends at Le Papillon, our long-time special occasion restaurant! It definitely helped ease her into the transition to the next half century of her life!!! You probably sense a food theme going on here!

We are still looking for a classmate to take on writing this column for the Class of 1970. If you are interested, please contact me or **Lexi Grady Haitsma '17** at agrady@saintmarys.edu

Please share your news and stay in touch!!

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With a class news deadline approaching, I realized that I had nothing to report! Luckily, I saw **Daisy Duckworth Davis** at church. She agreed to email her friends with a plea for news—and it worked!



Daisy lives in a beautiful neighboring Palm City community. She and husband Carl usually escape the Florida heat in the summer. Daisy had an elderly cat that traveled with them, even crossing into Canada. That kitty passed, but Daisy adopted two kittens. They are leaving soon for two months in North Carolina with the kittens, as she said, to the only rental that would allow two cats!

Ronie Rogers Madden was one of the first to reply. She lives outside of Chicago and spends her time visiting her grandchildren, ages 2½ and 2 months, in Charlotte and hanging out with family and friends. She does see several of the SMC Chicago crowd including **Nancy McNichols Newell**, who lives nearby.

Speaking of Nancy, she sent a positive email with health news. She was diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic breast cancer in the liver in 2018. She is doing better than she ever thought, "but a little prayer now and then would be fabulous." You got it, Nancy! She has seven grandchildren under the age of 4 and another one due. So lots of babysitting since all three sons and families live close by. She also does volunteer work for ALW, which helps children and families in need.

Connie Blanchard Sullivan sent an update from Tulsa. She and husband Tim are blessed to have all six children and 19 grandchildren living in the area—that is quite a clan! Connie is director of Birthright of Tulsa, a life affirming

pregnancy center, and asks if she will ever escape diapers?! She is planning to visit **Priscilla Louris O'Shaughnessy** in August as they are both celebrating 50 years of marriage. They were married a week apart.

Priscilla Louris O'Shaughnessy emailed from Ireland. She and her family are building a new whiskey distillery in Minneapolis-St. Paul in conjunction with Irish Teeling Distillery. They have a master distiller lured from Jameson. Very exciting! Google it at O'Shaughnessy Distillery.

In other news, I had the pleasure of working with **Patricia Smith Watkin's** lovely daughter Mary for a while. So I contacted Pat for an update. She and husband Bill are in Tequesta, FL, where they moved in 1977. After many active years of volunteering in the public schools in Jupiter, she got her real estate license and ran for Tequesta's Village Council in 2003. She remained on the council until 2011 and served as mayor for four years. She is still active in the village, working on their historical archives. Pat and Bill enjoy retirement and will celebrate their 50th anniversary next year. They have three daughters and seven grandchildren.

Dorothy (Beezy) Pohl Zielony wrote that she and husband Paul are getting hit hard in southern Oregon with fire. The Alameda fire from last summer was two blocks away from her house and they were told to evacuate immediately. Luckily, their home did not burn. On a happier note, Beezy has nine grandchildren—seven boys, two girls. She is retiring

from her job at hospice in January—bittersweet because she loves her job. She is looking forward to more family time.

An email from **Ann Marie Tracey** stated that she and husband Dan luckily got through the COVID scare. She said the hardest part—and this was a common theme in these emails—was not hugging or even seeing grandchildren. Ann Marie was retired, but was called out to head an anti-corruption/good government commission in Cincinnati. Four out of nine council members were indicted by the federal government in the last year. She and Dan are enjoying spending more time in her home state of Michigan. She ran into **Tilly Fiehrer Pfeiffer** at a funeral for a priest they both knew and had a great talk, after almost 50 years! Tilly is dedicated to social justice issues, and they hope to get together in the near future.

Another Reminder: REUNION IS JUNE 2-5, 2022. PLEASE BE THERE! **Anne Pryser Leary** and I are heading up the Reunion Gift Committee again and would love anyone to join us. Email me or Anne (anneleary@sbcglobal.net) or the Alumnae Office. Love to all...

EXCELSIOR

Lydia Haggard Novakov '72 Long-time Dallas philanthropists, Lydia and Dan Novakov, have been named the 39th Catholic Foundation Award honorees. The couple of 43 years will be recognized at the Catholic Foundation Award Dinner in February 2022.

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Happy 70th birthday to the Class of 1973!

Terry Trenor Wilkins, Mary Ann Weis Fenimore, and I celebrated my 70th birthday together with our husbands at Palmetto Bluff, a resort south of Charleston, SC. We had a great time, as we always do, with lots of conversation and laughter.



Left to right: Mary Ann Weis Fenimore, Teresa Trenor Wilkins, Peg FitzGibbons Higgins.

Condolences to **Nancy O'Donnell Guhman**, who lost her brother Jim at the age of 67. He battled

pancreatic cancer for 14 months and passed away on May 8.

During COVID, Nancy enjoyed monthly Zoom calls with **Pat Haffey Clemency, Jan Rewers McMillan, Judy Fong Clavin, and Maureen McPhee Donhauser**. All have been fully vaccinated and look forward to a 70th birthday celebration in early 2022. Nancy has also connected with **Linda Stellato Pfeiffer** and **Lorraine Foley**. Linda recently moved from Florida to Pittsburgh to be closer to her son and his family. Lorraine is happily retired in South Carolina.

Nancy's 41-year-old son Tim and his wife Suzy live in Seattle. Both are engineers. Suzy is a cyber security expert for Microsoft and Tim is an electrical engineer for Amphenol. They were happy to enjoy two visits together during this past year. Nancy's 38-year-old daughter Meghan lives in Colorado Springs with her husband and 8-year-old son Kenny. They visited during the Fourth of July holiday.

Nancy closed her message to me with: "2020 was a memorable year for all the wrong reasons. However, I am hopeful that life will return to normalcy again soon. I would welcome emails from college friends." Nancy.Guhman@gmail.com

In June, **Dolores (Lolo) Stankus Ford** hosted a 70th birthday celebration for **Peggy Doyle Van Slochem** at her home on Lake Keowee in Seneca, SC. Also attending the celebration were **Patti McNamara McGuire** and **Robin Messina Hein '72**. Lolo and her husband Pat (ND '71) love living in Seneca, which is just a few miles from Clemson. They enjoy attending Clemson-Notre Dame basketball, baseball, and football games and would love to see anyone who is visiting the area. She cannot believe we are all turning 70 and is looking forward to celebrating our 50th Reunion.



Left to right: Robin Messina Hein '72, Patti McNamara McGuire, Peggy Doyle Van Slochem, Dolores (Lolo) Stankus Ford.

I was happy to hear from **Beth Lewis Rompf** who provided the following update: "As COVID restrictions are lifted and vaccinations plentiful, it's been wonderful to get out to visit with family and friends. Recently, my husband John (ND '72) and I met my brother Len Lewis (ND '76) and sister-in-law **Barbara Mazanec Lewis '76** in Cincinnati for a Reds baseball game. Len and Barbara live in Cleveland and though not halfway, we were fortunate to meet up in a city that has a lot to offer.

"This past year, I have been dealing positively with some medical challenges. I am forever grateful for the many prayers, a very supportive family, exceptional University of KY doctors, a skilled medical team, and renowned researchers.

"John and I look forward to meeting up with all our children and grandchildren for our annual Oak Island, NC beach vacation. We rent one house for the 20 of us, so as one might imagine never a dull moment exits!"

I was pleased to hear from **Patsy McIntyre Salem**. Here's what she had to say: "I have vivid and happy memories of all school traditions, rituals, my fine arts education, special relationships, and going to the Derby and Florida on spring breaks. Love staying in touch with SMC/ND friends and hearing everyone's news. For many years until her death, I relished my visits with Sister Cecelia Ann Kelly, art teacher, mentor, and friend. After a diverse career in art therapy, health care management, consulting and school counseling, in 2020 I received an MA in marriage and family therapy and continue private practice work. My beloved husband of 19 years Ellis Salem and I live in Louisville, KY near my mom **Mary Alice Maloney McIntyre '49**, who is a model of optimal aging. Our families reside in Louisville except for one son who lives in Paris, France. With gratitude for my SMC education and wonderful friendships along the way, I wish everyone well!"

