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The Mission
Saint Mary’s College is a Catholic, residential, women’s college in the liberal arts tradition. A pioneer in the education of women, the College is an academic community where women develop their talents and prepare to make a difference in the world. Founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1844, Saint Mary’s promotes a life of intellectual vigor, aesthetic appreciation, religious sensibility, and social responsibility. All members of the College remain faithful to this mission and continually assess their response to the complex needs and challenges of the contemporary world.

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As Chair of the Board of Trustees, I am proud to announce the launch of our comprehensive campaign—Faith Always, Action Now. This is only the third time in our nearly 170-year history that we have undertaken a campaign.

The goal for Faith Always, Action Now is to raise $80 million. I am pleased to announce that as of this date we have raised 75 percent of that goal. The members of the Board of Trustees, all of whom have made pledges to the campaign, are excited as we enter the public phase of the campaign. We hope you become just as enthusiastic and inspired.

All of us have a tremendous love of education and know its importance. Sister Basil Anthony, CSC, legendary administrator and former chair of the Board of Regents, had the same love of education, which her two bachelor of arts degrees in philosophy and theology and two master’s degrees in theology (at Saint Mary’s Sacred School of Theology) and education verify. She said in a 1989 Courier article, “My parents had a tremendous appreciation for education and sacrificed so we could be educated.”

In this special issue of Courier you will learn about the components of the campaign and the ways its success will transform the College. You will also read stories of our alumnae who are using their Saint Mary’s education to positively impact their communities and the greater world. Also included is the story of this year’s Heritage Week, which tied in with the campaign launch events on campus in February, and an introduction to some of the College community members who will benefit most from this Campaign.

This is an exciting time for Saint Mary’s. I invite you to join me in making an investment in Faith Always, Action Now. Every gift matters. Your participation will show that you value your education and care about the future of Saint Mary’s. Together we will ensure that the women who came before us, upon whose shoulders we stand, would be proud of the work we are doing today—to ensure a bright tomorrow.

—Mary L. Burke ’85, Chair, Saint Mary’s College Board of Trustees

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From what I know, my mother was a loving person. I think if she knew what her cells were out there doing, how many people she was helping—she would be happy.

—David “Sonny” Lacks, son of Henrietta Lacks, in a question and answer session about his family’s reaction to the book written about his mother, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

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Two Students Create Smartphone App to Empower Women

Monica Murphy ’13, a social work major from South Bend, and Meghan Roder ’15, a nursing major from Michigan City, Ind., created the Beautiful You app which delivers daily affirmations and encouragement right to women’s smartphones.

“This app allows users to tap into their potential as women and empower them to be brave, confident beacons of hope in a world where women’s bodies are painfully scrutinized,” says Murphy.

“We all struggle with some sort of challenge—whether it be professional, personal, physical, or emotional—and this can be a tool to help pick us up and give us the support and encouragement we need,” says Roder.

Available for iPhone® and iPod Touch®, the app aims to challenge standards of perfection and beauty, activate inner confidence, and promote positive change. The app also features an interactive self-esteem tracker, allowing users to reflect on exactly how much their self-esteem has improved each day.

One of several ways Saint Mary’s students challenge media stereotypes of women and beauty, the app and its creators showcase the innovative nature and sister spirit that is Saint Mary’s.

“As a social work major and a person of faith, I felt called to do a project that would speak truth, offer hope, and impact females on a broader level,” says Murphy.

Two Visits, One Book

The 2012-2013 One Book One Saint Mary’s selection was The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. Skloot visited campus February 27 and held a lecture and book signing. Her book details the HeLa cells, cancer cells taken in 1951 from Henrietta Lacks, then a young African American woman. The cells survived lab cultivation and went on to play a major role in several medical breakthroughs like the polio vaccine and gene mapping and are still in use by research labs today.

Henrietta’s family was unaware of the cells for many years, and her son David “Sonny” Lacks visited Saint Mary’s February 12 to talk about the family’s struggle to live with the legacy of her cells. Although the cells are famous and sought-after in the medical community, they were removed without Henrietta’s or her family’s knowledge or permission. HeLa cells have been bought and sold for decades, yet Lacks and his extended family received zero compensation.


On December 19, the Saint Mary’s College basketball team joined forces with the Millikin University women’s basketball team and hosted a Special Olympics Qualifier event for the Decatur, Illinois, area Special Olympians a day before competing against each other on the hardwood. The Special Olympics are a focus for Division III schools. Saint Mary’s and Millikin won the NCAA Division III Spotlight Poll in February, an online event where NCAA website visitors vote on the best Special Olympics event. They were awarded $250 toward future Special Olympics events.
My Time with Audra

In January Saint Mary’s hosted five-time Tony-Award winning actress, singer, and Private Practice star Audra McDonald for an evening of conversation about her career and her life as an artist in the theatre, film, television, and recording studio. As the Margaret M. Hill Endowed Visiting Artist, McDonald presided over a master class for theatre students while she was on campus. Here, theatre student Katherine Trainor ’13 reflects on her experience in the master class, where she performed a monologue for McDonald.

Being a recent addition to the theater department at Saint Mary’s, I did not know what to expect when I found out that I would be one of five students to actively participate in a master class with Audra McDonald. All I knew was it was too good to be true.

First, I watched four talented women, my fellow students, transform as they performed their monologue or song as a result of Audra’s encouraging guidance. Then I was fortunate enough to find out what that felt like. After I performed my first run through of the character sketch I had written for a previous class, Audra hugged me—as she did each performer—and then offered compliments and helped me make improvements.

For each of us performers, Audra found out what the character wanted, and she found out the “why” or motivation for the character’s words, actions, and the scene overall. She tested improvisational methods to allow the performer to go deeper into the character’s emotion.

“In order to understand an experience, you need to find where you connect with that character. The emotion is still the same, but it’s filtered through the character,” she told us.

Throughout the master class Audra showed a remarkable ability to recall different parts of her training and immediately applied it as she guided us.

After the five performances were finished, she answered questions about her family life, her start in show business, and shared other stories. Audra gave everyone involved in her visit the understanding that she is not only a talented actor, but also a genuinely lovely person. Her main focus for the students was to instill in us the wisdom to not stand in our own way, and to be confident that we are on our right path.

To meet and work with Audra, who has become famous and loved for what she does, gives me hope and confidence for my future in acting and writing. Working with her helped me see how dreams can become concrete, and all of life’s experiences lead to where one is supposed to be. She gave me advice and lessons about both acting and life that I will cherish and refer back to for my entire life.

—Katherine Trainor ’13

Student Sings for Her Idol on The Voice

Sylvia Yacoub ’15 competed on the singing competition show The Voice. Featuring blind auditions, Yacoub’s voice compelled three of the four judges to offer her a place on their teams. Yacoub chose the team of her idol, Christina Aguilera. While Yacoub didn’t win the competition, she did finish in the top 10, and feels that her time on The Voice helped others. “It’s really cool to see how many people you’ve actually reached and touched and have been inspired by you,” says Yacoub.

Yacoub grew up in Muskegon, Michigan, where many of her fans, friends, and family followed her journey. Likewise, the Saint Mary’s community supported the political science and philosophy double major. Yacoub took a semester off from the College to pursue the opportunity on The Voice, but has returned to Saint Mary’s to pursue her degrees.

Although she is disappointed she was eliminated from the competition, Yacoub says, “I’ve opened a lot of doors by being in this competition and making it to the top 10, so expect more coming from me.” Yacoub hopes her journey on The Voice proves to others “that someone with literally no connections can make it and that I’ve given people the drive and push to shoot for what they want.”
Dear Friends,

Long before American women dreamed of social, legal, or political equality, the Sisters of the Holy Cross founded Saint Mary’s College to realize the dream of an outstanding education for women. This powerful place was built nearly 170 years ago by women and for women. As a result of the dedication and hard work of the Sisters and their lay collaborators, generations of young women have sharpened their minds, deepened their faith, and strengthened their character at Saint Mary’s.

Our important work must continue. The challenges that face our world and our communities call for a generation of women with a combination of broad thinking and sharp focus, confidence and compassion, new ideas and timeless values. The world needs Saint Mary’s women as never before.

In a changing educational landscape, Saint Mary’s College is one of the few—and the best—places where women can learn in an environment designed entirely for them. We understand how women learn—and we believe in what women can do.

Now, we must take action together to ensure that the next generation of Saint Mary’s women has the opportunity, the resources, and the support to make a difference in the world. Achieving this vision will demand much of our community, just as much was asked of the Sisters who laid our cornerstone.

With this in mind we present a bold undertaking in which your partnership is vital. Faith Always, Action Now, an $80 million campaign, reflects our growing national profile and addresses the building blocks of our prosperity. We are increasing Saint Mary’s endowment, investing in our students and faculty, upgrading facilities, and perpetuating strong annual giving.

Saint Mary’s, its supporters, and its graduates have often challenged society’s expectations. We must do so again. Women’s philanthropy often takes a back seat. It can do so no longer. By participating in the current campaign we have the opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to Saint Mary’s and our belief in its irreplaceable value. Our investment in the College will signal how much Saint Mary’s means to us and what it can mean to thousands more young women.

Like a carefully laid stone wall, Saint Mary’s foundation was built by the Sisters in the 19th century and tended by them throughout the 20th century. I ask you to join me in adding another course of stones to that beautifully composed wall. Together we will bring into reality a 21st century Saint Mary’s whose future is even brighter than its past.

Faith Always,
Action Now

Carol Ann Mooney ’72, President, Saint Mary’s College
### Faith Always, Action Now

Just the third campaign in Saint Mary’s history, *Faith Always, Action Now* is a six-year, $80 million campaign to invest in the future of the College, its critical mission, and its impact in the world.

#### By the Numbers

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The World Needs More
Saint Mary’s Women...

...to lead with confidence.

Silvia Cuevas ’13 and Ambreen Ahmad ’13, are the senior class president and vice-president, respectively. They’re go-getters. Cuevas is about to graduate with a degree in business administration with concentrations in finance and international business. Ahmad will have degrees in communication studies and humanistic studies. Aside from their intensive academics, these women are leaders in the Student Government Association on campus. Between them, they’ve given their time to campus ministry, programs through the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership, and service in the local community.

Both women have bright futures. They’re primed for leadership thanks to all they’ve been able to learn at Saint Mary’s. And they always keep in mind how they got here. Cuevas and Ahmad are both scholarship recipients, in addition to participants in student programs maintained in part by the College’s Annual Fund, unrestricted gifts to the College that have immediate impact on our students.

Unrestricted gifts give the College the flexibility to address needs in four categories: affordability for students, outstanding faculty, vibrant programs (including guest lecturers, visiting artists, service and outreach groups, study abroad, and athletic activities), and the maintenance of our beautiful, historic campus. You can ensure that future students have leadership and learning opportunities like Cuevas and Ahmad by your support of the Annual Fund.

Ahmad (left) Cuevas (right)
...to live from their faith.

She’s a double major in history and political science. She’s a member of Naval ROTC (the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps) through Notre Dame, a religious studies minor, and a liturgical minister with Campus Ministry. Ali Buckley ’13 says the most important thing for us to know about Saint Mary’s is that this place “...can completely change you if you let it. From where I started out as a first-year to the woman I am today, I am amazed at the opportunities I took in passing that turned into some of the most formative things I’ve ever done.” Her education here is made possible by the College’s Presidential Scholarship (with help from a Naval ROTC scholarship not awarded by the College).

Want to make sure other young women like Ali can afford these experiences? Our development office staff can walk you through our campaign initiative to fund Endowed Scholarships and Financial Aid.
Meet nursing Professor Janeen Berndt, DNP, RN. She’s guiding her clinical nursing students through an investigation of the nursing department’s SIM Man. The simulated man is a complex, computer-simulated mannequin designed for students to practice examining and diagnosing. SIM man can have his blood pressure and temperature taken and can even respond to questions in a male or female voice (as long as a professor is available to voice his responses through a microphone in the adjoining control room).

Annamarie Dibble ’15 (not pictured) says she’s getting experience in the Saint Mary’s nursing program that she wouldn’t get at another school. “Saint Mary’s offers one-on-one interaction with the professors, and other qualified personnel who truly offer a strong learning base for me.” And Berndt, with her hands-on approach, is one of these dedicated professionals.

“Human patient simulation enhances the nursing curriculum at Saint Mary’s by allowing students the opportunity to practice caring for patients in high-risk situations,” Berndt explains. Typically, nurses do not have the opportunity to independently care for critically ill patients until after graduation and licensure. “This means that the first time a new nurse is responsible for a very sick patient may be when the patient is in the midst of a crisis. Simulation allows the student to experience crisis situations and practice being the responsible nurse. This opportunity leads to safer nursing care and a better outcome for the ‘real’ patient in the future.”

Our students deserve professors like Berndt, don’t you agree? You can help us attract and retain talented, dedicated teachers by supporting our initiatives for academic departments and endowed professorships. Improve opportunities for student research, innovative curricula, and outreach and partnership through the upcoming Center for Women in Interdisciplinary Science and Math. Support our growing nursing program by ensuring we can meet our students’ needs with doctoral-prepared professors and up-to-date technology. Endowed professorships span the education, mathematics, environmental studies, and nursing departments.

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...who come together to work toward something bigger than themselves.

As the varsity Belles basketball team demonstrates, the single locker room in the Angela Athletic Facility is, well, a bit cramped. It’s just one of the spaces on campus that will be updated through a major renovation. We’ve got big plans for the new Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex.

“Wealth”—because this space doesn’t just meet students’ need for exercise or interest in sports, though those are important too. Our vision for the new complex will also meet their needs for camaraderie through social spaces, for medical attention and education through the Women’s Health center, for skill building through proper practice spaces for each sport—varsity and intramural—and for community involvement through the Belles Against Violence Office. We want to teach our Belles to lead healthy lives, which includes ministering to mind, body, and spirit. Our Angela renovations will allow the College to do all these things under one roof.
Leading the Way:

Campaign steering committee members work to build Saint Mary's future

It’s the quintessential Saint Mary’s story. A promising young woman heads for The Avenue, discovers her potential, and goes on to use her knowledge and gifts to improve the world. In some instances her love for Saint Mary’s burns just as strong after graduation, turning a student into a steward who shares the responsibility for the College’s future.

That was the case for the alumnae tri-chairs of the $80 million Faith Always, Action Now campaign for Saint Mary’s. When asked to lead the College’s third comprehensive campaign in its nearly 170-year history, Mary L. Burke ’85, Sarah Belanger Earley ’71, and Susan Fitzgerald Rice ’61 acted immediately, wholeheartedly, and faithfully. Spanning three distinct decades but sharing one common experience and passion—Saint Mary’s—that “sisterhood thing” took hold and they work together as one.

Part of the campaign is ensuring the Saint Mary’s mission lives on in future generations, and Earley understands that well. “I know I’ve raised children who are caring, loving, receptive, community-minded citizens of the world. Saint Mary’s reinforced these values for me,” says Earley, mother, businesswoman, current member of the College Board of Trustees, and co-founder of the Belle Isle Conservancy, a nonprofit dedicated to restoring the landmark Detroit park. Now is the time to significantly advance and elevate Saint Mary’s, she says, “Saint Mary’s needs to attract students who don’t know us and who may need financial help getting here. The future—and theirs—is in our hands.”

Rice, an educator and professional fundraiser who recently retired from the Saint Mary’s College Board of Trustees, says the campaign will strengthen Saint Mary’s future by building upon its unique foundation. A member of the last class fortunate enough to be handed diplomas by Sister Madeleva Wolff, CSC, the legendary President whose name and spirit are a hallmark of the College, Rice appreciates the importance of taking heritage into the future. “The heritage of the Sisters of the Holy Cross of caring for young women is amazing. It has been built upon, and passed down, to equip successive generations with skills, values, confidence, and spiritual strength—exposing them to the world in all its imperfections and infinite possibilities. It is exciting to advance this heritage.”

Burke, a principal of Lakeshore Food Advisors in Chicago and current chair of the College Board of Trustees, is excited to raise money to provide the impactful opportunities she remembers so fondly, like the Ireland study abroad program her sophomore year that “made me more of a global person,” says Burke. She believes so much in these types of opportunities for students that each year she supports two biology students who conduct research in Nicaragua. “It has had such an impact on this community, on the students, and on me. It’s an honor to help them, especially as an alumna whose life has been changed by this important place,” says Burke.

To truly devote oneself to change takes time, effort, and patience, and Saint Mary’s is fortunate that the tri-chairs are so generous. Along with a campaign steering committee of 23 alumnae and friends of the College, these three alumnae have made Saint Mary’s their central focus since the Board of Trustees approved the campaign in 2008. In addition to meetings, planning, and identifying and calling upon donors, the tri-chairs and committee members have traveled around the country to bring news about the College to alumnae and friends. Hosting dinners, and underwriting and attending events, they have been tireless and generous with their time and talents. Saint Mary’s is forever grateful for their commitment and all they have done for the College and the campaign.

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Heritage Week Looks to the Future

By Adrienne Latson

“If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday.”

— Pearl S. Buck

As Saint Mary’s students celebrated Heritage Week, that message was especially poignant. Heritage Week focuses on the history of the College, the contributions of its past professors, administrators, and students, and our long-standing relationship with our founders, the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Heritage Week is an opportunity for students to learn where they come from and all that has been done for them and to take that heritage forward.

Maureen Parsons ’13, student body president and a math and political science double major, explains the importance of Heritage Week for students. “It’s about connecting our place at the College now with Saint Mary’s alumnae and how their actions in past years have changed the College into the one we attend today,” she says. Students may take for granted all the positive changes initiated by previous generations of Belles, so Heritage Week highlights those changes, illustrates how necessary they were, and how vital to students’ education the changes have become.

For example, last year’s Student Government Association added a Senate, whose sole purpose is to address students’ on-campus needs, with members sitting on various committees. “I feel that the Senate’s opinions are respected by faculty and administration within each committee. On the various committees, these student representatives are the voice for the students,” says Parsons. Future classes will benefit from positive changes like this one, made possible by today’s students.

Heritage Week included tours of Riedinger Alumnae House and a trip to the Saint Mary’s Archives. Author Kymberly Dunlap ’04 gave a talk based on her book Saint Mary’s College: Her Memories Beyond the Avenue. The book is a collection of alumnae photographs and stories.

This year’s Heritage Week took on special meaning, because it coincided with the launch of Saint Mary’s Faith Always, Action Now campaign. “This is our chance to learn how to benefit the College. Current students won’t see the results of the Campaign, but participating in the Campaign will be our legacy for the future of Saint Mary’s,” says Parsons.

