Our St. Mary, St. Vincent, and St. Vincent-St. Mary High School alumni, students and friends share their stories.

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Dear Alumni and Friends of STVM:

What a year it has been so far! Our students have excelled in the classroom, in the community, at art fairs, at science fairs, in rocketry, at band concerts, and on the athletic fields.

St. Vincent–St. Mary High School has always provided young boys and girls the opportunity to become confident, well educated and successful young men and women. If not for our loyal and dedicated alumni and friends and their constant support and participation, many of us would not be where we are today. STVM is a special place, and our faculty and staff take seriously the responsibility to nurture all aspects of the STVM experience — academic, intellectual, spiritual, physical, and social, for our students.

If you have been blessed with a rewarding career, and you have the means to support our school financially, then please help as much as you can. Today’s economy has left many of our families struggling to make tuition payments, and some may be faced with having to withdraw a son or daughter from STVM. If you can help keep a student enrolled at STVM, you will change his or her life forever. If you would like additional information, as to how you can help these families, please call me at the school, and I will be happy to explain our Irish Academic Partner Program with you.

Our feature article for this issue of The Connection Magazine is “Why I Give.” I hope you enjoy reading about the many alumni, parents and students that help to make this school community thrive and flourish. The focus has been and will continue to be academic excellence in a faith-filled environment rich in the heritage and traditions of our school[s]. We look forward to learning more about you and sharing your story and why you give to STVM and our community.

Thank you for all that you have done for our school. I hope you will take the opportunity very soon to visit our campus and get better acquainted with the marvelous work of our faculty and staff, as well as the extraordinary accomplishments of our students.

God Bless,
Thomas M. Carone VM77, President
Dear Alumni and Friends of STVM:

Great teachers and the newest technology have moved STVM High School into the forefront over the last decade. STVM has invested in teachers. We have literally recruited teachers to come to STVM High School, sometimes competing against our rivals head-to-head in order to bring the most suitable instructors to our faculty. Teachers enjoy the working atmosphere here because they are friends with one another and because they have a wonderful clientele walking in the door every morning. Families send their sons and daughters to St. Vincent-St. Mary High School for a great education. Nothing is more important than what happens in our classrooms between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on a daily basis. Yet, those same students participate in a wide variety of sports and activities. They achieve at the highest level in those endeavors as well, as we constantly have “all-school assemblies” to “send off” more teams to compete at state and national events.

We have also invested in our faculty by providing cutting edge in-service programs. Professors from The University of Akron and John Carroll University have spent time with our faculty. We have studied the broader concepts and the more specific tactics to use in our classrooms: everything from instructional methodology to assessment techniques has been studied, practiced and implemented in the classrooms. Our teachers share with each other in the collegial atmosphere and constantly improve their daily work. One of the important areas for in-service and training has been in technology.

Some schools are now trying to play catch-up in the technology arena by making a quantum leap into the use of iPads for their students. At St. Vincent-St. Mary we have worked steadily over the last decade to upgrade and increase the technology available to our teachers and students every year. We became known as THE school for science and technology, but we also became known as the school that had access for their students. We count seven computer labs in our school building, as well as a Smart Board in every classroom for teachers to use. We have bragged for years about being the first school in Ohio to have homework online, and of course we have grades online and e-mail access for parents 24/7 to communicate with teachers. Our growth has been steady and our training of teachers has been methodical. Our school technology committee has met on a regular basis for fifteen years to make decisions regarding hardware, software and the training the faculty and staff needed. The use of individual devices such as iPads were discussed in the 2006 Futuring Committee for STVM. Currently we have 60 iPads available in the building for student use, having been purchased through Auxiliary Services funds (your tax money at work). All interested teachers already are learning the numerous applications to be used for classroom instruction on iPads. So we have been and continue to be ahead of the “learning curve” in any and all of its connotations.

We hope that you enjoy reading about the accomplishments of our students, faculty and staff as well as the recognition that our school is receiving. Our focus continues to be centered and directed at our Mission:

In the spirit of the Gospel,
we are committed to educate the whole person
to lead and to serve: enlightening the mind, developing the body,
touching the heart, and inspiring the soul.

Thank you for your past support and thank you for your current support. With your help today and in the future, we will methodically plan for the continuous improvement of the school to benefit the students of today and in the future.

Sincerely,

David Rathz, Headmaster

**HEADMASTER’S GREETING**

David V. Rathz

**SAVE THE DATE**

**August 2013**
2 Showcase Gift Gathering 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
9 Booster Club Welcome Picnic
18 Freshman Breakfast - Class of 2017
19 School resumes - First day for Freshmen (VM17)
20 ALL STUDENTS BEGIN 2013-2014 school year
21 Headmaster’s Cocktail Party
29 Football State Champion Night

**September 2013**
6 STVM vs. Walsh (at Walsh)
13 9th Annual Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party
28 STVM vs. Hoban at Summa InfoCision Stadium
29 OPEN HOUSE from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**October 2013**
4 Homecoming STVM vs. Northwest
12 Scholarship Placement Tests from 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon
17 Mahar Banquet – Tangier Restaurant
26 Scholarship Placement Tests from 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

**November 2013**
1 Deadline for the 2014 Mahar & Irish Crusader Nominations
6 Open House 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
6 Career Connections
9 Scholarship Placement Tests from 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

**December 2013**
9 Eighth Grade Academic Scholarship Dinner* (*Snow Date – Tuesday, December 10, 2013)
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**March 2014**
2 OPEN HOUSE from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
19 7th Grade Visitation

**April 2014**
5 28th Annual Showcase – Live Auction Gala
On behalf of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School and the Executive Board, I would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere gratitude to Pat Hart for his tireless service as Chairman of the Executive Board during the past two years. His generous dedication of time and financial support have greatly benefited the school in many ways. Pat will be finishing his 5-year term at the end of 2013. Thanks Pat, for a job well done.

Presently, the Executive Board is overseeing the compilation and subsequent implementation of a five-year Strategic Plan for the school. The last time this type of effort occurred was in 2006. A “Futuring Committee” compiled a report which has been the template for our operations since 2006. In 2013, the strategic planning effort will be focused on 8 areas of involvement: Advancement and Admissions, Academics, Student Life, Finance, Catholic Identity, Governance, Technology, and Facilities. A group of approximately 60-65 individuals including board members, staff, parents, and volunteers are involved. This will ensure a very diverse and comprehensive study of school function and needs for the next 5 years and beyond. The report, with its necessary recommendations, directives, and targets for the school will be completed before the start of the 2013-2014 school year.

We take great pride in our STVM students, staff and community. As you enjoy the magazine, please make special note of the numerous awards, academic accomplishments, and championships that our students have achieved. With your help and assistance, the tradition of STVM will continue for many years and for the many generations to come.