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On several occasions over the years, a group of 12 classmates has been lucky enough to get together in fun spots in Florida, Louisiana, and Michigan, in addition to trips to campus for Reunions. However, in July, by happenstance, nine of the 12 were in Chicago at the same time and were hosted by **Jackie Schimizzi Ehlert** for a gourmet al fresco dinner at her townhome. The occasion was spurred by **Mary Ellen Raphael's** visit from Charleston, SC. Meanwhile, at the same time, **Carol Longo Kaupp, Dianne Gibbons, and Natalie Dwyer-Haller** made plans to travel to Chicago to visit **Dede Lohle Simon** from their homes in San Clemente, CA, Mequon, WI, and Erie, PA, respectively, and Jackie's invitation list grew by three to include those out-of-towners. Also enjoying the delicious dinner were Chicago-area residents **Bobbie Kuhn Riconosciuto** (whose appetizers and desserts wowed the group), **Judie Moore Green**, and **Julie Griffin Murphy**. Unfortunately, I was unable to be with them but hope we can get together in 2022, along with **Jan Gabler Cranfield** and **Jeannelle Naquin Brady** to celebrate our 70th birthdays. (Can that possibly be true? 70?)



Left to right: front row Jackie Schimizzi Ehlert, Judie Moore Green; back row Natalie Dwyer-Haller, Dede Lohle Simon, Mary Ellen Raphael, Dianne Gibbons, Julie Griffin Murphy, Bobbie Kuhn Riconosciuto, Carol Longo Kaupp. Background original artwork by Jackie's son Richard, who earned his BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Natalie also used the occasion to visit with her daughter Colleen, who is serving her pediatric residency in Chicago. Colleen and twin sister Carolyn both graduated from ND in 2014.

Hey, everyone: Write to tell me how you have or will be celebrating 70!!

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Thank you, **Mary Jane Anderson Woodward**, for your input: "Moved to Anthem, AZ. It is hotter than I expected! A dry heat, they said. Currently doing remodel of house and planning stages for a pool. They are so backed up here we may not have one until summer '22! Hope to make it back for Reunion!"

To my 1977 classmates: I know we are going through a difficult time dealing with the COVID pandemic and now the Delta variant; please keep our 1977 classmates in your prayers.

Please provide more updates to me at my email above. And start thinking about attending our 2022 class Reunion.

EXCELSIOR

Margot Fisher Regan '77

retired in May after serving 12 years on the bench as a superior court judge in St. Joseph County.

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Dearest Classmates, the past 18 months of pandemic have been taxing on everyone in many ways. I am happy to be free of my mask currently. However, by the time this is published that might be a different story. We are crushed by the loss of friends and family and are again reminded that life is very short and fragile. We must be encouraged to enjoy every minute of our good health. Some of the lucky ones in our class are enjoying retirement while others still choose to work. I am very happy in my position at Progressive Insurance and plan to work for a while longer. The atmosphere keeps me young and my mind working. Although I will be a member of Medicare next week, I sure don't feel 65 (most of the time). For now, during these trying times, keep the faith, stay healthy and hopeful. The future is bright and tomorrow is a new day.

Please send me your input for *Courier*; it would be greatly appreciated. Without your input, there is no news to report. Camille sent me this article just in time for this issue.

From **Camille St. Hilaire Smith**: "Hello to all! It was so wonderful to read the Class of '78 news in the spring issue of *Courier*. The theme of women bonding together over shared experiences during their years at Saint Mary's is a constant source of inspiration and gratitude for me. I am inspired by the support we give each other even now based on those strong bonds we developed during our years at SMC. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be part of the Saint Mary's community for college and continue to hold dear the friendships and experiences made during those years.

"I am currently living in Bloomingdale, IL, just outside of Chicago. In June, I retired as the vice president of school programs for Little Friends, Inc., after 26 years. Little Friends is a social service agency that serves individuals with autism, developmental disabilities, and other mental health challenges. The past few years were filled with the challenges of providing meaningful programming for students with significant special needs, buying, renovating, and moving into a new building, and providing training to staff, students, and families. While I loved the work, I am ready to embrace the opportunity to spend more time with Barry, the children, and my three grandchildren! I am truly looking forward to planning trips both near and far, from Colorado to visit my grandson and back to Rome!"

"A big thank you to Sue for being our *Courier* representative and keeping all of us up to date on the news from our classmates. It is very much appreciated!"

You are most welcome, Camille. I would love to hear from more classmates so that I can provide updates on your lives.

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I am writing this in July and a great many pandemic restrictions in Ohio have been lifted. It is like experiencing new life. I hope you are all doing well. My husband Mark and I celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary in June. We gathered with our children, grandchildren, family, and friends. Our wedding vows were renewed at the church where we were married, and a celebratory dinner followed that evening. It was wonderful that my cousin **Jeannine Senft Julian '80** and her husband Mark were able to join us that weekend.

Enjoying a much slower paced life is **Patricia Thorner**, who retired from Abbvie. She says every day is a weekend! Unfortunately, Patricia's mom Margaret Thorner Inman passed away from COVID in the beginning of April 2020. Her mom had just celebrated her 101st birthday at the end of February. Within a month, COVID had swept through the nursing home and claimed many residents, including Patricia's mom. As was the case for many families, Patricia could not be with her mom during her confinement with COVID, and that was very difficult. Patricia wishes the best of health to the Class of 1979 and their families.

Recently going back to part-time work as a nurse in the operating room is **Lisa Storm Hawkins**.

Lisa's husband retired from being an emergency room doctor for 30 years right before COVID swept the country. Their daughter Taylor is a thriving veterinarian in a practice with 11 other doctors. Also, Taylor will be marrying a wonderful man this December 2021. Lisa is happily awaiting their 45th Reunion in 2024.

From Southfield, MI came news from **Diane Klucka**. Diane works as a director of religious education for adults and children, an RCIA coordinator, and a youth minister coordinator at Transfiguration Parish. She has been employed at this parish in the same capacity for 12 years. Her job is supposed to be only 30 hours a week, but it entails many more. However, Diane still finds time to officiate at a number of high school and recreational sports games, such as volleyball, basketball, and softball. Diane also plays more golf now and tries to take care of herself while spoiling her six nieces and nephews.

Thank you to everyone who submitted news. Please continue to share your updates. Stay healthy and be happy.

EXCELSIOR

Cynthia A. Danford '79

was selected as one of 225 distinguished nurse leaders to be inducted into the 2021 Class of Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing.

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Mary Burns Deas and her husband Mark attended commissioning week in Annapolis, MD at the end of May for the graduation of their son Ryan from the United States Naval Academy. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and is currently in training in Quantico, VA.

Melissa McLean DeBot and her husband Steve (ND '83) welcomed their first granddaughter Ava Rose Ciaudelli in the spring of 2020. Missy writes that even though she lives in Milwaukee, she still finds herself in Philly most weekdays caring for Ava while her daughter Maddie (ND '09) and her husband work. "I love being an Oma, and Ava is a delight. Recently, we took Ava to Florida so my 94-year-old father could meet his first great-granddaughter! Yay science! Our son Michael has been caring for my dad for the past year, and we are very proud of him. Our daughter Margot (ND '12) eloped on the Colorado slopes when her wedding celebration was postponed to summer 2022. She and Mollie will be in Denver until Margot's lengthy surgical residency ends in four years. Our hope is that they return to the Midwest. Our oldest son McLean lives in our hometown of Stevens Point, WI and is business manager at a Ford dealership. He was very helpful to my in-laws during this

past year of isolation, and we are also very proud of him. Luckily, I moved volunteer scheduling for the food pantry I manage in Stevens Point to an online format in early 2020. With an outpouring of community donations, smaller crews, and many new safety protocols, Operation Bootstrap managed to stay open throughout the past year to serve our clients. For that, I am also very thankful."

