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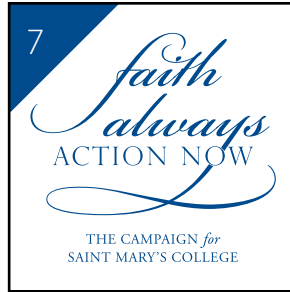


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The Mission
Saint Mary's College is a Catholic, residential, women's college in the liberal arts tradition. A pioneer in the education of women, the College is an academic community where women develop their talents and prepare to make a difference 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.



The Campaign for Saint Mary's College

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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Heard on campus

Saint Mary's hosted a number of inspiring speakers throughout the spring semester. Here's a snippet of the wisdom and knowledge these smart, talented individuals imparted to our students.



I am content with what has come my way and I trust the universe to bring me what I am meant to do. . . . Even when you don't think you're on your right road, you're on your right road.

—**Audra McDonald**, during *An Evening With Audra McDonald*. The five-time Tony-Award winning actress, singer, and *Private Practice* star was this year's Margaret Hill Endowed Visiting Artist.

Perhaps the most rewarding part of an adventure is the aftermath when the traveler gains a new lens towards the way she sees and experiences the world.

—**Rachael Chesley '11**, Saint Mary's alumna and Fulbright Scholar, from her presentation "Take It With You When You Go: A Fulbright Journey"



Follow your curiosity throughout school. I think this is one of the most important things you can do. Identify the moments when you are curious. Everything I've done that has led me to where I am today has begun with what I call "what?" moments.

—**Rebecca Skloot**, author of the bestselling book *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, on curiosity and asking questions



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

Aquinas' theory of basic human good is very important here because it helps indicate for us the nature of the human good and of human flourishing that we are seeking when we enact natural justice, the preferential option for the poor, and also the virtue of solidarity.

—**Lisa Sowle Cahill**, Aquinas Symposium speaker, in her lecture "Aquinas and Natural Law: Resources for Women's Equality"

Two Students Create Smartphone App to Empower Women



Meghan Roder '15 and Monica Murphy '13

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.

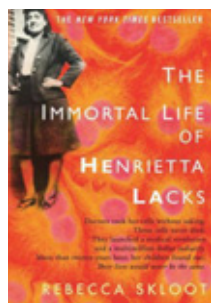
"We all struggle with some sort of challenge—whether it be professional, personal, physical, or emotional—and this can be a tool to help pick us up and give us the support and encouragement we need," says Roder.

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.

Published in 2010, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* spent over two years on the New York Times bestseller list. Skloot is a science writer who has written feature articles, personal essays, book reviews, and news stories for *The New York Times Magazine*, *O, Discover*, *Popular Science*, and *The Chicago Tribune*, among others.



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



Audra McDonald and 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.”

Faith Always, Action Now



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.

Carol Ann Mooney '72, President, Saint Mary's College

Faith Always, Action Now

By the Numbers

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.

\$20 million

Scholarships and Financial Aid*

No student should miss out on a Saint Mary's education because of financial need. More than 95 percent of Saint Mary's students receive financial support, and the College is committed to expanding need- and merit-based assistance.

\$2.5 million

Enhanced Student Experiences*

Faculty mentorships, research and presentation opportunities, cultural understanding, and academic experiences outside the classroom are the hallmarks of a Saint Mary's education.

\$6 million

Science Hall

Our programs are growing and so must our labs and classrooms. The renovated Science Hall will feature larger lab areas, spaces that encourage collaboration, and an expanded computer lab along with other improvements to make the building more energy efficient.

\$14.8 million

Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex

Updating and renovating Angela Athletic Facility will create a healthier campus community and improve recruitment. We'll relocate Women's Health to the Complex in support of the College's mission to educate heart, body, and mind. Wait 'til you see what we do with the place.

\$6 million

Professorships*

We ask a lot of our professors. Adding at least three endowed professorships in education, nursing, environmental studies, and/or mathematics will support the important teaching, mentoring, and research our professors carry out now and in the future.

\$10 million

Academic Departments*

Saint Mary's programs in nursing, mathematics, and science have earned reputations for excellence that continue to grow. Students in these programs must continue to have access to world-class professors, cutting-edge equipment, and research opportunities.

\$15 million

Annual Fund

Unrestricted Annual Fund gifts are critical to maintaining the College in ways that support students, faculty, and staff. This fund supports students by providing need- and merit-based scholarships. And it supports the College's ability to attract the best and brightest students in a competitive arena.

\$5.7 million

Cushwa-Leighton Library*

As technology changes the face and function of libraries, it is critical to ensure the Cushwa-Leighton Library keeps up with student needs. We're making improvements through three significant projects: creating flexible space for collaboration, endowing a leadership library fund, and endowing a library director position.

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**MAJOR
initiatives**

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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.

...to provide care for those who need it most.

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 Dibley '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.



Mary Verdun '15 monitors SIM man's vitals on a screen above his head while Professor Berndt guides her through the process.

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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.

“Wellness”—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*,



Student Body President Maureen Parsons '13 and Sister Veronique Wiedower '70, CSC, Vice President for Mission, discuss the Holy Cross Family Tree in the heritage rooms at Augusta Hall, part of the Sisters' convent.

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.

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Maria Kenney '11 with students at Saint Andrew's Primary School in Jinja, Uganda

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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Faith in:

God

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.

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.



Chelsea Young '13 in the foreground and art professor Julie Tourtillotte '82 with Young's cassette tape drawings

"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."

Collaborating with Tourtillotte allowed Young to research and practice her craft as a full-fledged partner with her professor. "I feel like it became less of student-professor relationship and more that we were equals, both of us just going into the studio with the goal of making art that we were happy with," says Young.

Both artists' projects evolved throughout their work together. "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

What Our Saint Mary’s EDUCATION Means to Us

We polled members of the College community and asked you to share (in perhaps not enough words) what your Saint Mary’s education means to you.

“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



A Force, A Future

Approximately
125
STUDENTS
participate
in varsity
athletics
each year.

Nearly
40%
of students
participate in
**INTRAMURAL
SPORTS**
each year.

STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF MAKE
2,000 visits
to Angela Athletic Facility each week.

Students make
AROUND
3,710
VISITS TO
WOMEN'S HEALTH
for medical
treatment
each year.

Students make
NEARLY
2,000
VISITS TO
WOMEN'S HEALTH
for mental
health counseling
every year.

Do these statistics intrigue you?

Surprise you? Impress you? The fact is student participation in sports at all levels, as well as their fitness needs and interests, are higher than they've ever been. Ditto their need for overall education in health and wellness. Why the increase? Thanks to Title IX, athletic opportunities have opened up a world of competition previously unavailable to women. And, since Title IX was passed in 1978, opportunities have been growing at Saint Mary's and elsewhere in response to the motivation Title IX inspired in women at all age and experience levels.

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 vision isn't just about fitness of the body, however. It's a plan to educate our students in overall health and wellness. As part of our plan, Women's Health will be relocated to the complex, which will reinforce the College's dedication to educating the whole student—mind, spirit, and body.

Currently, Women's Health occupies a space in the basement of Holy Cross Hall. It offers students access to registered nurses, a dietician, and physicians that specialize in sports medicine, psychiatry, and gynecology. Women's Health also offers free psychological therapy to students on a variety of issues like homesickness, depression, grief, and stress management.

These are vital services that fall under the umbrella of total wellness. Combining Women's Health with sports and recreation means that our students will have one-stop access to healthcare and fitness opportunities that meet their needs for health and wellness.

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

Whether students opt to join the varsity basketball team, take a yoga class, run on the treadmill, or play intramural volleyball—they deserve the opportunity to choose what will most benefit them. We aim to provide them with those opportunities in the spirit of a true Holy Cross education, as founder Blessed Basil Moreau instructed: “Education is the art of helping young people to completeness...” We take “completeness” to mean the whole student—mind, spirit, and body.

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.

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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.

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Contact Jennifer at jdennist@saintmarys.edu or (574) 284-4600.


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Marriages

Laura Jacob '90 and Kevin Wozniak, October 13, 2012.

Libby Gray Koultourides '93 and Sam, December 8, 2012.

Margaret Ehlers Savoy '97 and Jonathan, November 11, 2011.

Jill Embry Corbett '98 and Matthew, September 22, 2012.

Leslie Zielinski Walsh '99 and Edward, October 13, 2012.

Jaime Kosonovich Perry '03 and James, December 31, 2010.

Lauren Caprio Stewart '04 and Ryan, March 17, 2012.

Elaine Lee Hill '05 and Kevin, July 14, 2012.

Gracie Guebert Foxwell '07 and Andrew, September 2, 2012.

Angie Ellison Keefner '07 and Aaron, August 4, 2012.

Brooke Sheldon Smeckert '07 and Aaron, June 16, 2012.

Lindsey Kendle Gruber '08 and Cole, July 28, 2012.

Giuliangela Rosato '08 and Joseph Mulherin, November 10, 2012.

Noelle Whiteside '08 and Paul Goedde, September 29, 2012.

Katy Morgan Cummings '09 and Lee, June 23, 2012.

Kendra Fallet Greenmyer '10 and Micah, July 2, 2011.

Megan Meade Tennant '10 and Patrick, June 23, 2012.

Adoptions & Births

Christine Smiggen Forester '93 and Jeffrey: Thomas Robert, June 15, 2012.

Michelle Budd Munch '93 and Bill: John Daniel, December 11, 2011.

Kristen Maneri White '94 and Pier: Reagan Reilly and Jackson Finnegan "Finn", June 24, 2012.

Carly Fitch Burnham '95 and Daniel: Diego Justin, November 4, 2012.

Tanya Wilson Meagher '95 and Sean: Clare Mavourneen, November 7, 2012.

Katie Rose Hulett '96 and Kevin: Ava Rose, April 26, 2012.

Laura Richter Martino '96 and Chris: Francesca Catherine, February 28, 2012.

Jennifer Holuj Rediger '96 and Scott: Jackson Conrad, April 10, 2012.

Ellen Sanders Reed '96 and Steven: Audrey Ellen, December 4, 2012.

Kimberly Fleming Christenson '97 and Richard: Daphne Isabelle, December 15, 2011.

Rose Maciejewski Farley '97 and Greg: Magnolia Rose, October 17, 2012.

April Sass Johnson '97 and Jay: Grace Elizabeth, October 9, 2012.

Lindsey Friend Moloney '97 and Brian: Keelin Audrey, March 2, 2012.

Margaret Ehlers Savoy '97 and Jonathan: Helen Elisabetta, September 29, 2012.

Ann Ehlers Beyer '98 and David: Michael Vincent, August 21, 2012.

Anne Joseph Irely '98 and John: Mark Nelson, October 27, 2012.

Audrey Miller Price '98 and Brian: Niamh Muirrean, June 8, 2010.

Sara Nienaber VanSlambrook '98 and Gregory: Mary Clare, March 23, 2012.

Beth Schafer Coyne '99 and Kevin: Ellen Marie, September 3, 2012.

Julie Byrdak Jaworski '99 and John: Nolan Walter, August 4, 2012.

Jeanine Weigel Pickering '99 and John: Maya Elizabeth, November 26, 2012.

Andi Sandven Schwartz '99 and Richard: Porter Albrecht Hancock, July 15, 2012.

Lis Sonneveld '99 and Matthew Smith: Caroline Marie, July 26, 2012.

Libby Rector Snipe '99 and Chris: Andrew Luc, October 21, 2012.

Donielle Dodde Xu '99 and Peter: Charlotte Paula, August 15, 2012.

Becky Stephens Pavich '01 and Chad: Alexander Jackson, September 11, 2012.

Emily Koelsch Rebori '01 and Todd: Alexander James, April 10, 2012.

Ellen Wright Riley '01 and Michael: Connor John, November 7, 2012.

Asha Mukerjee Ruiz '01 and Kevin: Lola Mukerjee, March 18, 2012.

Megan Kosel Shaughnessy '01 and Kurt Hessen: Connor Reid, August 30, 2012.

Andrea Herek Wetters '01 and Keith: Grace Christine, April 22, 2012.

Hope Amm '02 and Adam Steg: Eric, April 5, 2012.

Kristin Martin Bramfeld '02 and John: Henry Martin, August 13, 2012.

Lauren Bossy Caruso '02 and Peter: Finnian Charles, April 12, 2012.

Katie Furman Desjardins '02 and Jeff: Luke Martin, July 11, 2012.

Jolie LeBeau Fair '02 and Joshua: Beau Patrick, September 14, 2012.

Christine Walker Gresik '02 and Jim: Madison Marie, June 15, 2012.

Erin McGarry Hardison '02 and Scott: Quinn Meryl, June 21, 2012.

Allison Doherty McSherry '02 and Jason: Elizabeth Therese, September 28, 2012.

Brianne Duncan Milligan '02 and Ryan: Leo Gregory, August 15, 2012.

Francesca Casaccio Rabchuck '02 and Ben: Olivia Annette, April 5, 2012.

Ellen Higgins Reilander '02 and Luke: Mary Catherine Doherty, October 15, 2012.