In a talk during the Heritage Week dinner, Vice President for Mission Sister Veronique Wiedower ’70, CSC emphasized the importance of securing student benefits and experiences for future generations. “It is the right of every student to come to know her heritage as a Saint Mary’s student, and her duty to live that spirit so that it endures for each new generation of Belles,” she said.

Each class of Belles leaves behind a legacy, and it’s important that each and every student decide what she wants her legacy to be, according to Parsons. Her involvement with student government and Heritage Week has made her aware of how her actions as president will impact incoming students. “I hope that my presidency leaves behind a sense of pride and appreciation for Saint Mary’s. I also hope that future Belles understand the impact they can have on current and future students,” says Parsons.

This year’s Heritage Week celebrated the College’s past, but also asked students to think about the future. As Faith Always, Action Now progresses, students, and the entire College community, have an opportunity to ensure a Saint Mary’s education is possible for generations of students to come.
Our Faith in Action

Empowered by their education, Saint Mary’s women make a powerful difference in the world. In these profiles, you’ll learn how two recent alumnae and one student-professor team are living out their beliefs to change the lives of people around them for the better and address issues that concern them deeply. They demonstrate, through their work, the values—learning, community, faith, and justice—imprinted on their hearts and in their minds here at Saint Mary’s.

Faith in: Community

Maria Kenney ’11 participates in the post-grad Holy Cross Overseas Lay Ministries program in Jinja, Uganda. Using her degree in social work, she counsels boarding school students, youth, and local community members. “I help strengthen families through prayer, working with them as a family unit, and provide support and a sense of family for boarding school students,” says Kenney.

Kenney has been in Africa since July 2011, just after graduating from Saint Mary’s. “I fell in love with everything, the kindness and warmth of the people, the culture,” says Kenney. Born in Peru, Kenney still visits her family there, some of whom live in or near impoverished areas. In her sophomore year at Saint Mary’s, she studied abroad in Rome. When exploring locations for her post-grad experience, Kenney reasoned that she’s already seen Europe and South America, so she turned to Africa. Speaking with priests, sisters, and others who have served in Africa, Kenney felt she could effect the most change there. “Third World countries like Uganda need the most aid, and I could do a lot of good,” she says.

Even after seeing poverty in other foreign countries, Kenney was still taken aback when she arrived in Uganda. “There’s nothing in the world that could have prepared me for Africa,” she says. She relied on skills she learned at Saint Mary’s to not just cope, but succeed in her mission of service. “I learned perspective, how to carry myself. Saint Mary’s is never just about the academics; it’s about taking the whole of the person into consideration. Saint Mary’s gave direction to my drive to help people,” says Kenney.

One of the reasons Kenney chose to participate in the post-grad program is that Holy Cross Family Ministry’s core values complemented her own personal beliefs of community, faith, and spirituality, which were reaffirmed at Saint Mary’s. “Saint Mary’s allowed me to be free to question everything, to grow in both mind and body, and to become an agent for change,” she says.

The most difficult part of her experience in Uganda was acknowledging her capabilities. “I had a tough time at first realizing my limitations. There are so many that need help, but there’s so much that you can’t do,” Kenney says. “I just hope that I can make a small contribution, a small change in some way.”

Kenney will soon pursue her master’s degree in social work, with a concentration in international social work. She has been accepted to the master’s program at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., where she’ll start in August 2013. After that, she’d love to return to Africa or South America to make a difference in the lives of people who need help most.

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Maria Kenney ’11 with students at Saint Andrew’s Primary School in Jinja, Uganda
Faith in: 

Religion is an important part of Andrea Washington's life. The 2011 graduate is a Bible coach at her church and is studying to become a Sunday school teacher. She attended a Catholic school—Saint Mary’s—as a non-Catholic Christian, and she feels that religion is important, regardless of chosen denomination. "It’s not important what religion you choose. What’s important is that you chose a religion and have a personal relationship with God and walk with Christ," says Washington.

Washington graduated during the recession and as that summer went by she had yet to find a job. She began to get nervous, but one day decided to pray and "give it to God." That very Friday she received a call for a same-day interview and before the end of the interview she was offered the job of first grade teacher at Beardsley Elementary School in Elkhart, Ind. That same weekend, Andrea received several phone calls from other schools, asking her to consider them before agreeing to Beardsley. Being sought after so quickly after handing her problems over to God, Andrea was in awe. "It’s crazy how God moves when you give it all to Him," she says.

As a teacher in a classroom where 90 percent of students are at or below poverty level, Washington still supplies service-learning activities. "In many of the students’ homes, there might not be running water or even windows," Washington had her students make snowflakes to send to children involved in the Sandy Hook school shooting. Her class also made a Christmas list of things to give to the needy. She wants to teach children that helping others is important. "I want them to know they have a social responsibility to others. Even when you think you don’t have enough, there are always others who need help," she says.

That sense of responsibility was confirmed by one of Washington’s most influential professors at Saint Mary’s. She took a religious studies course taught by Professor Stacy Davis, and was immediately impressed. "She put a lot of responsibility on us to show up and do the work. But, she made you want to come to class," says Washington. "She made the most boring text come alive.” Active in Sisters of Nefertiti, one of Saint Mary’s multicultural clubs, Washington often saw Davis at club events and she appreciated the professor’s involvement in student life. Davis became a mentor for Washington, reflecting her own passion for religious study and providing an example as a dedicated teacher.

Washington’s lifelong faith in God and his loving care has proved a constant source of strength throughout her time at Saint Mary’s and during her job search after graduation. She continues to rely on her faith as a woman and a teacher. "I’ve always done that, pray my way through things and seek answers and guidance to get through,” she says. Now that Washington has found her place at Beardsley Elementary School, her enduring faith and Christian values guide her to make a difference in the lives of her first-grade students.

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Faith in: the Creative Process

Chelsea Young ’13 and art professor Julie Wroblewski Tourtillotte ’82 are both fascinated by pattern and change, though in different arenas. Working together last summer, thanks to a Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) grant from the Center for Academic Innovation, the student-faculty team shared a studio space as they explored their ideas through printmaking and fiber work including Young’s striking installation pieces (pictured). Both presented their work in January at a student-faculty exhibition in the Moreau galleries.

Experimentation lay at the heart of Young’s and Tourtillotte’s work. Young invested herself in the creative process with her professor, making adjustments and incorporating new ideas and techniques into her art as the summer progressed. “I had a vision before I started working in the studio, but once I started working I realized I wanted to go in a different direction and try other techniques. Julie supported me in trying new things, so I did, and I was really happy with the outcome,” says Young.

Young’s work centered on her interest in evolving technology, focusing on obsolete trends like the cassette tape and the boombox. “I noticed this general circular relationship of desiring the latest technology, obtaining it, and then abandoning it completely for the next new thing,” says Young. She observed that when she began repurposing things like cassette tapes in her art, people were stricken with nostalgia. “This led me to question the idea of obsolescence, and how something could be considered obsolete if it still renders such a reaction from people,” she says. Young wanted her work to force people to stop and meditate on their own use of technology, what part it plays in their lives, and the importance of certain devices as they come in and then go out of style.

Tourtillotte examined, through textiles, the effects of invasive species, including plants and non-native insects, on the local landscape. She writes in her artist’s statement: “Common headlines today, invasive species reflect both the global nature of contemporary life and the fragile nature of ecosystems too often damaged by human carelessness whether intentional or not.”

It was important to both Young and Tourtillotte that they communicate their particular message through their art. Both projects illustrate change and patterns of change. Both examine changing landscapes, in nature and technology. Together, Young and Tourtillotte spent eight summer weeks in the shared studio space exchanging ideas, technical information, and critique, supplemented with visits to Chicago museums and galleries. They filled the studio with their experiments, which yielded, not only the artwork that illustrates their discoveries, but a shared work experience that inspired them both.

“While Chelsea and I each came to our projects from different directions, we learned that we worked very similarly in the studio,” says Tourtillotte. Mutual encouragement through the process benefited them both. It helped them both keep the faith that their projects would result in work that they could be proud of; art they could use to explore and illustrate topics close to their hearts.

“My SISTAR taught me that you have to make mistakes to make good art, and you have to make a lot of art to get to where you want your art to be,” says Young. It’s a lesson Young will take beyond campus as she graduates this May. Enter the process fully. Keep the faith.

The SISTAR experience also gave Young a glimpse into graduate-level work, which she’ll keep in mind as she decides between graduate school and the world of work this spring.
“Saint Mary’s is home away from home. I come from a home with three boys but here on campus I’ve found sisters I never thought I’d have. Classes here are nothing like I expected them to be. I figured I would be somewhat intimidated by professors but, rather, they are mentors that are always willing to help. There is an abundant amount of resources here on campus to cover all kinds of needs.”
—Emily Rojas ’16, double major in humanistic studies and peace and justice

Saint Mary’s has prepared me for life by allowing me to find goodness and humor in even the worst circumstances. It was during my four years on campus that I was united with other young women who shared my zest for life and penchant for harmless mischief. Sneaking a 75-lb dog into Le Mans overnight past the front desk? Done. Starting a flash mob at late night breakfast? You betcha.

I now live in New York City. My roommates (Ashley Ryan ’11 and Rosie O’Connor ’11) and I were recently displaced for several weeks as a result of Hurricane Sandy. Stranded from home, and far away from our families, I once again realized the value of our Saint Mary’s bond. New York can be an overwhelming place to live, especially in such a disaster, but my Saint Mary’s sisters and I have stuck together and become each other’s city family.

I cannot imagine life without this special bond.
—Christina Grasso ’11, communications studies and Italian

“I stumbled upon Saint Mary’s by chance. When I was a senior in high school, I applied on a whim and never even dreamed I would get accepted. With most of my other friends attending big state schools in Michigan, attending a private Catholic college seemed quite intimidating to me. It was my parents who encouraged me to take a leap of faith and to accept this wonderful chance Saint Mary’s was offering me. Now, I cannot imagine attending college anywhere else. My favorite part of Saint Mary’s is definitely the people I have met. Every day I am inspired by the kindness, intelligence, humility, and love my classmates have extended towards me. Our campus radiates with spirit and joy, and I have never once felt lonely surrounded by so many wonderful people.

I am extremely blessed for the friendships I have made here.”
—Avery Lewis ’15, religious studies major

“Sisterhood, pride, community, wisdom. Being a part of an unbroken chain going back far beyond my own time...and continuing on.”
—Melissa Alvarez Stevens ’03, theatre
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A Force, A Future

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Kati Schneider ’15, Belles outside hitter
Our Heritage

In the 50’s, 60’s, and 70’s Saint Mary’s students didn’t have special athletic and wellness facilities. But our students found ways to keep fit and healthy. Mother Pauline O’Neill, CSC, directed the founding of the Physical Culture Department in 1898 and at the turn of the century Belles were active in archery, fencing, swimming, baseball, basketball, and track. Athletics and fitness developed throughout the following decades.

In the seventies we decided as a College community that our students could no longer make use of old St. Angela Hall, the College’s combination auditorium and athletics facility. The building itself was determined unsafe for use as well as impractical for our Title IX-empowered students.

Thus, Angela Athletic Facility was constructed, offering students of that era a shared practice space, locker room, and a fitness class space among other amenities. It was a vast improvement. But to say our community has outgrown Angela in the last 36 years is an understatement.

While one locker room was adequate for the needs of a physical fitness program at the dedication of the building in 1977, today four or more teams may require locker room space in a two-hour time period. And the current open-air floor plan makes it difficult for students in a yoga class to receive the full benefit, or even hear instructions, when a basketball practice is going on at the same time. More than 20 years after beginning varsity athletics, Saint Mary’s joined the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) in 1997. Twenty MIAA season and tournament championships, 112 all-conference student-athletes, 16 MIAA Players of the Year, and eight All-Americans later, the Belles have established a tradition of winning and excellence.

Our Vision

The Belles are a force to be reckoned with — on the court, on the field, and on the course. They deserve the facilities and resources to ensure they remain competitive. Recognizing the needs extend beyond our student-athletes to all students, and to remain committed to the education of the whole student, we’ve determined that now is the time to bring our athletic and wellness facilities up to the standards of other institutions. Thus, a major component of the Faith Always, Action Now campaign for Saint Mary’s focuses on the expansion and renovation of Angela.

Expanding the current facility into Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex includes dedicating private spaces for fitness classes, adding locker rooms for varsity teams, coaches/referees, and recreation, adding a field house, relocating and adding bleachers to the soccer field, and reconfiguring and adding dugouts and bleachers to the softball field.

Our Angela Challenge

Sarah Belanger Earley ’71 and Tony Earley are inviting alumnae, parents, and friends of Saint Mary’s College to join them as donors to the new Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex. The Earleys will generously match $1 for every $2 pledged to the new building project up to $1 million.

The match will include all gifts and pledges to the complex until the expected conclusion of the Faith Always, Action Now campaign on December 31, 2014. Pledges can be fulfilled over five years.

Make your gift to the campaign at campaign.saintmarys.edu.

“Education is the art of helping young people to completeness…” We take “completeness” to mean the whole student—mind, spirit, and body.


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Perpetuating the Legacy

As an alumna I know first hand the legacy of the generations that came before me and made it possible to have my own defining Saint Mary’s experience. It is up to us to ensure that future generations of young women have access to the transformative experience that is a Saint Mary’s education.”

— Jennifer Winnett Denniston, Esq. ‘98

Jennifer joins Saint Mary’s as the new Director of Gift Planning. As the primary representative for the Mother Pauline Society, she would love to talk to you about opportunities to provide support to the College through a planned gift.

Preserve your legacy today.
Contact Jennifer at jdennist@saintmarys.edu or (574) 284-4600.
Lindsay Friend Moloney ’97 and Brian: Keelin Audrey, March 2, 2012.
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Lis Sonneveld ’99 and Matthew Smith: Caroline Marie, July 26, 2012.
Stephanie Pachiesh ’01 and Chad: Alexander Jackson, September 11, 2012.
Emily Koelsch Reboli ’01 and Todd: Alexander James, April 10, 2012.
Ellen Wright Riley ’01 and Michael: Connor John, November 7, 2012.
Megan Kosel Shaugnessy ’01 and Kurt Hessen: Connor Reid, August 30, 2012.
Andrea Heret Wettes ’01 and Keith: Grace Christine, April 22, 2012.
Hope Amm ’02 and Adam Steg: Eric, April 5, 2012.
Lorenzo Bossari ’02 and Peter: Finnian Charles, April 12, 2012.
Jolie LeBeau Fair ’02 and Joshua: Beau Patrick, September 14, 2012.
Allison Doherty McSherry ’02 and Jason: Elizabeth Therese, September 28, 2012.
Brianne Duncan Milligan ’02 and Ryan: Leo Gregory, August 15, 2012.
Francesca Casacca Rabchuck ’02 and Ben: Olivia Annette, April 5, 2012.
Rachel Finley Doyal ’03 and Charles: Gabrielle Theresa, January 6, 2012.
Andrew Fox-Canale ’03 and Josh: Kate Alivia, July 9, 2012.
Jaime Konsorovitch Perry ’03 and James: Jonathan Alexander, August 1, 2012.
Katie DeMent Pohlmeier ’03 and John: Emma Kate, August 13, 2012.
Hazel Smith ’03 and Aaron Cowham: Maura, August 16, 2012.
Melissa Alvarez Stevens ’03 and David: Joseph David, November 17, 2010.
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Arlene Forney Fair ’09 and Bryan: Thomas Joseph, August 9, 2012.
Sharon Rhode Tracy ’09 and Chris: Mary Elizabeth, November 10, 2012.
IN MEMORIAM

Saint Mary’s College is saddened to announce the passing of Sister Mary Louise Gude, CSC, former vice president for mission. “Sister M.L.,” as she was known, passed away January 9 at Saint Mary’s Convent at the age of seventy-three.

“Sister M.L. had superb academic training and intellectual abilities, but she may be remembered most as a caring and compassionate leader. As our vice president for mission, Sister M.L.’s tenure was marked by great love of our students. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her,” says President Carol Ann Mooney.

Sister M.L. was a 1963 alumna of Saint Mary’s, having earned a bachelor of arts degree in secondary education and French. She held a licentiate from the University of Montreal (1968) and a PhD in French literature from the University of Pennsylvania (1976). She was a scholar of 17th century French fiction and 20th century French intellectual history and the author of two books: Le Page Digracié: the Text as Confession and Louis Massignon: The Crucible of Compassion.

A native of Cleveland, Sister M.L. served Saint Mary’s Department of Modern Languages in several functions, as assistant professor to department chair, from 1976-1987. In 1983, while still working at Saint Mary’s, she moved to Notre Dame to become assistant rector at Breen-Phillips Hall. From 1987-1993 she served as rector of Farley Hall. She taught French at Notre Dame and was assistant vice president for student affairs from 1998-2006. After a brief retirement, in 2009 she accepted the position at Saint Mary’s College as vice president for mission, which she held until 2011.
Austin
For more information on getting involved with the Austin Club, please contact Megan Kraft ’11 at megankraft1@gmail.com, 512-422-6364.

Buffalo
This year’s Shaw Festival Event will be to attend “Guys and Dolls” at 2 pm on Saturday, April 27. Tickets will be $65. Anyone wishing to attend can send a check payable to Kathy Reeves O’Donnell ’74. The check will reserve your ticket, and it is first come, first served until the tickets are gone. Please contact Kathy at kro4par@yahoo.com or Mary Ellen Cox Kreuz ’84 at mekreuz@aol.com, for Kathy’s mailing address.

Chicago East
The Chicago East Club has been hard at work finding new ways to engage alumnae of all ages and backgrounds. If you are interested in getting more involved in your Saint Mary’s Chicago community, we have a place for you! Please contact Kate Teder ’07 at SMCChegoPresident@gmail.com.

Our monthly Constant Contact newsletter continues to keep everyone in our Chicago community in the loop about upcoming events, Club news, and what’s happening on campus. Want to be added to our mailing list? Please contact SMCChegoCommunications@gmail.com.

We are excited to announce our new Saint Mary’s Chicago Supper Club! Join your fellow Chicago Belles as we embark on an alphabetic culinary adventure. Every month, we visit a BYOB restaurant whose cuisine/ country corresponds to the letters of the alphabet (with some exceptions). Interested in dining with us? Be on the lookout for information in our monthly newsletter! Are you a wine enthusiast? Looking for a way to unwind after a busy week with your fellow Chicago Belles? The SMC Chicago Wine Club is perfect for you! We are always on the lookout for alumnae willing to host this quarterly pairing of good wine and good friends. Please email Brittany Degres ’07, bdegres@gmail.com, for more information.