In May, **Elizabeth Napier Murphy** retired from IBM after 30 years. She writes: "I started with Lotus Development in 1991, which was acquired by IBM in 1995. I met my husband (who was a customer) and had my son and daughter while there. My career at IBM was spent in software sales in various roles including direct sales, technical support, management, and operations. I had the opportunity to earn reward trips to Australia, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico during my tenure. Toward the end of my time with them, I focused on the deployment of our software products and spent my last seven years starting up a project managing a new incentive program that had never been provided at IBM before, which brought me great pride and satisfaction. Prior to IBM, I worked in information technology for an investment banking firm, which provided an excellent basis to pivot to information technology sales. In retirement, I am looking forward to spending more time with my children as they navigate the early years of college life and with my husband, who is on a mission to play the top 100 golf courses in the U.S. I now have more time to spend in our garden, reading, decluttering/decorating, volunteering, and focusing on exercising and healthy routines. I also have some travel planned with good friends and visits with my parents and sisters in the near future."

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I am writing from my classroom; next week I will welcome students back to in-person instruction after a 17-month hiatus. It won't look like it did in March 2020. We will all be masked, using Chromebooks rather than textbooks, and wondering if the tables will turn once again.

On a personal note, my son Michael earned his MS in criminalistics in May. I was thrilled to attend a small, masked, in-person ceremony to celebrate. I also got to travel, in person, back to Chicago last summer. Many thanks to **Jamie Smith Taradash** for coordinating a fantastic outing with **Christine Jean DiDonato** and **Kathleen Moran** while I was there. I am looking forward to connecting with **Meghan Farley Astrachan** on the West Coast. I hear through the grapevine that her son is scheduled to begin college here in the fall.

Kathleen Christie Hillsman was the first (and only) classmate to respond to my email this month. She shares: "In February, my husband Steve (ND '88), classmate **Tammye Radke Raster** and her husband Bob (ND '88), and Wally Healy (ND '88) and his wife Maureen got together in Chicago for an evening of dinner and drinks. As always, many



From Kathleen Christie Hillsman: My husband Steve (ND '88), classmate Tammye Radke Raster and her husband Bob (ND '88), and Wally Healy (ND '88) and his wife Maureen in Chicago for an evening of dinner and drinks.

laughs and memories were rehashed about Tuesday nights at Tivoli's, our Christmas party at the SMC Clubhouse, darts at The Commons, and the antics of these Dillonites. Maureen, as always, was a saint, listening to the stories, rolling her eyes, and laughing along with all of us. The Rasters, who live in South Bend, had a daughter Meghan graduate from ND in May of 2021. They also have a son JP (John Patrick), who is a junior this year. Tammye and Bob have seven children and Wally and Maureen have five. Steve and I live in Elmhurst, IL and have three daughters Christie (ND '15), Bridget (Providence College '17, '19), and Moira (ND '20). We will hopefully be back at ND for Moira's postponed graduation in May of 2022!"

Most of my updates have come through social media. The Facebook traffic for **Sherry Green Antonetti** has been "blowing up" as they say. Many of us said prayers for her, as she has done so often for us, as she underwent surgery. She is out of the hospital and doing well, but prayers are still welcome.

Email updates are welcome at any time! Please send your news to marykay.smc88@gmail.com. And watch for my next request for news in December.

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2021 has been quite a year! Lots of changes, lots of challenges. And lots to celebrate.

May 2021 brought graduations! **Jeannette O'Neil Bruno** earned her doctor of educational leadership from Monmouth University. In her 32nd year in education, Jeannette is an assistant principal at Marlboro High School in Monmouth County, NJ. **Kelly Glavin Zeh** was in Columbus, OH for her son's medical school graduation from The Ohio State University, and she was able to meet up with former roommate **Julie Wagner Feasel** for lunch. While the two text regularly with their other roommate **Penny Falaschetti Dolan**, there's nothing like seeing each other in person!

Carolyn Hawthorne Slandzicki had the surreal experience of reliving our graduation by witnessing

her daughter **Bridget Slandzicki '21** become an alumna. It was hot! Speeches were long! But in the end, Bridget graduated with honors with a bachelor of science in biology and psychology. She is currently at Notre Dame earning her master of science in management—a business management master's program for non-business majors. In late April, Carolyn and her husband Jamie (ND '89) hosted her former roommate **Julie Casper** and Julie's husband Chris Mezenski for a weekend of fun in Nashville filled with great food, drinks, and even a little dancing. Carolyn looks forward to returning the favor and visiting Julie and Chris in Myrtle Beach! Most recently, the Slandzickis' son Michael married his high school sweetheart at the end of June. Michael is the partner manager for AVGL, an esports platform, and his wife Madison owns her own baking and catering company called Kailey Cakes in Franklin, TN. Their youngest Mary Cate is entering her sophomore year at the University of Mississippi and is loving sorority life at Ole Miss. Carolyn continues her position as business development director for a small physical therapy company, Johnson & Hayes Physical Therapists. Jamie continues working hard in the medical field in Franklin with his family medicine practice, nursing homes, and clinical research company. Carolyn and Jamie are enjoying their time as empty nesters for the first time this fall!

Kellen Brugman completed a holistic wellness coaching certification and found her new place to call home in Petoskey, MI.

After so much time at home, there were lots of vacations! **Kristin Burtzlauff Bodey** had a wonderful time visiting her siblings: Rob Burtzlauff (ND '85), **Karen Burtzlauff Corken '86**, and Patrick Burtzlauff (ND '97) in Oregon and California.

July 11-17, 2021, found **Jennifer MacDougall Bero** and **Anne Bader** traveling to Gulf Shores, AL for some much needed rest and relaxation after the super crazy COVID school year. Anne had expanded her usual fifth grade teaching responsibilities and taught both fourth and fifth graders in-person and distanced at St. Joseph Parish School in Avon, OH. Jennifer served as an administrator of a preK-sixth grade building for six years and will be teaching first grade in the fall. Both Jennifer and Anne were in session for the majority of the MOST challenging year of their 30+-year careers! Thank you for your dedication and hope you enjoyed a well-deserved vacation.

A quick May weekend trip to Chicago allowed **Karen Crespy** to meet up with **Katy Burns** for a long overdue brunch, to see some friends, and to participate in a charity skating event.

2020's COVID brought **Martha Flick Jungenberg**, her husband Todd, and their three girls together in Mbabane, eSwatini (formerly Swaziland), where they have been stationed since August 2019. Their daughter Sophia, 23, returned from Maastricht, Netherlands in November 2019 and didn't go back due to travel restrictions, so she completed her studies at home and received a bachelor's degree in English arts and culture from Maastricht University. Sophia is working for Americorps in Bridgeport, CT as a teacher and tutor with the goal of eventually volunteering overseas for the Peace Corps. Emmalee, 18, and Grace, 20, are doing high

school and college studies online, respectively. Grace also works at the U.S. Embassy Mbabane with Todd and Martha. Martha continues to work in IT at the US Embassy, and at such a small post she is doing a lot and gaining management and top-secret computer experience. The family will be in Mbabane until summer 2023 but may extend to a fifth year. There has been some civil unrest in eSwatini and South Africa, so please keep the Jungenbergs in your thoughts and prayers.

NOTE: Please update your email address, mailing address, and phone number with Saint Mary's or through your class reporter. Keep in touch.