Elizabeth Spieth Rich '02 and Michael: Natalie Noelle, born July 11, 2012, adopted July 13, 2012.

Rachel Finley Doyel '03 and Charles: Gabrielle Theresa, January 6, 2012.

Andrea Fox-Canale '03 and Josh: Kate Alivia, July 9, 2012.

Jaime Kosonovich Perry '03 and James: Jonathan Alexander, August 1, 2012.

Katie DeMent Pohlmeier '03 and John: Emma Kate, August 13, 2012.

Katie Vincer Sears '03 and Scott: Scott Alan, August 25, 2012.

Hazel Smith '03 and Aaron Cowham: Maura, August 16, 2012.

Melissa Alvarez Stevens '03 and David: Joseph David, November 17, 2010.

Holly Eckert Belzowski '05 and Keith: Jonah Thomas, June 7, 2012.

Elise Rupright Bohl '05 and Brandon: Annabelle Marie, April 19, 2012.

Laura Taylor Koke '05 and Kevin: Nolan Michael, July 6, 2012.

Sheila Egts LaMaster '05 and Chris: Michael Gerard, September 28, 2012.

Lisa Walton Roelle '05 and Ethan: Lillian Eden, April 21, 2012.

Meghan Flick Schmelzer '05 and Stefan: Tessa Anne, January 31, 2012.

Lindsay Downs Valencourt '05 and Jesse: Adele Marie, April 9, 2012.

Meghan Scallen Welch '05 and Eric: Noah Edward, October 18, 2012.

Victoria Orpin Winslow '05 and Charles: Teagan Rose, October 4, 2012.

Lisa Helmholdt '06 and Jeremy: Caleb Scott, November 15, 2012.

Breeana Gregory Wallick '07 and Ryan: Teagan Grace, February 25, 2012.

Kristen Playko Weintraut '07 and Drew: Audrey Marlies, October 5, 2012.

Caitlyn Flanagan Buttaci '08 and Jonathan: Michael Lawrence, August 31, 2012.

Kristine King Zadrzil '08 and Chad: Eliza Rosalie, June 3, 2012.

Arlene Forney Fair '09 and Bryan: Thomas Joseph, August 9, 2012.

Kelly Gasior Pittner '09 and Daniel: Daniel Overman, March 25, 2012.

Sharon Rhode Tracy '09 and Chris: Mary Elizabeth, November 10, 2012.

Alumnae Deaths

Agnes Sobatzke Wiedl '32, mother of Kathryn Wiedl Mettler '63 and Rosemary Wiedl King '67, October 19, 2012.

Sister Miriam Eckenrode, CSC, '34, October 6, 2012.

Eileen Funk Cleland '35, December 29, 2011.

Mary Alice Heltzel Timmins '41, January 1, 2013.

Catherine Moran Lee '42, November 24, 2012.

Alma Nardine Ryan '42, mother of Mary Pat Ryan Poskon '70 and Martha Ryan Hern '74, September 30, 2012.

Rosemary Hornett Lennertz '43, mother of Mary Lennertz Strimbu '81, January 9, 2013.

Betty McGarry Rudd '43, November 17, 2012.

Irene Vodicka Monaghan '46, mother of Irene M. Monaghan '73, sister-in-law of Eleanor Toffenetti Vodicka '45, aunt of Susan Casey D'Amico '65, Vivian Vodicka Koralik '67, Veronica Vodicka Simon '68, Patricia Hancock Casey '69, Elizabeth J. Casey '70, Cynthia Vodicka O'Kelley '74, and Laura Vodicka Sroka '81, April 3, 2012.

Pat Anderson Danahey '48, September 1, 2012.

Mary Jane Kobayashi '49, November 10, 2012.

Thelma Hausman Dunlevy '52, mother of Kathy Dunlevy Walker '80, sister of Joan Hausman Campbell '55, cousin of Carolyn Linnig O'Rourke '55, and Kathleen Conrad O'Callaghan '96, December 13, 2012.

Loretta Considine Murray '55, December 24, 2012.

Joan Mary Kershaw Putnam '55, mother of Lucy M. Putnam '87, sister of Jean Kershaw Boehm '55, aunt of Catherine Kunkel Forslund '83, January 30, 2013.

Sharon Mack Griffin '56, September 3, 2011.

Mary Vetter Murphree '56, July 21, 2011.

Nancy Brozovich Lucey '57, cousin of Kathryn Maureen O'Connor '94, November 14, 2012.

Mary Alice "Mimi" Scanlon Ryan '57, sister-in-law of Maryjeanne Ryan Burke '56, aunt of Mary Ryan Morin '81, Mary Burke '85, Elizabeth Ryan Murray '90, and Sarah Burke Man '92, great-aunt of Margaret Ryan McCarthy '97, Kathleen Ryan '99, and Bridget Ryan '06, January 1, 2013.

Mary F. Stoekinger '57, October 17, 2012.

Sister Mary Louise "M.L." Gude, CSC '63, cousin of Elizabeth M. Boemer '70 and Jane Boemer Foster '71, January 9, 2013.

Joyce Fortson '67, September 25, 2012.

Ruby E. Samples '67, October 16, 2012.

Barbara Vandivier Strom '67, December 1, 2012.

Kathleen O'Brien Fox '68, mother of Elizabeth Fox Latchford '91, sister of Maureen O'Brien Doyle '67 and Margaret O'Brien '71, October 9, 2012.

Katherine Mamaux Rost '71, sister-in-law of Mary Rost Gorecki '78, Therese Rost Brown '80, and Jean Rost Collage '82, June 27, 2012.

Mary Sullivan Kelley '73, February 18, 2011.

Mary Jo Emmanuel Hanover '75, sister-in-law of Christy Broderick Emmanuel '75, July 1, 2012.

Amy de la Torre '75, sister of Lourdes de la Torre Dingman '74 and Maria de la Torre '80, September 27, 2012.

Michelle Van Huffel Witherspoon '79, sister of Regan Van Huffel Botsford '97, niece of Isabel Van Huffel Dray '39 and Evelyn Van Huffel Reese Lawlor '45, cousin of Mary Guarnieri Carson '57 and Karen Reese Klier '69, October 2, 2012.

Ann C. Reynolds '80, March 6, 2012.
Katherine Miller Gerard '87, sister of Ann Miller Weixel '92, December 17, 2012.
Ann Marie Ruth Peterson '88, sister of Patricia Ruth Erickson '89 and Donna Ruth Brennan '93, January 12, 2013.

Family Deaths

John "Jack" Ahern, husband of Marilyn Stupek Ahern '57, father of Emily Ahern Rademacher '86, December 23, 2012.

Michael Albert, father-in-law of Robyn Chmielewski Albert '00, September 19, 2012.

Mary Bickel, mother of Jan Bickel '72 and Karen Bickel Currier '78, January 9, 2013.

George Blake, husband of Mary Mulflur Blake '58, February 2, 2013.

Marilyn Brack, mother of Christine Brack '92 and Margaret Brack '94, May 22, 2012.

Patricia Q. Breitenbach, mother of Kathleen Breitenbach Sarnacki '73, grandmother of Carolyn Breitenbach '09, September 24, 2012.

Robert L. Brintnall, father of Kathryn Brintnall '72, August 7, 2012.

Edward Warren Buck, infant son of Jillian Kamaski Buck '03, August 20, 2012.

J. Stephen Burke, son of Judith Nelson Burke '62, October 21, 2012.

Stella Burns, mother of Bonnie Burns Elberson '64, grandmother of Christine Elberson Giroux '87, April 28, 2012.

William E. Cahill, Jr., husband of Margaret Hock Cahill '60, father of Mary Carol Cahill Sullivan '88, September 23, 2012.

Daniel Callen, husband of Donna Bellock Callen '81, January 9, 2013.

James Connelly, father of Mary Brigid Connelly O'Malley '91, August 29, 2012.

Rose Corirossi, grandmother of Lori Corirossi Hazen '92, January 24, 2013.

Julia Cross, mother of Molly Cross O'Bryan '89 and Marni Cross Foley '92, November 4, 2012.

Rita Danahy, grandmother of Kathleen Danahy Pernsteiner '89 and Jennifer Danahy Stewart '93, October 24, 2012.

Lawrence Deerfield, husband of Jean-Marie Villeneuve Deerfield '75, November 21, 2012.

Louis C. DeVito, husband of Patrice Cassidy '64, April 11, 2011.

Jerome Dillon, father of Carol Dillon Berglind '84, December 19, 2012.

Mary Lou Donnelly, mother of Mary Beth Donnelly Long '82, October 23, 2012.

Margaret Doyle, mother of Nancy Doyle '80, November 12, 2012.

George Drymalski, brother of Joan Drymalski Heuel '58, December 9, 2012.

Donald Gallagher, father of Kerry Gallagher DiSanto '86, December 3, 2012.

Marilyn F. Gillaspie, sister of Sister Veronique Wiedower, CSC '70, November 9, 2012.

Mary Ellen Gilligan, mother of Mary Gilligan Patton '76, January 1, 2013.

John F. Grant, father of Kimberly Grant Schermerhorn '95, November 4, 2012.

Jeff Gray, husband of Missy McCrary Gray '72, November 18, 2012.

Lauro Guerra, father of Mary M. Guerra '76, October 3, 2012.

Joseph Harlow, father of Joann Marie Harlow '77, December 8, 2012.

Roger Hartzler, father of Tracy Hartzler-Toon '92 and Amy Hartzler '95, September 16, 2012.

Alvin Hite, father of Sharon Louise Hite '02, September 25, 2012.

E. Patrick Juras, father of Kelly Juras Wink '89, June 29, 2012.

Joseph P. King, father of Susan King Fraser '84, October 5, 2012.

Donald Kotoske, husband of Anne Sergio Kotoske '52, December 4, 2012.

Jim Leonard, husband of Patricia Bauervic Leonard '57, father of Beverly Leonard Sewell '81, January 9, 2013.

William Lichtenfels, father of Beth Lichtenfels Veihmeyer '77, grandfather of Eileen Veihmeyer '13, January 10, 2013.

Maurice W. McGrath, father of Kathleen McGrath Zagotta '80, November 7, 2012.

Melvin Meyer, father of Gretchen Meyer '84, December 13, 2012.

Frank Mirandola, father of Donna Mirandola '98, August 19, 2012.

Margaret Morell, mother of Molly A. Morell '70, July 7, 2012.

Gerald Mulherin, father of M. Catherine Mulherin Longley '92, December 21, 2012.

Bernard O'Brien, father of Nora O'Brien Larkin '89, October 22, 2012.

James O'Bryen, Jr., father of Kathleen O'Bryen Snyder '75 and Maureen O'Bryen Gearin '78, March 27, 2012.

John Petrovick, son of Buffy Milone Jordan '75, April 28, 2012.

John Philbin, father-in-law of Margo Mischler-Philbin '86, November 8, 2012.

David Phillips, father of Kelilyn Phillips '07, December 29, 2012.

Ian Ravenscroft, husband of Elizabeth Werres Ravenscroft '52, father of Katherine Marie Ravenscroft '88, January 15, 2013.

Joseph Egan Ryan, III, son of Carol Cavanaugh Ryan '60, brother of Kathleen Ryan '85 and Maureen Ryan Lyons '88, nephew of Julaine Cavanaugh Stovall '47, Dorothy Cavanaugh Stack '51, Helen Cavanaugh Walsh '57, Janet Feldpausch Cavanaugh '57, cousin of Carolyn Ryan Moser '85, Kelly Dugan Prina '01, Mary Dugan Kline '03, January 16, 2013.

Patrick Ryan, father of Bernie Ryan '81, September 30, 2012.

John Sandberg, father of Cora Sandberg Murphy '94, December 11, 2012.

Arthur Schmuckal, father of Barbara Schmuckal Benson '81, November 14, 2012.

Anthony E. Seidl, father of Suzanne Seidl Griffin '67, November 21, 2012.

Robert E. Sharrock, husband of Maureen Scanlon Sharrock '58, brother-in-law of Patricia Scanlon McKeever '61, October 3, 2012.

Lois Shelley, mother of Lynn Shelley-Sireci '89 and Denise Shelley Brown '91, January 14, 2013.

Bridget Therese Smith, daughter of Louise Foley Smith '88, niece of Sarah Foley '11, October 5, 2012.

John Spala, father of Cynthia Louise Lewanski '76 and Julianne Spala Stumpf '87, December 19, 2012.

John R. Tucek, father-in-law of Julie Scully Tucek '92, January 15, 2013.

Edward B. Veihmeyer, father-in-law of Beth Lichtenfels Veihmeyer '77, grandfather of Eileen Easby Veihmeyer '13, December 16, 2012.

Joel Welch, husband of Elizabeth Mazzone Welch '59, January 2, 2013.

Josef Wimmer, father of Gertrude Wimmer Zacccone '87, January 3, 2013.