On Sunday, November 11, we hosted our annual Founders’ Day Celebration at Saint Clement Parish in Lincoln Park. Following our alumnae mass, we celebrated with a beautiful luncheon at Salvatore’s Restaurant. Our committee organized a fabulous silent auction and raffle to benefit our Chicago Endowed Scholarship. Thank you to all who helped us maintain our legacy of helping young Chicago women experience all that is Saint Mary’s.

Looking forward to seeing our Chicago Alumnae at our Annual Spring Scholarship Tea in May 2013!

Chicago West
2013 has already brought some new members to our monthly book club events. We love welcoming alumnae of all ages, so join us and bring a friend. You can find the 2013 list of books & locations on the club website.

We have already met for Mass and Coffee in Naperville in January, and April 13th at Holy Angels Restaurant. Our committee organized a fabulous silent auction and raffle to benefit our Chicago Endowed Scholarship. Thank you to Tara Ebersole ’97 for organizing a lovely brunch!

The Chicago West Alumnae Club was lucky to spend an evening with President Carol Mooney in Fall 2012. Alumnae and guests mingled at the Hinsdale Golf Club and enjoyed getting an update on the College from President Mooney. Pictured left to right: Co-host Sue Knapp Besio ’81, Club President Alison Spohn Kowalich ’93, President Carol Ann Mooney ’72, and Donna Ryan Coffey ’80, touch us. When you pay your dues, we’ll add you to the email distribution and you’ll receive reminders for each event.

The Chicago West Club is looking for some new event ideas to enhance our active group of book club lovers. For example, we’re planning a trip to Cantigny Park this summer. If you’re interested in organizing an activity or participating more with the group, please contact a club officer by phone or email (found on the website).

Cincinnati:

Cleveland
On Saturday, March 2, the Club held its Winter Event. The event was held at Ohio City with alumnae shopping at the West Side Market, followed by lunch at The ABC Tavern. After lunch, alumnae visited the new Greater Cleveland Aquarium with its many exhibits. The day was well spent with plenty of activity. Many thanks to Kathy Friday Sobanski ’78 for handling all of the arrangements.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the Club, or would like more information, contact Cheri Petride Miller ’79 at smccosu@earthlink.net.

Colorado
On October 13 the Colorado Alumnae Club celebrated Founders’ Day in Colorado Springs. We began with Mass at St. Paul’s Church, then went across the street for lunch at the Broadmoor Hotel. It’s always such a fun event, and as always, there was much sharing of memories during our college years. Attending were: Diane Lo Guidice Highland ’74, Ginger Earnest di Lorenzo ’58, Christine Newland Kettenhagen ’72, Pheyllis Sullivan Van Hertset ’62, and Sheila Flynn Boone ’65. We welcome new members to our club.

On October 13 the Colorado Alumnae Club celebrated Founders’ Day in Colorado Springs. It’s always such a fun event, and, as always, there was much sharing of memories during our college years. Attending were: Diane Lo Guidice Highland ’74, Ginger Earnest di Lorenzo ’58, Christine Newland Kettenhagen ’72, Pheyllis Sullivan Van Hertset ’62, and Sheila Flynn Boone ’65.

We try to schedule events north, central, and south, as close to 1-25 as possible so that some event will be convenient for you. For information about the club, please contact our President, Kelly O’Brien ’90, at Kelly90.kob@gmail.com.

Columbus
Members of the Columbus club gathered for a Founders’ Day celebration in December. Alumnae enjoyed a silent auction and wine tasting, all while raising money for the Columbus Club Scholarship.

The Columbus Club celebrated Founders’ Day with a Christmas celebration this past December, where we held a silent auction and a wine tasting. We had a wonderful turnout of alumnae and raised money towards our annual scholarship. We also hosted a Christmas Mass and Brunch with the Notre Dame Club of Columbus. This spring we will be hosting our 3rd Annual Spring Brunchon. All graduating alumnae are encouraged to attend to mix and mingle with the current alumnae. Please contact Katie Vincen Sears ’03 at kvincer@gmail.com for more info!

Dallas
Our book club read the One Book, One Saint Mary’s pick, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lack, and had a really good turnout for our discussion hosted by Linda Kawecki ’79.

We have also been volunteering regularly at St. Vincent de Paul Society where we help sort or set displays of whatever they need that day.

We had some fun one evening this month chatting and sipping wine as we wound down from the workday at Times Ten Cellars.

If you have event suggestions or want to join our club, please send us an email at smcdflc@gmail.com.

Dayton
The Dayton Club discussed The One Book, One Saint Mary’s selection, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lack, during their book club on February 21 at the Panera at Town & Country in Kettering. The next book club will be in May. Details about the selection and date will be emailed to Dayton area alumnae at least one month prior to the event.

Des Moines
The Des Moines Club is participating in the One Book, One Saint Mary’s program with Kelly Cook Lewis ’97 at the helm of this project. The Club will do a service project, organized by Sarah Sullivan Bigelow ’96, in the early summer. Questions? Contact Aimee Beckmann-Collier ’75, club president.

Detroit
The Detroit Alumnae Club celebrated Founders’ Day on October 28. Carol Lee Markley ’56, Maureen Sullivan ’55, Julie Skelly Fries ’52, Mary Cucci Depman ’50, Joan Mette Reddy ’56, Jessica Reddy Hoeck ’88, Harriet Hillebrand Cronin ’68, Tara Ebersole ’97, Claire Kenney ’10, and Caitlin Cunningham ’10 attended Mass at St. Thomas More Church in Troy, MI to honor the founders of our beloved Alma Mater. A special thank you to Tara Ebersole ’97 for organizing a lovely brunch!
also provided an informative lesson about the different Vineyards in Baytown, Texas. The owners of the vineyard gathered to celebrate Founders’ Day 2012 with a wine tasting event at the Forest Club. We enjoyed tasting Texas wines provided by Yepez & Co., and would like to join us, please feel free to contact Didier Aguilera ‘08, Secretary, and Megan Ryan ‘09, Treasurer.

The Houston Alumnae Club held our annual Christmas Mass & Dinner at the home of Priscilla Karle Pilon ‘86. We were honored to be joined by Jan Druyvesteyn, Assistant Vice President for Development at Saint Mary’s College. After Mass, the club members and their spouses enjoyed a delicious meal and a chance to catch up with fellow alumnae.

The club is planning to hold the annual One Book, One Saint Mary’s book club meeting at the home of Mary Gallagher Taylor ‘77. We will be having a potluck lunch and discussing this year’s book selection, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, by Rebecca Skloot. If you have recently moved to Houston and want more information about how you can get involved with the SMC Houston Alumnae Club, you can email us at HoustonSMC@gmail.com. Make sure to find us on Facebook for news about upcoming events and pictures from past events! You can like our page at facebook.com/houstonsmc.

The Fort Wayne club gathered on a snowy Sunday afternoon in January to enjoy some good Mexican food and excellent fellowship. Pictured left to right: Anne Didier Gustus ‘04, Committee Member, Nikki Taylor ‘11, Committee Member, Maria Didier ‘10, President, Jodie Emerick ‘05, Vice President, Sarah Didier Aguilara ‘08, Secretary, and Megan Ryan ‘09, Treasurer.

The Saint Mary’s club of Fort Wayne hosted their first event of the year where over 20 alumnae gathered at Don Chavis on February 27! The Belles all enjoyed catching up and learning about the rekindling of this city’s club! Many thanks to those who were able to come and make this event a success! We are looking forward to our October 20 Founders Day Event.

Please keep an eye out for emails regarding this event! Do not hesitate to contact us at smcfortwayne@gmail.com.

Los Angeles

Courtney Parry ‘09 (not pictured) hosted an event at her home in the Silver Lake area of Los Angeles in November for young alumnae in the Los Angeles Alumnae Club. This was a chance for young alumnae in the area to gather and meet before the holiday season. Back Row: Caitlin DeCoursey ‘12, Megan O’Neil ‘06, Andrea Krebs ‘09 Front Row: Christine Martins ‘10, Kendall Kirsch ‘05, Frances Broderick ‘10, Jackie Eddy ‘05.

The Los Angeles Club is so gratified to have been named Alumnae Club of the Year for 2012! If our Founder’s Day Celebration was held in October at the Long Beach Yacht Club, a beautiful venue that has already been reserved for next year. Over a dozen women attended our Christmas brunch at the Getty Museum in Los Angeles. It was a gorgeous day, the kind that makes people forget it’s winter and reminds us how different southern California is from South Bend. To appeal to alumnae living in The Inland Empire, we planned a tour of the historic Riverside Mission Inn in January. Our planning council has already made plans for the 2013 year. We are eagerly awaiting a Lenten retreat in March. And, of course, we are so looking forward to hosting the Saint Mary’s representative who will be visiting us in mid-March. We hope we can offer her an early spring!

New York City

Thanks to all those New York City alumnae who turned out on November 28th for holiday drinks at The Back Door restaurant in Manhattan. Much fun was had by all.

Pittsburgh

Greetings from Pittsburgh! Congratulations to the 2013 graduates of Saint Mary’s College. You should be very proud of your accomplishments. If you are a new graduate—or even an alumna—in the Pittsburgh area and would like to become involved in the Saint Mary’s College Pittsburgh Alumnae Club, please contact Colleen B. Miles ’03 at colleenbmiles@gmail.com. If you have recently moved to Pittsburgh and want more information about how you can get involved with the SMC Pittsburgh Alumnae Club, you can email us at PittsburghSMC@gmail.com.

San Diego

Happy New Year from sunny San Diego! Our San Diego Belles said goodbye to 2012 with our Annual Cookie Exchange at the lovely Leucadia home of Lynn Dargis Ambrose ’52. We enjoyed holiday libations as well as many samples of delicious Christmas cookies to take home. And of course we all celebrated the fabulous Fighting Irish football season! So proud of our ND Fighting Irish football team! We rang in 2013 with our regularly scheduled activities, including Monthly Book Club. Lynn Dargis Ambrose ’52 coordinates this fun group. New members are always welcome! We also are planning a Member’s General Meeting in June, where we will schedule the rest of the year. We always send out our info by email. If you are new to San Diego, or have lived here forever and haven’t touched base with us yet, PLEASE know that you are ALWAYS welcome! Feel free to get in touch with: Sandy Parry Kesser ’07 at sandyparryyahoo.com or Barbara Drossel McKnight ’77 at barb.mcknight@gmail.com.

South Bend

Happy New Year 2013! The South Bend Alumnae Club has an exciting spring planned! We have our first-ever trivia night planned for Saturday, March 9, 2013! All of the money raised will go toward our scholarship fund. Come join us and help us help future Saint Mary’s College alumnae! Our candy care packages to sophomore students during fall finals week were a
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Linda Duffy Hensley wrote me at the very end of September to tell me that she had been in McKinney, Texas, for almost a year. It is close enough to Dallas to visit old friends there, and she had grandchildren getting married in September. She has 28 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren with two more on the way. Linda is glad to be near them for the special occasions.

Muriel Flanagan Cullen, may God bless this faithful reporter, sent me a letter from her iPhone three days before Christmas.

"Hi classmates, Had a long phone visit today with Ann Haskins Kelly Was delightful as she always was. I called her as my card to her was returned. She has moved into a Catholic senior residence and is very happy to have security and service. Still on her feet but does use cane for support. We talked old times which always makes me happy. Ann hears from Ellen Sheehan Berek and Margot Mcnicho- las Schlenker (who is receiving care at a resident care home). Ellen will be at reunion but doubt Margot will. Ann hopes a grandchild will drive her to reunion as she does not drive or fly.

Bowl game. Ralph and I are not attending but my son Kevin and wife Jean (both ND grads) are taking three children (ND or SMC grads) and two wives or boyfriends. Have no idea where he got tickets. We are in Hilton Head for holidays and I miss my Buffalo lunch trips to casino with Judy Schwartz Reuter. So wonderful having her as my Buffalo best friend!

Betty Klein Moore and I visit via Facebook. She just celebrated a birthday and is very happy. Understand she has a gentleman caller.

Marge Fiehrer Hellinghausen says she is thinking of going to reunion. Gosh hope so!!!

Will be in Houston for grandson's wedding January 2-6. That makes five of my grands married with four great grands.

Sending blessings to all... see you in June if not before.

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Following the new publishing schedule for the Courier, this is the first column written so soon after the last. Happily I am ready, thanks to the Reunion surveys and emails. Family commitments kept many from our Reunion. Pat Mason Allen and Dick and were in New Jersey at the beach where their 22 grandchildren come for summer visits. The Allen’s are in the process of selling their New Zealand home, allowing them, as Pat said, “to spend more time on the ground than in the air.” The college graduated of one grandchild and the wedding of another kept Jacqueline Buckley Hobbs from joining us. Barbara had been wintering in Longboat Key, Florida, for years before moving from Buffalo, New York, and we all admired the Toledo Museum of Art and “We’re Strong for Toledo” – an exhibit of Manet’s portraits that we all loved.

Euphrosia Pelletier’s canonization. Tom and Marita Reising Dieter live in Evansville, Indiana, but certainly get around, visiting their four children in Fairbanks, Alaska; Portland, Oregon; Nevada City, California; and Brooklyn, New York. They, of course, keep up with Marita’s brother, Ken and our Beth Kamm Reising, and recently met them in Branson, Missouri. Katie Carroll couldn’t make it to Reunion, so in September Peg Baife, Dee Kiley, LeFevour, Josie Murphy Vorda, Mary O’Connor, and I took a trip to Capitola, California, to see her and enjoy the sights. In August, Irene O’Leary Van Beckum, Josie, Dee, and I visited John and Carole Nordengren Sutten at their home in Chilton, Wisconsin, enjoying their hospitality and great cooking.

Mary Comisky Riley and her daughter, Betsy, have been spending winters in Arizona and she wasn’t back in time for Reunion. While there, she enjoyed visits from Anne White Maysak, Jim and Virginia Vighi Carson, and Bob and Loral Baker Kirk. Anne stays in touch with roommate, Linda Kolp Craig, who teaches in Chilton, Wisconsin. In August, Janet O’Connell McGuire, her husband, Jim, died after a long illness. Our sympathy goes out to Janet, her 6 children, and 22 grandchildren. The Spring Courier, For the Record brought news of the deaths of Marylou Armstrong Bouche and Mary Van Hecke Benthal. Mary came to Saint Mary’s from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, and received her degree from Mt. Mary College in Milwaukee. All are in our prayers.

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Our family is growing! We will become great-grandparents for the first time in July. Next Courier deadline is April 1, 2013.

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From Maureen: Just the day before this article was due, our Chicago lunch group met at Oakbrook. Maureen Madigan, Elaine Van Etten Cassidy, Nancy O’Toole Doppke, Jane Simpson Kiep, Peggy Hock Cahill, Barbara Graham Stotzer, Maureen Hogan Lang, and Marilyn Morrissey Sparacino. We talked non-stop for 2 ½ hours and then decided we had not done anything interesting enough to report to the rest of you. Barbara Graham Stotzer and Bill have a great granddaughter born on November 20. Is that a first in our class? Our condolences and prayers go to Peggy Hock Cahill on the passing of Bill Cahill ND ’57. We received volumes of news about our classmates. We have three granddaughters and one grandson. I see them about once a month when I drive to the Cities for the weekend. Kris has a daughter and son and two granddaughters and a grandson. They also live in the Twin Cities. I remain very busy in volunteer activities, such as the gardens at Breezy Point City Hall, secretary of a local Art Club, and co-secretary and editor of the newsletter and member directory of the Breezy Point Area Women’s Club. I’m a Master Gardener, enjoy quilting, watercolor painting, and, above all, I’m the maker of “rod socks” for the custom fishing rods my husband, Kris, crafts for customers.

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Dear Class of ‘62,

My husband, Jean, and I took another great trip this fall. We traveled six weeks, driving 9,000 miles on scenic highways and byways across twelve states (some several times), going West again this year. We spent two weeks in the Lake Tahoe area in California/Nevada, traversing the Sierra Nevada Mountains, valleys, lakes, etc. We returned by way of Utah, and spent a week gazing up and down in all of its many National Parks, monuments, colorful canyons, and spectacular fall colors. We DO love the mountains and viewing God’s creation in nature.

You may have heard that Judy Nelson Burke received a call on Sunday afternoon that her oldest son Stephen was taken to the hospital and she left to be with him. He improved and everyone thought he would be fine—but in October, he suddenly became ill again. Judy and Jerry were in Naples, Florida, and flew home to Winnetka, Illinois, and were with him when he died October 21, 2012. Stephen, age 40, leaves his wife and two young sons. In 1977, Judy and Jerry’s daughter Carolyn Anne Burke, was killed at a young age, and they have established a scholarship in her memory at Saint Mary’s College. Please keep Judy, Jerry and their family in our hearts and prayers. In her life summary in our 50th Reunion Then and Now Memory Book, Judy wrote that after graduation she volunteered with the Catholic Lay Mission Corps in Texas, received a teaching certificate from Chicago Teachers College, taught third grade and then worked six years as an assistant editor at Scott Foreman & Co. She married Jerry in 1970, and has two living children, James and Catherine, and two granddaughters. Carolyn Anne and Stephen, now deceased. Judy and Jerry have been building homes on the North Shore for 20 years. She continues her volunteer work with schools, church, and the Illinois Club for Women. Her latest project is oil painting large flowers. (Her recent photo printed in our Memory Book shows her with one of her large flower paintings)

Several classmates are on the mend after surgeries. Judy Tarnawski Eckrich had complete knee replacement while in Bonita Springs, Florida, in September; Margaret Burns DeMartini had major back surgery (three discs) in October and is progressing well in Pullman, Washington—using a walker according to news from Mary Anne Balles Bland. Barb Mouch Hamilton missed two bottom stairs, fell and broke her leg in her condo in Sandusky, Ohio, where she spends summers. She was in a cast until November 5. She had to cancel a trip to Florida to visit her newest grandbaby and a cruise to Southern Spain & the Canary Islands. She returned home to Scotch Plains, New Jersey, after Thanksgiving, where she spends her winters. She missed “Super Storm Sandy” due to her accident—maybe that was a blessing to save her from Sandy’s wrath. Her home had no power, but only minor damage, as did her two children’s who live in New Jersey. Our hearts and prayers go out to all those on the East Coast affected by the storm’s damage.

Joanne Bock left Saint Mary’s after one year, but I have kept in touch with her over the years at Christmas. She returned home to New Rochelle, New York, graduated from college an art history major and has studied and taught art several different places. She is now an Adjunct Professor at Palm Beach Atlantic University in Florida, and lives in Boynton Beach, Florida. She says she remembers Sister Mary and wishes she could have come to Reunion.

Marilyn Thuma Marylin Thuma who also left Saint Mary’s, and Sheila Priester Hughes, and roommate. She sends her love to all and wishes she could come to Reunion.