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As we approach another season still seeing the effects of the pandemic, it's been a pleasure to keep in touch with so many of you through social media. The opportunity to see photos and updates from each of you has been a great reminder that time and life march on despite a global pandemic. I hope that you and your families remain safe and well. I will continue to look forward to your posts and updates.

As I write this, it's back to school time for many ... our classmates who are educators, children who are



returning to school, and some who are starting off on new adventures in college or post graduation.

Thanks to those of you who shared updates on yourself and your lives. Here are a few:

Laura Lewis Rente celebrated 25 years of marriage to husband Joe in June. They live in New Jersey, where Laura is an educator. Her daughter attends college in Mississippi.

Marijane Grant Brangle has been married to husband Tim (ND '90) for 28 years, residing in Venice Beach, CA. They have two sons and a daughter; son Dan is scheduled to graduate from ND in 2022.

Liz Ehret Bardwell celebrated 30 years of marriage to husband Dwight; they live in Maine. They have three children ages 22, 21, and 17. Liz has had a private psychotherapy practice for the past nine years and has been accepted into the Daniel Hanley Leadership Development Program for this coming year. Congratulations, Liz!

Anne Gallagher Feely has three daughters with husband Dan. They have been married for 30 years and Anne works as a fixed income trader/salesperson at Wintrust Investments in Chicago. One of their daughters works in biomedical engineering in Minneapolis; one is studying speech pathology at Case Western; and the youngest is a sophomore at Grand Valley State in Michigan.

Liz Beckley Higgins has been married to Brian for seven years. Liz is a home mortgage consultant at

Wells Fargo and they have a family of four kids, Liz's two boys and Brian's two girls. Their oldest son is a senior at Madison; their oldest daughter a senior at Concordia Moorhead; their younger son is a sophomore at ASU; and their youngest daughter is a senior in high school.

Deanne Isabelle Paul shared: Chris and I celebrated our 29th anniversary in April 2021. We made a trip to North Carolina and Virginia to celebrate and had the most amazing time (my birthday celebration, too) with **Katie Lear McGuire** (Chris ND '89) and her family in Winston-Salem, NC. It was special to see her middle son Tristan, who is our godson, an amazing young man now in law school at Elon. Also had many laughs over chips and salsa with **Jennifer Zac Place**, with whom I would not have survived comps and our psych department adventures. It was fun to reminisce and does not feel like so much time has passed!

"Over recent years, I've had many opportunities to share move in/move out, Junior Mother-Daughter weekend, and more with **Kathy Spencer Coleman**. Her daughter **Mary Eloise Coleman '20** and my daughter **Elyse Marie Paul '20** became great friends right from the beginning when randomly they both lived on the same floor in Regina South freshman year!

As for Chris (ND '90) and me, we're acclimating to life with young adult kids. I am working for Regina Caeli Academy as the center assistant and upper school tutor for the Dallas North Texas center. It has been a

true blessing to work in a faith-filled and joyful community. Chris is working at Nokia and is also in the Navy Reserves. Life hasn't slowed down for us, even as empty nesters!

"Our oldest Brendan (ND '18) is working at UT Southwestern in Dallas and is currently in the med school application process. After graduating from SMC, **Elyse Marie Paul '20** spent a year at ND earning a master's in nonprofit administration. It was beautiful to experience a 'real' graduation last May after the heartbreaking loss of SMC '20 senior week, honors, and festivities. She just began her career in August with a job at Saint Mary's as the assistant director of marketing strategy in campus and community events. Last spring, while Elyse was in the MNA and Mary in first-year law, they made a weekend trip to Chicago to visit our dear friend **Andrea DesLauriers Legatzke** (Steve ND '89). They graciously sent photos (I was a little jealous) and, of course, Andrea and Steve were spectacular hosts, providing a wonderful mini break for our girls. They even got to see **Lynne DesLauriers Magnuson**! Our youngest son Ryan is a fourth year architecture student at ND. While his class was unable to spend their third year in Rome, as is the tradition, ND brought them over for nine weeks this past summer. We had a wonderful family trip to Rome to spend Ryan's last week there in late July 2021.

"We're thankful for our continued connection to the South Bend area and opportunity to get to campus for games and visits. It will always feel like home.

Other classmates celebrated milestones recently. **Laura Jacob Wozniak** and husband Kevin sent their twins Jacob and Genevieve off to the first grade in eastern Pennsylvania, and neighbors **Linda Enright Riva** and husband Rich (ND '89) dropped off their daughter to begin her freshman year at Saint Mary's.

Sarah Hughes Smith and husband Dan (ND '90) are excited about the engagement of their oldest daughter Kerry and are looking forward to celebrating the nuptials with Kerry, her fiancé Patrick, and their younger children Tim and Maddie.

Barbie Jeffers married Steve earlier this year in a beautiful ceremony after several pandemic delays, surrounded by their three lovely daughters Carly, Keeley, and Katie. **Anita Knebel Douglas** and husband Shawn were able to join the festivities.

Classmates **Kim Mahoney Barrio**, **Monica Badar Hehl**, and **Mary Sande** gathered earlier this summer for a quick get-together and by the look of the photos, beautiful weather and good company were abundant!

Mary Kay Gaido Werner happily reunited with classmate **Patricia Weed Bennett** at the wedding of her daughter **Jackie Werner Wieland '16** to Patrick Wieland (ND '16) on Saturday, June 19, 2021, in Edina, MN.

From **Erin Connor Reilly Stroka**, MA, GCDF, CCSP: "After a 25-year career of service within New Mexico public education, September 1, 2020, I retired from my position as a professional high school counselor with Albuquerque Public Schools. My passion has always been to inspire, motivate, and empower students to believe in themselves, find hope, and

use their strengths to manage transitions, overcome barriers, and achieve their educational and career goals. I pray that I have been of helpful service to our students, families, colleagues, and community over these many years.

"For this next life chapter, I have returned to school to earn a rehabilitation counseling (CRC, PED K-12) graduate certificate and additional licensure through the New Mexico Public Education Department. My current goal is to transition from working as a high school counselor to serving as a vocational rehabilitation counselor/transition specialist, working with students with disabilities and their families within the public schools.

"I also serve as a volunteer with Loving Thunder Therapeutic Riding. Their mission is: 'To empower and improve the quality of life for people with mental and physical challenges through therapeutic horsemanship, therapies, and educational outreach to all. Changing lives one ride at a time.'

"I happily remarried in 2013 following the death of my husband Hugh Edward Reilly (ND '76) in 2002 during cancer surgery. My daughters, ages 25 and 23 (in August 2021), have both graduated with their baccalaureate degrees and have full-time professional jobs. My youngest daughter is also earning her MBA. I am grateful for our many blessings."

For me, my husband Paul and I continue to raise our family in eastern Pennsylvania. We just sent our oldest son off to college, and while local, the dynamic of the household has changed with the two girls (15 and 12) now outnumbering their little brother (10), who misses having his brother as an ally. In between school events, sports practices, and games, I continue working at Crayola.

Please continue to post and update. It's great to see the wonderful adventures that everyone is taking, whether local or international. It's great to remain connected to you!

1991

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Erin Cusack Micklo and **Maureen Nicknish Goldin** spent a mother/daughter weekend in Washington, DC recently. Erin's daughter Maggie will be teaching in their public school system and is attending the prestigious Johns Hopkins for her MA. Maureen's daughter Meredith is a senior at the University of Vermont and is also studying to be a teacher. The ladies were excited to be able to meet up with **Katy Crooks Flynn** for dinner, as she lives in the area.

Caroline McNeive Monahan decided 25 years of Michigan winters was enough! She has relocated to Charleston, SC and serves as the public relations lead at Ingevity Corporation, a waste-to-value chemical company that develops and manufactures chemical and material solutions used in making the world more sustainable! Way to go, Carol! Our pal Shug, aka **Amelia Savelle Bartilotti**, was Caroline's first visitor in her new hometown.