Michael J. Yuhás, III, husband of Catherine Nigro Yuhás '52, brother-in-law of Lorraine Nigro Cervanyk '54 and Rose Marie Nigro Groppe '60, November 3, 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 Disgracié: 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, from 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 megan.kraft1@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 Treder '07 at SMCChicagoPresident@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 SMCChicagoCommunication@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 correspond 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 help 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 Church in Aurora will be our next event. You can find the 2013 calendar of events on the club website or check out our Facebook page.

We had a great turnout of over 35 people for the Notre Dame men's basketball game at DePaul in Chicago on Feb 2nd. Thanks to the DePaul ticket office for our special alumnae club discount and for everyone who came out in the cold to cheer on the Irish.

It is never too late to pay your dues and get in



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 Kavulich '93, President Carol Ann Mooney '72, and Donna Ryan Coffey '90.

touch with us. And 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:

The Cincinnati Alumnae Club hosted an Epiphany Party on Jan. 12 at the home of Tina DiSanto '99. Approximately twenty guests celebrated with homecooked smoked chicken and potluck wine.

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 smcosu@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 Ketterhagen '72, Phyllis Sullivan Van Hersett '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 LoGuidice Highland '74, Ginger Earnest DiLorenzo '58, Christine Newland Ketterhagen '72, Phyllis Sullivan Van Hersett '62, and Sheila Flynn Boone '65.

We try to schedule events north, central, and south, as close to I-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 kellyo90.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 Bruncheon. All graduating alumnae are encouraged to attend to mix and mingle with the current alumnae. Please contact Katie Vincer 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 Lacks*, 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 smcdfwclub@gmail.com.

Dayton

The Dayton Club discussed The One Book, One Saint Mary's selection, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* 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 Cucchi Depman '50, Joan Mette Reddy '56, Jessica Reddy Hoeck '88, Harriett 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!

"Ring in the New Year with SMC Belles" was a great success this year. The party was held at the home of Club President, Caitlin Cunningham '10, on January 5. In attendance were Katie Schropp '98, Sally Teppert '58, Claire Kenney '10, Jessica Reddy Hoecq '88, Lora Suwinski Hodges '88, Joan Mette Reddy '56, John Reddy, Erica Barker-Erlewein '03, Caitlin Cunningham '10, Elaine and Dale Cunningham, Kymberly Dunlap Andren '04, Darin Andren, Brock Andren, Hillary Shesterkin '14, Paige Shesterkin, Susie Larson '14, and Katie Lane '14. We were thrilled to welcome current students to our celebration and hear about the exciting happenings at Saint Mary's. All guests enjoyed delicious food and great conversation. It was a wonderful way to start the New Year!

We are looking forward to inviting you at our upcoming events! Please look for invitations via email. Find us on Facebook at "Saint Mary's College Detroit Alumnae Club" and follow us on Twitter @SMCDetroitAlum. New to the area? Want to get involved? Email us at smcdac@gmail.com.

Fort Wayne



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 Aguilera '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 Chavas 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.

Grand Rapids

On August 6, 2012, alumnae, current students and incoming students of the Class of 2016 gathered at Luci Staples McCall's '78 house for the annual Freshmen Send-Off celebration. Current Grand Rapids students led a lively discussion for the incoming freshmen and their parents on what to expect as they begin their college careers at Saint Mary's.

Several alumnae continue to attend our bimonthly book club meetings in members' homes. Our January meeting was held at Luci's home and we are looking forward to our March meeting at the home of Cathy Kunkel Forslund's '83 on March 25, 2013. If you are new to the area and would like to join us, please feel free to contact Luci Staples McCall '78, at (616) 949-7166.

Houston

Several members of the Houston Alumnae Club gathered to celebrate Founders' Day 2012 with a wine tasting event at the Forest Club. We enjoyed tasting several different types of Texas wines provided by Yopez Vineyards in Baytown, Texas. The owners of the vineyard also provided an informative lesson about the different types of wine produced at their vineyard and in the area.

The club met just before Thanksgiving to prepare



The Houston Alumnae Club held our annual Christmas Mass and 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.

care packages for the current Houston Belles to enjoy during their finals week. The care packages were filled with items for their dorm rooms, snacks to munch on, and other fun treats from home!

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!

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 Krische '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! 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!

Thanks for all those who turned out on November 28 for our holiday drinks at The Back Door restaurant in Manhattan. We had a wonderful group of women as well as many new faces. The NYC Club has some exciting news in 2013 and that is that Mary Hermes '02 has been elected to be the new President of the club. Mary hails from Chicago and has lived in NYC for the past five years. She is very much looking forward to meeting the terrific alumnae in this region so please keep a look out in your email boxes about future events. If anyone is not on our distribution list or would like to help plan an event please contact Mary at her email below. I look forward to seeing many of you in 2013—Carey O'Neill '99. Mary Hermes '02 maryhermes80@gmail.com

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.

San Diego

Happy New Year from sunny San Diego! Our San Diego Belles said good bye 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 football team, and we can't wait until fall! Go Irish!

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 sandyparry@yahoo.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

hit! We are planning on assembling candy care packages for our juniors for spring finals at our April meeting. We will be sending out emails to let you know where you can drop off your donations. We have two more key events planned for April: a wine and canvas event and a field day event we are sponsoring with Hannah and Friends on April 27. We will be sending out details as these events draw near. As always, we have our monthly SMC in the City nights planned and our book club is still full of energy! In February, we are reading *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Join us for this One Book, One Saint Mary's book discussion. We are always welcoming new members! Contact Robyn Chmielewski Albert '00 if you are interested in attending an event or being involved in the club for 2013-2014.

South East Florida

South East Florida alums—if you're interested in reconnecting please contact Cheryl Handley, 4280 Galt Ocean Drive, Apt.5N, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308, Work telephone: (954) 771-9393 Ext 15

Toledo

The Saint Mary's Club of Toledo held its annual Founders' Day dinner on Monday, October 15 at a local restaurant in Perrysburg, Ohio. Toledo area members and a current student attended the dinner to share stories and updates from campus. Care package brownie cakes were prepared by the Saint Mary's catering services and were delivered to current students for good luck during first semester exams.

The Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame Clubs of Toledo welcomed speakers: Dr. Phyllis H. Kaminski (Saint Mary's) and Dr. Fatima Agha Al-Hayani (Lourdes University) at the Faith Talks series on "Feminine Models of Spirituality in Catholicism & Islam" on Sunday, February 10, 2013 from 2-4 p.m. at the Franciscan Center at Lourdes University in Sylvania, Ohio.

Twin Cities



The Twin Cities celebrated Founders' Day in October with a flower arranging class at Donatos Floral in Maple Grove, Minnesota. Kara O'Leary, Director of Alumnae Relations, joined the group and updated the club members on the fabulous things happening on campus.

In early December, the Twin Cities Club gathered at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan, MN to package nutritious meals that were then shipped to malnourished children in 70 countries around the world. Thank you to all that participated and to Colleen Lake '11 and Hannah Snyder '11 for coordinating the event. Starbucks gift cards and a few words of encouragement were sent to the 22 students from MN just prior to finals week. Thank you to all who contributed. The students greatly appreciate your generosity and prayers. The BCS Championship, in January, brought us together

again for a game watch with the Twin Cities Notre Dame Club. In March, members of the club discussed the One Book, One Saint Mary's selection, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, and enjoyed meeting some of the new young alumnae that have moved to the area. If you are interested in hosting an event in the Twin Cities or would like more information regarding our club, please contact: kellyroles@comcast.net.

Washington, DC

With the cherry blossoms in bloom, so are the activities in DC. In March, the club celebrated the Feast of Saint Patrick with a brunch in Georgetown. Alumnae enjoyed sharing their fond memories of Saint Mary's, while they kept the luck of the Irish in mind!

In April, the Belles participated in the MS Walk 2013. It is the second year the club supported the great cause, which brings awareness to multiple sclerosis. The event consisted of a 5k walk around the National Mall. We had a wonderful time and hope to participate in the event again next year!

The Washington, DC Club is always looking for volunteers to help coordinate activities and host events. We also welcome new ideas and suggestions! To learn more about the Washington, DC Alumnae Club, please contact Sophie Benitz '10 at sophiebenitz@gmail.com or check out our club's website. You can also connect with us on Facebook!

We congratulate the Class of 2013 and wish them the best of luck as they move forward into their next phase of life.

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Dear Girls: As you may know, Courier will publish three issues per year instead of four and our class news will appear in each issue. News deadlines are August 1, December 1, and April 1.

Mary Jane Kobayashi died in early November in a nursing home in Seattle. A stroke victim who became too much for her brother Tom to care for, she hated the past few years in the nursing home. A former nun, she devoted her life to the care of the less fortunate. Tom is now in assisted living and her other brother, Frank, is a professor at Notre Dame.

Thank you to **Mary Ellen Deibler Gleason** for pinch hitting for me for the fall *Courier*.

I had a successful total hip replacement August 1. I stayed in a nursing home for a week and then my daughter Liz came from Connecticut for a week when I came home. Mark, from Atlanta, followed her for another week so I had nice visits from both.

Maxine Lange Orr is finally over her knee ordeal. She talked recently with **Mary Lou Kelly Sullivan** whose daughter had arranged a special 80th birthday celebration for her mother. She rented a condo in Seaside, Oregon, over the 4th of July weekend and invited Mary Lou, **Lois Tripeny Shick-ich** and **June Mulvihill Williams** to be her guests. Needless to say, the girls had a wonderful time.

Lois told me that she and Joe celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this summer. Joe, 91, and in a wheelchair, accompanied Lois to their grandson's wedding in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

I had lunch this fall with **Mary Ellen Deibler Gleason**, **Marian Cannon Clark**, **Claire Daley Archibald**, **Marie Murnane Walsh**, **Sue Wagner Broeren**, **Bernie Socha Fitzsimmons** and **Mary Ann Fellingner Ryan**. Sue told about her grandson Bobby's wedding in Louisville this summer. She recently drove to West Bend, Wisconsin, to have lunch with **Joanne Clair Lyons**, who had major jaw surgery recently. Jo's entire family will gather at son Bob's Riverside, Illinois, home for Christmas.

Bernie showed lovely pictures she had received from **Pat Moran Haaesen** of Pat's family.

Dagny Lenon Diamond phoned to tell me about the death of **Mary Jane Kobayashi**. She said she is de-cluttering her house, taking two classes and going to two theater group productions.

Elizabeth Ann McEniry Gillmeister and Bob have moved. Their new address is: Pine Hill at Kimball Farms, 235 Walker Street, Apt. 8, Lenox, MA 01240.

I am off to Connecticut for Christmas. Don't forget our new column news delivery dates. We will publish three columns annually instead of two which makes it imperative that you help out with news. The dates will be August 1, December 1 and April 1. God Bless, Nancy

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Dear Classmates,

Happy New Year to all of you. I am having trouble getting my ducks in a row with the new deadlines, and I have heard from only two of you, so I don't have much to say.

Linda Duffy Hensel 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 McNicholas 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.

Love, Muriel"

I hope to see all of you at reunion. I just got word that my granddaughter is planning on graduation from vet school without Jack and me, so we hope to be with you.

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Bev Bierbusse Campbell's oldest grandson's marriage took Paul and her to Asheville, the Smokies, and son Paul's family in Atlanta. They plan on Arizona in February.

"My new business is a hoot," says **Gloria Kennedy Hermann**. "Gloria's Pet and House Sitting Service" supports her visits to casino penny machines!

Jane Flynn Carroll says lunching with her daughter, **Mary Rose Carroll Campobasso '81** and **Helen Kuhn Carey '51** is a yearly meeting for them. Jane celebrated her birthday with local daughters and oldest Phoenix son and spent Thanksgiving in San Antonio with daughter Lucy.

Jean Zimmerer Thomas must hold a record for attending ND home games: 69 years. **Joan Rossi**, **A. Isabel Pereira Halford '67**, and I celebrated Jean's birthday in Atlanta with her nephew, Adam's, family.

Jean and I missed Joan's own celebration with her family and **Rose Marie Murphy Foley**, **Rena Bianucci Sereno**, and **Janell Wenzel O'Barski**.

Family and the ND game brought **Rose-Marie "Rody" Oppenheim Dilenschneider**, and Jack ND '54 to Chicago. Rody, Murph, and **Joan Rossi** had "a perfectly wonderful visit with **Liz Kiley Wilson**. Health issues continue to plague Liz, but she is amazingly resilient."

Judy Jones Sullivan spoke with **Marilyn Austgen Thompson** recently. **Ann McCullough** still lives in El Cerrito and concludes that we're really quite fortunate considering our advanced age! **Beth O'Hanlon Ruden** continues to enjoy a senior residence in Roseville, California.

Mary Schmitz Bartley and Ed had an exciting time on the October 21, QM2 when the Captain got them into Brooklyn very early so he could leave before Sandy arrived. She and Ed have had health problems: Ed had a small stroke and Mary has COPD and is doing pulmonary rehab.

Pat Byrne Lyren went on a family reunion cruise this summer including sister **Mickey Byrne Wood '62**. Pat sings with the Delray Beach Chorale, doing a Puccini Mass with the orchestra.