Continuing from my Courier surveys from Reunion, Lyn Cosgriff Isbell has four children and four grandchildren. After a year of teaching English in Hokkaido, Japan, she came home and married Harry Isbell, who was teaching at Notre Dame. She lived in South Bend (twice), and San Francisco, where she taught part time. They moved to Salt Lake City, where she worked in advocacy for mentally challenged people, including her son, Walter, and eventually worked as a full time high school teacher. In 1989, they moved to San Francisco, and she taught until retiring in 2003. Now she works volunteer jobs in parish as a lector and

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Eucharistic minister. She reports she finally has time for reading and is Book Club Chair and active in St. Vincent de Paul. She was influenced to attend Saint Mary's by the CSC sisters who staffed her grade/high school. Salt is always important to people, but the attitude was a solid starting point," she says. Susie Crowder Burks is retired as a substance abuse counselor, thanks to her graduate degree in Education (aging counseling) from the College of William & Mary (1988). She and Harold have a daughter, Stephanie. Susie is involved in prison ministry (church) and city of Newport News, Virginia, Re-integration Project. Diane Dolenz Weber (Moline, Illinois), who only attended Saint Mary's 11/2 years, is a retired medical secretary; married Robert Weber and they have four children Aniel, Angela, Michael, and Laura. Diane Dickerson Bird (Loogoo- tee, Indiana) is co-manager of Lakeview Golf Course since 1998, and was a human resources & safety supervisor until she retired in 1967. She and Michael (ND '61) have four children and five grandchildren— two boys, three girls. All of their children are college graduates, though a graduate from Notre Dame. Diane edits loans for KMA online and makes blankets for "Project Linus." She says, "Just living day to day is a notable accomplishment at age 70." (Ed note: I think many of us would agree with THAT!!) Diana DiSalle Draur (Sister Jane DeChantal Draur) is living in Omaha, Nebraska, at Bellwether, a contemplative formation center. "We give retreats, prayer weekends and do spiritual direction," she wrote. She says to check out bellwetheromaha.org. She was divorced, then widowed, and now lives a consecrated life. She has four children, twelve grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren! She completed a graduate degree in History at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (1986). She ends her note: "God bless you all. I will miss being with you."Her two sisters, Antoinette "Toni" DiSalle Watkins '52 and Barbara DiSalle Lindskold '54 influenced her decision to attend Saint Mary's.

Patricia Emmett Melaku has relocated from Texas to the Seattle area, where her daughter and son-in-law live. She has been a teacher, librarian, and research analyst, with a graduate degree in MLIS '94 and TESOL certification (May 2011). She has been doing some ESL (English as Second Language) instruction in community based classes. She has three children and four grandchildren. She enjoys the freedom of retirement that allows her to spend more time with her grandchildren in Washington and Denver.

Attending her first Saint Mary's College Reunion, DeVonne French McClinton, is a practicing psychiatrist in Overland Park (Kansas City area) for 38 years and is busy with personal and professional activities. She has accomplished many distinguished milestones and impressive honors in her 50 years at Saint Mary's. She graduated from the College of Medicine at Howard University (Washington, DC) in '66, then completed pediatric residency at Children's Hospital (DC), moved to Oklahoma, began training on a Fellowship in Ambulatory Pediatrics, and in 1980, received a Master of Public Health (University of Michigan). In 1983, she began and completed a four-year program in Child Psychiatry & General Psychiatry at University of Missouri, Kansas City. In 1987. In 1973, DeVonne married Curtis McClinton, Jr. They moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where they currently live. They have a daughter, Marguerite Mary McClinton, PhD. DeVonne came to Saint Mary's on a full scholarship her first year, and says she passes the Knute Rockne Memorial every 90 days to visit her 99-year-old father-in-law, Curtis McClinton, Sr., and she remembers the first night at Saint Mary's College, when we were shown the "Knute Rockne" movie. She attends her Episcopal Church regularly and is still an active practicing physical therapist. She passed her certification in America in Psychiatry 40 hours a week.

Jeanne Fontana Ferrini lists herself as homemaker, writer and long ago French teacher. She and Jim, a retired appellate attorney from Chicago, have five children, three girls between two boys, and four grandchildren. Jeanne had her own business, marketing her two musical CDs that she wrote, "Sing with the Angels" and "Yesterday's Child," a lullaby to an unborn child lost through miscarriage. Her company is now closed. She says she’s a crazy person at times, loves meeting people and interacting with clients. I have been active in my children's schools and parishes over the years, graduating from being a worker to chairing big events both social and spiritual.

Mary Frying Bowers could not attend Reunion. She is a retired high school teacher (Masters of Teaching, English at Notre Dame '63) and lives in Gainsville, Georgia. She and her husband, Pat, have lived in Gainsville, Georgia, and Nora, and five grandchildren. Rachel's boys are Alexander and Nicholas (ages 10 and 7). Nora has a daughter, Hannah (5), and twin boys, Bennett and Jackson (1). Mary does some private tutoring. She has just published a children's book that she wrote and illustrated, The Faerie Box (available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble online), based on her relationship with her grandchildren and Cape Cod.

Connie Gigax could not attend Reunion. She cares for her mother, who celebrated her 100th birthday recently. God Bless you both! Connie uses her Kellogg Graduate School of Management MBA from Northwestern University in her parish, volunteering as President of Parish Pastoral Council for St. Joan of Arc, Board of Director of Second-Helpings, Chair of Gover- nance Committee, and volunteers at Miracle Place.

Mardi Hack has had a BUSY life. From graduation until 1974, as Sister Michael CSC, she taught high school and was Diocesan Religious Ed. Direc- tor. In 1974, she left religious life and became a high school teacher and Vice Principal at St. Rose Academy, San Francisco, California. From 1989 to 1993, she was Dean of Students at Saint Mary's College, Raleigh, North Carolina. Mardi ended her career as a Managing Consultant for Drakek Beam Morin in Raleigh, retiring in 2005 and becoming a freelance Career Strategy Consultant. She earned two graduate degrees at Notre Dame. Though Mardi has never married, she is “honorary grandmother” to two granddaughters in Apex, North Carolina, Sydney (7) and Campbell (4) Smith. To them she is the “real thing” because they live so close and she sees them frequently. She is involved with Meals on Wheels of Wake County, and was named President of the Board of Directors and then Chair on the Board over five years and is very active on Board of West Raleigh Rotary Club. Mardi’s sister, Jinx Hack ‘64, is an active alum with her classmates.

Jocelyn Hahn Johnson is a retired hospice nurse. She and husband, William, have three children and five grand kids. She has been an active volunteer most of her adult years: Eucharistic Adoration, St. Vincent de Paul, and personal ministry to the elderly. Marie Hank McKellar and husband, Arch, live in Dobbs Ferry, New York. After graduation, she earned a master's in math (University Illinois, '64) and EDD in mathematics education (Rutgers University, '72). She taught college and grad school math and statistics for 30 years, and was department chair for 15. She has been married to Arch for 44 years, and they lived in Japan for three years. Since retirement, she volunteers, spearheading the Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park Renovation and working with the AALW and Mathematics Association of America, reviewing grant proposals to encourage women and minorities to study math and science.

Ann Harwood Callaghan Kerby was a high school teacher and military wife for many years. After husband Jim Callaghan's death, she remained in India- napolis, and served on many boards and as president of the FBI Foundation Board. She received the Superior Public Service National Award from Secretary of Navy Sean O'Keefe for advocacy of military members to community. In 2002, she was awarded a nine-month leadership fellowship through the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series, granted annually to 15 female leaders in the state of Indiana. After her marriage to Michael Kerby in 2010, she moved to his home in northern Virginia, and became active in the Wounded Warrior Project at Walter Reed/Navy Bethesda Hospital. She has three children and eleven grandchildren, with total of sixteen since her marriage.

Mary Lou DeCurtis St. Joseph, in charge of merchandising for Courtland, a very successful furniture and accessories consignment shop in Hinsdale, Illinois. In 1990, she was one of its founders, along with her sister and another friend. It is a not-for-profit, with benefits going to Wellness House, a cancer support center in Hinsdale. After graduating from Saint Mary’s, she taught six years, and has been married to Aldo for 44 years. They had six children born within the first ten years. Only one is married (two precious grandchildren live close by).

I'll close for now but stay tuned for more news next time. Remember, we will have news reported in every one of the three issues of Courier published an- nually. Send me news anytime by email or snail mail. BLESSINGS. PEACE. JOY. LOVE. Anne Casey Beaudoin

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Reunion planning has connected many old friends, but sadness has tinged the happiness as word has come of the deaths of classmates months before the anticipated event. Lynne Baur. Kathy Kiefer Keil, Marilyn McPherson, Catherine Phee, Joan Beck Bitoni, and Peggy Hess- Fennell have died during the past year. Kathy’s sudden death was a total shock to her family and friends; she had just attended a reunion planning session at Saint Mary’s. News of Catherine Phee’s death came from her sister, Peggy Phee Ashline ’66. Lynne, Marilyn, and Peggy had been ill for many months. Each time people have shared the news via email. Often no details or memories accompanied the sad message. In Lynne’s case, many people shared their memories
electronically for some time. **Virgie Burke Gannon** remembered the extraordinary laughter and fun shared in their Le Mans suite and Lynne’s later kindnesses to her daughter. **Barb Bernhard** remembered her several visits to Santa Fe over the years and escapades all over Georgia O’Keefe country around Black Mountain, jumping out of the old station wagon to take photos in forbidden areas, and running back inside while Lynne gunned the engine in our get away! Barb remembered, too, the favorite little restaurants Lynne introduced her to and the “long existential discussions into the night… her wonderful abode house… her studio with hummingbirds darting to and fro.” Others wrote to express gratitude for the email messages I forwarded when Lynne died, tracing highlights of the challenges she faced and triumphed over and her many accomplishments in her adult years—teaching first at an inner-city community college in Chicago after graduate studies in American culture, training and practicing as a psychotherapist, and eventually becoming a recognized painter after she closed her Santa Fe practice due to her increasing need for physical assistance. In these messages, the donor acknowledged that they had known a person with remarkable resilience, courage, and integrity in the face of unusual adversity, as well as a person with wit, intellectual vitality, joy, spiritual depth, and absolute pizzazz.

**Mary Ann Boyle** and **Sally O’Connor Fallon** have apparently been meeting every few months for lunch in the Boston area. Now that the news is out, others will join — Cec McBride Lydon and Ellen Sheehan Adams for sure. Cec now goes by Marie. After earning a master’s degree in English and another in library science, she joined the staff of the public library in her hometown and has been the reference librarian for the Norwood (MA) system for many years. Both of her children married in the past year and live nearby. Sally was widowed in 2000 and married a longtime family friend, Dick Arthur, in 2009. Their combined family numbers nine children—several of whom had been best friends throughout childhood—and 21 grandchildren. **Mary Jo Connelly Martin** celebrated the marriage of her son, Daniel, in October.

**Margo Vitalich Manley** delighted in all the fall wedding arrangements for her daughter, Alicia, and the high school graduation of her first grandchild in Hawaii. **Mary Rainey**’s news tops all. Flown to New York City to help deal with the harrowing aftermath of Sandy, Mary was assigned to Red Cross Headquarters in Manhattan. There, Mary helped coordinate the delivery of meals to people 20 floors up was not what Sandy, Mary was assigned to Red Cross Headquarters in Manhattan. There, Mary helped coordinate the delivery of meals to people 20 floors up was not what Mary had expected. She had told her friend she was going to be old with hard work and lots of play! Nan Tomshack Tuchulsky, her three sisters, and niece attended the ND-Navy game in Ireland to celebrate her 70th. Nan tutors in an elementary school and is the official scorekeeper for ND Men’s and Women’s basketball.

**Fran Bardello Craig** and **Eileen Blegg Cavanaugh** cruised the Danube: Vienna, Budapest, and Prague, and with them, Eileen’s granddaughter. Eileen Cavanaugh wrote from Santa Fe and articulated Mary’s “true groundedness, Kay Christenson acknowledge[ed] Janet Walton Giselson, Fran, and Eileen in August in Washington, D.C., and then Kathy Roeder had Carole Barski Webster and Denny to Philadelphia in August to do the sites and the new Barnes Museum.

**Pat Ralicki McGowan** has a new granddaughter, a new niece, and after Hurricane Sandy, a new roof. Too 90-year-old oak trees fell on her house. **Patsy Wellman Bove** wrote from Vero Beach, Florida, that she had Joan Bicknell Poveda to her place in Marbella, Spain. Patsy reported that Judy Grabski Miner had talked to Kathy Matthews Valera, Annie Moty Hartnett, Ginny Trombly Reiser, and Mary Donovan McCusker in her last days. **Mary Vertin O’Neill** replied that she retired after 16 years as Director of Development at the College Preparatory School in Oakland, California. Now, she lives in Berkeley, and has remodeled her kitchen there and a condo in the Napa Valley. She is involved with raising money for the Berkeley Public Library and she and her husband, Dave, are hiking, golfing, playing bridge, and traveling.

**Pat Malone Naths** is taking her second oldest grandson to Italy in January for his high school graduation gift. She began this tradition with the first of nine last year. By the time her four-year-old is ready, she thinks she will just give him a ticket! **Kathie Menzie Lesko** and her husband, Bob, both celebrated their 70th by renting an apartment in Paris for a month! **Sue Shalos Wolsfeld** and her husband, Dick, joined them for a jaunt to Normandy. The Lesko’s attended the ND-USC game with their two sons and families and entertained Molly Folks Tunot and Jinx Hack Ring and Peter for the championship game. **Sue** (Elliott Morin) and** Sally (Mel) Saas** (Amy) toured the Mediterranean with their two sons and families and attended the Elaine Newton book lectures. Sally’s daughter, Priscilla, has just finished building their little church a new altar and chairs! Becky Paceszny Delahanty wrote that they just bought a condo in Mishawaka for the summers and fall and then go to Naples, Florida, for the winter, where Becky is a member of the Christ Child Society of Naples, walks, plays duplicate bridge, and attends the Elaine Newton book lectures.

**Suellen Trumbour-Cheney** moved from Vermont to Sedona, Arizona, and loves it! She is teaching part time for The Arizona School of Integrative Studies in Flagstaff. The title of her course is Polarity Therapy (for massage students).

**Quita Olsen Carmouche** has been crazy for Lincoln, Steven Spielberg’s new movie. In fact, Nancy Drew Sheehan, in Naples, Florida, was thrilled with it and is reading everything about Lincoln. Quita and Nancy also both commented on the struggles, deaths, and sicknesses of our classmates, and asked we keep praying for all of them.

**Robertia “Birdie” Blake Nesbit** just returned to Langkawi, the island in Malaysia, and her very busy life has ALS but just keeps on going, with some exercises! Prayers can be answered. Also, Birdie is on Skype so whether she is in Malaysia or Bath, England, she is easy to find.

**Karen Mortimer Williams** had food poisoning, was weak, fell, and broke two of her vertebrae and is in a brace. She might have to have an operation.

**Laurie Susfalk Andrews** sent an email after 40 years of silence saying that her husband died in 2008 and her sister in January of 2012. Her daughter, Priscilla, lived in Chicago for eight years and is quite happy there. Laurie is involved with the Italian Sons and Daughters, playing bocce ball in the summer and bingo on Wednesday, and she hopes to make the 2014 reunion!

**Becky Borchers Brown** wrote that she and Tom celebrated their 47th (minus Ten Years!) anniversary massage therapist for five years, volunteers at the Yale Peabody Natural History Museum as a docent for Dinosaur and artifacts of the Native Americans, plus is very involved with the Institute for Learning in Retirement at Albertus Magnus College teaching teachers, developing courses, writing catalogs and newsletters. Gerri Corbin has just returned from a retreat: Self-Realization Fellowship in Encinitas, California. She loves being by the ocean, especially since she lives in Atlanta. Since she has retired, she looks forward to going three or four times a year.

**Kay Christenson Janiszewski** and **Janet Walton Giselson** met this summer and attended a Road Scholar Program in the coming area of New York. They loved the Finger Lakes, Watkins Glen, and Seneca Falls, walked in the footsteps of Mark Twain in his summer home of Elmira, toured the Corning Museum of Glass, but their most special time was with **Marianne Elliott Morin** and her husband, Bob, in Watkins Glen. Marianne said there were some great stories of living in Regina Hall. **Ann Roberts Jescik** from Punxsutawney was Marianne’s roommate. They even reminisced about walking to town to bake banana bread in Regina’s kitchen to take to her brother who was studying for the priesthood at Notre Dame.

**Jean Canizaro Enos** visited her daughter in Italy in June and they went over to Elba. Her brother has left Jean and her husband, Jim, in charge of the 800 acre family farm so Jean has picked up and shelled out more than 300 pounds of pecans! Jean and Jim also were in Normandy and Paris with a Notre Dame tour. **Barb Koch Dumit** wrote that for Christmas, she and Tom are taking care of three extra families: one in Costa Rica, one in El Salvador, the other in their home town. For their own Christmas, they have invited their family of 21 to a week in the Riviera Maya. Tom has just finished building their little church a new altar and chairs! Becky Paceszny Delahanty wrote that they just bought a condo in Mishawaka for the summers and fall and then go to Naples, Florida, for the winter, where Becky is a member of the Christ Child Society of Naples, walks, plays duplicate bridge, and attends the Elaine Newton book lectures.
in June. She retired from J.C. Penney's and attended the Notre Dame-Stanford game with Bobbeye Borchers Flecker in the old Saint Mary's section in New Orleans. She will be remembered for her hospitality and warmth to all visitors and her love for the arts. Mary is survived by her husband, John. She will be missed by many of her former students and friends.

Mary Carmedy Bradley writes: No real news to report...all is well with us, our children, and grandchildren. We had a wedding this year, our youngest, Megan, was married in May just three days after pulling off a surprise 70th birthday party for me. She's good! I did have a great catch-up dinner with Fran Bardello Craig when she was here in San Diego on company business not too long ago and am looking forward to her next trip here. Dick and I keep very busy with museum docenting, traveling (one son and family are in North Carolina) and enjoying retirement!

Sandy Brant Koss writes: With two grandchildren in Ohio and two in Illinois, Fred (ND 64) and I decided this past year to move from Indianapolis to be closer to our sons and their families. We now divide time between a condo in downtown Chicago to be closer to our sons and their families. We now divide time between a condo in downtown Chicago and another near Columbus, Ohio. We still enjoy travel, but have many more opportunities to enjoy family and be part of their activities.

Thank you all for the wonderful responses!!! Kent and I have just returned from a National Geographic tour to Bhutan. Outstanding! I see! Stephanie McBride who has just moved close to me in Lake Forest. Ellen Brown McBride and I were just at SIS for book club.