EXCELSIOR

Kelly Neuwirth Grier '91

has been named to the CPA Practice Advisor and the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) Most Powerful Women in Accounting awards for 2020-2021.

Kathleen Houlihan Motzenbecker, like many of us, was sorry to miss our Reunion. She keeps in regular touch with her Rome roomie **Mary Beth Anderson Fisher**, who gifted her childhood dollhouse to Kathleen's 9-year-old daughter Fiona. How thoughtful! It came complete with miniature furniture and beautiful porcelain dolls and was a HUGE hit! Fiona completed the majority of third grade at home, but was happy to return to school last March. Kathleen resides in Minneapolis and also celebrated a "delightful" in-person lunch with fellow Rome program alum **Sharon Ness McGrann** on the actual date of our 30-year Reunion.

Keep us all posted on whatever is happening in your life! Reach out to me on Facebook or at smc-belles92@gmail.com.

1992

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Hope everyone is safe and healthy!

Tracy Wick shared the news that her daughter Kate Heffernan is a freshman at Gonzaga University. **Bonnie McLeod Scheckenbach's** daughter Brynn is a junior at Gonzaga. **Michelle Darnell Manoguerra's** daughter is a sophomore at Gonzaga. The Manoguerra family lives in Spokane, where Michelle's husband is the director of the Jundt Art Museum on campus.

Molly Weiland Schmidt's son Nico is a freshman at Notre Dame in the Gateway program.

It is with tremendous sadness to share the tragic passing of our dear friend and classmate **Susanne Largura Benedict**. Susanne passed away on



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May 30, 2021. She was a beautiful person, special friend to many, wonderful mother, devoted wife, and amazing doctor. Susanne worked as a private practice dentist for several years before returning to the Indiana University School of Dentistry and serving in several roles of clinical instruction. She was a fellow in clinical ethics at the Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics before her current position as associate dean of student affairs. She was inducted into the American College of Dentists and served as a liaison with the Indiana Dental Association. She was an extremely respected and consummate professional in her field. Susanne was an avid runner, completing several marathons and races over the years. She was part of a local running club that brought her close friends and much satisfaction. Susanne loved to bake and became known for her bake sales and baked goods at neighborhood garage sales. Her studies abroad during high school and at Saint Mary's inspired her love of the Italian language and culture. To quote Susanne, *"Il mio cuore appartiene all'Italia"* (My heart belongs to Italy)! Susanne was recently appointed and working to establish a study abroad program between IUSD and the University of Milan-Bicocca Dental School, Milan, Italy. Susanne is survived by her loving husband Dr. Brian Benedict and three wonderful sons Mario, Gavin, and Oliver, her parents Dr. Aldo and Rebecca Largura, brothers Dr. Burton Largura (Dr. Heather Largura) and Ryan Largura (Karen Largura), and sister Alison Largura (Dr. Leo Urdaneta), aunts, uncles, cousins, and seven nieces and nephews. I think I can speak for everyone in our class when I say it was a privilege to have known her.

Hope to hear from more of you soon! Please check out our class Facebook page and please keep in touch.

1993



California wine country get-together, from left: Kristin Mary Crowley, Colleen Condon Huston, Karen Lynne Lorton-Vella, Shannon Patricia Huneke, and Gretchen Bath Martin.

1998

EXCELSIOR

Rossitsa Genova Stoyanova '98 has been named Chief Investment Officer at the Investment Management Corporation of Ontario. She oversees the firm's C\$73.3 billion (US\$58.5 billion) in assets under management and leads its senior investment team.

2000

EXCELSIOR

Shannon Ryan '00 became the first woman to be named Illinois Sportswriter of the Year by the National Sports Media Association this past January.

2001

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Hello, Class of 2001! Hope you and your families are enjoying a nice summer. Another short, but sweet update from our class.

Catherine Nolan shared: "On May 12, 2020, we welcomed our daughter Genevieve Colette Mining. And, after 19 years of living in Chicago, we have moved to Oak Park, IL, so I guess I'm officially a suburban mom!" Congratulations!

Until next time, my best. Take care.

2005

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Here are some class updates from '05:

Tabitha Rand Potok recently moved jobs with the Air Force from Joint Base McGuire, NJ to Robins AFB, GA, where she is helping with the depot overhaul of seven different models of aircraft. She still lives full-time in Connecticut with her husband and two children, but she commutes several times a year to Georgia for work. Over the summer, Tabitha was

able to visit **Stacey Walerko Gray** on a visit and thoroughly enjoyed the chance to catch up.

Kendall Krische Weller reports the following: "My husband Patrick and I welcomed our third child (a boy) Macklan Casimir Weller on January 4, 2021. He joins big sisters Leighton (4½) and Neeve (1½)."

Theresa Mills Loyd recently attended a Partners in Mission Catholic Schools Conference in Boston when she spotted a Saint Mary's ring on one of the other 255 conference attendees. **Krystal Marie Harris '19** was the other Saint Mary's alumna in attendance.

Theresa is the associate director of annual giving and alumni relations at Lafayette Catholic School System in Lafayette, IN and Krystal is the alumni relations manager at Saint Viator High School in Arlington Heights, IL.

2006

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As I write this, my oldest daughter is about to enter kindergarten in three days. Some schools started last week, and some will start in about a week. There are some that may even start after Labor Day. Wishing those students a fantastic year ahead!

Megan McDiffett Vannoy and husband Matthew welcomed Charlotte Helen Vannoy on March 2, 2021.

Kimberly Smith Miller and husband Logan welcomed Ryder Dennis Miller on March 11, 2021.

Katy Karr Jones and her husband Ryan Jones welcomed their son James Patrick Albert on April 22, 2021. Baby James joins big siblings Jack, 10, Amelia, 8, Tim, 4, and Andrew, 2. James is also the newest nephew of fellow '06 classmate **Erin Michelle Jones**.

Christine Cooper Bowman married Jonathon Bowman on May 22, 2021.

2007

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Kate Treder Vertin and Matt Vertin welcomed their second future Belle Caroline Jean on May 13, 2021. Big sister Lucy, 3, is already planning her little sister's first trip to The Avenue.

From **Kathryn Van Damme Cedeno**: "I've recently moved to NJ where I'm living with my husband AJ Cedeno and two little girls Penelope, 4, and Daphne, 2. I continue to work in NYC as an orthopedic physical therapist."

Julia Malone Hum and her husband Houston (ND '07) welcomed Elijah James into their family on December 26, 2020. Eli joins big sisters Hadley, 7, Hazel, 4, and Harper, 3. In 2020, Julia was elected to serve as president of the Indiana Physiological Society.

2009

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The Class of 2009 has added many future Belles and Domers this year to the Class of 2042!

Clare Heintz Butler and her husband James (ND '09) welcomed their first child Elizabeth Anne on May 9. **Mary Hancock Fremereau** and husband Mike (ND '06) welcomed their second child Bernadette Sue (Birdie) on May 17. Her son Sebastian is a proud older brother. **Andrea Zettler McIntyre** and husband Rory had their second child Molly Agnes on June 11. **Meg Varty Reen** welcomed her third daughter on July 2. Her name is Scarlett Frances and her sisters are Beatrix and Eloise. **Christina Werner Handler** and husband Henry welcomed their third child Elena Catherine on January 19. **Courtney Vietmeier Kubik** welcomed her first child Madeline Grace with husband Mark (ND '09) in February. **Laura Cronmiller Kettlehut** and her husband Doug welcomed a son Michael Joseph on June 29. **Sarah Falvey Burkett** and her husband Dave welcomed their fourth child Amelia Gracemary on May 24. Their family is moving to DC with the Navy and they are looking forward to seeing what the East Coast has to offer.

We also have several exciting personal and professional announcements.