COPD moved **Sue Hartmann** to a new one floor home: 6848 Steinmeier Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46220. She volunteers at nursing homes. **Mary Fran Koehnemann Nolan** and Sue phone-visit several times a week to recharge their batteries.

Physical therapy brought very little relief to **Patt Gannon Scully** when she tore the muscles in her right forearm. She's now trying K-T tape. Patt's still reading every chance she gets, working with clay, and making jewelry sporadically. She sent a picture of a very handsome drum she'd made.

I had a breakfast visit with **Peg Tiernan Sheehan** and her son Tim before the BYU game. "We were all over the campus and in the Basilica when the team came in to pray. After the Pitt game, my life has been shortened," Peg reports.

Sister Terese Fabbri comes to South Bend occasionally and we had lunch recently. She did go to Italy this fall, visiting from one family to another and introducing her nephew (who's at Loyola in Rome) to all his relatives.

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Marie DeMeester Meehan writes that the surgery performed in summer 2011 on Olivia's brain has been successful. Surgeons opened arteries to her brain improving blood flow and encouraging new arteries to develop. In December, Livi, her sister Mary Jane, and her mom and dad will be guests of the Make a Wish Foundation at Disney World for a week. What a wonderful story. (I am writing this on Thanksgiving Day.) Marie and her family are very thankful to all of you for your prayers.

Maureen Sullivan attended a lovely Mass and brunch of the Detroit Alumna Club. Nice party, she reports. Also from Maureen, **Susie Simons Sasko** fell and broke her hip. She is in rehab and coming along nicely.

In summer, **Frances Clohessy Spillane**, Maureen, and **Mary Beth Croxall Wahl** drove up to Michigan to meet **Shirley Dyckes Kelley**. After a few days, Maureen and Mary Beth peeled off and Frances and Shirley continued around Lake Michigan. The Upper Peninsula of Michigan is a well-

kept secret and perfectly lovely, they reported. Then Thelma and Louise motored through Wisconsin to Milwaukee to visit friends. Sounds like fun!

'57

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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 graduation of one grandchild and the wedding of another kept **Jacqueline Buckley Hobbs** from joining us.

Barbara Geary continues her busy life in Tulsa, where she gives piano concerts often using her French to give narrated concerts on French music. She is very active in peace and justice and environmental issues, holding local and state leadership positions in the latter. **Jeannine Timko Lechner** is technically retired from the Diocese of San Jose where she was Diocesan Director for Catechetical Ministry but, as you can imagine, still volunteers greatly. In 2010, she received the Benedictus Award from the Liturgical Commission of the Dioceses.

Julie Bohan Allen is keeping busy in Canton, Georgia, as President of her homeowners association and is a Silver Circle member of Sigma Phi Sorority.

Nancy Daugherty Waldon retired from teaching elementary school after 26 years and lives in Kokomo, Indiana, but winters in Clearwater, Florida. **Joan Gibson** is also retired from teaching but is a part time ESL teacher in Nashua, New Hampshire. Another retired teacher (Special Ed) is **Therese Kachur Miller**, who still subs in Burlington, Wisconsin. **Genevieve Perri Swendeman** is also a retired teacher (middle school) living in Woodbury, New York. As I go through the surveys and emails, it's amazing what an impact we have had on all these students.

Nancy Mack Gallivan wrote from California where she and Bill raised their seven children and now 25 grandchildren, though one family, including four children, have been living in Hong Kong for three years and are now fluent in Mandarin and Cantonese. Included with her Reunion survey was a great picture of Nancy and Bill in London celebrating their 50th several years ago.

Another retired medical technologist is **Jane Schuckenbrock Fuchs**, living in St. Louis. Jane and Louis have three children and eight grandchildren. **Mary Alice Wilhelm Beutter** also pursued medical technology, leaving Saint Mary's after two years for further study and certification with the American Society of Pathologists. Mary Alice and her husband live in Mishawaka and have seven grandchildren.

Carole Harnist McMahon and Jack and many of their family were among the lucky ones enjoying Notre Dame's win over Navy in Dublin. The McMahons had been wintering in Longboat Key, Florida, for years before moving from Buffalo, New York, permanently in 1999.

Sister Cleopatra Konikara, CMC, sent a wonderful Reunion response from Kerala, India. It included her fond memories of Saint Mary's and her continuing work on the cause of Blessed Mother

Euphrasia 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 Balfe**, **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 Suttner** 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 Kirke**. Anne stays in touch with roommate, **Linda Kolp Craig**, who lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

In August **Janet O'Connell McCue**'s dear husband, **Jim**, died after a long illness. Our sympathy goes out to Janet, their 6 children, and 22 grandchildren. The Spring *Courier*, For the Record brought news of the deaths of **Marylou Armstrong Bouche** and **Mary Van Hecke Benthall**. Mary came to Saint Mary's from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, and received her degree from Mt. Mary College in Milwaukee. All are in our prayers.

'58

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Courier has put us on a new schedule so I am unable to wait for Christmas letters from you for news before sending in the column. I am sorry, but we'll catch up the next time. And we have our 55th Reunion ahead to give us time together.

Here is what I have to date. **Sistie Doherty McEnery** called. She said **Pat Hurley McMahon** attended Tommy Doyle's funeral to be with **Pat Kinney Doyle**, **Honey Hurley Gfroerer** and **Betty Drey Woodward** were going to visit Pat, who is now in assisted living.

I was sorry to miss **Paula Lawton Bevington**'s campus visit in September when she came for the Humanistic Studies lecture given by the author James Carroll.

Sistie ran into **Hannah Storen Kreps** at the Saint Mary's College football tailgate. Sistie said Hannah looked great and she and Bill looked very happy.

I am looking forward to my four children being with me for Christmas, plus spouses and 12 grandchildren. The latest is the son of my son Michael and his wife Marilyn and joins older sister Clare. Michael Philip was baptized in St. Paul, Minnesota, just before Thanksgiving and I had a good telephone chat with **Jody Vetter Olson**.

A group of art-loving friends and I traveled to Toledo for a wonderful exhibit of Manet's portraits and we all admired the Toledo Museum of Art and the Glass Pavilion. I remember how the Toledo sang "We're Strong for Toledo" – **Gretchen Wiedemann O'Loughlin**, **Pat O'Shea Dorfmeister**, and **Pat Hurley McMahon** come to mind.

John McMahon sent a newsy Christmas letter and the first thing he mentioned was Notre Dame being ranked #1! By the time we are all together again, the

Irish will have played their important game in Miami.

Pat is active in the Artist's League of the Sandhills where she teaches, paints, and shows and sells her work. She is also teaching art at a Hobby Lobby store and teaching English to a young Guatemalan woman at the Literacy Council.

John wrote: "If you can remember when a '57 Chevy Bel-Air was not a Classic Car, you have a rough idea of how we're doing."

God bless everyone and keep our loved ones safe. See you at Reunion.

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I received a note from **Pat Molumby Gosling**, from Appleton, Wisconsin, informing me of the death of her husband, John. He died in July after a long struggle with dementia. They were married for 51 years. Please remember her in your prayers. Also, *Courier* learned of the death of our classmate, **Beverly Romanchuk**. She passed away in February 2008. May she rest in peace.

Mary Hughes Enright proudly wrote that her son, Buddy, has won an Emmy for "Outstanding Creative Achievement in Interactive Video". Mary and Bud sold their large home on the river in Merrimac, Massachusetts, and moved to a wonderful 1860s home that has been converted into three separate condos. "The high ceilings and spacious rooms work very well with our stuff."

Happy to report that **Sue Brown Bapst**'s husband, Bill, has benefited from chemotherapy to treat his liver tumor. His numbers are down which buy him more time between MRIs and the doctors are pleased.

Rosemary Zirille Spalding and her husband Dave hosted **Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon**, **Liz Mahler Keenan**, and husbands for the ND-Purdue game at their lake home in September. They had a great weekend eating well, laughing together, and remembering their student nursing days in Kentucky.

Gerry and I attended the ND-Michigan game with **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy** and Tom. We drove from Milwaukee and joined **Carol Podesta Foley**, **Carol Lucas Dunne**, and **Betsy Finneran Kennedy** and husbands in Michigan City. Gerry and I stayed with Betsy and the rest at the Foleys. Bud and **Mary Hughes Enright** drove in from Chicago but stayed only one night because Mary was not feeling well. Game day was cold, windy, rainy...and long, as it was a night game. **Barbara Patrick O'Toole** gave Gerry and me her tickets because she was sitting in the press box—Row C on 45-yard line! What a treat to have back and arm rests! Had a nice visit with **Gerry Dunn Leinenweber** at Betsy's. On our return to Milwaukee, Sarah's family celebrated her 75th birthday and one of the guests at the party was **Mary Jo McNamara Montgomery**.

Through the Class of 1959 Endowed Scholarship, our 2012-2013 scholarship recipients, Erika Herman from Granger, Indiana, and Angge Roncal Bazan from Chandler, Arizona, received a total of \$17,100.00. Both students wrote beautiful letters of gratitude with a promise to use their scholarships well.

Rosalie Riegle gleefully announced the long-awaited publication of *Doing Time for Peace: Resistance, Family, and Community* by Vanderbilt University Press. She's planning a winter book tour of Georgia, Louisiana, Florida, the Carolinas, the Virginias, Maryland, and New York City, and hopes

to connect with many classmates while traveling and presenting at bookstores and Catholic Worker houses. Other trips are planned for 2013, as is her second book, an oral history project of faith-based war resisters: *Crossing the Line: Nonviolent Resisters Speak Out for Peace*, due out from Wipf and Stock in early 2013. Daughters **Meg Troester Murphy '90** and **Ann Troester Lennon '88** gave Rosalie a gala book party in December, and **BJ Patrick O'Toole** traveled all the way from Beverly to Glencoe in order to attend. See <http://www.amazon.com/Rosalie-G-Riegle/e/B001K8HRB6>, for her schedule, which she promises to update regularly.

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 Kiepe, Peggy Hock Cahill, Barbara Graham Stotzer, Maureen Hogan Lang, and Marilynn 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.

Mary Jo O'Callaghan Martin is engulfed in oil painting these days. I wonder if she is competing with **Sheila Camblin Duffy** who also worked on an art degree when living here in Chicago. Where are you Sheila?

Molly Bolster Frawley is recovering from knee replacement and a mastectomy and is busy seeing doctors and needing our prayers and notes of encouragement.

Karen Wilke Galvin is happily spending time with her granddaughters in Florida. Imagine how crowded our reunions would be if we all brought all our grandchildren!

Molly and Maureen are ready, willing and able to receive volumes of news about our classmates. We will keep you in our prayers... please, keep us in yours.

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Greetings from north central Minnesota. I did not hear from many classmates and some of you have asked, so I thought I would take this opportunity to tell you more about my life. As you may know, I live with my second husband on a lake in north central

Minnesota. I have four sons, three of which live in the Twin Cities, the oldest lives in Tucson. Two of my sons have been married, now divorced, and given me 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.

Patty Crotty Misrach wrote from Cincinnati, Ohio, to tell of a hectic, fun-filled, two day trip to visit **Mary Ellen Podesta Burke** in Chicago. They were very spontaneous in planning their adventures and sometimes lost track of time, to which we all can relate. Patty also said she has taken on too many museum projects, but they keep her busy and active.

An email from **Peggy Hill** in New York City told of being able to see her daughter, Stephanie, her husband, Steve, and the three grandsons (twin four-year olds and a two-year old) almost everyday. Her son, Nick, is a tenured professor of constitutional Law at Georgetown Law School and commutes from New York to DC. Peggy enjoys seeing him often as well. She has been working on the project of moving Chariots of Fire to Broadway from London.

From Sister Bay, Wisconsin, **Anne McGovern Gerard** wrote of celebrating and reminiscing fifty years of marriage with husband, Bill, in September 2012. Anne continues to work as a broker associate in Fish Creek, Wisconsin, located in Door County.

Joan Vogel MacLennan experienced a "small world moment" in a Washington, DC, Dunkin' Donuts. As she and her husband were waiting for their order, she noticed the lady at the next table laughing at herself for walking in the wrong doorway to get into the shop. Joan asked if she was a stranger in town, and the lady said no and asked where Joan was from. She told her she had probably never heard of it, LaPorte, Indiana. The lady replied she knew exactly where LaPorte was since she had attended Saint Mary's College. Joan then asked her what class she had been in and was astounded when the lady replied "...the class of 1961." The lady was **Helena Marie Anderson Corcoran**.

I truly appreciate hearing from those who answered my request for news. My next deadline is April 1, 2013. Please keep me updated on any changes in your email address and also let me know of email addresses of classmates I may not have in my listing.

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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 of Reunion 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 Foresman & Co. She married Jerry in 1970, and has two living children, James and Catherine, besides 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 **Marilyn Thuma** who also left Saint Mary's, and **Sheila Priester Hughes**, and roommate. She sends her love to all and wishes she could have 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

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 schools in Salt Lake City. "Details may fade, but the attitude was a solid starting point," she says.