Merry, Peace and Joy,
Mary Ann

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With sad heart we learned that Pat Harvey Howells of Atlanta, Georgia, died on July 31, 2012 from a serious fall. We all will miss the fun spirit that followed Pat wherever she went. At reunions, she always bubbled over with excitement when she saw a classmate or heard a good story from the old days. Pat appeared in many productions at Saint Mary’s and graduated from the theater. Pat is survived by her husband, John. She will be missed greatly by the families of her three children, Beth ND ’94, Barbara Howells Boukater ’96, and Johnny. Mary Dunn Finneran remembered moving to Atlanta early in her marriage. Once Pat learned of Mary’s arrival to Atlanta, she extended a welcoming hand that helped Mary adjust to her new surroundings. Some of Pat’s friends met this summer in Kswsh, Georgia. Liz Birnbaum Lacy, Carol Smither Mansfield, Elaine Amann Mayeux, Judy Arado Walker, and Barbie Borchers Bernath were among them. They remembered good times with their friend, Pat. Another group met in Carmel, California, including Mary Dunn Finneran. Jane McCoach McKee, Sharon Priester Lewert, Dede Cotter Delaney, Gail

Members of the class of 1966 gathered for a mini-reunion in Kiawah Island, South Carolina, to remember their classmate Pat Harvey Howells, who passed away in July. Pictured, standing left to right: Liz Birnbaum Lacy and Carla Johnson. Loved Seated left to right: Carol Smither Mansfield, Elaine Amann Mayeux, Judy Arado Walker, Barbara Borchers Bernath

Marino Meiering, Amy Bertorelli, Kathy Donovan Dur, Carolyn Hart Irvine, and me. We enjoyed the beauty of the California coast, the delicious cuisine of Carmel, and the charm of our own company! We missed Clint Eastwood and all other famous people that might live in Carmel, but we didn’t care.

Mary Dunn Finneran has become the downtown girl as she and E.J. live on the seventeenth floor of high rise in Chicago. Jane McCoach McKee still works for her church as a receptionist. Sharon continues to hold art classes for the children at St. Theresa’s school in Palatine, Illinois. Dede recently retired and spends a great deal of time fussing on her new granddaughter, Adele. Gail also turned in her nursing hat. She devotes hours to helping her daughter, Peggy, with the grandchildren. Gail will soon know all the rules and regulations for the game of soccer. Amy is an empty nester as her twin boys left last year to attend college. One son chose the East Coast while the second twin stayed closer to home. Kathie is enjoying the life of politics in Washington, DC. Kathie travels to the west coast to visit her son, Philip, and his family.

Carolyn, a true California girl, enjoys having all three children and grandchildren within miles of her home in San Mateo area.

Pam Smith Malone retired in December from NALP, The Association for Legal Career Professional. Pam worked at Vanderbilt University for thirteen years as an assistant to the dean in developing careers. She moved on to McGuireWoods in charge of attorney recruitment. For the last fifteen years, Pam devoted her time to NALP. She served as President of the association from 1996 to 1997. According to an article in the NALP magazine, Pam will be greatly missed. That is easy to understand.

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Hello, dear classmates! For future reference, please be sure to make note of my new email address. My old one was hacked last summer. Apologies to any/all of you who received the bogus email from me, while supposedly held captive in Spain. All of my emails and my contact list were wiped out, so please do get in touch with me and let me know where and how you are! Thankfully, our wonderful alumnas office sent out a blast email for me, requesting news, and I had several responses. What an epiphany I had! When the first one showed up in my inbox, I mumbled, “Oh bless her heart!” — and I was a bit shocked, realizing how thoroughly my retirement in North Carolina had taken hold of me! That is such a common phrase here! I still haven’t caved into the sweet tea though!

Mary Lou Goyette Folts reported that she and her husband, Dave ND ’66 and ’71, retired to Saint Simons Island, Georgia, in 2006. She wrote she “has filled her life with (too much) lots of activity. She plays golf, practices yoga, mentors and tutors local students, plays bridge, leads a book club, and is a board member of several local organizations. We are looking forward to the birth of our first grandchild in March. Life is good.”

Someone will be sure to throw this dynamic woman a party! Jo Ann Grima MacKenzie wrote, “I actually have big news to share. I am retiring after 24 wonderful years at Saint Mary’s. By the end of December 2012, I will be an alumna only. The members of the Class of 1969 were welcoming, generous, engaging, and great fun. Many, many thanks to each and every one of you. You all helped make those 24 years very fulfilling. Much love to you!”

Katharine "K.T." Cannon-Eger we have the following update. “My husband and I have traveled by train this year in June and again in October to visit Japanese gardens in the continental United States. There are more than 250 Japanese gardens in the US — more than 450 worldwide outside of Japan — and that counts only gardens that are open to the public. The number would be many times that if residential gardens were counted. Our purpose is to gather information with an eye toward helping Hills own Lili’ukalani Gardens celebrate a centennial in 2017. I am a founding member of the North American Japanese Garden Association and serve as a member of their professional journal committee. I also am a member of the board of directors of the Japanese Gardening Organization which operates a web site and a members’ forum. Bill and I are working with others in the Hawaii County community to form a non-profit, Friends of Liliuokalani Gardens, to assist the county in fundraising for several maintenance and capital improvement projects that need doing to get the gardens in top shape for the centennial. We know from our days at Saint Mary’s the calming joy of being in a well-kept garden, such as the pond and island in front of the old library. I was so glad to see the addition of a meditation labyrinth on campus when I visited a couple of years ago. Anyone who wants to follow our journey could check in at our blog www.us-japanesegardens.com where I’ve written about many of the gardens we visited. My husband’s excellent photos illustrate the articles. In June, we started in Atlanta and ended up in San Francisco, zigzagging across the continent. In October, we flew to San Diego, then took trains to visit stops in Albuquerque, Phoenix, and Los Angeles with short flights to Denver for a NAJGA conference in between. Along the June/July journey, we stopped in New Orleans and visited with Mabel Benjamin. What a great evening we enjoyed at Commander’s Palace. The food in New Orleans is as memorable as everyone said it would be, plus, it was a great joy to visit Mabel’s hometown after all of these years. Yes, things are different post-Katrina, but New Orleans is still one of the nation’s great cities and worth a visit. Much aloha, Kris

Let the good times roll! There were several happy occasions for celebrations in Sally Strobel Ladley’s news. She said, “Tom and I celebrated the big birthdays and our 40th anniversary on a Mediterranean cruise. I retired from my full-time volunteer job with an inner-city agency in September. We have two new granddaughters in the last year bringing the total to
six, with only one boy in the mix. I now have time to enjoy the growing family. All fourteen were home for Thanksgiving, the first time in more than ten years and we have a trip planned to Grayton Beach at Easter. Our Christmas present from the kids is a trip to Miami for the National Championship game. Guess all that screaming during decades of games paid off! We were all here to watch the ND-USC game together in full regalia, so that was fun too.”

My husband Roy and I enjoyed two trips this fall. In October, we went up to Alexandria, Virginia, to celebrate our daughter Katie’s birthday with her and her husband, Kelly. As always, it was wonderful to be with them and to see our friends from so many years in the Virginia area. Then at Thanksgiving, we drove up to Boston to see our daughter, Christine, who relocated there for a new job in September. An added bonus was visiting with one of my sisters, her husband, and two of their sons in Acton, outside of Boston. Our next destination is Myrtle Beach, which is only 90 miles south of us here in Wilmington. We’re heading down there for the sports and shopping next week!

Update me ASAP in your email list and please send news there or in a Facebook message. Take good care and God bless!

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Molly Morell provided this update: In late summer 2011, I retired from the University of Southern Maine, and simultaneously learned that I needed open heart surgery to repair two valves. No symptoms, so it was quite a surprise. An acquaintance who had the same surgery shared his experience, and there was time to prepare myself with meditation and good nutrition. I went into the hospital feeling great and came out feeling like I’d been hit by a truck, but my husband, Michael Beaudoin, was a fabulous caretaker. I’ve recovered very well and if anyone needs to talk about valve surgery, please get in touch. Since caretaker. I’ve recovered very well and if anyone needs to talk about valve surgery, please get in touch. Since

We were in town from San Diego for a family wedding which allowed Ann and Gil to spend lots of time with their two children, so Pat and Steve now have two out of three of their children within driving distance. Mary Minella is married with an almost grown daughter and has been reappointed as an Associate Judge on the Illinois Cook Judicial Circuit for another four years. Sue Vanek continues to serve at Saint Mary’s, now in the role of Associate Dean for Advising and Director of First Year Studies.

Ann Toffanetti Schumacher was unable to join us for the weekend as her son and daughter-in-law were in town from San Diego for a family wedding which allowed Ann and Gil to spend lots of time with them and their daughter-in-law’s family.

Finally, Addie Stefanac Cashore forwarded an article on the local Hospice Foundation in South Bend posthumously honoring Mary Osmanski Ferlic with the 2012 Helping Hands Award for all of her contributions to the City of South Bend. Please check out this website: http://www.foundationforhospice.org/ foundation/assets/File/Crossroads-Web(1).pdf

Members of the class of 1970 got together in Chicago in October for a mini-reunion. Exploring Chicago, architectural river cruises, visits to Millennium Park, and excellent dining kept the group busy! Pictured left to right: Susan Vanek, Barb Morrin Cook, Mary Lou Wylie, Karen Preston McCarty, Gwen Gill Caranchini, Pat O’Hara Gable, and Addie Stefanac Cashore.

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With sadness, I report that Katherine “Kate” Mamaux Rost, wife of Bill Rost ND ’71, died of cancer in June 2012. She will be dearly missed by her husband, four children and their spouses, and many grandchildren. Kate received her master’s degree in public and international finance, was the principal of KMR Services and Mon Yough Electrical Contracting, and was very active philanthropically. This will be my last class reporting. My career has provided this update: In late summer 2011, I retired from the University of Southern Maine, and simultaneously learned that I needed open heart surgery to repair two valves. No symp-

Looking over the update sheets that so many of you filled out makes me remember our wonder-

Mary Kay Kronenwetter Jeselnick wrote about Saturday morning breakfasts in pajamas covered by long raincoats! Mary Kay is a Teacher’s Aide in Porter, Indiana, and will be retiring soon. For fun, she walks, reads, plays with any of six grandchildren, and enjoys (not competes in) golf. She said that “the friendships of Saint Mary’s and the sisterhood shared there are forever-lasting. It taught me the value of ‘extended families.’” Her email is mkronen@msn.com.

Marie Perunko Sheckels (msheckel@umw.edu) is a college professor at the University of Mary Washington in beautiful Fredericksburg, Virginia. Marie and I lived on the same floor in Le Mans one year and shared many Dainty Maid birthday cakes! For fun, she plays the piano and sings. Her funniest memories of her times at Saint Mary’s are being in the musicals Camelot, Oliver and Showboat. She is married and has two daughters.

I received a wonderful, long email update from Ann Postorino McKenzie (annpmckenzie@msn.com), who was a member of our Reunion Gift Committee. Ann did not make it to Reunion since she had another grandchild due right around Reunion (now you have to send news about the new baby, Ann!) She retired after 25 plus years as oncology pediatric nurse. She and her husband, Ted, have a home in Casa de Campo in the Dominican Republic, where they spend January through April. While there, she volunteers teaching English at the Hogar del Nino Charter School. She says she loves her high schoolers and that they teach her a lot of Spanish she never knew existed! She is planning to work mentoring staff nurses in the area of pediatric patient and family care this winter at a local hospital. I am still not sure how she manages to fit a lot of golf into this very busy volunteer schedule, but she does. And, she broke 80 last year; which she calls a fluke! As a golfer, I can tell you I would love a couple of ‘flukes’ like that! Ann and Ted lost their beautiful daughter, Maureen, last year. They have three other children: Katharine who is at Mastery Charter School in West Philadelphia, and Annie who
works in private equity and has a little guy, Connor, with husband, Dave. Son, Matt, and his wife live outside of DC. He is a computer programmer with the Defense Department.
I have a feeling I am way over my word allotment for this column, so I will close by sending all of you love and gratitude, for good friends and good times! (Almost forgot - HOCRAY FOR THE NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL TEAM! I_number 1 after all these years!) Missy
in Pittsburgh, when I was home in Beaver visiting my also 80-something mother, who’s doing OK, too.

Mary Gail Angusy McLaughlin wrote to report a stressful year teaching in one of Hammond’s public schools, but also noted that having her daughter, Megan, teaching at the same school is great as is seeing her 3-year-old grandson, Kurt, most days too. Mary Gail’s daughter, Catherine (her and Mark’s youngest), gave Saint Mary’s a try a year ago, and she is at IU now. Their second daughter, Sara, lives in Livingston, Montana, which is very near to Yellowstone, and their third daughter Laura Beth lives in Florida. Echoing Karen Zagogriek McDonald, Mary Gail noted that she and Mark went to their 40th Bishop Noll Institute (High School) reunion this fall, and marveled at how old that makes us! I missed my own 40th High School reunion but still marvel at our age — 58 being the new 45, right?

Speaking of Karen, she also wrote to say that she had lunch with Rose Mousi Outly in August when Rose and her husband, Ken, were driving from Boston to California to take their daughter, Megan, to the College of the Holy Cross where she is in law school. Karen also wrote that Eileen Flanagan Dejong’s daughter, Amy, graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in food science in May and went to work for Wrigley in Chicago after a mother-daughter celebratory trip to Ireland in June.

Cely Michel wrote of a balsam September in Minneapolis, which she loved despite the clear worries about global warming. Like Christine, she reported, “No headlines, no Couer- worthy milestones.” But she did note the blessing of two thriving boys: Matt, a high school junior who runs cross country and ski, and Will, a seventh grader who plays hockey. So their hockey playing, distance runner dad (Rick Villalta) is very happy. She did note the blessing of two thriving boys: Matt, a high school junior who runs cross country and ski, and Will, a seventh grader who plays hockey. So their hockey playing, distance runner dad (Rick Villalta) is very happy. She did note the blessing of two thriving boys: Matt, a high school junior who runs cross country and ski, and Will, a seventh grader who plays hockey. So their hockey playing, distance runner dad (Rick Villalta) is very happy.

Just before the class news deadline, Kat Beaulieu wrote of her and Jim’s daughter, Julie, (who graduated from Santa Clara U last spring) and is now a volunteer English teacher in Thailand, where they plan to stay. She mentioned the happy news that Pat Morahan Bufalino is a grandmother for the third time.

Kat and I are in touch off and on, as are Mari-anne McCabe Brehl, and I. Marianne and Steve Brehl ND ’76 have their youngest daughter, Julia, happily at Saint Mary’s College now, while daughter Genevieve is living in Oak Park, Illinois, and oldest daughter, Becky, is thriving in Washington, DC. I had dinner in New York City with Marianne and Steve at some point in 2012 (spring, as I recall), and they are doing great as ever.

In early November, Sandy Van Gilder sent update of a wonderful evening she and Dave Rust spent with Linda Tempel and her husband, Alex Calabrese, watching ND beat Oklahoma, followed by luckily staying safe during her namesake hurricane, despite the terrible devastation surrounding them. In October, Sandy also wrote, “I have been in touch with Doris Keating, doing well and is on the way to Florida with Vaughan for the winter. [And], I am excited to report that I have joined the Alumnae Association Board with my term starting in fall 2013. What a great excuse to go back to campus twice a year!”

By the time this news comes out in Courier, it will be almost a year since I enjoyed a lovely brunch with both Sandy and Linda in Manhattan, and a few months since I started by new job with Save the Children as Country Director for our programs in Iraq. Three-plus years of relatively easy living in the South Caucasus were great, and I was honored to be part of the excellent work my Georgian and Azerbaj- jani colleagues accomplished for vulnerable children and young people in their countries. I am hopeful in the face of extremely more daunting odds that I’ll be able to lead out multinational team in Iraq well and, of course, I’ll appreciate your prayers and good wishes to that end.

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From Beth: CATHLEEN LIBERT FOURMAN is a Senior Business Systems Consultant for the Benefits Consulting Division of Wells Fargo. She lives in Brentwood, Tennessee, a suburb of Nashville. She has been married to Kent for 34 years. He is CEO of a non- standard insurance company in Tennessee. They have raised 3 boys: 30, 27 and 24. Cathleen says they are finally showing signs of maturity...and didn’t realize what she signed up for when becoming a parent! They love to travel and have recently played with sea lions, hiked the Inca Trail, and stayed in the Amazon Rain Forest in Peru. They’ve slept on rafts floating in the River Kwai in Thailand and saw Angkor Wat in Cambodia last year. While in Tokyo, enroute home, an earthquake hit while riding in a van on the overpass. What an experience! The van rocked violently for two minutes, and it took 3.5 days to get home from Bangkok. Their next overseas trip will be to New Zealand.

She and Michele Jaworski Piazza were roommates again for a couple of nights during the past 33rd reunion and had fun catching up with everyone. They both jogged the Sunburst 10K while in South Bend, which ended at the 50 yard line in Notre Dame Stadium.

Valerie Manzie Stoezel moved to Michigan from Florida in 2000 and lives outside of Grand Rapids. She and her husband have been married for over 22 years and have a son, Gabriel, who is in the seventh grade. (Yes, she says, “I was always a procrastinator.”) She quit singing in 1990 and has worked in the field of arts administration since then. Both she and her husband work at Grand Valley State University where Rich is the trumpet professor. Rich performs worldwide as a soloist and frequents as a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. They are hosting the 2013 International Trumpet Guild Conference this summer with over 1200 trumpeters descending upon Grand Rapids. Their son has participated in football camps at Notre Dame for the past three years and has inherited his love of music from his parents. He is quite the trumpet professor and loves to travel the country. Last month, she and boyfriend, Dominic DiGilio, took a cruise from San Francisco down to Puerto Viarto. While in San Diego, she connected with Jose Alonso ND ’75, who is the Director of the Federal Reserve Bank. She writes that Carlotta “Carla” Romano Grossman is the Regional Director of the FINRA, which is the largest independent regulator for all securities firms doing business in the United States. Her husband, Jim, is Vice President and Management Supervisor for Williams-Labade. They live in Chicago, Rancho Valencia, and Nantucket. Kathleen Feehan George and her husband, Craig George ND ’77, have a son living abroad. Cathy Pugliese Saulitis is in London where she watched the ND-USC game. Lucy Hammer Geerer is teaching in an all-boys’ Catholic high school in Kentucky. She lives in an adorable house there. Her son graduated from Xavier in Ohio.