We extend our appreciation and admiration to the influence of our superior teaching staff, administration and support staff, counselors, coaches and coaching staff, and many dozens of daily volunteers. We are a very diverse grouping of people, with only one end result in mind. And that is to educate the whole person, enlighten the mind, develop the body, touch the heart, and inspire the soul. This is our Mission Statement. This is tradition. This is St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

God Bless
Mike Ochsenhirt V71, Executive Board Chairman
Dear Alumni and Friends:

We have welcomed the newest alumni members into the Alumni Association with the graduation of the STVM Class of 2013 on June 1, 2013. The STVM Alumni Association officially welcomed the VM13 Class, which consists of 155 members, during the Senior Farewell Mass on May 17th. This class of 155 students has 42 parents that are alumni of St. Mary, St. Vincent or STVM High School. It will be interesting to discover the VM17 incoming freshmen connection with alumni parents and siblings. More to come on that topic in our next magazine - Fall 2013!

In this issue of The Connection Magazine, I hope you will enjoy reading about the achievements, successes and future endeavors of our alumni, students and our high school. Be sure to turn to the inside cover and update your calendar with the many fun and enjoyable events that are scheduled for our community. For instance, don’t forget to mark your calendars for September 13th and plan to attend the 9th Annual Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party. Plus, we hope you will stop by at one of our Open Houses and get re-acquainted with your school. You will easily see why we “point with pride” to our STVM Students, Faculty and Staff!

We have quite a bit to celebrate – just imagine! It was just a short 40 years ago when our two schools merged and became St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. We celebrated our 40 years of STVM with the start of the 2012-2013 school year. When you consider the over 100 years of history for our combined schools, it is no wonder we have great things to brag about! This issue is dedicated to our many alumni, friends and students who continue to give to our school and our community. We hope you will enjoy the “Why I Give” section – perhaps we will consider a repeat of this section in the near future – we are blessed to have so many alumni and students who are active in our community and continue to give back in so many amazing and wonderful ways!

Please call and schedule a visit to the STVM Alumni Office! Don’t forget to give yourself some extra time to spend looking through the archives, yearbooks, newspaper, and photographs. Thank you to the many alumni who have donated such incredible memorabilia and archive items [pgs. 4-6]. The STVM Alumni Office is proud to be the archive location for many of the memories, photographs and treasured scrapbooks of St. Mary High School, St. Vincent High School and STVM. Congratulations VM13 and welcome to the Alumni Association!

Many blessings to you and your family,
Kathy Zehenni Holaday VM77
Director of Constituent Relations

CORRECTIONS

Apologies are extended for the following errors and omissions in the Fall 2012 Connection magazine:

For listing David Dettling V63 in the sibling entry for John Dettling’s passing [page 24].
For not including the graduation year for Dorothy Arnold Alexander M50 in the entry of her husband, Anthony’s passing [page 24].
Photograph Search

Thank you to the following alumni that responded to the Fall 2012 article requesting assistance: Estelle Freese Cox M30, Kathleen Robinson Dougherty V52, and Francis Kovac V56.

In honor of our 40th Anniversary, we began with a simple request a year ago (with the Spring 2012 magazine) in hopes of filling the halls and the walls of STVM with our senior class composite photographs. Considering the number of years we have been in existence and the number of graduating classes (dating back to 1901), it is not surprising to note that we are still missing a few years!

As reported previously, the amazing fact is that we have uncovered a number of St. Mary High School and St. Vincent High School class photos from the various Crusader and Vincentian newspapers located in our archive files.

Unfortunately, it has been confirmed that a “class photo” was not common in the early years of STVM. The tradition was resumed in the 1990s. If anyone has the talent or expertise to assist us, please let us know! It looks as if we will need to scan in each senior photo from the yearbook and then place the photo and name in a composite template. This is going to be a big job! Any help is greatly appreciated.

Please call the STVM Alumni Office at 330-253-9113 x120 if you have a class photo for any of the years listed below.

The “Senior class photograph” search includes these years:
• STVM senior class photograph for the graduating classes of 1973-1989

PLEASE NOTE: The plan is to make use of modern technology which allows the photo to be “scanned” and then the original returned to the owner. The intention is to scan the photo from whatever source is available [yearbook, newspaper, etc.] and then frame the photo and place it on display in the high school.

If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact the STVM Alumni Office 330-253-9113 x120

Yearbook Search!

An alum’s mother would like to “gift” copies of yearbooks which unfortunately got destroyed. Specifically 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994. If anyone has a copy available for sale or knows someone who would like to sell their copy, please contact the STVM Alumni Office for more details!

The Blue Nun

Mickey Jesser Moore M72 writes….

“My sisters and I attended St. Mary Grade School and High School for our entire school experience: Carol M63, Florence M66 and Georgeanna M67. We were instructed by the Sister, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary during those wonderful years.

My sister, Florence, found this doll and we bought it for our mother who drove the Sisters back and forth to Monroe, Michigan many times. Our mother loved this doll and displayed it for many years.

Our mother is moving to a smaller home and decided to donate it to the STVM Alumni Office so that the STVM Alumni Community can always remember the many Sister, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) who served St. Mary High School for so many years.”

The STVM “Blue Nun” has a place of honor in the STVM Alumni Office display case.
WELCOME HOME

We are always so pleased to have our alumni stop in and visit. It is especially delightful when they come bearing archives!

Rita Stallings Considine donated the 1965 and 1966 St. Mary High School Yearbooks in memory of her Aunt Jeanette Considine McCormick M41. Thank you Rita!!

Thank you to Estelle Freese Cox M57 for not only helping with the Halls & Walls project by donating the St. Mary High School Senior Class Photo for 1930 but for also adding to our amazing archives. Estelle sent in wonderful St. Mary High School Crusader school newspapers that date from 1955 & 1956 and a picture of the orchestra from 1929-1930!


Thank you to John McDermott a member of St. Vincent High School Class of 1969 for the donations of the V69 Class Ring and Marching Band Pin!

Betty Schwartz Morris V39 mailed in beautiful archives from the St. Vincent High School Class of 1939. Thank you Betty!

Bucky O’Connor V40 visited the STVM Alumni Office in November to help identify the teammates featured in the 1939 football picture! Thank you Bucky for visiting and helping with the photo id!


What Was Lost Now Is Found

This article is dubbed “Part 7” and we hope to continue with these reunion stories! Just as reported in the Fall 2004, Fall 2006, Spring 2009 and Spring 2012, the Alumni Office has once again successfully reunited an alumnus, William “Bill” Raymond M60 with his Class Ring. During the early months of 2013, the STVM Alumni Office was contacted via telephone by Sandy Gualtier in Springfield, Missouri. It appears that she had come into possession of a class ring and called our office. After researching the 1960 St. Mary High School class list, contact was made with William Raymond M60 and his ring was returned!

If you have a similar story to share or even a “lost and found” item, please contact the STVM Alumni Office at 330-253-9113 x120 or kholaday@stvm.com.

Happy 75th Birthday
Judith McDonald Flohr V55

Judith’s daughter, Theresa Flohr contacted STVM to see if there were any extra yearbooks for St. Vincent High School Class of 1955.