Susan 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. Susan is involved in prison ministry (church) and city of Newport News, Virginia, Re-integration Project. **Diane Delozier Weber** (Moline, Illinois), who only attended Saint Mary's 1½ years, is a retired medical secretary; married Robert Weber and they have four children Aniel, Angela, Michael, and Laura. **Diane Dickerson Bird** (Loogootee, 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, the two youngest from Notre Dame.

Diane edits loans for KIVA 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 Bellwethe, 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 Emmert 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 after leaving 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 physician at Hospital Corporation of 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 fourteen 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 crafty 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 Fryling Bowers could not attend Reunion. She is a retired high school teacher (Masters of Teaching, English at Notre Dame '63) and lives in Gainesville, Virginia. She and Rowland have two children, Rachel 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 grandsons 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 Governance 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. Director. 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 Drakke 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 in 2010. She has been on the Board over five years and is very active on Board of West Raleigh Rotary Club. Mardi's sister, **Jinx Hack Ring '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 girls. 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 AAUW 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 Indianapolis, 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 Herbst Schline and Barry have lived in North Carolina for the past 30 years. She retired in June 2011, after teaching middle school social studies and language arts for 26 years. They have four grown sons and four grandchildren scattered across the US: from New York City, New York; Portland, Oregon; New Orleans, Louisiana; and, Raleigh, North Carolina. Youngest son, Michael, married in New Orleans in October 2011, is General Manager of the Zephyrs, an AAA team of the Miami Marlins. Mary Lou and Barry are involved in their parish with many years on the RCIA team. Mary is involved in Women's Bible Study and Birth Right.

Sheila Higgins Botti is in charge of merchandizing 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 grandbabies 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 annually. Send me news anytime by email or snail mail. BLESSINGS. PEACE. JOY. LOVE. **Anne Casey Beaudoin**

'63

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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 McPheron, Catherine Phee, Joan Beck Bitonti, 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 adobe house... her studio with hummingbirds darting to and fro." Others wrote to express gratitude for the email message 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, so many people 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—**CeCe McBride Lydon** and **Ellen Sheehan Adams** for sure. Ce 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 for Greater New York on West 49th Street in Manhattan. There, Mary helped coordinate the delivery of food and other services and wrote up regular status reports for those in decision making positions. "Red Cross is not designed to respond to disasters in heavily populated areas. We know how to do mobile feeding, delivering hot meals in a van to neighborhoods. But... volunteers are not trained to 'look up.' Getting meals to people 20 floors up was not what we normally do. (We) partnered with groups like the SUNY university students and the National Guard to take stuff to higher floors or worked from fixed feeding and distribution sites where (people) came to us... 16,000 blankets were donated from Russia. Teamsters drove... stuff to bulk distribution areas and networks of churches helped us get assistance to congregations." Mary spent her first night in New York on the gym floor at the YMCA with her coat for a pillow; all hotels were booked with survivors or the usual visitors. Eventually, she merited a bunk on a Navy ship in Brooklyn. "But we were the lucky ones compared to those we were helping who had no power or heat and were threatened, in some cases,

by looters." She returned home for the Thanksgiving holiday, "grateful for (her) home, family and friends." Send news!

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The Class of '64 has been celebrating 70th birthdays, traveling and volunteering this past year. **Pat Powers Gowdy** told her grandchildren she got that old with hard work and lots of play! **Nan Tomshack Tulchinsky**, 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 Bleeg Cavanaugh** cruised the Danube: Vienna, Budapest, and Prague, and went on to Rome. Denny Cavanaugh hosted **Rita Byrnes**, **Kay Christenson Janiszewski**, **Janet Walton Gieslon**, Fran, and Eileen in August in Washington, D.C., and then **Kathi Roeder** had **Carole Barskis Weber** and Denny to Philadelphia in August to do the sites and the new Barnes Museum.

Pat Ralicki McGowan has a new granddaughter, a new knee, and after Hurricane Sandy, a new roof. Two 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 Trombley 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 Nathe 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 he will just stop by the nursing home to pick up his ticket! **Kathie Menzie Lesko** and her husband, Bob, both celebrated their 70th by renting an apartment in Paris for a month! **Sue Shalgos 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 Follis Tuton** and **Jinx Hack Ring** and Peter for the championship game. **Sue Badaluco Gerhard** toured the Mediterranean with her husband, John, and visited Eze, Cinque Terre, Amalfi coast, and ended up in Venice.

Robin Keyworth wrote from Lake Woegegon that she and her husband, Steve, are excited to have their son, Ben, home from Seoul, Korea. He has taught international law there for 20 years. Plus, their granddaughter, Haydn, will also be there for Christmas. Robin works hard for the Development Department at The Basilica of Saint Mary's and the Basilica Landmark. **Trish O'Leary-Treat** is catching up after 20 years. She and her husband, Howard, have been married 25 years, and live outside of New Haven, Connecticut. From her first marriage, she has two children who both live in Massachusetts. Trish retired from PR and Marketing, became a

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 in recruiting 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 Gieslon** met this summer and attended a Road Scholar Program in the Corning 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 Jesick** from Punxsutawney was Marianne's roommate. They even reminisced about walking to town to buy brownie mixes to bake in Regina's kitchen to take to her brother who was studying for the priesthood at Notre Dame.

Jean Canizaro Enochs 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 Pacesny 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 Trumbow-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 had raves 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.

Roberta "Birdie" Blake Nesbit just returned to Langkawi, the island in Malaysia, and her very dear friend has ALS but just recently has improved 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

in June. She retired from J.C. Penney's and attended the Notre Dame-Stanford game with **Bobby Borchers Flecker** in the old Saint Mary's section in the pouring rain. (Bobby sends wonderful emails and is now looking for a championship ticket!)

Becky Laird Ryan writes: Three of our ten grandchildren are in college. Patrick is in premed at ND and a trainer for the football team. Go Irish! One of our granddaughters, Becca, is in International Relations at St. Andrews in Scotland. Kelly is in nursing at TCU in Fort Worth, Texas. My daughter teaches kindergarten at the same school she once attended, where I taught full time and now as a sub. Not only do I sub for my daughter, but she has several students whose parents are my former students!

Mary Carmody 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 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 **Sis Reynolds McBride** who has just moved close to me in Lake Forest. **Ellen Brown McBride** and I were just at Sis's for book club.

Merry, Peace and Joy,
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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 with a degree in 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 Kiawah, Georgia. **Liz Bermingham 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 Bermingham Lacy and Carla Johnson Lewis Seated left to right: Carol Smither Mansfield, Elaine Amann Mayeux, Judy Arado Walker, Barbara Borchers Bernath**

Marino Meiering, Amy Bertorelli, Kathie 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 alumnae 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, Jo Ann."

From **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 Hilo's own Lili'uokalani 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 Lili'uokalani 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 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, K.T."

Let the good times roll! There were several happy occasions for celebrations in **Sally Strobel Ladky'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 then, my 93-year-old, very courageous mother has moved from Ohio to a lovely facility nearby here in Maine, and I'm enriched by her presence every day.

The weekend of October 12, a group of us got together in Chicago for an incredible mini-reunion. **Gwen Gill Caranchini, Mary Lou Wylie** and her husband Lennie Echterling, and I joined the Chicago/South Bend contingency that included **Pat O'Hara Gable** and her husband, Steve ND '70, **Barbara Morrin Cook, Mary Minella, Sue Vanek,** and **Louanne Scanlon**



Members of the class of 1970 got together in Chicago in October for a mini-reunion. Exploring Chicago, architectural river cruises, visits to Millenium 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

Mauro. We enjoyed a wonderful two-day gathering of events put together by Pat that really allowed us to both enjoy memorable time together and rediscover the city of Chicago. Using Pat and Steve's condo as home base, we enjoyed dinners at Bistro Zinc and Coco Pazzo, viewing the opening of the bridges, taking the architectural river cruise and visiting Millenium Park, watching Notre Dame beat Stanford, poring over Barb's photo album of our freshman and sophomore years and a call to **Edi Hill Gibney**, who was unable to join us due to other family priorities.

Although I had the chance to visit with Barb at our last reunion, I was absolutely amazed to hear that, after teaching for several years in Chicago after graduation, Barb moved to Greece and lived there for nine years. She is now promoting a designer line of fashion and very involved in a number of volunteer activities. Louanne shared that she had come to Saint Mary's with a hearing problem and went through all four years with no special assistance in any of her classes. She said taking a computer class at Notre Dame her senior year made the way for her 30+ year career working in that arena. I was absolutely in awe. Louanne and her husband, Robert have just finished their move to Huntley, Illinois, to be closer to their two lovely daughters Jeanine and Deirdre (check out her Facebook page). The weekend following our reunion, Pat and Steve had a get-together with all of their children and their families for the christening of their youngest grandchild in Chicago. Andy and Nicole have just moved back to Chicago from New York City 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](http://www.foundationforhospice.org/foundation/assets/File/Crossroads-Web(1).pdf)

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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 become a bit more demanding and I've taken on new responsibilities in a start-up research project outside of my work at MetroHealth Hospital. I do hope one of you will continue to report our class news. My best!

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Looking over the update sheets that so many of you filled out makes me remember our wonderful reunion all over again! There is so much to share — news about children, grandchildren, trips, work, and retirement (for the lucky ones!).

Ann Meuleman Jendryk wrote a note to say she really enjoyed our 40th reunion weekend — a special place shared with special friends. Soon after Reunion, she helped host a baby shower for her Goddaughter, Annie, who is the daughter of **Vicky Chrobak Sadowski**. Ann has retired from teaching first grade at her neighborhood school in Wheaton, Illinois, and now spends a lot of time at the family lake home in Michigan.

One question on the reunion sheets brought back a lot of memories and smiles: "What are your funniest memories of your time at Saint Mary's?"

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 mklelesnick@gmail.com

Marian Maher Watson and husband, David, live in Cannon Beach, Oregon. She is a retired tax attorney. Marian received an MA in special education from Columbia, her JD from DePaul in Chicago and a LL.M in taxation from the University of Denver. Her email is gingerbread1468@gmail.com, which makes me wonder if she is a baker in her spare time?

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@me.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 Charity 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 a 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 - HOORAY FOR THE NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL TEAM! Number 1 after all these years!) Missy

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I haven't had any e-mails or letters from anyone in the class, you can't all be dead even though we turned 60! Let's get some camaraderie going... please write!

Speaking of turning 60... a bunch of us got together in November to celebrate the big year. We met up at a lovely beach house in St. Augustine, Florida, with a sweeping deck facing the Atlantic. Cocktails and conversation flowed and I am sworn to secrecy as to conversation details. We all brought CDs of our favorite early 70s songs so it made it all the more fun. One song made its way across all the CDs, but I won't tell it to you unless you write your news, then I will write back.

In attendance, we had: **Jan Gabler Cranfield** fresh from welcoming new grandson Sawyer; **Dede Lohle Simon**, who as class of '74 ND secretary, is probably right now writing up the great football season notes! Also, **Julie Griffin Murphy**, **Carol Longo Kaupp** (who attended the USC game in November, as daughter Erin is a senior there, but as Carol is an ND graduate, we know her voice cheered ND!), **Mary Ellen Raphael**, **Bobbi Kuhn Riconosciuto** (cheering right alongside Carol at the USC game), **Jeannelle Naquin Brady**, **Natalie Dwyer-Haller**, and **Judie Moore Green**. Carol would be annoyed if I didn't announce she is actually NOT 60 yet. Here we are at the Fountain of Youth, trekking to Ponce de Leon's fountain in St. Augustine. You can see the improvement already.

Had a great time at the Purdue game last September by myself. Hard to recognize the campus, it's changed so in recent years. I managed to find **Judie Moore Green** and her husband Rich, ND '76, and we tailgated with a



Nine women who met 42 years ago gathered for a September reunion in Chatham, Mass., on Cape Cod. These members of the class of 1974 met as freshman dorm mates on the third floor of T-Wing in Holy Cross Hall. They traveled from seven states to be together and enjoyed hours of reminiscing, laughing, red velvet cake (to celebrate special decade birthdays), the beach, a harbor cruise, shopping, eating, and Sunday mass. The T-Wingers are: seated: Pat Snow Hession, Chris (Hollander) Motto. Standing: Kathy McAuliffe Donnelly, Diane McGuinness Sullivan, Pam McCormick, Pat Olvany Hodson, Sue Kidney Clifford, Mary Pat Essman photo by Celine McGowan



Members of the class of 1974 met in St. Augustine, Florida, to celebrate turning 60. It wasn't complete without a trip to the "Fountain of Youth!"

family that had both ND and Purdue graduates in the family, so it was a fun and lively discussion!

I stay in touch with **M.C. Molidor** through Facebook now and she has been a big ND football fan this year, so a shout out to her and her family. Fellow classmates: I am very amusing on Facebook, feel free to look me up and 'friend' me if you want to see exciting photos (just trying to lure you into communicating).

Best wishes for the year of 2013. Keep safe, healthy and happy!

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From Mary: A few of our classmates write us with sad news.