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She is married to Kevin Kelly, ND ’77 and ’87, and has three daughters, Kristin Kelly-Hansen ND ’02, Megan Kelly, and Colleen Kelly ND ’09. She’s become a favorite grandma to Samuel Kelly. Kristen is an attorney in Milwaukee for the American Bar Association. Megan teaches Middle School math in Chicago and Colleen is a CPA at Deloitte & Touche in Chicago.

Marjo saw Laurie Germanos Macchiene in Chicago over Thanksgiving, 2012. Laurie is a Personal Couture Shopper for Neiman Marcus on Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Her son recently blessed Laurie with her first grandson.

Patty Nemastil Strachota was reelected for her fifth term for the Wisconsin State Assembly. She serves on the Joint Finance Committee which is responsible for setting the State’s $66 billion budget. She has three wonderful grandchildren and her daughter, Kathleen, recently became engaged to her boyfriend, Andy Kohl.

Margot Fisher Reagan is St. Joseph’s County Superior Court Judge, appointed by Governor Daniels in 2008 and retained in the recent election for six years until the next retention vote. Her oldest child, Brigid ND ’00, and her husband, Benjamin, gave birth to a grandson on Valentine’s Day (Henry Eamon Balcom). Her fourth child, Annie Reagan ’12, graduated from Saint Mary’s in May and now works for the college as an Admissions Counselor. The fifth, Jimmy, is a sophomore at Notre Dame and loved the football success this year (2012). Margot’s mom turned 89 in December, 2012. She worked at Saint Mary’s as a secretary during World War II. Her special needs son, Coley, lives at home and has worked at Notre Dame Food Services for ten years. Katie just started graduate school in Chicago. Margot’s husband, Dan ND ’76, retired from Notre Dame after 28 years in the Development Department and has started his own consulting business. Margot feels blessed to have her dear friends, Marijo Rogers Kelly and her husband, Kevin, live in the same town as they have been very best friends for almost 40 years.

Mary Ann Daly is in private practice as a psychotherapist and has recently finished a book titled, Ladies Start Your Engines: heart energy, power and You. She is in the process of looking for a publisher.

Ann Praught runs The Dedham Flower Shoppe and it’s been in business for 35 years. She is a biker babe and belongs to the Hyde Park Harley Riders and the Marco Riders who travel the country. Last month, she and boyfriend, Dominic DiGilio, took a cruise from San Francisco down to Puerto Viarto. While in San Diego, she connected with Jose Alonso ND ’75, who is the Director of the Federal Reserve Bank. She writes that Carlotta “Carla” Romano Grossman is the Regional Director of the FINRA, which is the largest independent regulator for all securities firms doing business in the United States. Her husband, Jim, is Vice President and Management Supervisor for Williams-Labade. They live in Chicago, Rancho Valencia, and Nantucket. Kathleen Feehan George and her husband, Craig George ND ’77, have a son living abroad. Cathy Pugliese Saulitis is in London where she watched the ND-USC game. Lucy Hammer Geerer is teaching in an all-boys’ Catholic high school in Kentucky. She lives in an adorable house there. Her son graduated from Xavier in Ohio.
Mary Beth Culotta Waickman writes: My husband, Mike, and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary in June. We live in Akron, Ohio. Mike has an allergy and immunology medical practice, where I also work. We have three daughters: Colleen, a senior at Ohio Wesleyan University; studying in Europe this year; my Matron of Honor. Celebrating with us were Blankenburg Kiep, Eisenlohr Moul and Nielsen in Cincinnati. Other classmates I love are the History Department, is still living in South Bend and still rooting for the Notre Dame football and basketball teams. My husband, John ND ’79, and I visit South Bend fairly often; our youngest, Joanna, a senior at Notre Dame, is a member of the women’s rowing team which competed in the NCAA Women’s Championships last year. Joanna has been named a College Rowing Coaches of America Scholar-Athlete for the last two years. Son, Justin ND ’09, is in graduate school at Washington State University, and daughter, Rachael ND ’10, is a social media analyst with Nielsen in Cincinnati. Other classmates I love to hear from are Judy Vanderheyden Adamo in South Bend, Sara Conway Zimmermann in Chicago, Dianne Rauseo in Maryland, and Patti Maguire Butterfield in Massachusetts.

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From the Courier: From Mary Anne Dempsey Poinsets: “For the past few years, former Holy Cross Hall inhabitants Jean Kyle Fulcher, Barbara Blankenburg Kiep, Maria Tan Mitchell, Pam Eisenlohr Moul, Mary Beth Higgins Williams and I have been meeting once a year in the fall for mini-reunions. Although everyone cannot make each reunion, those of us who can spend a lot of time talking about our days at Saint Mary’s, laughing at old pictures and just enjoying the chance to be roommates again. Past reunions have taken place in Paducah, Cincinnati, Louisville, and this year’s destination, Nashville, where line dancing in the hotel room, a visit to the Grand Ole Opry, eating barbecue, boot shopping, and watching Notre Dame football were among our activities of the weekend. Next year we hope to meet in Chicago and find out the whereabouts of long-lost roommate Sue McKinney. I also want to let history majors know that my father-in-law, Charles Poinsetts, professor emeritus of the History Department, is still living in South Bend and still rooting for the Notre Dame football and basketball teams. My husband, John ND ’79, and I visit South Bend fairly often; our youngest, Joanna, a senior at Notre Dame, is a member of the women’s rowing team which competed in the NCAA Women’s Championships last year. Joanna has been named a College Rowing Coaches of America Scholar-Athlete for the last two years. Son, Justin ND ’09, is in graduate school at Washington State University, and daughter, Rachael ND ’10, is a social media analyst with Nielsen in Cincinnati. Other classmates I love to hear from are Judy Vanderheyden Adamo in South Bend, Sara Conway Zimmermann in Chicago, Dianne Rauseo in Maryland, and Patti Maguire Butterfield in Massachusetts.

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Fitzgerald Sedlack ’90: Tim is a lifelong Southsider who graduated from Illinois State in 1981 and John Marshall Law School in 1985. After honeymooning for two weeks in Ireland, we returned back to work and home in Evergreen Park, Illinois. I am a Legal Technology Consultant with Pitney Bowes and Tim is a partner with Molzahn, Rocco, Reed and Rouse.

From Maureen O’Brien Kohler: Our daughter, Maddie Kohler, began her freshman year at Saint Mary’s in August. We are happy to report that she loves it and is following in her mother’s footsteps playing varsity basketball for the Belles. The team is young with seven freshmen on the roster, so look for things to blossom over the next few basketball seasons! We are also in the midst of planning a June wedding for our daughter, Katie Kohler ’09, and John Dalhoff ND ’09, to be held at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. On another note, it was fun to see Maureen O’Brien (aka Brown Mo), Mary Stoll Oelerich, and Cindy Schuster ND ’81 at some football games this fall.

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Great friends, I have been traveling a lot! Still, we were able to sneak away to the ND-Pitt game and what a game to remember! While there, we visited the Grotto and tagged with Janice Dwyer Wiggins. Jim ND ’81 and Kathy Woli (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), and Mark ND ’82 and Cindy DeFazio Smetana ND ’82 (Wheaton, Illinois). I missed seeing my gals in November, but since the Linebacker and the Inn are still standing, there is hope for next year! I treasure all my Saint Mary's memories, and continue to marvel at the lessons I learned in those four years. The friends I made have continued to bless my life today! 

Greetings 85’ers! I hope this communication finds you well. I've written a short report this time around. Carol Pratten Smith gets 100% of the press! She let me know that she ran into three of our fabulous classmates at the ND-Purdue game this year: Missy Hussey O’Rear, Debbie Hickey, and Meg Rowley. Another bit of news she shared is that Missy’s twin daughters, Molly and Bridget, are freshmen at Saint Mary’s this year along with Carol’s oldest, Marie. She notes that they look forward to reliving their college days through them! Should be fun! Let us know what you’re up to these days!

From Mary Fran: Mary-Alice O’Grady Sullivan writes that she “is enjoying another bizarre twist in the foreign service life.” She and husband, Tom ND ’86, were posted to Tunisia summer 2011, spent a fine year there, then directly followed Libya, and while the embassy in Tunisia was attacked and badly damaged, and the looters also attacked/burned the neighboring American school. The families and non-emergency staff were evacuated shortly thereafter and so Mary-Alice and kids are currently residing back in Williamsburg, while Tom is still on duty in Tunis. “Families will eventually return to Tunis when the State Dept. issues a decree,” she writes. So glad to hear all is well, Mary-Alice.

I had lunch with Julie Lackner Ryan recently. Julie is doing very well and busy helping with the Nazareth Academy’s fall musical, in which her daughter, Claire, and son, Kevin, both have roles. Son, Rapher, is taking classes at College of DuPage and is on their track team. Only Jack is still at St. Isaac. Jogues grade school. Julie and Paul ND ’86 enjoyed attending an occasional ND game when their schedules allow. Julie sees Laura La Sata O’Neill at St. Isaac. Jogues, where Laura and her husband and their two younger children, Rob, 7th grade, and Annie, 3rd grade, Laura and Dan’s older boys, Tim and John, attend St. Ignatius High School. Laura and family live in Hinsdale. Julie is in contact with Bridget Hayes Gallagher who lives in Wheaton with husband, Patrick, and their five children. Maeve is a junior at Chistendom College in Virginia, Cormac is a freshman at Francis-Can University in Stubenville, Liam and Caithrin attend Wheaton Warrenville High School, and little Ciara is a first grader. Thanks for the updates, Julie!

Jeanne Grammens is delighted that daughter, Gabrielle, is enjoying her semester in Rome as part of Saint Mary’s program. Son, Nicholas, is finishing his degree at Indiana University and is thinking about law school. Daughter, Madeline, is a senior in high school and is figuring out college plans. Tomas, an eighth grader, keeps Jeannie smiling. Along with her work in campus ministry at Marian College, Jeannie also takes in a college student or two who are in need of a landing place. I got to visit Jeannie in her lovely home in Indianapolis last June and saw the wonderful community that encircles her.

I visited with Margo Mischer-Phillin and husband, Jim ND ’86, at Jim’s father, John Philbin’s, wake in November. They drove in from Duluth, Minnesota, with their two daughters. Lucy is a high school freshman and is running on the cross country team, and Margo is homeschooling Rose, who is in fourth grade and a voracious reader. Mr. Philbin lived a great life. God rest his soul.

I ran into Kelly Portolese Murphy after Mass in the Crypt at Notre Dame. Kelly was there with husband, Marty ND ’86, and their three lovely children. We had all cheered the Irish to victory the day prior at the Wake Forest game. Kelly and family are well and busy in Western Springs, Illinois.

As for us, we have one big change. My husband, Michael ND ’85, is now a professor in the Engineering College at Notre Dame. Mike is thoroughly enjoying teaching in the Notre Dame environment. Mike is commuting weekly from our suburban Chicago home, but we will likely move to South Bend this summer. Our son, Brendan, is taking classes at College of DuPage and working. Our daughter, Catherine, is a senior at Montini Catholic where she helped her Cross Country team win third place in the State Meet. Our daughter, Megan, is a sophomore who enjoys playing basketball and running track. I enjoy playing tennis a couple times a week, and have also taken up running. Please send me a quick email and let us know how you are. God bless.

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Greetings 85’ers! I hope this communication finds you well.

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Members of the class of 1985 ran into each other at the Notre Dame/Purdue game last fall. Left to right: Carol Pratten Smith, Missy Hussey O’Rear, Debbie Hickey, and Meg Rowley.
The holidays are right around the corner, and it seems there is never enough time to visit or catch up with old friends. The time I have spent with family, though, has been very fulfilling. My son, Michael, was 18 this summer. It's going to be a blast!

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1989 Classmates took advantage of a free weekend in September and got together in Chicago for a girls’ weekend. Pictured left to right: Kelly Styma Collins, Linda Arce Cosgrove, Heidi Hirschle Hexamer, Karen Callahan Roddy, and Carrie Deane Corcoran. They enjoyed lunches, dinners, and a soccer game in which Heidi’s and Karen’s daughters played each other (fortunately they tied)!

and went directly to Soldier Field for Pat Cook’s ND ‘89 tailgate. She met up with Katy Burns, Robert Sedlack ND ‘89, Tom Schlegel ND ‘90, Matt Hofstedt ND ‘89, Paul Waguespack ND ’89, Bill Dunn ND ‘89, Jim Barrett ND ’89, Mike Ford ND ’89, and many others. The week included a wonderful lunch with Sue Dorcak Eulia-

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For Barb Bolla Kopko and Tom, the unforgettable football season was the back-drop to catch up with Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame friends. The Kopko’s hosted a Soldier Field Mami game tailgate which was attended by Peggy Halloran and her son, Aidan, Lisa Ting Yee ‘88: Suzie Bare Snyder ‘88 and Jay, and Karen Walker ‘88 who traveled from Del Rey Beach, Fl. In November. Lynne Laufer Kasperan and her sons, Christopher and Daniel, watched Notre Dame’s victory over USC at the Kopko’s house. Prior to the football season, Barb met up with: Deanne Wachel Sabatino and her three children: Anna (14), Mary (12) and Michael (9), who traveled from Colum-

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From Sue: I heard from Erin Gallagher Stein-

Tina Donahue Hatch married Greg Hatch in June 2011. Together they have five children between them (Tina’s three and Greg’s two) ranging from ages eight to 16 (quite a lively bunch when the whole gang is together)! Tina freelances as a makeup artist, for Lancôme, Chanel, and Laura Mercier. She has also done some acting and modeling for Modelogic-Wilhelma. Sharp-eyed classmates will have seen her in a national commercial for Bassett Furniture which began airing in September, primarily on HGTV, though it’s been on other networks. In the commercial, Tina plays an “empty nester”. She disavows all responsibility for her wardrobe and makeup choices! Tina is also active raising funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation on behalf of her son, Conan, and loves cooking, running and spending time with family.

Maureen Abood is living in northern Michigan, where she is writing, cooking, and photographing her wonderful food blog, Rose Water & Orange Blossoms, at www.maureenabood.com. She launched the site after completing culinary school in San Francisco last year.

Laura Jacob married Kevin Thomas Wozniak on October 13, 2012, in an absolutely beautiful wedding in Chicago. Sarah Hughes Smith, Laura’s roommate for all four years at Saint Mary’s, was able to take some time away from her new full-time position teaching second grade, to be one of Laura’s bridesmaids. The-resa Hart Dearing sang a spectacular “Ave Maria,” and many of our classmates were able to attend including Katie Ortmann Hirsch, Chrsissy Fleming Giesinger, Colleen Mooney McGee, Mary Cassidy, Maria Tele-sca, and I. It was a fabulous weekend filled with love, laughs, and nostalgia. About a month before Laura’s wedding, many of us gathered at the Hershery Hotel for a spa (and chocolate-filled) weekend as Laura’s bachelorette celebration. In addition to the group who was able to make it to the wedding, Linda En

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I’m very excited to report that I’ve received many responses for the class news section after my plea to everyone and I think the class of 1991 has our groove back! I was very inspired by what everyone wrote.

Michelle Seery Lantz and her husband, Kirby, are thrilled to report that after 27 months of chemo-

Laura Carey Totman lives in Maine with her husband, Jeff, and three children, ages 15, 14, and 12. She survived breast cancer at the age of 37, and is currently a junior nursing student at Husson Uni-

Andrea Regan Blanchford has been home-

Debbie Rybarczyk Pacer recently remarried in August 2012. She has two boys, ages 9 and 12. She is in her 22 year of teaching!
Heather Maverick Rusbansen volunteers at her children's schools. She and her family traveled to Alaska this past summer to hike around Denali, raft, heli-hike a glacier, and whale watch.

Colleen Walsh Shelburne lives in Smyrna, Georgia, with her husband, Cody, and daughter, Kate (3). She and her husband both work for Turner Broadcasting. Colleen has been a professional commercial and portrait photographer for 20 years. Check out her business website at www.colleenwalsh.com.

Raquel Matthews Gianfermi is currently working as a director of education at Saint Mary Medical Center in Hobart, Indiana. She published an article in the Journal of Nursing Management in November 2011. She has two sons, Andrew (15), and Adam (11). She writes that Donna Combs Groves lives in Illinois with her husband, Scott, and five children. Raquel also keeps in touch with Elizabeth LaPres Roodbeen, who works for a cardiology group as a nurse clinician. She lives in Michigan with her husband, Patrick, and children, Mac (13), Kate (11), and Jake (8). She has returned to work recently, substitute teaching at University Liggett School. Sadly, her father, Thomas Mayer, passed away in September 2012 from Alzheimer's disease.

Katie Lieberman Scott lives in Denver, Colorado, with her husband, Christopher, and children, Linnex (14), and Sarah (9). She works in schools as a speech-language pathologist.

Anne Parker Baker has a cookie company in Napa Valley, California, called Annie the Baker (An-nietheBaker.com). She makes cookies for those who love cookie dough more than the cookie!

Angela McDonald-Fisher recently joined the Saint Mary's College Board of Directors. She is enjoying connecting with former classmates, meeting and mentoring current students, and supporting Saint Mary's.

Jennifer Jermano Miller ’93 and Gretchen Flicker ’93 share a moment at the South Bend Center for the Homeless “Dancing with our Stars” fundraiser in April 2012. Jennifer was one of the celebrity dancers and raised over $11,000 in donations for the homeless center.

From Jennifer Jermano Miller: Christine Smiggen Forester and her husband, Jeff, welcomed Thomas Robert Forester on June 15, 2012, at 8:13 p.m. He was 5 lbs., 3 oz. and 19.5 inches long. He was baptized on November 21, 2012, at Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church in Orchard Lake, Michigan.

Jennifer Danahy Stewart’s grandmother, Rita M. Danahy, passed away in October. She is also the grandmother of Kathy Danahy Perinstein ’89 and Kathy’s daughter, Ellie Perinstein ’14.

Vidya Ramsamoju reports, “Still nothing normal to report in my world. I quit my job at Gilt Groupe and took off on October 18, 2012 to Nepal, where I trekked in the Himalayas then did a Habitat build there, a quick jaunt through Cambodia, and now I’m hanging out in Nam, Saigon. Ho Chi Minh City is amazing! My return ticket back to New York City and unemployment is on January 3, 2012.”

Erin Hardin writes, “Charlotte Mary Hardin Meyn was born on October 7, 2008, and adopted on May 19, 2011, from Pereira, Colombia. She joins her older siblings: Walker, Murphy, Hudson, and Lola. We are still loving life in New Orleans. I just got a promotion as the special education coordinator for nine turnaround schools in the metro area.”

Michelle Budd Munch and husband, Bill, would like to announce the birth of their son, John Daniel, on December 11, 2011. His eight other siblings are really enjoying him. Michelle continues to home school and truly enjoys it.