Here is what Theresa shared…. Thank you for the 1955 Yearbook! When we were celebrating my Mom’s 75th birthday with her daughters and her sisters, she was so surprised to see the high school yearbooks!

Alumni siblings that are missing from the photo are sister, Diana McDonald Seed V59 and daughter, Ruth Flohr Drouhard.
When some of LeBron’s St. Vincent-St. Mary High School teachers and staff friends toured his recently established Akron office, they were impressed with the messages of inspiration and family importance throughout the warm and comfortable space. One of the office’s more prominent areas is the “think room” where the staff begins each day planning upcoming events and strategies necessary for the continued success of its many community programs.

One cannot enter the “think room” without attention being drawn to the large, colorful wall displaying a three dimensional rendering of LeBron’s personal Game of Life. Its path denotes the steps of LeBron’s family, school, and professional relationships and accomplishments. The Foundation presented STVM with a scaled down version of the entertaining piece, which is currently displayed in the front office of the school.

Four Alumni Inducted Into UA Sports Hall of Fame

Congratulations to our alumni recognized at the February 15, 2013 University of Akron 38th Annual Sports Hall of Fame Banquet. Four of the nine recipients were our very own alumni!

Karen Frey V62 (archery, basketball, pool), Lynda Smole V66 (basketball), Mary Ellen Bayman Svetlik V67 (badminton, basketball, field hockey, swimming, volleyball), and Karen Trifinoff V66 (track) were honored and received a “varsity letter” from Akron University Varsity A for being “involved with women’s sports during their college experience. The University of Akron granted these women “honorary” varsity letters for participating in a club sport prior to Title IX.”

Alumni Help Keep Bowling Teams Rolling Along

Basil Galati V71 would like to recognize the following STVM Alumni who generously donated to the Boys & Girls Bowling Teams again this year!

THANK YOU TO:
Marlene Cook Beckley V71
Dan V70 & Ann Souers Brennan V70
Jean Stampfli Brennan V71
Harry and Joanne Boos Cottell V70
Tony Galati V69
John McDermott V69
Fred Tomei V69
Bob V69 & Joanne Coletta Wiseman V69

Show Them You’re Irish
Get the Latest Gear At The STVM Bookstore

Welcome Irish Fans!

The Bookstore has a variety of merchandise in new and exciting colors and designs!

The Bargain Bin is filled with quality past-season hoodies, caps, and crews. We are making room on our shelves for new apparel that will arrive soon!

Come Visit the Bookstore, we welcome you with open arms. The Bookstore Lady will help you with your purchases.

Nancy Bennett 330-996-0002 nbennett@stvm.com
Curtis Wilson VM83

Curtis Wilson, VM83, was inducted into The Summit County Sports Hall of Fame on October 2, 2012 in a ceremony at Tangier Restaurant. He was a three-year starter at The Ohio State University (1986-88), serving as co-captain the final two seasons. He still holds OSU records for single-season steals (74) and assists in a game (14), and is one of the only 25 players in OSU history to surpass 1,000 points.

Curtis is the first St. Vincent-St. Mary High School basketball player to have his jersey number retired. We look forward to seeing him when he makes the occasional trip back to his high school alma mater! Congratulations, Curtis!

LeBron James VM03

STVM congratulates LeBron James VM03 on becoming the youngest player in the NBA to score 20,000 career points. He also recorded his 5,000th career assist. Congratulations LeBron!

LeBron is the 38th player in NBA history to reach the 20,000th career point milestone and is also the youngest player to ever achieve that statistic. Even more impressive, James also became the 13th player in NBA history to reach 20,000 points and 5,000 career assists.

LeBron still holds the career scoring record at STVM with 2,646 points.

Congratulations go out to LeBron James from all the faculty, staff, and students at your alma mater, STVM. Irish Pride! Go Irish!

Michael Letta VM95

After hearing that Michael Letta VM95 was travelling to Africa and other continents, Kathy Holaday [STVM Director of Constituent Relations] decided to try to get on the phone and learn more about his life since graduating from STVM in 1995.

During the phone conversation, Michael shared that he is the nephew of our Al Letta VM08[h] and is part of a very close knit family. STVM means a lot to Michael and he enjoyed playing baseball and basketball when he was a STVM student. Also, his very best friends today are a few of his classmates from VM95 and Mr. Allison, “the best teacher he ever had.” Michael earned a baseball scholarship to Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. After the first year, Michael decided to come back to Ohio to pursue a business degree at OSU.  Michael graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration & Accounting.

Michael worked in Cleveland at Deloitte for a few years and then decided he wanted to move to New York City. Michael moved to NYC in January 2004, got his CPA license, and started working for a publishing company – Thompson Media [now known as Source Media]. After 7 years of corporate America, Michael knew he needed to make a change not only professionally but personally as well. He then decided at the beginning of 2008 that he needed to take a break from NYC and returned to Akron.

During the summer of 2008 while living with his brother Eric in Southern California, he heard about a charity in New York that was using social media and technology to raise money for a worthy cause. Michael returned to New York at the end of 2008 and started working for City Harvest [a food rescue organization]. At that time, Michael started dating his now fiancé, Lauren, who was in fashion and PR in NYC. Lauren was the one to introduce him to Scott Harrison the founder of a company named “charity: water.” In early 2010 charity: water was looking for a Controller and Michael was hired for the job. He has been with them for three years and is now the Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

Michael is now in a profession for an organization that he feels he was meant for. Michael is utilizing his corporate background and expertise in finance and accounting to bring clean water to people in developing countries, and spends part of his time monitoring charity: water investments on the other side of the world. charity: water does not build the wells – they raise money and awareness so that local organizations can build the systems and maintain the projects that bring fresh water to villages for the first time. Michael has made four trips to various countries in Africa and one trip to Asia [India and Nepal], spending time with the local partners and meets with the people in the villages.

Charity: Water has raised over $100 million dollars in just six years. This experience has touched Michael in many ways. He reflected, “I come from humble blue-collar roots and my parents worked really hard so that I could attend STVM and OSU. They taught me the value of hard work but they also instilled the concept of maximizing your potential.” The speaker at his OSU graduation ceremonies also relayed the “paying it forward” concept, and how it’s impossible to ever pay your loved ones “back.” Michael feels that he is fortunate to work in a field that allows him to pay it forward and utilize his talents to impact the world and to make it a better place. Michael further states, “You only are on this earth a short time and if you have been blessed with talents, you should use those talents to benefit the world and people who need help.”

Michael’s fiancé, Lauren, has also joined the team at charity: water. She initially assisted with event planning on a contract basis and then was hired in 2011 as an Executive Producer. Michael is living in Manhattan and he and Lauren are getting married at St. Vincent Church this August. You can reach Michael at: michael.letta@charitywater.org.