Buffy Milone Jordan writes: "This has been a difficult year. On April 28, 2012, John Petrovick, my son and my hero, crossed the finish line of his final race. In 2008, John was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Determined not to let the cancer stop him, John returned to law school, completed his treatments, and completed the Baltimore marathon in 2009. He ran again in 2010 to raise money for the brain cancer research. In 2011, he convinced his surgeon, Dr. Quinones-Hinjosa, to join him in the half marathon. They completed the race, even though John was undergoing chemotherapy. In October this year, my daughter, Caroline, my sister, 3 nieces, and I joined Dr. Q's team of more than 90 people to continue what John began. Q's Quest raised over \$70,000 for research. Donations are still being accepted at <http://www.active.com/donate/qquest/buffyjordan>." John was an avid Notre Dame fan, so I am not at all surprised by the team's success.

And **Christy Broderick Emmanuel** informs us that her sister-in-law, **Mary Jo Emmanuel Hanover**, passed away on July 1, 2012. She writes, "We lost an angel on July 1 when my sister-in-law, our fellow classmate, **Mary Jo Emmanuel Hanover** (English major), died peacefully in Pensacola after a courageous 18-month battle with cancer. Who among us wouldn't remember Mary Jo's infectious smile and cheerful disposition? Anyone who knew her knew

that there was something extraordinary about Mary Jo. Guided by her strong faith, Mary Jo was a warm, kind-hearted, joyful and loving friend and colleague to so many. With her husband of 37 years, Mary Jo and Dennis "Hans" ND '73 raised three beautiful children in Baton Rouge (Erin, Cameron, and Peter). Earlier this year, Mary Jo retired as a senior project manager from Louisiana Economic Development with over 25 years of dedicated service. In her memory and in recognition of her impact on the profession and the thousands of jobs she was personally responsible for creating, the Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association initiated the Mary Jo Hanover Award for Great Achievement in Economic Development. She left a lasting mark on everyone and everything she touched. To the delight of all us, but especially her husband, Dennis, I fully expect that Mary Jo had a hand in the remarkable football season Notre Dame has enjoyed this season. Her spirit still shines brightly upon us. May she rest in peace."

We offer condolences to both families, who will be in our prayers.

And it would seem that Notre Dame has quite a booster section.

Speaking of football, in October, **Katie Ryan Brady**, **Mary Collins Johnson**, **Kathi Paterno Knise**, and their spouses, had a great visit with **Janet Ryan Grasso** and her husband, Gary. They all attended the ND-Miami game at Soldier Field. By chance, among the hundreds of fans attending the game, they were lucky enough to run into **Betty Bettman Hackney** and her husband, Randy, making for a great mini-reunion.

As for me, when in Washington, DC, this August, I shared a wonderful dinner with **Donna Cavi Sussman '76**. Right now, I am getting ready for another cabaret show in New York, my first in a couple of years. This one is devoted entirely to the songs of Tom Lehrer and will be at the Laurie Beechman Theater on West 42nd Street on January 4 and January 6. I've been lucky to work with my musical director, Jeff Cubeta, and director, Grace Kiley.

One more note from your Class Reporter: Many aol.com email addresses underwent some changes, and several of them no longer work. If you regularly receive email from me asking for news, but haven't heard from me lately, please send me your updated email address. Of course, you can send in news any time!

As my mother, **Peggy Vlossak Sheeran '44**, would say, "Beeee happy!"

'76

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From Leslie: The shared theme of a few classmates with whom I have been in touch is, "Not much new to say... and, at this time, that's a good thing!"

Christine Burton wrote about tele- and real-commuting between Honolulu and Pittsburgh to run her Hawaii mortgage business, which has picked up for the third year running, and to spend time with her parents, who are in their mid-80s and doing OK in Pennsylvania most days. About a year ago, Christine and I had drinks

in Pittsburgh, when I was home in Beaver visiting my also 80-something mother, who's doing OK, too.

Mary Gail Angyus McLaughlin wrote to report a stressful year teaching in one of Hammond's public schools; but also noted that having her daughter, Meggan, 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 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 Zagrocki 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 Moulis 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 Pacific, where she is a junior. 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 balmy September in Minneapolis, which she loved despite the clear worries about global warming. Like Christine, she reported, "No headlines; no Courier-worthy milestones." But she did note the blessing of two thriving boys: Matt, a high school junior who runs cross country and skis, 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 visit. She mentioned the happy news that **Pat Morahan Bufalino** is a grandmother for the third time.

Kat and I are in e-touch off and on, as are **Marianne 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 Kerley Moss**, who is 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 Azerbaijani 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 south suburb of Nashville. She has been married to Kent for 34 years. He is CIO of a non-standard auto 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 35th 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 Stoelzel 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 percussionist. You may see him on the football fields at Notre Dame one day, either playing in the Marching Band or on the football team.

Anna Monardo teaches in the Writer's Workshop at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She has a son, Leo, who is 12.

Marijo Rogers Kelly writes on behalf of herself and the following fellow classmates. Marijo has lived in South Bend since March of 1979. She is a Community Volunteer and has served on several community boards. She is currently on the Susan G. Komen Northern Indiana Affiliates Board and the Logan Center Foundation Board and active with Development for Saint Mary's College. She recently finished co-chairing a Capital Campaign with **Mary McEnery Harding '84** to raise \$37 million for

building a new St. Joseph High School in town.

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 '10. She's become a first time grandma to Samuel Kelly Hansen. 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.

Marijo saw **Laurie Germanos Macchione** in Chicago over Thanksgiving, 2012. Laurie is a Personal Haut 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 DiVirgilio, took a cruise from San Francisco down to Puerto Viarto. While in San Diego, she connected with Jose Alonzo ND '75, who is the Director of the Federal Reserve Bank. She writes that **Carlotta "Carla" Romano Grossmann** 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-Labadie. They live in Chicago, Rancho Valencia, and Nantucket. **Kathleen Feehan George** and her husband, Craig George ND '77, have a son living abroad. **Kathy 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.

'79

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From the Courier: From **Mary Anne Dempsey Poinatte**: "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 roomie **Sue McKinney**.

I also want to let history majors know that my father-in-law, Charles Poinatte, 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, **Diane Rauseo** in Maryland, and **Patti Maguire Butterfield** in Massachusetts.

'81

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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, is studying in Europe this fall. Maggie is looking forward to her sophomore year at Notre Dame and just finishing a summer position in West Virginia with the Appalachian Service Project organization. Our youngest, Michaela, will be a sophomore at Archbishop Hoban High School (a Holy Cross school!). We visited the Saint Mary's campus this fall when we went to the October 20 ND game.

From **Elisabeth McNamara Reed**: On April 21, 2012 I was married to Timothy James Reed at the University Club of Chicago. I consider myself the luckiest girl on the face of the earth to have found such a wonderful groom and to have been able to share our happy day with so many Saint Mary's grads. I was especially lucky to have the great honor of having my mother, **Faith Kilburg McNamara '52**, walk me down the aisle, and **Susan Powers** as my Matron of Honor. Celebrating with us were **Mary Ellen Gallagher Gavin, JoAnn Nekic Malik, Barb O'Connell Hoyt, Carolyn Dampf Christianson**, their husbands, and my mother's girls from the class of 1952: **Mary Berners Kishler '52, Joanne Hickey Frazel '52, and Pat Egan Skudnig '52**, my cousin, **Fleur Hulsebus Burkhardt '51**, and **Maura**

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 freshman 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.

'83

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Hello Class of 1983! By the time you get this issue, our 30th reunion will be upon us, and I hope you'll be able to attend. It's always a fun-filled weekend catching up with old friends and recalling our years at Saint Mary's. See you there!

Mary Eileen Shelley Morrissey writes that her daughter, Megan, will graduate from Notre Dame this spring. Meanwhile, daughter, Sara, is following her sister, Colleen's, footsteps and is a freshman at the University of Georgia. And, there are still two daughters at home to keep Mary Eileen busy. Mary Eileen is chair of their parish school's 60th anniversary celebration which runs from September 2012 to June 2013. Her husband, John, is now on the University Maryland faculty as a critical care physician in Baltimore.

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From Diane: Happy Spring Everyone! It is December here as I am compiling the great notes you all have sent to me! Many of us are fired up for an Irish victory in the BCS Championship game!

From **Kelly Cambron Fretwell**: Doing well in Florida. We have added another daughter to our family! My niece, Bella's, parents (my husband's sister and her husband) died suddenly this summer and we are adopting Bella who is 6 and 7 months younger than Annie. I continue to practice law in Port St. Lucie, specializing in workers compensation and social security.

From **Janet Del Giudice Balakian**: I spent nine days in Rome, Italy, visiting my niece, Jacqueline Kjolhede '15, who is studying on the Saint Mary's College Rome program. I had a great time with Jacqueline and her Saint Mary's friends. Rome never changes. Guseppi Molinari, the owner of Hotel Tiziano, and I shared memories and laughs about the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students from 1981-82. That was a magical year in Rome.

Judy Belger Scara writes that she and **Mary Kimmel Berezo** had a mini reunion at Miami of Ohio at parents' weekend, where Judy's son, Patrick, is a sophomore and Mary's daughter, Nicole, is a freshman. So much fun was had by all!

From **Ann von Wahlde Fink** in St. Louis, Missouri: The first 11 months of 2012 were filled with wonders and rather than describe them, I'll share a wonder-filled, non-fiction book from a novelist I've come to admire: *Praying for Strangers* by River Jordan. Faced with sending her two sons to fight in the Middle East, the author's New Year's resolution tradition refused to be sidetracked. As happens, a voice in her head told her to "pray for strangers." This book chronicles the affect that connecting with a stranger, each day, can generate. This book is, perhaps, the best way I can describe my personal year of serendipity. I have wrapped dozens of it to place under the trees of those I love. This comes with heartfelt wishes of peace and joy.

Maira Taylor Castro enjoyed a mini reunion Purdue weekend! In attendance were **Kathy Brassil Finkle, Carolin Cronin Mannion, Allison Zern Sturm, Eileen Hogan Goodspeed, Mary Paolucci Murphy, Elaine Hocer Moore, Linda Roeder Tortorelli, and Beverly Balisteri Cronin**. Maira also attended the Saint Mary's College Club of Houston's annual Christmas Mass and dinner with **Gwen Warwick Anderson** and **Amy McKenna Greely**.

From **Diana Butler Buxton**: As I write, the Park Avenue Tree lighting is taking place outside my apartment which means it is now officially Christmas in New York! I attended the Michigan game with my husband, Douglas, and my dad. We gave up social plans watching the Saturday night games all season. We don't plan to make the trip to Miami, but I am still always the party organizer and I will be putting together a table at the Public House where the ND Club in New York City gathers to watch the game each week. My marriage was blessed in the Catholic Church earlier in the year and I was blessed to have **Mary Beth Reiling** in attendance to do a reading and celebrate with our family, Douglas, and I. Please friend me on Facebook at **Diana Butler Buxton**.

Alicia Ojascastro Behrmdt sends this note: I enjoyed visiting with **Jennifer Johnston Luttrell** when I was in South Bend to pick up my daughter, Allison ND '14, at the end of the school year. We relived the good old days by walking around campus and visiting Holy Cross and Le Mans. My family and I enjoyed attending the Michigan and Wake Forest games. We also enjoyed watching my son, Ryan, play football during his senior year at St. Louis University High School.

Susan Van Etten's daughter, Katie Ziltz, is a sophomore at Saint Mary's College and is studying in Maynooth, Ireland, this year. Susan writes: She LOVES it. I'm going to visit her for Christmas! **Lynn McCarthy Frost** and I celebrated our 50th birthdays together at the Stanford game, wonderful fun weekend in South Bend. Lynn's twins, Kevin and Keeley, are freshmen at ND and Saint Mary's College! They both love it. Lynn is taking them to Miami for the BCS game. I'm hoping to go! Lynn and I went to the Fiesta Bowl together.

Marianne Camenzind Woods also has a daughter at Saint Mary's College. Mackenzie is a sophomore and studying in Italy this year.

Bridget Gary Jackson sent in this update: Went to Ireland with my brother, Brian ND '82, and sister-in-law, **Melissa DeCrane Gary '81**, along with an additional 32 Gary and DeCrane family members. We celebrated my dad's 90th birthday! The Notre Dame/Navv game was the highlight of our trip but we did quite a bit of sightseeing and took some time to check out the Guinness brewery and Jameson distillery. My boys are 14 and 16 and still keeping me very busy. I have been working at Spectrum Health Hospital in Grand Rapids for nearly 25 years and recently switched roles and will be working as a Nurse Case Manager.

Amy Murray in Berkeley, California writes: Revival Bar+Kitchen is going gangbusters. I'm still working long hours, but life is good and I feel so blessed. I work with the local Slow Food Movement on some projects. My crew and I helped prep heritage turkeys for Thanksgiving. I'm traveling to Tepoztlan, Mexico, for a food writing workshop in January. Please come visit me when visiting the Bay Area!