Even though Jennifer Jermano Miller lives outside of Chicago, she continues to support the South Bend community. Last April, she was honored to be invited to dance as one of the stars in The Center for the Homeless “Dancing with our Stars” auction. Jennifer solely raised over $11,000, by asking the celebrity dancers and raised over $11,000 in donations for the homeless center.

Gretchen Flicker not only traveled to South Bend in April, she and her husband, Doug Twisselmann, returned to New Zealand, where they celebrated their March 2011 wedding to visit Dawn Sandgren Firmstone, her husband, and two children.

Amy Svoboda Thomas and her husband, Dr. Robert Thomas, welcomed a daughter, Claire Marie, on February 20, 2012, just one year after their February 12, 2011, wedding.
Bonjour tout le monde! I hope this finds you doing well. It was wonderful seeing so many of you at Reunion. I always love being back on campus. Being that we live so far away, it doesn’t happen that often, which makes it even more special when it does.

As I write, we are in the middle of our final exam period so I am going to start right in with classmate updates. Sit back, relax, and enjoy!

On the East Coast (Connecticut), Kimberly Fleming Christenson sends news of a new arrival in her family. “We welcomed our fifth child, Daphne Isabelle, on December 15, 2011. All the other children are enjoying their new baby sister!”

Nearby in New Jersey, Rose Maciejewski Farley and her husband, Greg, welcomed their first child, Magnolia Rose, on October 17, 2012. Rose writes, “It’s been an eventful year as we finally decided to stop renting in Brooklyn and buy a house in Montclair, New Jersey. Though we were without power for eight days during Superstorm Sandy, we love having more space.”

In Arizona news, Gayla Spenny Jensen married Per Riff Jensen on March 23, 2012, in Scottsdale, Arizona. Kelly Cook Lewis served as matron of honor and her daughter, Riley Lewis, was the flower girl. Also in attendance were Sameena Hussain Wafa, Nicole Hannon Roberson and her husband, Russ, Mary Bransfield ’87, Karen Valente Brady ’79 and daughter Caitlin, and Constance Griffin Dubick ’68.

Out in the Midwest, Lidija Mitris Fremeau writes, “Now that my children are in school, I am working to grow my photography business: LAF Lines Photography. Whilst I studied neither photography nor business at Saint Mary’s, I feel that this is truly what I was intended to pursue.” Lidija, her husband, Scott, and their two sons live in Jackson, Michigan.

Also living in Michigan is Amy O’Loughlin, who emailed me earlier this fall with this news: “I wanted to send an update that I finally got married on June 29, to Mark Courtney in Chesterfield, Michigan, which is a suburb of Detroit. We are now living in Chesterfield. I am still working at Quicken Loans as a strategic analyst. I was bummed to have to miss the reunion. I hope to see everyone at the next one.”

From Wisconsin, Lindsey Friend Moloney writes, “We are settling into our new home in Milwaukee bit by bit! We have a new baby, Keelin Audrey, born March 2. We are just down the street from Molly Schleeter Bell. We haven’t lived in the same city or state since Saint Mary’s College. Who would have guessed this would have worked out? It is so nice to have our best friends down the street. I taught elementary music in Kansas until I had Keelin, but am now looking forward to being a stay at home mom (and to traveling to Saint Mary’s and ND without flying, checking in cars, renting a car, etc. Go fish!”

Suzanne DeChatelet sends the following update from Illinois: “I’ve been with Sun-Times Media, in Chicago, since 1999, and started a blog in January (ChirpyGirls.com) with fellow writer and neurotic, Jennifer Mifflin. We’ve been picked up as a bi-monthly online column for the Sun-Times. The blog centers around our crazy tales of adventure and life and celebrates our sisterhood and how it’s a foundation for surviving motherhood. We are looking to empower women everywhere by being honest and forthright in every post. I’d love to spread the word to other alumns. The blog has seen tremendous growth and it’s a very exciting time for us.” Suzanne tells me that ChirpyGirls also has a Facebook page. If you would be willing to “like” it, paste this link into your browser: http://www.ChirpyGirls.com. I am sure they would be grateful.

Out in the Chicago suburbs, April Sass Johnson and husband, Jay, welcomed Grace Elizabeth on October 9, at 4:34 p.m. April wrote that all were doing well, including their son, Andy. I have seen a few pictures and she is adorable. I look forward to meeting her, hopefully over Christmas.

Finally, Emilie DeAngelis sends the following update: “I’m in Chicago working on the development and alumni relations team at the Latin School, which is the oldest private K-12 school in the city. I really love working with our alumni here. There are a couple of Saint Mary’s moms at Latin, including Carmen LaPiana Koloskov from our class. I just recognized her in an event photo a few months ago and we had a chance to grab coffee and catch up. Before I came to Latin, I spent about 10 years working in the arts, most notably as a director on the Art Institute’s campaign to build the Modern Wing. That was an amazing experience and an honor to work on, and I sometimes still can’t quite believe it when I drive by it on Monroe Street. My son just turned two this month, and is the current center of my universe. Being a mommy is the absolute best, especially in this amazing city.”

Thank you everyone for your updates and congratulations on all your wonderful news! I always enjoy receiving them and sharing them with our classmates. Speaking of that, our next deadline is April 1. Please send me your updates the week before at the latest. I look forward to receiving them! Wishing you all a blessed, joyful, healthy, and peaceful holiday season. À bientôt, mes amies, Amy
On July 26, Lis Sonneveld gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. Lis, her husband, Matthew Smith, and 3-year-old son, Kellan, are all very excited about Caroline Marie Sonneveld Smith.

And Sandven Schwartz and her husband, Rick, ND ’92, welcomed a son, Porter, on July 15, 2012. They live in Landstuhl, Germany, where she is the nurse manager of the oncology unit in the American Military Hospital there.

Julie Byrdak Jaworski and husband, John, welcomed their first child, Nolan Walter, on August 4, 2012. Everyone is happy and healthy residing in La Grange Park, Illinois. Julie has decided to leave her job for a more rewarding one, motherhood!

Jeanne Weigel Pickering and her husband welcomed their second daughter, Maya Elizabeth, on November 26, 2012. Maya joins big sisters, Olivia.

Leslie Zieinski Walsh married EdWalsh Jr. in Shelbyville, Indiana, on October 13, 2012. Belles who intended to include Michelle Janko Meade, Ingrid Yan, Bernadette Quast Amico ’00, Briana Minadeo ’00, Natalie Caruso Sanford ’01, and Kerry Gill Rogers ’02.

Jennifer Gill Miles recently started her own little business called “three boys and a girl,” making and selling t-shirts and towels for children and adults. Check out her website: www.threeboyandagirl.blogspot.com.

Tina Alley DiSanto hosted a mini-reunion in September at her home in Cincinnati, Ohio. Meg Fischer Spartz, Karen Kellner Birling, Meghan Nash Kannavan, Charise Desmarteau Oeleg, and Marge Schugt had their families in tow. All told, ten adults and seven kids enjoyed a weekend of food and friends complete with a bounce house in the backyard! Tina welcomed her second child on November 26, 2011, another healthy baby boy named Luca Domenic DiSanto.

This December, Kelly Clement celebrated nine years as office manager at the Salem County Sportsmen’s Club. She completed her NRA Rifle and Range Safety Officer Instructor Certification this fall and will complete Shotgun and Pistol in the spring. This summer, she was able to spend some time with Monica Wagner, while she was doing research in Baltimore. They hit Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and the Shore. She was able to see Kristin Nunheimer Crawford and Amy Johns at the ND v. Pitt game. Jessica Stuifenberg was kind enough to let Kelly and her friends rent her house. Also, after 12 years of living with lupus, it is under control and she has been very healthy for the past year.

From Moira: Donielle Dodde Xu announced Charlotte Paula Xu was born August 15, 2012, and joined big sisters, Sophia (7), and Heidi (5). “We are living in Glen Ellyn, Newcomers Club and school. in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and have really enjoyed getting involved at St. James the Apostle Church and school.

From Alyson: Greetings 2001 Belles! As always, our class is as busy as ever — enjoy the updates! Baby Belles abound! Andrea Herek Weters wrote, “What a year! On April 22, we welcomed Grace Christine into our family! My husband, Keith, his brothers, Jack, and Max, and I love her to pieces. I cannot wait until she becomes a Belle… in a few years. In June, I was fortunate to spend a weekend with Mary Wald Duncan. Kelly Serritt Clancy Chris Diana Crissman, Molly McCoy and Alice Fox Fausla. Keeping with our tradition to reunite annually, we basked in the sun and fun of northern Michigan. What a great weekend! The countdown is on for next year.”

And Emily Koelsch Reubi added, “Prior to Hurricane Sandy, we had a very busy spring and summer. We welcomed our second child, Alexander James, on April 10. He is wonderful and hard to believe that he is already six months old. He is very happy and smiley and loves Will unconditionally. Will is almost four years old and looks like a kindergartner! The other big news to report from the summer is that I became a partner at my pediatric private practice and am excited for all the changes coming our way!”

More Baby Belles! Becky Stephens Pavich shared exciting news, “Chad and I welcomed Alexander Jackson Pavich to our family on September 11. Katy is extremely excited and loves being a big sister! I am still the principal at Lowell Middle School here in Indiana, and am excited for all the changes coming to our school in the next three years.”

Megan Kose Shaughnessy added, “I’m so excited to announce the birth of our first child, Reid Ronn Hesken. He was born on August 30, and so far has been a pretty calm and easygoing guy, just like his daddy!”

Asha Mukerjee Ruiz wrote, “My husband, Kevin, and I welcomed our second daughter, Lopa Mukerjee Ruiz, on March 18, 2012. Big sister, Anabelle (3), is so proud!”

More exciting Belle news! Kathy Fech shared, “This spring I got a job offer from Ascension Catholic Church in Oak Park, Illinois, as a director of religious education. I moved to Oak Park this summer and have been working there since July. I’m very much enjoying the new life I’m building in Chicagoland. Thanks to the many Belles who’ve reached out to me since I published the story of my divorce in last winter’s Courier! You’ve helped immensely during this transition phase of my life.”

More exciting! Kelly Wahl published in December, I was promoted to branch underwriting director in CNAs Baltimore Branch. This, of course, means another move. I am relocating to the Baltimore area from Philadelphia in December. It’s a very busy end to the year!”

Kyle Veltri also checked in. “I am in the middle of my eighth year as the assistant women’s golf coach at Notre Dame.”

And Christine Draper wrote, “Lots of changes this year for me! I finally finished my occupational therapy assistant degree and made the transition from personal trainer to therapist. I had the opportunity to do my fourth month internship in Monterey, California, and upon graduation, decided not to go home! I moved from Tucson, Arizona, to Paradise last February and I love the area (beach)! and the job. I look forward to all the places occupational therapy will take me.”

And lastly, life is good for me. The fall has been beautiful in Oregon and my school year has been busy! I’m looking forward to the holidays. Until next time, my best!

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From Katie: Hello ladies of Class of 2002! Another update filled with all of life’s blessings. Our class never ceases to amaze me with their personal and professional accomplishments (and great participation in sending updates!). It was so wonderful to see so many of you on campus at Reunion last spring!

Erica Burkett reports, “I recently got married, November 24, 2012, to Robert Charles Jackson III, in Austin, Texas. Rachel Deer, Lauren O’Neil and Jessica Coulter were in attendance from Saint Mary’s. I’m still working as a nurse anesthetist and loving it along with losing my job as a wife!”

Jen Vojtko Rubi, her husband, Ezra, and their daughter, Lola (4), moved from Raleigh, North Carolina, to Iowa City, Iowa, in August. Jen started her PhD in second language acquisition at the University of Iowa.

Carolyn Solomon Wuick and husband, Eddie, welcomed their third daughter this fall, Jane Frances. Big sisters, Lucy (5), and Anna (3), are thrilled! Lauren Bossy Caruso and her husband, Peter, welcomed a son, Finnian Charles, on April 12, 2012. Big sister, Honour (3), is a big help with her little brother.

Erin Weldon married William Weldon on October 27, 2012, in Hinsdale, Illinois. Many 2002 class alumni came from near and far to celebrate the beautiful bride and groom.

Deborah Iantorno married Daniel McIntyre on September 29, 2012. It was a beautiful mass at St John Athanasius Catholic Church were Debbie has been a first grade teacher for the past ten years. A reception followed at the elegant Chicago Club where everyone danced the night away, ending with Debbie singing a late-night solo with dueling pianos.

Hope M. Amm and her husband, Adam Steg, welcomed a baby boy (Eric Steg) on April 5, 2012. Katie Furman Desjardins, and her husband, Jeff, are excited to announce the birth of their first child on July 11, 2012. They had a little boy, Luke Martin Desjardins.

Noreen Gillespie Connelly welcomed our second child, Amelia Joan, in November. Their oldest, Rylan, who turns two in March, is enjoying his new role as a big brother.

Dawn Hagemeyer married Joseph Ostrowski on November 4, 2011, in Chicago. There were multiple Belles in attendance to enjoy the beautiful November day, including maid of honor Cyndi Hagemeyer ’04, matron of honor Natalie Lutz Brown, and bridesmaid Brigid Buhrfiend. Other class of 2002 Belles included: Francesca Casaccio Rabchuk, Monica Berg, Mary Kate Driscoll, Tracy Graf, Kara Kotynek Cullen, Sarah Kofflin, Carolyn Solomon Wuick, Erin Weldon, and Mary Weiland Hutchison. It was a great mini-Saint Mary’s reunion.

Dawn and Joe own a condo in the Wicker Park neighbor-
bhorhood of Chicago and she continues to work for General Electric as an IT project manager. Dawn and Joe also welcomed a baby boy and named him Jack Joseph on September 27, 2012. Jack weighed in at 7 lbs., 15 oz. and was 21 inches long.

This update comes from Erin McGarry Hardison. “Scott and I were blessed with a girl, Quinn Meryl, on June 21, 2012. We are thrilled with her! I returned to work in speech pathology publishing after my maternity leave. I am the testing coordinator and I continue to write and edit a variety of speech therapy materials and standardized tests. We live in Davenport, Iowa, and love being near both of our families.”

Kristin Martin Bramfeld also has a new addition to her family. She reports, “We had a baby boy on August 13, 2012. Henry Martin Bramfeld was born, he was 8 pounds and 1 ounce and 20 inches long.”

Allison Doherty McSherry reports, “On September 28, 2012, we were blessed with the arrival of Elizabeth Therese McSherry. She weighed 8.8 lbs. and 21 inches long on September 28, 2012, we were blessed with the arrival of Elizabeth Therese McSherry. She weighed 8.8 lbs. and 21 inches long.

Christine Walker Gresik reports, “My husband and I moved to a new home in Elmhurst shortly after the arrival of our second child (Madison Marie) who was born June 15, 2012. My son, Brayden (2½ years-old), loves playing with his new little sister and is enjoying life in the suburbs! After finishing general surgery residency at Loyola University Medical Center, I completed a fellowship in breast surgical oncology at Northwestern University. I am now practicing at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital with a specialty in breast surgery. We were thrilled to visit with Shannon Veit, Sandy Lonick, and Denise Rasche Elsworth this fall while celebrating Shannon’s wedding in Seattle, Washington.”

Jolie LeBeau Fair welcomed her newest addition, Beau Patrick, to their family on September 14, 2012. He was 9 lbs., 7 oz. Conner is deﬁ nitely outnumbered with four sons, a husband, and a male puppy at her house, but she loves it.

Capri Cronin and Captain Brendan Cronin welcomed Conner Declan Cronin on September 13, 2011. He was 9 lbs., 7 oz. Conner was able to meet his first Saint Mary’s friend the day he returned home from the hospital when Tracy Graf came to visit him.

Shanna is still working as a lawyer for the US Army Judge Advocate General Corps. She is the senior defense counsel for Fort Knox, Kentucky, and has been living in Louisville, Kentucky, for the past two years. Abeer Zayed Zayed and husband, Diaa, welcomed their second child, Omar, in July 2012. Her daughter, Audriana, just turned two and loves her brother! In December 2012, Ann Marie Denny Keeler was promoted to executive project manager at MLive Media Group, the largest media company in Michigan. Previously she was the public relations and business development manager for the company’s ten Michigan markets.

Francesca Casaccio Rabchuk and husband, Ben, welcomed their first child, a daughter, Olivia Annette, on April 5, 2012. She weighed 9 lbs., 12 oz. and has been a happy and fun baby!

Brianne Duncan Milligan and her husband, Ryan: ND Law ’09, welcomed their ﬁ rst child, a son, Leo Gregory, on August 15, 2012. He joins his four older sisters, Elia, Camille, Mallory, and Lucy.

Kathy Harter Harris reports, “After living in Vienna, Austria, for three years, we have returned to the greater Washington, DC area where we bought a home in Springfield, Virginia. We also brought home the best souvenir from Austria, our daughter, Allison Rose! The past two years have been spent getting our home in order and reconnecting with fellow Saint Mary’s alumna such as Laura Porto Atkins ’03, Lisa Campbell, Colleen Weigel, and other new mom classmates online.”

And, if all those updates aren’t exciting enough, Mandy “Two Shows” Schomas Soderstrom and her husband, Danny, report that they added a new water heater to their family!

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Thanks to all who shared their news with us. We love hearing from you!

Happy 2013, Class of 2004! I hope each of you had a holiday season full of prosperity, health, and happiness. This past year was full of travels, births, and anniversaries for our class.

My husband, Darin, and I celebrated our baby boy’s first Christmas, which was so magical. Besides being a stay at home mom to our 5-month old son, Broderick (Broc), I work from home for the CFO of a Big 10 University and I’m the CEO of my own company (www.MotorCityVintageRentals.com). Elizabeth Diehl Newcomb moved to Colorado Springs. Her husband, Jeff ND ’04, is teaching aeronautical engineering at the Air Force Academy. As usual, they’ve been doing a lot of traveling, which included a trip to Puerto Rico for Christmas.

During this past Labor Day weekend, Jen Urgon- ski Keck, Sarah Miller Coppinger, Kimberly Gans, Maggie Gariglio Busam, Cecilia Oleck Street, and Daniela Urs Jones caught up and watched the Irish win their first game of their undefeated season. They gathered at Kimberly’s house, which she opened to them with open arms and yummy food! They also walked around campus and caught up on life.

Jen is enjoying being a mom to her beautiful son Jacob, and traveling the world with her husband, Chris- topher Sarah and her husband, Brian, just welcomed their third child, beautiful son, Lucas Andrew Coppinger. Kimberly is working hard and playing hard, enjoying her family and sweet nephews. Maggie is enjoying her two wonderful kids and doing a great job juggling a career at the same time. Cecilia and her husband, Curt, welcomed their second child, super sweet baby boy, Nocco Francis Street, earlier this year. Daniela and her husband, Casey, just celebrated their first wedding anniversary. All in all, everyone is happy and healthy and thankful for it! Until next time, I wish each of you and your families my very best and can’t wait to hear all of your exciting news that awaits you in the New Year!