To learn more about charity: water, please visit the website www.charitywater.org.
1940s

FREDERICK “FRITZ” GRAF V40

FLORENCE BLACK MCDERMOTT V44
Flo mailed in her annual alumni membership dues and included this note: “I have been retired for 10 years after working for 20 years at the VA Hospital. I golf 3 times a week and play bridge weekly as well as enjoy walking 2 miles per day. I have been very blessed and have enjoyed traveling on cruises and to most of the European countries including the Holy Land with my church!” Email: fmdermott1117@tampabay.rr.com

1950s

MARLENE POJE DUNFORD V50
Dunford was featured in an Akron Beacon Journal article dated Saturday, February 16th, entitled “Lay ministry in Falls seeks to help widows.” For more information or to read the entire article, please follow this link: http://www.ohio.com/news/nonprofit-lay-group-ministers-to-widows-1.373639

DAVID ALTWIES M56

GEORGE NEWKOME V56
Congratulations to George Newkome V56 for being honored as a researcher and inventor with the Charter Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) Award. George is currently Vice President for Research at The University of Akron as well as the Dean of the Graduate School.

JOHN DEAGAN V58
Living in Live Oak, Florida with my wife, Alice. I am a retired nurse anesthetist. We are the proud parents of 2 adult children and 3 grandchildren
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PAT V58 AND HELEN BELIK MILo V59
Congratulations to Pat V58 & Helen V59 on their 50th Wedding Anniversary this past October!
Email: tapolim@gmail.com

1960s

JAMES BARR V62
Jim shared, “I received my B.S.B.A. Management Degree from Xavier University in 1966, served in the U.S. Army as Chief of Staff Communications and Office of Personnel Operations at the Pentagon and have retired as Manager Logistics for the Goodrich Corporation in Troy, Ohio. My wife, Margaret [Peggy], is the retired Director of Food Service for the Troy City Schools. We have four children and eight grandchildren.” Email: jbarr1@woh.rr.com

ROBERT ILJEVICH V63
Retired and living in Richfield, Ohio with my wife, Susan. We are the proud parents of 5 adult children and 5 grandchildren.
Email: theboski_05@yahoo.com

CHERYL ANN BANYAR RUESCHMAN M63
Congratulations to Cheryl on being the President of the Women’s Board of Summa Health System for the 2012-2013 term of office! Cheryl writes, “I have been on the Board almost 15 years and I am the second person in my family to be involved - my Aunt was on the board for 42 years. The position of President is a full-time volunteer position and I have enjoyed it tremendously.” Please visit the website to learn more about the Women’s Board of Summa by following this link: http://bit.ly/135aceA

DAVID LIEBERTH V65
Recently retired, Akron Deputy Mayor, David Lieberth V65 has been named the 2013 recipient of the H. Peter Burg Award. Congratulations Dave! As reported in the February 7, 2013 edition of the West Side Leader, this award was created in memory of H. Peter Burg V64 for Pete’s “leadership in the community, his compassion for its people and his dedication to the humanitarian mission of the American Red Cross.” For more details, please visit: http://bit.ly/18uP1oa. Congratulations to Dave on his recent appointment as consultant to the University Park Alliance.

PATRICIA “TRISH” OSTROSKI M65
Trish writes… “A side note to share in the magazine...I have been nominated for the Peace Corps. If all goes as planned, I have been invited to serve in Moldova starting in June and I will be going to work in community development. There is still much paperwork, physicals and the challenge as to how to handle my own life here in California. The time commitment includes three months of language and orientation followed by 24 months of service. The initial three months are spent with a host family.

RUTH DELNOCE PETERS M65
Ruth Delnoce Peters M65 writes, “I have been selected as a Golden Grannie and am featured in the front row (left to right: the first one kneeling). This group of women are selected to perform dance routines at some of the Phoenix Suns NBA basketball games.” Trish Ostroski M65 in learning about Ruthie’s news wanted to be sure to share that many St. Mary grads would fondly remember the “lunchtime dancing to every new dance craze!”
LYNDA SMOLE V66
Lynda lives in Green and is currently retired after teaching at Weaver School for eight years then spending over 30 years in sales. She successfully ran for Green City Council as an At-Large candidate in 2004 and was re-elected in 2008. At the end of 2011, she termed out after serving 8 years. She currently cares for her father, Joseph, who turned 92 years young in April. She also cared for her mother, Lena, until she passed away in October of 2011. She recently was honored and received a “varsity letter” from Akron University Varsity A for being the first women’s intercollegiate basketball coach in 1970. It had been 40 years since Title IX went into affect giving women equal athletic opportunity on a college level receiving all the same benefits as the men to include scholarships and support. Lynda agreed to coach what was the first women’s team before Title IX. The University granted all those women “honorary” varsity letters who participated in a club sport prior to Title IX. Email: lsmole@sbcglobal.net

DAVID SOUERS V66
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DEBORAH STIMAC LITZ M67
Retired and living in The Villages, Florida. Email: deblitz2002@yahoo.com

ELIZABETH “BETSY” SAUTER MALICK V68
Living in San Francisco, California, married but separated. I am working in Research and Education in an orthopedic spine surgery practice. I am the proud parent of three adult children and two grandchildren. Email: eamalick@gmail.com

CAROLYN FLOTÓ NICHOLAS M68
Living in Winter Springs, Florida. Email: cnicholas1@cfl.rr.com

1970s

KATHY KALAMAN WELSH V70
Kathy Kalaman Welsh V70 writes....Alumni visit Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Featured in the picture are: Betty Delagrange Schnitzler V70, Kathy Kalaman Welsh V70 and Lauren Welsh VM07. We are at the top of Cross Mountain, Mt. Krisevac. We went on a pilgrimage with our parish priest and a few other parishioners. Betty’s daughter also went on the trip. It truly was a trip of a lifetime! We were invited to an apparition, attended mass twice a day and said many rosaries. We went up Apparition Hill. We started our mountain climbs very early around 5:00 a.m. because it was so very hot and there was NO shade [Over 100 degrees]!!! Also on the trip were Mary VanDevere Leach VM79 and Vicki VanDevere Camp VM76.

NANCY ANDERSON BIRD-MASTADONNA V71
Living in Tallmadge, Ohio with my husband, Tony. We are the proud parents of an adult son, Christopher VM95, daughter Mindy Soulsby and two grandchildren. I am currently working as a Division Manager for RCL Benziger Catholic Publishing in Cincinnati. I enjoy volunteering and was honored as the 2012 David H. Franklin Award as Volunteer of the Year at the World Golf Championships Bridgestone Invitational. Email: nbird@rcnbenziger.com

SANDRA PIANALTO V72
Featured in the Winter Akron Magazine, Sandra has recently been named Advisory Trustee to The University of Akron Board of Trustees. In addition to being the President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, excerpts from the magazine list Sandra’s community involvement as “Vice Chair of the board of University Hospitals and serves as a past chair and a life director of the board of United Way of Greater Cleveland. She also serves on the boards of a number of other community organizations, including The Cleveland Foundation, Greater Cleveland Partnership, Team Northeast Ohio, College Now Greater Cleveland, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.”