Allison Rider Dzingle took a new job as a medical science liaison with Novo Nordisk. She lives in Grand Rapids with her husband Jeremy and son Maverick. **Kristen Anderson Zwig** and her husband Mike coach the Edina Varsity Competitive Cheerleading Team in Edina, MN. They won first place at the Minnesota State Cheerleading Competition and placed second at the UCA National High School Cheerleading Competition in Orlando.

Emily Claire Coffey received her doctor of pharmacy on May 15 from Purdue University. She is now off to a fellowship with Boehringer Ingelheim in Ridgefield, CT. After 12 years in Tucson, **Erin Haines Vu** moved to Austin, TX with her family in June to accept the position of principal at Holy Family Catholic School. In July, **Allison Buddie McDonald** completed an 18-month program and took the final test for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. In August, she received her license to be a reactor operator at Limerick Nuclear Power Plant outside Philadelphia. She is one of only 4,000 people in the US to hold an active license.

After four years of living in abroad in Sydney, Australia, **Molly Lamping Fleck**, her husband Adam, and son TJ have moved back to Chicago. She is happy to be stateside and is hoping to catch a Notre Dame football game this fall. **Katie Putz De Vry** was happy finally to be able to baptize her youngest Paul on June 19. **Liz Harter** is his godmother.

We are happy to have updates from so many members of the Class of 2009 and look forward to seeing each other in person again soon!



EXCELSIOR

Heather Bare Glenn '07 was promoted to Director of Sales and Marketing at Ave Maria Press. Heather began with Ave Maria Press in 2007 as an intern.

2008



EXCELSIOR

Renee Woodward Powers '08, founder of the Feminist Book Club, a media company and subscription box dedicated to feminist literature and uplifting small woman-owned businesses, was selected as one of 50 Tory Burch Foundation Fellowship recipients for 2021-2022.

2010

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Hello, Belles!

This year has flown by fast; we blinked, summer came and went! I hope everyone was able to find time in their busy schedules to catch up with friends, spend time with family, and make unforgettable memories.

First, let us congratulate **Quinlan McGrath O'Grady**, who received the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching in the State of Illinois. The Golden Apple Award is a prestigious award given to only 10 teachers in the state, out of 708 nominated. Quinlan is beloved by students and staff at Theophilus Schmid Elementary School on Chicago's South Side, where she teaches second and third grades.

Kelsey Knoedler Perri and her husband Dominic welcomed their first child John Dominic Perri into the world at 3:00 p.m. on April 2, 2021, weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz. Johnny was born two weeks early at Women & Infants Hospital in Providence, RI.

Nora O'Sullivan Beesley and her husband Marcus along with big sister Riley Mae welcomed Camilla Reese in March 2021.

Teresa Healey Bengert and her husband Ryan welcomed their first son Thomas Ryan in September 2020.

Katy Durkin Zix and her husband Matt celebrated one year of marriage on July 17, 2021. They are expecting their first child in October 2021.

Lauren Kowalkowski got engaged to her fiancé Nick Podsiadlik on April 29, 2021. Their wedding date is set for May 2022, which will include some of her favorite people, her fellow Belles!

And for the rest of the Belles, I hope you all are doing well! Look out for an email from me (SaintMarysCollege2010@gmail.com) if you haven't already seen it. We'd love to hear more about how and what everyone is doing since graduating more than a decade ago!

2011

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Hello, 2011 Belles,

I hope this issue finds you and your family in good health. Congratulations to everyone below on your exciting news. As always, if you ever have any news you want to submit, please feel free to contact me anytime.

William (ND '12) and **Kristen Metzger Cernanec** welcomed a sweet baby girl Grace Marie Cernanec on May 24, 2021. Grace came into the world weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring an adorable 20.5 in. long.

Lisa Sommers Nier and husband Christopher completed their family with the addition of Margaret Mae Therese on June 26, the day after their fifth wedding anniversary. She is named for her grandmothers and great-grandmothers. MaggieMae, big sister Olivia, and big brother Robert are adapting to life as a family of five.

Ellen Huelsmann is now working as a software engineering associate at Accenture Federal Services, a technology consulting company. She started in May 2021 and will be working at their new Advanced Technology Center in St. Louis, MO when it opens up for employees.

Matthew (ND '10) and **Katrina Mesina Meckes** along with older twin siblings Cecilia and Arthur are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter and sister Emilie Ann Meckes on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021.

After having to postpone an additional 13 months due to the COVID pandemic, **Jenna Lewanski** married Johnathon Aguilar in Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall on June 26, 2021. It was a beautiful day, celebrating on campus surrounded by friends and family. Bridesmaids included **Alyssa Lewanski Peterson '09, Casey Larson, Brianna Lamp Wessel, Kristen Petkevich Hanrath, and Steph Smiy Miller**. Other Smicks also in attendance were **Cynthia Spala Lewanski '76, Juli Spala Stumpf '87, Molly Gahagan Garcia, Christina Robakowski Vaughan, and Sarah Slomski**.

Hannah Camisasca and Cory Shapiro welcomed their daughter Jude Isabel (maybe SMC c/o 2043!) on May 26, 2021. At birth, Jude was 8 lbs. 6 oz. and 20 in. long. They are currently living in Florida.

Allie Hensley Tyler and husband Clark welcomed their third daughter Theodora Golden on June 25, 2021, at 4:49 p.m. Goldie weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20.5 in. long. Their oldest daughter Winnie was sad they didn't name her "Macaroni Penguin" but she was otherwise very much in love! And their middle daughter Pru was overjoyed to become a big sister. The Tyler family also recently moved to a new home but remain in Columbus, IN.

Kristina Marinelli McCorry and husband Andrew (ND '10) welcomed their second son Michael Colin, who was born on his due date, June 21, at 8:02 p.m., at the same hospital where his mom was born. Michael weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 22 in. long. Proud big brother James is in love with his "baby."

Caitlin Collieran Buzaid graduated with her master's in global leadership and management from Thunderbird's School of Global Management at Arizona State University in May 2021. Upon graduation, she entered the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

2012

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I hope these announcements find you in good health and enjoying the end of another year. We had a number of job changes and promotions recently. **Mary Morgan McGinley Mitchell**



started a new job as a team physician at Virginia Tech and is also teaching at Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine. **Hannah Hupp Cain** was promoted to senior category commercial manager at Danone North America. **Briana Coyne** started a new job with BDO USA in New York City as a market support manager in their marketing department. **Christine Martin** accepted a new job as a pediatric emergency room nurse at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. She also recently moved to Fort Myers, FL. **Stacey Dickson Franklin** started a new job as a home health and hospice admissions and authorization specialist at Parkview Home Health and Hospice. In June, she moved to Fort Wayne, IN and on July 4, 2021, Stacey married Drew Franklin.

In June, **Lauren Lees** graduated from Northwestern University with a master of science in health informatics. In 2020, **Carrie Altick Maierhofer** graduated from Harvard Graduate School of Education. She now works on the math education team at Harvard's Center for Education Policy Research. Carrie and her husband Kyle (ND '11) welcomed their first child in April 2021.

We have six other birth announcements: **Madison Thatcher Visto** and John Paul Visto (ND '13) welcomed their son Bennett Fitzgerald Visto on June 11, 2020. The family of three recently moved to the Wicker Park area in Chicago, IL. Madison celebrated her three-year work anniversary with Discovery Education this August after leaving the classroom in 2017. **Catherine Moore Anton** and her husband Matt welcomed the birth of their daughter Audrey Rose Anton on April 20, 2021. **Jacquelyn Zupancic Momont** and Matt Momont (ND '11) welcomed their new baby girl Mae Loretta on May 4, 2021. **Julianna Loebach Koselke** and Justin Koselke, as well as big sister Ava, are excited to announce the birth of Charles Robert Koselke on May 22, 2021. **Libby Karpus Schirtzinger** and her husband Matt Schirtzinger (ND '13) welcomed a baby girl Marie Rose on May 28. She joins older brother Michael at their home in Columbus, OH. Additionally, **Katie Dapper Dressing** and her husband Michael (ND '11) welcomed their daughter Hannah Kathryn on June 10 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Dillon, now 3 years old, is a proud big brother!