Greetings Class of 2005! Our classmates have a lot of exciting news to share this issue, so grab a comfy seat and dig in.

April Thomas writes that she started a new position with Northern Trust in Chicago as a communica- tions specialist in their corporate communications department. She heard about the position through Emily Blaha ’03. (Yeah SMC networking!)

Lora Wilcomb Martinez married Adrian Martinez on June 8, 2012, at St. Patrick’s Church in Scottsdale, Arizona. Melissa Montoya Glorioso and Katie Schultz were in attendance.

Jodie Emerick accepted a new position as a senior financial analyst with Availign Technologies in Warsaw, Indiana.

Margaret BonDurant Clemency and her husband, Rob, had a baby boy! Robert Edward Clemency IV was born on January 13, 2012.

Patricia Mobolade graduated from Jones Graduate School of Business at Rice University with a masters in business administration.

Pamela Kane Kelly writes that she and her husband, David (ND ’04), welcomed their first child, Harper Marie Kelly, April 30, 2012. Harper is happy & healthy and welcomed with open arms by her other SMC/ND relatives, grandparents, Linda Montella Kane ’73 and Mike Kane ND ’72, Auntie Amy Kane Fox ’08, & cousin Jillian Fata ’14.

Lisa Walton Roelle and her husband, Ethan, are

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overjoyed and excited to announce the birth of their
daughter, Lillian Eden, on April 21, 2012. They reside in
Davisburg, Michigan, and enjoy watching Lillian grow.
Tabitha Rand writes that she had an exciting
year. She left Charleston, South Carolina, and has
settled in Brookfield, Connecticut, with the love of
her life. She is still participating in the USAF Reserves
and is attending grad school.
Lindsay Downs Valencourt and her husband,
Jesse, welcomed their new baby girl, Adele Marie,
Adele Marie, on April 9, 2012. She weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz., was
20 in. long, and has a head full of beautiful hair! Lindsay is
planning to stay home with Adele instead of teaching
and, so far, she is loving motherhood!
Courtney Watson recently accepted a position at
McAllister & Quinn in Washington, DC as director of
grants, policy, and federal affairs. She will be working
with many of the firm’s non-profit and higher educa-
cation clients to help expand their federal grant
and foundation funding efforts as well as advocate for
their needs on Capitol Hill.
Meghan Scallen Welch reports, “Eric and I
welcomed our first child on October 18. He came
in at a healthy 9 pounds, 6 ounces and 21 inches
long. Everyone is doing well and we are excited to
celebrate his first Christmas!”
On August 4, 2012, Sister Kathryn “Katie”
Press, ASCJ professed her first vows as an Apostle of
the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Hamden, Connecticut.
Being surrounded by family, friends, and her religious
sisters added to the joy of the occasion. Among the
guests were fellow BLST majors Molly Burns ’06 and
Sarah Harward Haywood, and her family. Sister
Katie moved to St. Louis, Missouri, in August where
she began teaching elementary school religion using
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Ambrose
Elementary School.
Elaine “Laney” Lee Hill married Kevin Hill on
July 14, 2012, and says, “We got married in St. Louis,
Missouri, and it was a wonderful time! I also got a
new job in October 2011 with Cempatica. I am using
my social work degree as an outpatient utilization
manager and am the primary UM for Illinois.”
Carolyn Gass recently graduated from nursing
school in Denver, Colorado, and says, “I graduated with
my BSN and took my boards on July 24th and
passed! I am now officially a RN and will start work-
ing in Michigan very soon.”
Victoria Orpin Windowy says, “Charles and I
welcomed our third child, a daughter, Teagan Rose, on
October 4, 2012. She is a blessing!”
Sheila Eghts LaMaster says, “My husband, Chris,
and I welcomed our third child on September 28,
2012. His name is Michael Gerard LaMaster.”
Holly Eckert Belzowski says, “Our news is that
Keith, Jude, and I welcomed another little boy, Jonah
Belzowski, on October 18, 2012.”
Michele Schmelzer writes, “My husband
Stefan and I welcomed our first daughter, Tessa
Anne, on January 31, 2012.”
Lisa Walton Roelle and her husband, Ethan,
welcomed their daughter, Lillian Eden Roelle, on
April 21, 2012. She is now 7 months and is a happy little
lady. Lisa plans to begin a new venture as a physician
social worker for the past three years while she
attends college at UPU.
Kristen Playko Weintraut and her husband,
Drew, welcomed their first child, Audrey Marlies, on
October 5. The new family is still living in Lafayette,
Indiana, where Kristen is teaching German, accounting,
and marketing at Lafayette Central Catholic Jr./Sr. High
School. Kristen writes, “Happy Holidays to all my Belles!”
Aundra Maxbauer Kirby was married to James Kirby
on June 11, 2011, in North Carolina. They currently live in
California, where James is stationed with the United States
Army at Vandenberg Air Force Base. Audra is teaching part-
time at a local school district and volunteering as a
CASA advocate for children in the foster care system.
Breeana Gregory Wallick writes, “On February
25, 2012, at 9:12 a.m., my husband, Ryan, and I wel-
ocmed our second little girl into our family. Teagan
Grace Wallick was 7 lbs., 10 oz., and 20 inches long.
Her big sister, Madelyn, can’t get enough of her.”
Amy Parker married Jim Dawson on October
15, 2011, at the Ritz Charles in Carmel, Indiana, with
Amber Steury Messick and Kate Shaffer as
bridesmaids. Sarah Miesle was also in attendance.
The couple resides in Brownsburg, Indiana, and is
expecting their first child in May 2013!
Colleen Courtney and Eric Robinson were
married at Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish in
Melrose, Massachusetts, on a beautiful fall day on
Saturday, October 20, 2012. Laura Frechette and
Perryn White McLeod were bridesmaids, and Chris-
tie Pearl Rastello. Caroline “Cheeta” Stancukas,
Nicole Leach, and Sarah Miesle were in attendance.
Chrysly Derek married Chauncey Kasmark on
August 18, 2012, in New Buffalo, Michigan, at
the Marina Grand Resort. Christie Pearl Rastello and
Mary Kate Lucas attended.
Erica Antonucci married Jeffrey Kempe on May 12,
2012, in Youngstown, Ohio. Bridesmaids included Alli-
sion Greene ’08, Armene Gavoro Kapamajian, Kelly
Meehan, Kate Wallach, Laura Coristin Shimer ’04,
and Michelle Coristin Wiechkoske. Emily Kempe ’09,
Amber Shaffer ’08, Kathleen Kindt Zieliinski, Judy
festivities included Gina Gonzella Ensell Christina
Pales, and Caitlin Fitzpatrick ’08. Aaron and I look
forward to continuing our married life in Chicago.
Brittany Hartford married Shane Donnelly on April
14. She received her JD from the University of North Carolina, and South Carolina. Rosemary Walsh attended. The newly
moved couple resides in Toledo, Ohio, where Brittany is a
five grade teacher at St. Joan of Arc School.
Grace Guebert and Andrew Foxwell were mar-
ned September 2, 2012, in Washington, DC.
On June 16, 2012, Brooke Sheldon Smeeck-
ert married Aaron Smeeckt in Grand Rapids,
Michigan. In attendance were Meghan Honerlaw,
Kerry Busz, Megan Osberger, Erin Anhut, and
Meghanan Herb Arzberger, and Jay Dunne and
Nichole Molinar, 2007 and 2009 Holy Cross graduates,
respectively. The couple currently lives near Saratoga
Springs, New York, where Brooke works as a French
teacher, and Aaron works as a nuclear plant engineer
with Knolls Atomic Power Lab.
Kelly Barnett recently completed her PhD in plants,
sols, and insects (weed science) in October 2012 from
the University of Tennessee. Kelly graduated at the top of her
program and recently accepted a position with DuPont Crop Protection as a field develop-
ment representative for Indiana and Kentucky. Her father,
Barry J. Barnett, sadly passed March 10, 2012.
Jenny Chmielewski Castro married Edgar Cas-
tro, Jr. on June 22, 2012. Jessica Chmielewiski ’09
was the maid of honor, and Ashley Camlin was
also in attendance. Jenny and Edgar live in Indianapolis
where she has been working as an elementary
school social worker for the past three years while he
attends college at UPU.

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Sarah Staley married Brad Gable on May
26, 2012. Megan Staley ’08, Emily Staley ’11,
Meggan Cassidy, and Emily Fannon served as
bridesmaids and Mary Nelson played piano at the
wedding. Also present were Kathleen Huffman,
Erin Jones, Corrie Brisson, Jennifer Mathile Prik-
kel ’95, Mary Ann Mathile, and Erin Cassidy ’15.

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Happy Spring! I hope everyone had a great win-
ter and happy holiday season! This past summer was
wonderful, with the first of many class reunions for the
class of 2007. Our five year reunion was held at
the end of May and I think we all really enjoyed reliv-
ing dorm and college life! It was also fun to compare
memories with the other classes! It has been a while
since we’ve had an update, so I am excited to share
these updates with our class and other alumnae!
Angie Ellison Keefner writes, “I married Aaron
Keefner in Holy Spirit Chapel on August 4, 2012. Having
a Saint Mary’s College wedding was just as amazing as I
did always thought it would be! We even managed to
quickly get great pictures outside, including an all-Saint
Mary’s girl picture, before it started pouring and the
tornado sirens went off! Other alumnae joining the
The Brink's Company, a global leader in security-related services, named Patty Dunlevy Watson '88 Chief Information Officer, effective January 7, 2013. Watson has nearly 15 years of information technology and shared services management experience, most recently as the senior technology executive for the treasury, credit, and payments division of Bank of America. Prior to her tenure at Bank of America, Ms. Watson was an officer in the United States Air Force for almost ten years, where she last served as director of operations.

Maricruz Segura-Perez '01, was recently elected to the City of East Chicago’s first elected school board. Segura-Perez was one of nine board members who prevailed in a field of 24 hopefuls.

Jill Roberts ’05 was recently awarded a Chicago Bar Foundation Sun-Times Public Interest Law Fellowship, a financial award that will help meet her law school loan obligations. The award is a result of her extraordinary efforts and accomplishments advocating for low-income individuals and families. Roberts joined Cabrini Green Legal Aid in 2010 and her work includes managing a caseload of divorce, order of protection, custody, visitation, parentage, expungement, sealing, and clemency cases.

Elizabeth Martin Kiser ’94 has joined Queens University of Charlotte as Associate vice president and director of development. Kiser will lead strategic fundraising initiatives and manage the development team. Additionally, she will serve as a key fundraiser, building relationships that advance Queens University of Charlotte.

Lucia Anna Trigiani ’80, a principal with MercerTrigiani law firm, has been named “Leader of the Year” by the 2012 class of “Leaders in the Law,” a group of distinguished Virginia attorneys who have made significant contributions to the practice of law. Virginia Lawyers Media, publisher of Virginia Lawyers Weekly, honored Ms. Trigiani and the 27 other honorees during an October 25 reception at the Science Museum of Virginia in Richmond.

Tricia Daly ’10 was named a 2012 Outstanding Nurse by the Minneapolis St. Paul Magazine. Judges reviewed nearly 100 nominations and Daly was recognized in the top twenty. Daly is a registered nurse at United Hospital, where she works in most units of the hospital, including surgery, orthopedics, neurology, epilepsy, and oncology.

Marquita Olsen Carmouche ’64 and her husband, Charles, were honored by the Cenacle Retreat House in Houston, Texas, as examples of spirit-filled people living their spirituality in every aspect of their lives. Quita serves as a retreat presenter and mental health care professional with a special gift of working with individuals in 12-step recovery. Charles was the first Chairman of the Board of the Houston Cenacle, serving in that capacity from 1999-2008.

From Cate

Giulianega Rosato married Joseph Mulherin ND’03, in Mansfield, Ohio, on November 10, 2012. Christine Haunert Dalton served as matron of honor. Also in the wedding party were Anney Brandt and Liz Mulherin ’05. Friends Amanda Goetz Krupa and Megan Boyle ’07 were there, as well as aunts Jennifer Howard Brockway ’90 and M. Catherine Mulherin Longley ’92. It was an exciting joining of large Italian and Irish families!

I look forward to seeing everyone at Reunion this summer. Please be sure to contact me or either of the Class of 2008 Reunion Gift Committee Chairs, Beth McKevitt Knollman or Cara Grabowski, with your updated contact info. Best! Cate

Happy Spring, Belles! Normally it’s a strange experience writing these class notes because I write one season ahead of publication, but right now I’m sitting in a balmy Cincinnati—it’s 70 degrees in December!

We have some really exciting news in this update. We have to keep an eye on the television schedule this June because one of our own, Jessica Billings, will be competing as Miss Pennsylvania in the Miss USA pageant! Jessica won the title on December 2, in Pittsburgh. She’s previously competed in the Miss Wisconsin, Miss Minnesota, and Miss Indiana pageants. Congratulations, Jessica! You’ve got all of Saint Mary’s College rooting for you!

And if you thought that ESPN’s project about Notre Dame’s historic 12-0 season (I’m obviously writing before they win the National Championship) was a lot of fun last fall, you can thank Amara Seville Parseghian who is in her third year at the network. She’s been producing content for SportsCenter and College GameDay and has been able to work on a couple packages for Notre Dame.

More happy news abounds from our classmates who have quite a few new babies. Arlene Forney Fair welcomed Thomas Joseph on August 9 with husband, Bryan ND ’09, to join big sister, Isabella. Thomas was baptized on October 27 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Palm Desert, California.

Sharon Rhode Tracy and husband, Chris ND ’07, welcomed Mary Elizabeth, their first child, on November 10 at St. Joe’s Hospital in Denver.

Kelly Gasior Pittner and husband, Daniel ND ’09, welcomed Daniel Overman Pittner Jr. on March 25. He joins sister, Anna, at home in Pasadena, Maryland, where the family recently relocated to be close to Daniel’s work at Ft. Meade.

Babies weren’t our only accomplishment these past few months, though.

Molly Lamping married Adam Fleck ND ’06, on October 1, in Chicago. Classmates Erin Smith and Jenny Antonelli were able to attend—hope to hear from you ladies for an update next!

Lisa Anderson married Jonathon Herpy on June 9. They both graduated from law school two weeks prior to the wedding so they were ready to let loose with bridesmaids Maggie Johnson, Elsa Summerville and maid of honor Michelle Anderson ’10. They were joined on the dance floor by Kimberly Farah, Sarah Dow Barnes and Laura Gill ’10.

Jenn Mahlke and husband, Jon Wood ND’08, report that they recently moved to Atlanta as Jon attends graduate school at Georgia Tech. Jenn is
working as a mother, baby, and newborn nursery nurse at a local hospital.

And finally, Maureen Seus reports that while she has not gotten married (“or even close”), nor does she have any babies (“again, not even close”), life could not be better in sunny Florida, though she misses Saint Mary’s every day. Maureen works in Magic Kingdom guest relations and VIP tours. She has spent many days in the castle suite and has had the opportunity to meet CEOs, celebrities, and ambassadors from around the world as the face of Disney!

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Hello Class of 2010. I hope everyone had a great year! I was so excited to hear from some of you. I know you all have lots going on. I would love to hear from more of you so we can all share in your life’s joys. I am currently a sixth-grade math teacher in Michigan City, Indiana. Penelope Trethewey Mattice was a reader. Also in attendance was Kendra Fallet Greenmyer, at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Osceola, Indiana. Attendants included Ali Cronin Donahue, Briania Acosta’s grandmother, Marcella Kathryn Wonderly, passed away October 17, 2012.

Kendra says, “One of the most precious aspects of our marriage celebration was having so many of our dearest ‘sisters’ from Saint Mary’s College present to share in our joy. Our friendships have become even richer, if possible, since leaving Saint Mary’s a couple of years ago, and their travels to Colorado to be with us were beyond incredible.”


Casie Hamman was married on July 6, 2012 to Jordanucci ND ’10.

Anna Kammrath married Andrew Derksen ND ’10, on August 4, 2012, at St. Mary’s Church in Ottsville, Indiana. Attendants included Allison Bandeen, Jane Fleming, and Ali Cronion Donahue.

Brianna Acosta’s grandmother, Marcella Kathryn Wonderly, passed away October 17, 2012.

Courtney Parry ’09 hosted an event at her home in the Silver Lake area of Los Angeles, in November. This was a chance for young alumnae in the area to gather and meet before the holiday season.

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Holly Karches I accepted a job as a pediatric nurse at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital and Medical Center! I have been working there since August.

Taylor Paton I am currently in my first year of graduate school at Indiana University’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs for a masters in public affairs. I am concentrating in local government management and public financial administration.

Lauren Lees: Hello Saint Mary’s College! I am so happy to report I just got hired on as a RN on the labor and delivery floor at Methodist Hospital in downtown Indianapolis!

Emily Schmitt: I started graduate school at The New School for Drama in their masters of playwriting program.

Brittany VanSneppen: I work full time as LRC assistant librarian at ITT Technical Institute.

Katie Bennett: I am teaching third grade at Blessed Savior School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Catherine Moore: I just accepted a job as a registered nurse at Saint James Hospital in Chicago, Illinois!

Kate Kirbie: I am volunteering as a Dominican Volunteer/AmeriCorps member in Racine, Wisconsin. For the volunteer year, I am working at the Eco-Justice Center leading and expanding environmental education programs and assisting with farm work. I am living with four Dominican sisters at 1200 College Ave, Racine, WI 53403.

Emma Thibaudreau: Fun update! Emma Thibaudreau and Molly Wilson are moving to Park City, Utah to work at Canyons Ski Resort. Time for some Belles to go skiing!

Kamara Umbaugh I recently moved to Manhattan to work for a Big 4 top ranked accounting firm, KPMG’s national headquarters, in New York City.

Maggie Stewart: As of October 2012, I am employed by Starcom MediaVest Group in Chicago, Illinois. My current position is media associate and I’m on the Altstate team doing National Broadcast Activation.

Kelly Reidenbach I am currently a first year law student at Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis, Indiana. Next semester (Spring 2013) I will be interning with the Marion County Prosecutor’s Office in Indianapolis.

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Mezzo-soprano Lindsey Anderson ’07 returned to campus for the launch of the *Faith Always, Action Now* campaign on February 22, 2013. A music major with a successful operatic career, Anderson was the storyteller for the campaign presentation in O’Laughlin Auditorium. The event combined video stories and live presentation, and attracted 1,300 students, faculty, staff, alumnae, and friends.