JOHN BARR VM75
Working as an accountant at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and living in Durham, North Carolina with my wife, Diane Hudson-Barr. Email: j barr@unc.edu

DANIEL RUTH V68
Congratulations to Dan Ruth V68! Dan is receiving a Pulitzer Prize in May 2013. Dan is an Editorial Writer/Columnist for the Tampa Bay Times, [formerly the St. Petersburg Times], which is the largest newspaper in the Southeast. Dan writes... “I am sharing the Pulitzer, along with my editor Tim Nickens, the editor of the editorial page. When the Pinellas County Commission voted to remove fluoride from the water supply, they put the oral health of 700,000 county residents at risk. We wrote an extensive package of editorials critical of the decision and the commissioners who voted for it. In 2012 two of those commissioners were up for re-election and we wasted no opportunity to remind voters of the position they took. On election day, they were both defeated and in short order a newly constituted county commission quickly moved to vote to restore fluoride back to the water supply.”

To read the press release and learn more, please follow this link: http://bit.ly/14rzG75

Pulitzer Prize winners Tim Nickens (left) and Daniel Ruth V68
PHOTO BY CHERIE DIEZ, COURTESY TAMPA BAY TIMES
PAUL WINTERS VM76
Congratulations to Paul for being named “Michigänder” in 2012 and for being named National Coach of the Year and having your uniform on display at the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Indiana!
Email: pwinters@wayne.edu

JAMES A. WALTZ, PHD VM90
Living in Catonsville, Maryland with wife Kerstin, daughter, and son. Assistant Professor at The University of Maryland School of Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry. Congratulations to James who is a recent recipient of a $1.3m grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to study the biology of schizophrenia.

1980s

DANIEL SUTTER VM80
Congratulations to Dan Sutter VM80 on the publishing of his book! Dan’s book, “Is a Tattoo right for you?” is now available for purchase. The book was recently featured in a news clip on My Fox Channel 35 in Orlando. Follow this link to view the news clip: http://bit.ly/TOmXiV

KAY SIGNORINO METZLER VM92
Living in Uniontown with my husband, Ben. Currently President of Caritas Casa Properties and expanded our business last year to provide more customized housing for adults with disabilities. I am returning to school to get a Master’s Degree in School Counseling.
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JAMES HA MAD VM95
Working as the Associate Director of Athletics and living in Newbury Park, California with my wife, Courtney, and our baby daughter.
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ANIDI DYER KMAN VM98
Working as a Register Dietician and living in Powell, Ohio with my husband Nick and our three children. Email: adbuckeys@yahoo.com

1990s

Tiffany Cookro Gatto VM90
Living in Winter Springs, Florida. Email: tgetto66@gmail.com

2000s

Edward Smith VM00
Living in Mobile, Alabama with my wife, Mary. I currently work behind the scenes as a Commercial Producer for WPMI-TV Local 15 and WJTC-TV UTV44 in Mobile. Email: edtv411@comcast.net

Andrew Willett VM01
Living in Medina, Ohio with my wife, Shannon.
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Kelly Langenbeck VM02
Congratulations to Kelly for placing as the fifth fastest marathon runner in her division in this year’s Akron Marathon (her time was 3:18). Not only did she place 5th fastest, she finished 93rd overall – very impressive, considering there were 15,000 runners!
DEAN PATTON VM03
Dean M. Patton VM03 is living in the Orlando area and has graduated from Full Sail University in Winter Park, Florida in February 2013 with a B.S. Degree in Computer Animation, adding to his AA in Interactive Media and Animation from Stark State College and AA in Fine Arts from Kent State University. Follow Dean’s career in animation and interactive media at www.deanmpatton.com

AMY KOUSAGAN BEAUCLAIR VM04
Living in Brunswick, Ohio with my husband, Matthew. I recently graduated from The University of Cincinnati with my MSN for Adult Nurse Practitioner and am working at The Cleveland Clinic as part of the Advanced Lung Disease/Lung Transplant team.
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MIKE PARRY VM04
Living in Uniontown, Ohio. Email: michael.w.parry@gmail.com

ANDREA WHITE VM04
Living in Bloomington, Indiana and began a new position as an Assistant Director in the Career Development Center and College of Arts & Sciences Career Services at Indiana University in January 2013.
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ZACHARY LANE VM05
Living in Boca Raton, Florida and working as a Senior 3D Architectural Illustrator.
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NICK THOMPSON VM03
VICTORIA CASINO VM03
2003 alumni finally tying the knot after 12 years of dating. Victoria Casino VM03 and Nick Thompson VM03 are to be married on August 31, 2013. “We have been dating since the last day of our sophomore year in high school. We are really proud and happy to have family and friends [which include a large number of alumni] to join us.” Nick is currently working in Sales and Victoria is in nursing school at Walsh University. Nick and Victoria can be contacted via email at: digitnick75@gmail.com

MADELINE PERSPER VM08
Madeleine is a 2012 John Carroll University graduate and was featured in the Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience (PULSE News) because of her involvement with Kairos and her continued volunteer work. Excerpts include: “Her most memorable experience in high school was her involvement on the Kairos Retreat Team. She chose to continue her education at John Carroll University where she studied Sociology. Madeleine was Chair of the Christian Life Communities, a small group leader and tutor at John Carroll. She also worked with the Summit County Probate Court in Akron. Madeleine studied abroad at the National University of Ireland. Madeleine is interested in social services targeted at youth and other disadvantaged populations.” To read the entire article, please visit: http://bit.ly/17S5DQ

MALLOREE MILLER VM09
Malloree Miller VM09 was featured in an article published in The Jambar (Youngstown State University newspaper) entitled, “Shall we dance? Student helps special education children find joy through dance.” The article delves into Malloree’s work in the field of dance management and her special needs dance students. Excerpts from the article include, “After graduating from high school, Miller began teaching at the Performing Arts Center in Canfield. Having started her college career as a special education major, she wanted to combine her two passions. Now, she has begun to teach students with Down Syndrome, autism, physical disabilities and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, also known as ADHD.” To read the entire article, please follow this link: http://bit.ly/13Z5hKD. We extend our congratulations to Malloree – she has been named the recipient of The Kocinski Award at Youngstown State University “for her significant role as a student leader in the YSU Dance ensemble and who demonstrated academic integrity as well as artistry and creativity in the dance area.”