Janice Dwyer Wiggins is currently serving her second term as President of the Cook County Lions Club, a global service organization dedicated to meeting the needs of the local communities. In addition, Janice has been chosen by the District Governor to participate in the 2013 Lions Leadership Initiative Program, which will kick off shortly after the New Year. It was ladies night when **Trish Sigler** came to town with her family for a weekend in October. While her husband and son were watching Notre Dame defeat Miami, Trish and her daughter, and **Mary Beth Catanzaro Phelps** and her twin daughters, met up with Janice for an evening of dinner and shopping in downtown Chicago.

Karen Wagner Lewis writes from Lawton, Oklahoma: My husband, Brett, retired from the Army after serving 28 years. He is now a Manager for Northrop Grumman. Her oldest son, Garrett, will graduate from Texas A&M this spring. Karen is very active in her community theatre, acting in various plays through the year.

I enjoyed a fun girls' weekend in South Bend for the Wake Forest game. In attendance were **Anne Archibald Deutsch**, **Mary Rymarquis Stiglmeier**, **Janice Dwyer Wiggins**, and **Karen Wagner Lewis**. We stayed at the Saint Mary's Inn on campus and had a great time. **Alicia Ojascastro Behrmdt** stopped by our tailgate with her son, Ryan, and daughter, Allison, and a few of Allison's ND friends! It was a great football season! I know many of us here have plans to be in Miami for the BCS Championship.

On a sad note, **Anne Archibald Deutsch's** father, Joseph Archibald, Jr. ND '49, passed away this past spring. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald were loyal ND Football Fans. They graciously invited many of us SMC chicks to their tailgate every football weekend during our four years at Saint Mary's. Anne's mother, **Claire Daley Archibald '49**, to this day sends her turkey sandwiches with Anne or her brother, Joe, on game days at ND. Thanks everyone for the updates. I enjoy keeping up with all of you on Facebook.

From **Angie Sleeper Helmstetter**: "All is well in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Our oldest, Mary, is in her third year of teaching in the Chicago area and enjoying living in downtown Chicago. Our Kathleen is a sophomore at Xavier University in Cincinnati, and loving every moment. Tom ND '82 and I are busy juggling life with our 11-year-old, Bridget, and caring for my mom. Being a member of the 'sandwich generation' has brought a whole new meaning to how important faith and flexibility with schedules are in today's world. While Tom has spent a great deal of time manning the home front, with the help and encouragement of

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 tailgated with **Janice Dwyer Wiggins**, Jim ND '81 and Kathy Woll (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!"

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

Just 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!



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.

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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 following the sad events in Libya, the embassy in Tunis 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 you are all safe, 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, Rafter, 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 husband, Dan, have their two younger children, Bob, 7th grade, and Anne, 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 Christendom College in Virginia, Cormac is a freshman at Franciscan University in Stubenville, Liam and Caitrin 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, Madeleine, is a senior in high school and is figuring out college plans. Tomas, an eighth grader, keeps Jeanne smiling. Along with her work in campus ministry at Marian College, Jeanne also takes in a college student or two who are in need of a landing place. I got to visit Jeanne in her lovely home in Indianapolis last June and saw the wonderful community that encircles her.

I visited with **Margo Mischler-Philbin** 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.

'88

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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 awarded the rank of Eagle Scout this fall. We celebrated the event in November, the week before he turned 18. I will be sure to bring photos to our 25th reunion in May!

My involvement with the Saint Mary's Los Angeles Alumnae Club has afforded me the chance to reconnect with several friends. **Anne Borgman** and **Maira Michiels** recently attended a Christmas brunch with me (and other LA alums) at the Getty Museum. We had so much fun talking that we hardly had any time to tour the grounds. **Katy Kronenberg Penna** has been in attendance at a number of events and planning meetings and has volunteered to be the Orange County contact for the group. I think that means we will get to see a great deal more of each other, for which I am grateful.

The holidays will take me back to Chicago, where I plan to visit with **Jamie Smith Taradash**, as is our tradition.

As I am not an investigative reporter by trade, the news I share is only as complete as the news I hear. Please complete the reunion survey so that I can update my records. And plan now to attend our 25th reunion this summer. It's going to be a blast!

'89

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From Karen: Happy 2013! We're either celebrating a ND football championship and Manti's Heisman...or toasting a 12-0 season that truly reflected the spirit of our Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community, and brought back lots of wonderful memories from our senior year!

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 Miami 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, Florida! In November, **Lynne Lauer 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 Columbus, Ohio, to visit family in Indiana.

Carrie Deane Corcoran took advantage of a free weekend in September to head to Chicago for a girls' weekend! She caught up with **Kelly Styrna Collins**, **Linda Arce Cosgrove**, **Heidi Hirschle Hexamer**, and **Karen Callahan Roddy**. They enjoyed lunches, dinners, shopping, and a soccer game in which Heidi's and Karen's daughters played each other (fortunately they tied)! Kelly hosted a great mini-reunion brunch on Sunday.

In September, **Karen Crespy** caught up with **Cathy Mansfield Fox** over breakfast in Vienna, Virginia. In October, Karen flew to Chicago. She landed



1989 Classmates took advantage of a free weekend in September and got together in Chicago for a girls' weekend. Pictured left to right: Kelly Styrna Collins, Linda Arce Cosgrove, Heidi Hirschle Hexamer, Karen Callahan Roddy, and Carrie Deane Corcoran. They enjoyed lunches, dinners, shopping, 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 Euliano** and Ron, a fabulous dinner with Tom Schlegel, and more time with **Katy Burns**. It ended with visiting **Jackie Brody Tavitas '91**, and more tailgating with family and friends at the ND-Stanford game.

Entrepreneurial spirit! **Amy Tegel Beausir** launched a vintage furniture business, Millie & Myrtle, in Indianapolis, and has space in two retail locations, "Reclamation" in Broad Ripple and the "Carmel Antique Mall." She specializes in revitalizing old chairs into bright and fun upholstered pieces, and restyles sets of dining/kitchen furniture for sale, as well as rentals for special events. You can find Millie & Myrtle on Facebook.

Patti Jacobs Hein founded a nonprofit organization, TAFicity, Inc., with the mission to create a welcoming, supportive, and accepting community for Transracially Adoptive Families. Interested transracial families may find the group at www.meetup.com/Transracially-Adoptive-Families/ and on Facebook.

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From Sue: I heard from **Erin Gallagher Steinlage**, who reports on her new position at Children's Hospital of Minnesota. She is a program manager in the Hospitalist program.

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-Wilhelmina. 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. **Theresa Hart Dearie** sang a spectacular "Ave Maria," and many of our classmates were able to attend including **Katie Ortmann Hirsch**, **Chrissy Fleming Giesinger**, **Colleen Mooney McGee**, **Mary Cassidy**, **Maria Tellesca**, 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 Hershey 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 Enright Riva** joined us for part of the Hershey weekend. It was great to spend so much time with old friends laughing about old stories and our Saint Mary's antics. I know you'll all agree that the Saint Mary's bonds run deep all these years later. Please be sure to join the SMC90 group on Facebook!

'91

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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 chemotherapy, their daughter, Mia, 6, has been leukemia free for 10 months. Brother, Carter (4), is happy and healthy and provided for comic relief during a painful time.

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 University. She hopes to become an oncology nurse.

Andrea Regan Blachford has been home-schooling her teenage daughters for the past nine years. She is active with Americans for Prosperity and volunteered on political campaigns.

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 Rubsamen 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, Brian, and twin 15-year-old daughters.

Sarah Mayer Carron lives in Grosse Pointe Woods, 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, Linnea (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 (AnnietheBaker.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.

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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 Pernsteiner '89** and Kathy's daughter, Ellie Pernsteiner '14.

Vidya Ramsamoj 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 people for single donations of \$39. It costs \$39 a day to pay for programming and housing of a homeless person in South Bend. One of her dearest friends from Saint Mary's, **Gretchen Flicker**, was there to support her dancing a quick step to "Anything Goes." Jennifer is now working at St. John of the Cross Parish School in Western Springs, Illinois, as director of advancement.

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.

'94

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Laura Berger writes, "I have co-authored a book with my husband, Glen Tibaldeo, titled *Fall in Love Again, Every Day: 3 Steps to True Connection for Any Couple*. We have been on ABC, CNBC, in *Self Magazine*, *Redbook Magazine* and on numerous morning radio shows. This week, we are taping a 7 minute TV segment in New York and will be promoting our next book, *Radical Sabbatical: Could You Say Goodbye to Everything You Know to Gain Everything You Want?* scheduled for release Winter 2013. *Radical Sabbatical* is also creating quite the buzz, being described as a couple's *Eat, Pray, Love* meets *The Hangover*. *Fall in Love Again Every Day* is available on Amazon. Feel free to sign up on our website at www.lifeleapsprogram.com and join our Life Leaps Facebook page."

Major William Pierpoint "Pier" White, III ND '94 and **Kristen Maneri White** welcomed twins, Reagan Reilly, and Jackson Finnegan "Finn," to the family on June 24, 2012. They are welcomed by their older siblings, Keenan (15), Will (13), Camden (12), Tatum (9), and Tadhg (6). Pier and Kristen live in South Bend, and are both working at Notre Dame; Pier as an east coast regional development officer, and Kristen as an assistant to the senior director of utilities and maintenance.

'95

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Thank you to everyone who sent updates! The next Class News deadline is March 27, 2013.

Carly Fitch Burnham and husband, Daniel, welcomed a 7-pound baby boy, Diego Justin, on November 4, 2012. He joins five siblings, Damian (11), Alexandra (7), Dominic (7), Isabella (5), and Olivia (3). He was baptized on November 25 at Sacred Heart Catholic Parish in Farmington, New Mexico.

Bryn Umhofer Schmitt reunited with '95 classmates **Elizabeth Kernan**, **Jennifer Pupilava**, **Alexis Dunbar Beckwith**, **Erika Moen Januschka**, and **Kristina Berg Borger** at the ND/Pitt game in November 2012.

Kristen Martina Kowalski writes, "After spending the last ten years in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, my husband, Dave, and I, and our three children, (Grace, 6th grade; Nathan, 1st grade; and Daniel, K) have relocated to Minnesota. We moved in August 2012, and are living in Shorewood, Minnesota, a western suburb of



Members of the class of 1995 reunited at the Notre Dame/Pittsburgh football game last fall. Pictured left to right: Kristina Berg Borger, Bryn Umhofer Schmitt, Elizabeth Kernan, Erika Moen Januschka, Alexis Dunbar Beckwith, and Jennifer Pupilava.

Minneapolis. We are getting settled, enjoying our adventure, and would love to connect with any Saint Mary's alums out there in the Twin Cities."

Nancy Mulcare Zgutowicz recently moved back to Glen Ellyn, Illinois, after spending four years in Hingham, Massachusetts. She and her husband, Andy, and children Jack, Cara and Peter, are settling into their new home in time for the holidays.

Tanya Wilson Meagher and husband, Sean, welcomed a new addition to their family on November 7, 2012. Clare Mavourneen weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz. Tanya writes, "She joins four older brothers, Sean, Michael, Joe, Nick, and her proud big sister, Grace, in our big family. She is such a good baby!"

'96

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Hello again! I hope this update finds everyone doing well. Several classmates are doing well with many happy life changes to report. **Jennifer Hardebeck Luce** recently finished her master of education degree in curriculum and instruction. **Maureen Davis '97** also finished school recently and earned dual master's degrees in financial fraud examination management as well as project management. **Betsy Killian** relocated to St. Louis to build a forensic practice for KPMG last winter. She wrote that **Christine Feller** recently bought an adorable historic home after relocating to Springfield, Illinois. Congratulations, ladies!

Laura Richter Martino and husband, Navy Commander Chris Martino ND '94, recently relocated to Monterey, California, where Chris is working on a PhD in electrical engineering at the Naval Postgraduate School. Laura and Chris also welcomed Francesca Catherine into their family in February 2012. Big brother, Gus, was very happy to welcome her home!

In other happy news, **Sarah Sullivan Bigelow** gave birth to her fourth daughter, Siobhan Murphy, on August 10. Sarah writes that little Siobhan is "a joy and a bit of a doll to her older sisters." **Katie Rose Hulett** and family welcomed Ava Rose on April 26, 2012, and everyone just loves the new addition! **Jennifer Holuj Rediger** had baby boy number two, Jackson Conrad, on April 10, 2012. He weighed in at 6 pounds and 12 ounces and big brother, Alex, Mommy, and Daddy couldn't be more excited!

Ellen Sanders Reed has lots of good news to report. Last June, she began a new job with M&I Bank (formally Southwest Bank and soon to be BMO Harris) and loves the five minute commute from home. On December 4, 2012, she gave birth to Audrey Ellen. Baby Audrey was 19.5 inches long and 8 pounds, 9 ounces. Both mom and daughter are wonderful, as is the rest of the family.

Finally, I'm sure I speak for all of us when I express deepest sympathies to our classmate, **Barbara Howells Boukater**, who lost her mom, **Patricia Harvey Howells '66**, last summer. Anyone who ever met her would agree she was a wonderful woman who was the epitome of a true Belle.