As for me, I moved from Wauwatosa, WI into Milwaukee as my husband and I bought our first home.

2013

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We are very excited to share so many joyous and amazing updates from the Class of 2013.

Ambreen Jessica Ahmad graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in May 2021 and will be an associate for Mayer Brown LLP in Chicago, IL.

Erin Elizabeth Brown will enter the monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, a community of Dominican nuns in Summit, NJ on August 14, 2021. She can be reached at: Sister Erin Brown, Dominican Nuns, 543 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901.

Elizabeth Rose Elsbach contributed a chapter "Russian Roulette: The United States of America's Response to the Revolutions in Russia during World War I" to *The Routledge History of U.S. Foreign Relations*, which is published through the University of Virginia. The book will be published later this year.

Kari Anne McClowry is a social worker at Kendall Elementary School (School District 204) in Naperville, IL.

Torie Lynn Richardson now owns her own dental practice, Kluth Richardson Family and Cosmetic Dentistry, in Noblesville, IN.

Alyssa Grace Vinluan moved from Washington, DC to Chicago, IL and works in fundraising for Lurie Children's Hospital.

Ciara Shurmone Ward now owns her own private practice for therapy, Caring Conversations Center, in South Bend, IN.

We are so very proud of these excellent achievements and wish you all the very best!

Alexandra Buckley married Randy Wanis on November 21, 2020, and they reside in Fishers, IN. Additionally, she was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps as captain in March 2020. Thank you for your service, Ali!

Laura Corrigan married Ryan O'Connell (ND '13) on March 7, 2020.

Julia Harris Szenderski now resides in Southern California with her husband Max.

Danielle Marie Haydell Mason married Brandon Mason on May 16, 2020.

Laura Krahe married Rodney "Shay" Andrews in North Carolina on June 5, 2021.

Elizabeth Whalen married Noah Scammon on July 10, 2021, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Peoria, IL. Her maid of honor was **Jen Lee Kazmierczak '12** and **Ashley Rose Stopczynski** was a bridesmaid.

Congratulations to you all and may marriage bliss last you a lifetime!

Kathleen Arens Foster and her husband Benjamin welcomed a beautiful boy Luke on August 5, 2020.

Emma Becker Warner and her husband Evan welcomed a beautiful girl Agnes Lou on February 22, 2021. (Fun fact: Her daughter shares her birthday with a fellow Belle's daughter!)

Margaret Baker Figgins and her husband Steve welcomed a beautiful girl Annabelle Mae on November 16, 2020.

Nichole Clayton Campbell and her husband Brett welcomed a beautiful boy Theodore Clayton on June 22, 2021. They now reside in Bay City, MI.

Silvia Melissa Cuevas and her husband Adam Conner welcomed a beautiful girl Ava Ximena on September 21, 2020.

Lindsay Ellis Tschida and her husband Tom welcomed a beautiful girl Ellis Mae on February 22, 2021. (Fun fact: Her daughter shares her birthday with a fellow Belle's daughter!)

Bethany Emenhiser Falvey and her husband Matt welcomed a beautiful boy Miles Thomas on April 1, 2021.

Emily Fairchild Kershnik and her husband John (ND '13) welcomed a beautiful girl Quinn Catherine on May 15, 2021.

Cecilia Gatto-Guerrero and her husband Hugo welcomed twin boys Emiliano and Santiago in May 2021.

Elizabeth Litke Waldorf and her husband Isaak welcomed a beautiful girl Ella Nicole on May 12, 2021.

Caitlin McCarthy Nedelcu and her husband John welcomed a beautiful girl Hailey Rose on May 15, 2021.

Elizabeth Morales Michaels and her husband Tom (ND '13) welcomed a beautiful girl Mary Elizabeth Rose on June 3, 2021.

Michelle Nowinski Grojean and her husband Tom welcomed a beautiful girl Ivy Victoria on September 10, 2020. Tom recently attained his MBA from Dartmouth and they now reside in Edina, MN.

Terri Ferrera Salinas and her husband Steven welcomed a beautiful girl Isabelle Lupe on April 5, 2021. Her godmother is **Sara Miranda Salinas '05**.

Brittany Wise McCormick and her husband Joe welcomed a beautiful boy Jack Thomas on May 19, 2021.

May God continue to bless your families with these sweet angels!

If you have any life updates you would like to see in *Courier*, please email smcclassnews2013@gmail.com.

2014

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Dear Belles,

The years 2020 and 2021 have certainly brought the world challenges, but there were still celebrations of life, love, and happiness for our class!

On December 22, 2020, **Angela Swartz Dolan** and her husband Beau Dolan (ND '14) had their first daughter Ana Maria Dolan. On February 25, 2021, **Katelyn Bailey O'Brien** and her husband had their second daughter Maeve Bailey O'Brien. Congratulations to you and your families, Katelyn and Angela! We hope to see some future Belles in the Class of 2039, and hey, it's our Reunion cycle, too! :)

We also had wedding belles ringing! **Kat Sullivan Kinasz** married Danny Kinasz (ND '13) on April 24, 2021, in Chicago, IL. **Camille Krahe Hardy '13** on May 22, 2021, in Montecito, CA to Alexander Hardy!

It is good to see life's celebrations continue for our class despite the pandemic. Sending love and prayers to our favorite 2014 Belles. Please continue to share your exciting news with us!

2015

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Dear Class of 2015,

What an exciting year it has been! Looking forward to celebrating our belated Reunion celebration in person next summer! Congratulations on all of the wonderful personal and professional achievements so many of you have made over this past year.

Jayna Stechschulte Tran and her husband Peter Tran welcomed baby girl Eva Gertrude Tran on March 3, 2021. Congrats, mom and dad!

Samantha Grady Pietrasiuk married Alexander "Al" Pietrasiuk on August 15, 2020, in Chicago, IL. Bridesmaids included: **Lexi Grady Haitisma '17, Autumn Grady McCarthy '00, Tamela Grady Thornton '02, Jana Zuniga Pingel '16, Madeline Zuniga '16, Jayna Stechschulte Tran, Melanie Kuczek Higgins, and Elizabeth Alma Kenney**. Sam and Al are also expecting their first child in September 2021. Congratulations, Sam and Al!

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Nicole Brown Heritz and Robert Heritz were married in a small, private ceremony on July 11, 2020. Just before their one-year anniversary on July 10, 2021, they were able to renew their vows at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and celebrate in style with family and friends by their side. Bridesmaids and guests included: **Angelina Lazovich, Nia Lee Parillo, Ariana Paul, Carmen Brooks, Emily Rita Moore, Katie Leigh Nickol, Katie Mae Ziltz, Claire Teresa Stewart, and Amanda Gail Brown '18**. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Heritz!

Alyssa Lanting Henneman has been busy! She recently completed her first year of her doctorate in special education with a focus in administration and accepted a new teaching position in White Pigeon, MI as a resource room teacher. She and her husband will also be hosting an exchange student from Germany this school year and are expecting baby number three in December. Congrats, Alyssa!

Mary Verdun began a position as a nurse practitioner with Cardiovascular Surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Congrats, Mary!

Kristin Murphy Burkart married Jack Burkart (ND '15) on July 18, 2020, with a small group of family members. One year later on July 17, 2021, they celebrated a postponed reception with family and friends. Kristin also recently reached her five-year anniversary working for the Alzheimer's Association as a social worker. Congratulations, Kristin and Jack!

Don't forget to send me your exciting life updates to nicoleotoole128@gmail.com. Wishing you all a wonderful fall!