SAMUEL TRECASO VM09
Congratulations to Sam! Sam was featured on the front cover of the 2013 Akron Media Guide. Follow this link for more details: http://bit.ly/15ahjjN

NATE NASRALLAH VM09
Congratulations to Nate Nasrallah VM09 on being selected Academic All-American! Nate has been named to the 2012 Capital One Academic All-America Division II Football first team by the College Sports Information Directors of America [CoSIDA]. Nate is currently a senior at Capital University and maintains a 3.98 g.p.a. majoring in majoring in philosophy and pre-law with minors in history and political science. For more details, please visit: http://bit.ly/17tDZjm
NATASHA [NIKKI] KANAKKANATT VM10
Nikki is a junior at The Ohio State University; Major: Public Affairs, Minor: Business and Public Health and shared this information...This past summer, I started interning for the Ohio House of Representatives. This internship has been a unique experience for me because I have been fortunate enough to do work for a Republican State Representative as well as a Democratic State Representative. The two Representatives I work for are State Representative Alicia Reece [D] and State Representative Jay Goyal [R]. The work I have done includes constituent correspondence, writing press releases, writing talking points, assisting with commendations, attending committee hearings, and normal office/administrative work. I am currently an intern and work more regularly for State Representative Alicia Reece. This has been a dream position for me as I was heavily involved with Student Council and Junior Statesmen of America in high school. The continuation of policy and government affairs in my school career has been wonderful! In addition, as of this school year, I have been fortunate enough to work at COSI. My position title is Program Content Designer Intern for Health and Medicine. In this position I work on a Kidney Transplant project which includes an interactive video conference on kidney transplants. This project is in conjunction with the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. I conduct research on any and all things regarding kidney transplants. This position is also great for me because I am pursuing Public Health as my minor, and I am very interested in Health Promotions. I aspire to work in health administration in a hospital or with some sort of health policy.

BEN MUSCI VM10 AND TIMOTHY CAMPBELL VM10
Ben Musci [pictured right] VM10 writes...Tim Campbell [pictured to the left] and I are involved in an internship while attending Ohio State University. We work for the Energy Services and Sustainability Office in the McCracken Power Plant. Our office’s main focus is to reduce energy consumption, carbon emissions, and to promote sustainability on campus. We currently have a performance contract with the University in an attempt to reduce our carbon emissions by 50% by the year 2020. We do this in a number of ways. Tim and I are both student interns and work under a senior energy engineer. It is our job to look into the energy consumption of all the buildings on campus, analyze their yearly energy and utility consumption, and recommend ways to cut consumption and more importantly save money. We also audit individual buildings by inspecting the energy efficiency of the building itself, its lighting, heating, ventilation, and cooling systems. Once we inspect these, we then compute the efficiency, find ways to improve it, and calculate the yearly pay-back these improvements can have. Audits of this kind have shown yearly savings of up to $50,000 per building. Our office also heads the Zero Waste initiative at Ohio Stadium and is responsible for the recycling on campus. Email: musci.1@buckeyemail.osu.edu

SAMANTHA STACKS VM10
Congratulations to Samantha Stacks VM10 on receiving a Peace Corps nomination! Samantha has just graduated from The University of Toledo with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing. Email: samantha.stacks@gmail.com

MICHAEL RINGER VM10
Michael A. Ringer VM10 (with Lt. Governor of Ohio Mary Taylor) spent last summer interning for Ohio Governor John Kasich and Ohio Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor. Michael worked for constituent services, public relations department, the Small Business Advisory Council for Lt. Govs Common Sense Initiative program, worked on Presidential candidate Mitt Romney’s campaign in Chillicothe, Ohio and helped with U.S. Representative Steve Stiver’s campaign.

Michael was able to network and work directly with current and former legislative, judicial and executive members such as: Betty Montgomery (Former Ohio Attorney General and State Auditor), Jo Ann Davidson (First Ohio female Speaker of the House, National Committeeewoman for the GOP), The Ohio Supreme Court, The GOP Chairman of Ohio, Marilyn Slaby (Ohio House of Reps), Frank LaRose (OH Senator) and also toured the BCI (Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Police Academy).

Michael had first hand experience at how the State Government System works. “Working for Governor Kasich and Lt. Governor Taylor was a rewarding experience and increased my interest in pursuing state government. Working directly with constituents and State Agencies, I had the opportunity to receive a full understanding of not only how the public and the government interact, but also how different branches and departments of the government interact with one another.”

Michael is a junior at Ohio University and a member of the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity where he is a two term Recruitment Chairman, newly appointed Social Chair and College Republicans. Michael’s major is Political Science and he is interested in pursuing a career in Political Communications or Marketing.

We have just been notified that Lt. Governor Mary Taylor has hired Michael back for a full-time position this summer!

ANTONIO MANFUT VM12
Congratulations to Antonio Manfut VM12 who is playing professional indoor soccer for the Syracuse Silver Knights soccer team. Antonio signed with them a couple of weeks ago! Way to go Antonio! Follow this link to read the story: http://bit.ly/2FlaYV

ALEX PIANALTO VM12
Alex Pianalto VM12 is currently studying at The University of Akron and is a member of the Honors College. Alex is featured on the homepage of the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron’s BioInnovation Academy website! Visit the website to read the article and view the photo! http://www.abia Akron.org/bioinnovation academy

2010s
Dear Alumni, Family & Friends,

One of the goals for the 2012-2013 STVM Alumni Council is to better acquaint you with the happenings of your Alumni Association. There are a number of events sponsored by the Alumni Association and hosted by the STVM Alumni Council that we hope you can attend.

Here’s a list of Alumni Events:

- The newest event is: Alumni Social/Networking Nights
- Annual Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party
- Annual Winter Alumni & Friends Night
- Annual Memorial Mass
- Annual Mahar Banquet (October 17, 2013)
- Alumni Night at the Theater
- Senior Farewell Mass

In addition to the programs and events listed above, we continue to offer an Alumni E-Newsletter. Typically, we will send the newsletter two times per year via email. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please e-mail the STVM Alumni office (kholaday@stvm.com).

Please stay connected with us. It is always good to hear from you! We have included a form so that you can update your current address and pay your annual dues for the coming fiscal year (2013-2014). Alumni Dues are still only $10 per year (July 1, 2013–June 30, 2014). Please make your check payable to STVM Alumni Association.

We need you to get involved! If you are interested in getting involved in the STVM Alumni Association or becoming an officer/committee member on the STVM Alumni Council, please contact the STVM Alumni Office (kholaday@stvm.com). Elections will take place this summer for the 2013-2014 Council Officers.

Sincerely,
Barbara Lombardi Horning VM74
President, STVM Alumni Council
Annual Alumni Memorial Mass

Monday, March 4, 2013 in the STVM Learning Resource Center

Father Norm Douglas, Executive Director of Heart to Heart Communications and part-time Campus Minister – The University of Akron [Newman Center Campus Ministry and Past Pastor at St. Martha Church], celebrated the Memorial Mass and the Peace Together Choir provided the accompaniment as we remembered the St. Mary, St. Vincent, and St. Vincent-St. Mary alumni and family members that passed away during the 2012 calendar year. Family and friends enjoyed a brief reception right after the Mass.

Annual Winter Alumni & Friends Night

Irish Fans enjoy the free refreshments served by the STVM Alumni Association during the Alumni & Friends Winter Night

The 2012-2013 STVM Alumni Council hosted the Annual Alumni & Friends Winter Night on December 28th after the Fighting Irish Varsity Basketball game. A very large gathering of alumni, family, friends and fans in the Student Center was attributed to the many exciting happenings that night. Crowd pleasers included the unveiling of the banners, recognition of the Athletic Hall of Fame Recipients as well as the free pizza & subs that the Alumni Association served! Thank you for attending and we hope to see you at the 2013 Winter Night!