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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 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 Mitrius Freneau** 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



Katie Maxbauer McNulty '97 and her family spent a sabbatical academic year in Durham, England, before returning home to Minneapolis. While in England, the McNultys were able to spend an autumn and a spring weekend with **Emily Bochy Fenton '97** and her family. Here, Katie and Emily pose with their children outside of Prudhoe Castle, Northumbria.

(and to traveling to Saint Mary's and ND without flying, checking in carsseats, renting a car, etc. Go Irish!)"

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 alums. 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, joyous, healthy, and peaceful holiday season. À bientôt, mes amies, Amy

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From Jennifer: Hi everyone! My summer travels brought me to our nation's capital. While there, I was able to meet up with **Katie Penote**, **Beth Schafer Coyne** and **Libby Rector Snipe**. Beth and her husband welcomed a daughter, Ellen, on September 3, 2012. She joins big brother, Emmett, who is 2. Libby and Chris welcomed their son, Andrew Luc, on October 21, 2012. Three-year-old Millie is delighted to have a little brother and all are doing well.

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.

Andi Sandven Schwartz and her husband, Rick, ND '99, 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!

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

Leslie Zielinski Walsh married Ed Walsh Jr. in Shelbyville, Indiana, on October 13, 2012. Belles who intended included **Michelle Janko Meade, Ingrid Yan, Bernadette Quast Amico '00, Briana Minadeo '00, Natalie Caruso Sanford '01, and Kerry Gill Rogers '02.**

Jennifer Mazurek 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 Cannavan, Charise Desmarteau Oelger, and Marge Schugt** came with their families in tow. All told, ten adults and seven kids enjoyed a weekend of food and friends complete with a bouncy 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 Wagener**, 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 Staufberger** 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 joins big sisters, Sophia (7), and Heidi (5). "We are living in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and have really enjoyed getting involved at St. James the Apostle Church and school. I am a marketing manager at McGraw-Hill. When I am not busy mothering and working, I'm also the leader of a book club for Glen Ellyn Newcomers Club and love helping out with my daughter's Girl Scout troop!"

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From Alyson: Greetings 2001 Belles! As always, our class is as busy as ever—enjoy the updates!

Baby Belles abound! **Andrea Herek Wetters** wrote, "What a year! On April 22, we welcomed Grace Christine into our family! My husband, Keith, big 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 Sterritt Clancy, Chris Diana Crissman, Molly McVoy** and **Alice Fox Fasula**.

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 Rebori** 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 kindergartener! The other big news to report from the summer is that I became a partner at my pediatric private practice and we moved homes."

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 Kosel Shaughnessy added, "Kurt and I are happy to announce the birth of our first child, Connor Reid Hessen. 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, Lola Mukerjee Ruiz, on March 18, 2012. Big sister, Anabelle (3), is so proud!"

Wedding bells are also ringing! **Maren Ammerman** checked in with her good news, "I am living in Carrboro, NC near Chapel Hill, and I've been in NC since 2006. I work for Southern Season which is a large specialty food store here in Chapel Hill. I oversee the buying for all of the gourmet foods. It's really fun! I also got married last May in Carrboro to Aaron Trocki. It was a blast and I was so excited to have **Mary Suddendorf Braunwarth** and **Casey Kimball Compton** with me!"

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."

Kelly Walsh added, "In November, I was promoted to branch underwriting director in CNA's 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 four 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 Burket 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 loving 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 Wujek and husband, Eddie, welcomed their third daughter this fall, Jane Frances. Big sisters, Lucy (5), and Anna (3), are thrilled!

Lauren Bussy 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 Wilton on October 27, 2012, in Hinsdale, Illinois. Many 2002 class alums 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 Athanasius Catholic Church where 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 Connolly and Mike ND '02 welcomed their 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 Buhriend**. Other class of 2002 Belles included: **Francesca Casaccio Rabchuk, Monica Berg, Mary Kate Driscoll, Tracy Graf, Kara Kotynek Cullen, Sarah Kofflin, Carolyn Solomon Wujek, 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 neigh-

borhood 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 20 inches and is a wonderful addition to our family. She joins sister, Madelynn (6), and brother, Charles (2). I'm back to work after a nice maternity leave and continue to work as the southwest regional director for US Congressman, Marlin Stutzman. Besides my official job, I also was able to assist with his campaign by being his district fundraiser during election season. Jason, my husband, and I are also celebrating our one-year anniversary of having our business. We started McSherry Properties, LLC in 2011 where we operate commercial real estate properties. In October, Jason and I celebrated our tenth wedding anniversary."

Ellen Higgins Reilander reports, "Our first child, Mary Catherine Doherty Reilander, was born on October 15, 2012, and my husband, Luke, and I are overjoyed to have our beautiful little girl. Luke and I live in South Bend, where I'm working part-time at the Women's Care Center and full-time as Mary Kate's mom."

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 Eiswirth** 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 joins his three big brothers, Jackson, Jude, and Hudson and is a very happy baby! Jolie is definitely outnumbered with four sons, a husband, and a male puppy at her house, but she loves it.

Captain Shanna Conner 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 Zanayed and husband, Diab, welcomed their second child, Omar, in July 2012. Her daughter, Audriana, just turned two and loves her brother!

In December 2012, **Ann Marie Dennany 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 fifth child, a son, Leo Gregory, on August 15, 2012. He joins his four older sisters, Ella, 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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From Amy, Meganne, and Amanda: Andrea Fox-Canale and husband, Josh, were blessed with the birth of their second daughter, Kate Alivia, on July 9, 2012. Daughter, Emma, now two and a half, is in love with Kate and enjoys her new role as "big sister."

Jaime Kosonovich Perry and husband, James, had a healthy baby boy on August 1, 2012. Jonathan Alexander Perry was 6 lbs., 7 ozs. and 19 inches long.

Katie DeMent Pohlmeier and John ND MBA '03, welcomed Emma Kate Pohlmeier to the world on August 13. Katie writes, "Big sister, Claire, is as proud as can be of her new little sister."

Hazel Smith and her husband, Aaron Cowham, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Maura Cowham, on August 16, 2012.

Congratulations to all the new moms and dads!

Amy Wall Surma is newly active in the Saint Mary's College South Bend Alumnae Committee. She is the young alums' chair and is in charge of planning the SMC's in the City events for the Michiana area. If you want to be involved and live in the South Bend/Michiana area please email Amy at amysurma@me.com.

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

'04

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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 (Brock), 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 Newcamp 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 Urgonski Keck**, **Sarah Miller Coppinger**, **Kimberly Gans**, **Maggie Garigliano 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 Jakob, and traveling the world with her husband, Christopher. 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, Rocco 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!

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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 communications 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 Avalign 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

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, 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 education 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 Noah Edward 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 RLST 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 Cenpatco. 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 working in Michigan very soon."

Victoria Orpin Winslow says, "Charles and I welcomed our first child, a daughter, Teagan Rose, on October 4, 2012. She is a blessing!"

Sheila Egts 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 Thomas Belzowski, born on June 7 of this year."

Meghan Flick 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 assistant in the field of dermatology in January.

Jill Roberts received one of five Chicago Bar Foundation Sun-Times Public Interest Law Fellowships for 2012. The award is for loan repayment assistance over five years to help her continue her career in legal aid. Jill currently works at Cabrini Green Legal Aid in Chicago and handles divorce, order of protection, custody, visitation, parentage, eviction, subsidy termination, expungement, sealing, and clemency cases.

Jill uses her Saint Mary's College Spanish minor every day as she is the only Spanish speaking staff member.

Laura Taylor Koke and her husband, Kevin, welcomed their son, Nolan Michael, July 6, 2012.

Elise Rupright Bohl writes, "My husband, Brandon, and I had our second daughter, Annabelle Marie Bohl, on April 19."

Claire Higgins writes, "Joe Ackerman ND '05 and I were married this past St. Patrick's Day at the Basilica with Father Joe Carey presiding. Included in the bridal party were my sister **Ellen Higgins Reilander '02**, **Erin Carsele Fiorini**, **Bridget Gottlieb** and mother of the bride, **Rebecca Kapsa Higgins '75**. The luck of the Irish must have been with us because it was an absolutely stunning day, and we were blessed to celebrate with many of our Saint Mary's and Notre Dame family and friends.

Also, this past Memorial Day, **Lindsay Greene Gayle**, **Leah Gillock**, **Beth Bennett**, **Bridget Gottlieb**, **Tori Spiering**, **Liz Mulherin**, **Jacqueline Cuisinier**, and I spent a fun lakeside girls weekend together reminiscing about our times at Saint Mary's College."

After spending the past three years on the move as a member of the Refugee Corps within the Department of Homeland Security, I recently accepted a position as a headquarters refugee officer with the Refugee Affairs Division's Training and Quality Assurance team. I'm thrilled to finally have a chance to get to know the DC area after technically living here three years already, while continuing to work in an office I love!

Congratulations to all of you on your exciting news! I was thrilled when I saw how full my inbox was after my most recent request for *Courier* submissions! Please keep them coming!

'06

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Sarah Staley married Brad Gable on May 26, 2012. **Megan Staley '08**, **Emily Staley '11**, **Meghan 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 Prikkel '95**, **Mary Ann Mathile**, and **Erin Cassidy '15**.

'07

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Happy Spring! I hope everyone had a great winter 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 reliving 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 had 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

festivities included **Gina Gonnella 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, 2012, honeymooning in North Carolina, Georgia, and South Carolina. **Rosemary Walsh** attended. The newly married couple resides in Toledo, Ohio, where Brittany is a fifth grade teacher at St. Joan of Arc School.

Gracie Guebert and Andrew Foxwell were married September 2, 2012, in Washington, DC.

On June 16, 2012, **Brooke Sheldon Smeckert** married Aaron Smeckert in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In attendance were **Meghan Honerlaw**, **Kerry Butz**, **Megan Osberger**, **Erin Anhut**, and **Meaghan Herbst Arzberger**, and Jay Dunne and Nichole Molnar, 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, soils, and insects (weed science) in October 2012 from the University of Tennessee. Upon graduation, Kelly started with DuPont Crop Protection as a field development representative for Indiana and Kentucky. Her father, Barry J. Barnett, sadly passed March 10, 2012.

Jenny Chmielewski Castro married Edgar Castro, Jr. on June 22, 2012. **Jessica Chmielewski '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 IUPUI.

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!"

Audra 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 welcomed 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 Annunciation Parish in Melrose, Massachusetts, on a beautiful fall day on Saturday, October 20, 2012. **Laura Frechette** and **Perryn White McLeod** were bridesmaids, and **Christie Pearl Rastello**, **Caroline "Cheeta" Stancukas**, **Nicole Leach**, and **Sarah Miesle** were in attendance.

Chrissy 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 **Allison Greene '08**, **Armene Gavoro Kapamajian**, **Kelly Meehan**, **Kate Wallach**, **Laura Coristin Shimer '04**, and **Michelle Coristin Wiechkoske**. **Emily Kempe '09**, **Amber Schaffer '08**, **Kathleen Kindt Zielinski**, **Judy**

Mardoian Gavoort '76, and **Dr. Elena Rossi Somers '78** were also in attendance. Erica and Jeffrey went to Europe in the fall for their honeymoon and traveled to London, Paris, and Dublin. They were also able to attend the Notre Dame vs. Navy Game while in Dublin. Erica and Jeffrey reside in Youngstown, where he is an internal medicine physician and she continues to work as a registered nurse and clinical coordinator for Akron Children's Hospital in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Erica and **Allison Greene '08** have recently become co-presidents of the Saint Mary's College Alumnae and Student Club of Youngstown.

'08

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From Cate: Giuliangela Rosato married Joseph Mulherin ND '03, in Mansfield, Ohio, on November 10, 2012. **Christine Haurert 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 McKeivitt Knollman** or **Cara Grabowski**, with your updated contact info. Best! Cate

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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.

Mariacruz 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 Mercer Trigiani 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.

'09

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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 Summer-ville** 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**

Kendra Fallet Greenmyer was married to Micah Greenmyer, at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Denver, Colorado, on July 2, 2011. Her parents married there 29 years ago. Bridesmaids included fellow Belles **Suzanne Swygart Stanzel '08**, **Anney Brandt '08**, and **Afton Caterina. Clare Albright '11**. Kendra says, "One of the most precious aspects of our marriage celebration was having so many of my 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."

Megan Meade Tennant married Patrick Tennant ND '08, in Lindenhurst, New York, on June 23, 2012. Other 2010 Belles that attended the wedding included **Allie Greene, Alyssa Pinon, Claire Kenney, Christina Smotherman, Jenny Hoffman, and Megan Hooper.**

Casie Hamman was married on July 6, 2012 to Jordan Bucci ND '10.

Anna Kammrath married Andrew Derksen ND '10, on August 4, 2012, at St. Mary's Church in Otis, Indiana. Attendants included **Allison Bandeen, Jane Fleming, and Ali Cronin 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 VanSnepton: 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 Thibaudeau: Fun update! **Emma Thibaudeau** 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 Allstate 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.