2016

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Lots of wedding Belles in this issue!

Colleen Burke married James Schubert on April 17, 2021. **Carolyn Neville** and **Libby Wright** were bridesmaids, with **Kim Trenner Addison '88, Emily Brown, Annie Cahill, Mary Gerth Omiliak, Bekah Stanton '15, and Maddie Ehlerding Strickland** in attendance.

Jackie Werner married Dr. Patrick Wieland (ND '16) on June 19, 2021, in Edina, MN. Belles in attendance included **Adrienne Huschke, Sarah Votaw, and Kendra Striegle Christiansen '17**. The couple now lives in Cleveland, OH.

Kelly Quinn married Logan Kelly on July 3, 2021, in Ann Arbor, MI. **Taylor Ellerbrock DiGenova** and **Jennie Connell Velasco** were in attendance.

Brianna Noll married Timothy Trout on July 24, 2021, in Fort Wayne, IN, where the couple now lives. Belles in attendance were **Paige Aldrich Abel, Maddie Corsaro, Elizabeth Maynard Denman, Ashley Carmel Fuller, Rachel Huser, Katie Quick, Holly Rensberger, Alex Vizard, and Jennifer Anne Vosters**.

Gina Serra married Kevin Cunningham on July 31, 2021, in Birmingham, MI. Bridesmaids included **Allison Dudek, Hannah Drinkall '18, Clare Durant, and Christina Serra '20**. Anneliese Rinaldi,

Meghan Cassidy, and Monica Nguyen, all ND Class of 2016, were also bridesmaids.

Katie Kidd married Stephen Ueland (ND '16) on July 10 in Petosky, MI. **Madeline Harris** and **Kristen Whalen** were bridesmaids.

Best wishes for all the happy couples!

Other exciting developments for our Belles:

Kirsten Cather moved to Phoenix, AZ, where she received her master's in library and information science from IUPUI. Since then, she has started what she says is "pretty close to [her] dream job"—an electronic resources librarian at Grand Canyon University. She has also adopted her first dog Darcy (à la *Pride and Prejudice*)! Congratulations on these wonderful accomplishments, Kirsten!

Maddie Corsaro moved back into the Philadelphia area and started a new job as a senior analyst with Comcast in April 2021! Way to go, Maddie; we're excited for you!

2017

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Alexandra Elise Winegar received her doctorate of audiology (AuD) degree in May from Central Michigan University. Go Belles!

Kendra Striegle married Wyatt Christiansen (ND '16) on May 29.

Laima Kaukaite married Joseph Bobillo on May 15.

This will be my last time serving as class reporter for our class. If anyone is interested in taking over, please email alumnae@saintmarys.edu.

2018

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EXCELSIOR

Cassie Young '18 and Jamie Young '18,

former Saint Mary's softball players, were named co-head coaches of the Saint Mary's softball team.

My Dearest Belles,

Happy fall! I am so excited to be reporting on our accomplishments! I look forward to continuing to share the news of Belles near and far!

Clare McKinney Ath was appointed commissioner for Jefferson County, the fastest-growing county in West Virginia.

Alyssa Santos Ledwith gave birth (at home) to a baby girl Marley on November 18, 2020.

Kaitlin Marie Ryczek graduated with her doctorate of occupational therapy in May 2021 from Midwestern University.

Teresa (Tes) Pairitz married Patrick Fischer in October of 2020 at St. Monica's Church in Mishawaka, IN. **Kayse McGough Morton** was a bridesmaid and her mom **Teresa (Teri) Pairitz '95** was in attendance. Recently, Tes started teaching middle school math and science at Queen of Peace Catholic School in Mishawaka.

Alyssa Rose Furman married Jack Reddan (ND '19) on April 17, 2021, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Notre Dame's campus with **Kaitlin Marie Ryczek** as a bridesmaid. The reception was hosted at the Gillespie Conference Center at the Hilton Garden Inn. Presently, they live in the northwest Chicago suburbs enjoying their newly adopted cat and married life.

Morgan Lynn Kinniry married Greg Fean (HCC '18) on May 1, 2021, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, IN. Many Belles were in the wedding party: **Lauren Brianna Kinniry '21, Mary Therese Fean '25, Julie Weillbaker Funfrock, Rachel Faith Faircloth '17, and Caroline Isabel Koenig**. And many others were in attendance: **Sheila Egts LaMaster '05, Kathy Roe Fean '93, Madison Elizabeth Kinniry '23, Kirstin Marie Kinniry '21, MacKenzie Michelle North, Jessica Morgan Ladd, and Mary Eve Bollard '17**.

Makenzie Brynn Duncan married Dylan Sinks on May 1, 2021, at St. Michael's the Archangel Church in Monroe, MI. Fellow Belles **Catherine Anne Bruno, Mary Margaret Green, Hallie Nolan Bleisch, Stephanie Marie Stapleton, Shannon Elaine Witt, Irma Natalia Ruelas, Megan Sue Brownley, Alaina Christine Murphy, Jamie Marie Young, Cassie Ann Young, and Emma Faith Conroy '19** were in attendance.

Please continue to share your life updates and achievements with me at catherine.bruno9@gmail.com. Saint Mary's Forever!

Mother Pauline's Food Pantry

For the third year, Mother Pauline's Food Pantry has opened to lessen food insecurity on campus. This free service delivers perishable and nonperishable food items, toiletries, and hygiene products directly to students, and works like a typical, convenience delivery service. Students fill out an online form to request items from the pantry. Orders are filled and delivered to the front desk of the student's residence hall each week. The packaging is non-descript, to help maintain students' privacy. To date, organizers say the program has helped 651 students, which does not include packages arranged for breaks when the dining hall is closed.

College Names Two Vice Presidents



Holly C. Johnson joined the College October 25 as vice president for advancement. Johnson comes to Saint Mary's from Culver Academies, where she has served as chief advancement officer since 2016. There, her team delivered record-setting fundraising results and spearheaded work to develop consistent branding and messaging for internal and external audiences. Prior to her work at Culver,

Johnson was vice president of development for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. At Saint Mary's, she will oversee all fundraising and advancement efforts, alumnae relations, and marketing.

Redgina Hill has been named vice president for inclusion and equity, continuing her cross-college work, further developing the Office for Student Equity and the LGBTQ+ Center. Also added to her areas of responsibility are Multicultural Student Services, the Women's Entrepreneurship Initiative (WEI), and the new interdisciplinary maker-space currently under development, called "The Hatchery." Hill was previously the executive director of the Office of Inclusion and Equity.



Clearer Focus on Common Good

The Office for Civic and Social Engagement has a new name and, according to its leadership, a clearer focus. Now called the Office for the Common Good, its programming is dedicated to building strong civic values and facilitating community engagement in the South Bend area.



Rebekah Go, director, and Kris Arizmendi Choinacky, assistant director, continue to lead the office, but with a more targeted focus on advocacy and activism. This year's paid fellowships serve St. Margaret's House, Girls on the Run and Dress for Success. Student fellows provide eight hours of work each week during the academic year to enhance their professional experience while assisting these local organizations.

On the advocacy front, the office's latest sustainability program, Belles on Bikes, helps reduce Saint Mary's carbon footprint by providing bikes, helmets, and locks for students to use throughout the day.

Ready, Set, Innovate

In September, the Center for Academic Innovation (CAI) opened its doors to a new location on the third floor of the Cushwa-Leighton Library. Faculty can gather to discuss methods, research, and professional development in the expanded center. Associate Provost Colleen Hoover leads the center's team that includes its new director, Terri Hebert. Serving as a research fellow is Laura Elder, associate professor in the Department of Global Studies. Katherine Higgs-Coulthard, assistant professor in the Department of Education, joins as pedagogy fellow. **Patti Doyle '69** continues to serve the team as the interim coordinator of sponsored programs.



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