2013-2014 ALUMNI COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

The STVM Alumni Council is pleased to announce five scholarship recipients for the 2013-2014 school year. These junior students will be awarded a scholarship of $500.00 to be applied to their senior year tuition.

The recipients received a certificate at the Senior Farewell Mass/Alumni Pin Ceremony on May 17, 2013.

Please join us in congratulating: Claire Beskitt, Nicholas Darago, Gia Faetanini, Audrey Maloy and Meghan Gorbach.

Team Thompson Victorious Again

Team Thompson from left to right: Don Pickett [friend], Jacob Thompson VM96, Andrew Brunn VM09, Jimmy Gilchrist VM06, and John Kerkean VM03.

Jacob Thompson and his “Team Thompson” were the winners once again of the Annual 3on3 Tournament sponsored by the STVM Alumni Association on May 1, 2013.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Alumni Council hosted “Alumni Night at the Theater” for the STVM Spring Musical production – “Kiss Me Kate.” A fun evening was had by all! Alumni from the 1950s through 2012 attended the performance.
Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni and Irish Crusader Awards

Each year, the impressive successes of some of our alumni are highlighted throughout this special award. Congratulations to our Father Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni recipients and our 2013 Irish Crusaders. Our annual dinner honoring the Mahar Award winners and the Irish Crusader Award Recipients will be held on October 17, 2013. We hope you can join us!

2013 Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award Recipients:
Jean Ahern Staudt V40
Mary Anne Tucker Anderson M67
Chris Dougherty Marks V72
Thomas Freeman VM78
Susan Gaebel Wallace VM91

2013 Irish Crusader Award Recipients:
James Conlon
Fr. Joseph Kraker

Join us on Thursday, October 17, 2013 at Tangier Restaurant
Recognizing our 2013 Outstanding Alumni and Irish Crusader Recipients. For further details, please contact: STVM Alumni Office 330-253-9113 x120.

Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Background information

In 1887, Reverend Dr. Thomas F. Mahar was commissioned by the Cleveland Diocese to establish a Mission in South Akron to be known as St. Mary Church. The parish was formally established in 1896 and in the fall of 1897, the first Catholic high school opened its doors to students. The first class to graduate from St. Mary High School was in 1901.

St. Vincent High School opened in September of 1906 and was also founded by Reverend Dr. Thomas F. Mahar who had been the pastor of St. Vincent Church since 1880. The first class to graduate from St. Vincent High School was in 1910.

The St. Vincent-St. Mary High School award to honor outstanding alumni was established in 1979 in honor of Fr. Thomas F. Mahar who was the singular person involved in the beginnings of the two high schools that merged in 1972.

This excerpt taken from the Summa Health System website might also be of interest to our readers....

“St. Thomas Hospital in Akron, Ohio, now a part of Summa Health System, was founded in 1922 through a bequest from Charles Deering of Cleveland. The name “St. Thomas” was chosen in memory of Rev. Thomas F. Mahar, pastor for 34 years of St. Vincent Parish in Akron.”

Source: http://www.summahealth.org/common/templates/contentindex.asp?ID=596

NOMINATE NOW FOR THE 2014 FR. THOMAS F. MAHAR OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AND IRISH CRUSADER AWARDS
GO TO WWW.STVM.COM ALUMNI AWARDS

Since its inception in 1979, this award has been presented to 118 outstanding alumni of our school. The Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award honors living graduates of St. Mary, St. Vincent, and St. Vincent-St. Mary High Schools who exemplify the spirit and values of Catholic secondary education in one or more of the following categories:

Ministry: Alumni who have advanced their classroom religious training into their daily lives through religious or lay ministry to others. The Alumni Association seeks to recognize graduates who minister to others in faith activities, religious education, and ministries not limited to human services, hospice care, and youth ministry. Ministry includes service given as a career choice as well as service rendered with families or as a volunteer choice.

Youth: Alumni who contribute to the enhanced development of young people. The Alumni Association seeks to recognize graduates who model positive Christian leadership to young people and contribute to the academic, spiritual, physical and/or social development and positive leadership skills of youth.

STVM Service: Alumni who support the future of Catholic secondary education through their commitment to STVM High School. The Alumni Association seeks to recognize graduates whose contributions of time, service, in-kind support or financial generosity significantly impact the continued success of school programs or operations. STVM service includes efforts devoted to school projects, committees, boards, education, athletics, volunteerism, and financial campaigns.

Community Service: Alumni who positively impact their communities by their civic, social service, fraternal, charitable or company involvement. The Alumni Association seeks to recognize graduates whose contributions of time, service and/or financial resources have benefitted the community at large. Community service includes, but is not limited to, efforts on behalf of many different kinds of organizations including the community’s cultural resources, hospitals, recreation, social awareness, and civic development.

Professional: Alumni who demonstrate the St. Vincent-St. Mary tradition of excellence by their lifelong learning and advancement in their career choice. The Alumni Association seeks to recognize graduates who have capitalized on their Catholic secondary education to build successful careers in fields of their choice. The professional category includes recognition of achievement in all career categories including self-employment.

The STVM Alumni Association welcomes the nominations for living alumni for the Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award. Nominations MUST BE MADE IN WRITING and can be sent to the STVM Alumni Office via U.S. mail. The application is available on-line at the stvm.com website (alumni section).

Nominations must include the full name, school, graduation year, and contact information of the nominee. Information must include why the nominee is deserving of this honor. A resume of accomplishments should be included. Testimonials from others, media/press and other pertinent forms of information are welcome.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for nominations is November 1, 2013.
# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DUES AND MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete the form and return to: STVM Alumni Office, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, 15 North Maple Street, Akron, Ohio 44303 or go to www.stvm.com/alumni to update your information

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**Membership/Dues/Etc.** (make checks payable to: STVM Alumni Association)

- ☐ $10 ALUMNI DUES ENCLOSED. Membership runs from July 1-June 30.
- ☐ DONATION TO THE STVM ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP
- ☐ ADDRESS ABOVE IS A NEW ADDRESS. PLEASE UPDATE RECORDS
- ☐ I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE E-MAIL UPDATES ON MEETINGS & EVENTS
- ☐ PLEASE CONTACT ME — I WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Questions: Contact Kathy Holiday at 330-253-9113 x120 or kholaday@stvm.com

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- Like the ALUMNI (official) on FACEBOOK
  St. Vincent-St. Mary Alumni (official)

- Follow STVM on TWITTER
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- Follow STVM ATHLETICS on TWITTER
  @STVMAthletics

- Watch STVM on YOUTUBE
  http://www.youtube.com/user/STVMHS

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**10TH ANNUAL ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY ALUMNI MEN’S SOCCER GAME**

**AUGUST 3, 2013 6:00 PM.**

RSVP to Phil Alvord at palvord@stvm.com
St. Mary High School Class Of 1948
Monthly Luncheon

Classmates and friends gather for lunch at Dontonio's in April
From left to right: Janie Pringle V55, Bull Kuhn M48, Narita Arnold Linn M48, Margie Wilhelm Sabo M48, and Dick Novitsky M48

Narita Linn M48 writes…
The St. Mary Class of 1948 meets each month for lunch at Dontonio’s Restaurant. We are always happy to see our classmates and hope to plan a get-together for our 65th Reunion in 2013.

St. Vincent High School Class of 1951
Celebrates 80th Birthdays

The St. Vincent Class of 1951 gathered at Papa Joe’s in the Valley in April to celebrate their 80th Birthdays. A very happy birthday greeting is extended to V51 classmate, Joan May Maher who celebrated her 80th birthday that day! Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92 (STVM Director of Advancement) and Kathy Zehenni Holaday VM77 (Director of Constituent Relations) visited with the V51 Classmates and shared STVM news and happenings.

St. Vincent Class of 1962 Reunion

Vince Lobello V62 reports…

The St. Vincent High School Class of 1962 celebrated their 50th Reunion the weekend of September 21-23, headquartered at The University Inn at Quaker Square.

Over 50 classmates and their guests kicked off the weekend tailgating before enjoying another Irish victory in the STVM vs. Hoban game, allowing our out of town classmates from 15 states to experience UofA’s new InfoCision Stadium.

The celebration continued after the game at our hospitality room at the Quaker, where our out of town guests stayed, and where the 50th Reunion event took place in the ballroom on Saturday. Classmates and guests enjoyed a social hour and hors d’oeuvres and were each given a welcome bag with lots of local goodies including a gift and a “Classmate Update” booklet.

Dinner featured New Orleans styled food stations and custom “St. Vincent Irish” desserts. Then special classmate awards were given, including recognition to those on the 1962 football team, the last undefeated Irish season.

The evening continued with dancing and entertainment from one of our Central High School contemporaries, Larry Alltop.

Sunday featured a Memorial Mass at St. Vincent Church, followed by breakfast “next door” at Akron Family Restaurant, and a tour of the campus at STVM, which was especially impressive to our out-of-state alums back after many years. We certainly appreciate the time that Kathy Holaday (Alumni Director) and Tom Carone (President) spent with us!

Many thanks to all our volunteers who worked so hard to pull off a great weekend — everyone appreciated their efforts.

All enjoyed seeing old friends, meeting spouses, and a Reunion weekend to remember — those of us that still can after 50 years…..

St. Mary High School class of 1948
Monthly luncheon
From left to right: Janie Pringle V55, Bull Kuhn M48, Narita Arnold Linn M48, Margie Wilhelm Sabo M48, and Dick Novitsky M48

St. Vincent High School Class of 1951
Celebrates 80th Birthdays

Row 1: Jim Woofter, Carol Hatton Dies, Rosie Fletcher Richards, Judy Lorson Goshorn, Pat Rennie Schnee, Susie Welsh Sansonetti, Pauline Swartz Grasso, Susie Bertsch Cull, Dolly Marvett Ferrell, Mickie Flavin Henderson.

Row 2: Sue Thomas Tuleus, Nora Noall Dolensky, Sarah Seidell Davis, Mary Roach Wingerson, Nancy McShaffrey Smith, Mary Guenther Scheatzle, Gary Anello, Rosie Tretto Patterson, Ray Schoenfelt, Vince Lobello.

Row 3: Roberta Lawrence Lamont, Kathy Williams Cook, Candy Muck Cooper, Karen Frey, Carol Glinsk Petel, Sherron Jonke Short, Sandy Stitzel Colombi, Diane Wysocki Wolfe, Judy Fulciniti Beckman, Bob Jackson.

Row 4: Joe Fahey, Jim Dolensky, Jerry Wilson, Sam Lanza, Kathy O’Connor Lushbaugh, Donna O’Shea Lyons, Bob Donatelli, John Melert.

Row 5: Jim Barr, Larry Jenkins, Harry Ruppell, John Testa, Pat Thompson, Larry Mackey
**St. Mary Class of 1967 Reunion**

Ann Ducharme Rutan M67 writes......

The St. Mary High School Class of 1967 are enjoying casual get-togethers throughout the year! This picture was taken at Sarah’s Vineyard on Saturday, November 17, 2012.

We are hoping to plan a 45+1 year reunion for next year during our next night out!

**St. Vincent Class of 1967 Reunion**

St. Vincent High School Class of 1967 celebrated their 45th reunion on September 21-22, 2012. On Friday night classmates attended the STVM vs. Hoban football game and then gathered at the Barley House and on Saturday the reunion continued at The Red Fox Inn in Cuyahoga Falls.

**St. Vincent Alumni Enjoy Impromptu Reunion**

St. Vincent High School alumni who also happen to be St. Sebastian alumni have an impromptu lunch when visiting a classmate in Arizona! Left to Right: Dave Scheatzle V54, Susie Meadows Straits V53, Paul Slaven V52, Terry Coyle V53 (went to Arizona after sophomore year), and Jim Meadows V52.

**St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 1977 Honors Tom Carone — President of STVM**

On December 28th immediately following the Boys Basketball game, the STVM Class of 1977 hosted a “surprise party” to celebrate classmate, Tom Carone, and his recent appointment as the President of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

Congratulations Tom! We are so proud of you!

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**Seated from left to right:** Karen Sadler Cole, Barb Considine Bucy, Marty Grom Kaiser, Carolyn Falvy, Anne Wise Bickett, Karen McCauley Fox.

**Back row from left to right:** Pam McCarthy, Velma Valerio Quinlan, Tina Longhitano Garske, Rita Considine Stallings, Maryann Hay, Kathy Vargo Tomer, Janet Belcich Tipton, Jan Henry Bachmann, Paula Maggio, Ann Ducharme Rutan.

**Front Row L-R:** John McFadden, Dan Sear, Barb Sutter Eisaman, Gail Brodecky Love, Barb Metzler Thompson, Sue Ludwig McMullen, Barb Dixon Craven, Valerie Dapp.

**Second Row L-R:** Dave Hilbert, Nancy Moneypenney Simons, Fred Swartz, Rosemary Stuhldreher Cannon, Sandy Cogar Arbour, Sr. Janet Schlicting, Cheryl Donovan Johnson, Carol Crimi, Rita Starr Young, Jim Mertzlufft, Paul Wilson.

**Back rows L-R:** Ken Krummel, Randy Kouri, Dave Tetzel, John Gless, Tony Urdiales, Bob McDonald, Michael Stith, Bill Costigan, Fred Dillick, Pat Dunlavy, Mary Anne Malecky Sebak, Sharon McCarthy Taylor, David Deshon, Bill Holt, George Rooney.

**Front Row L to R:** Bob Hilbert, Pat Wheeler, Jerry Costigan, Tom Carone.

Back Row L to R: Marty Johnson, John Staudt, Jeff Gannon, Mike Murray, Richard Baker, Don Kline, Mike Klein.
UPCOMING REUNIONS

Whether gathering to share old stories or to catch up on the latest, with just a few classmates or the entire class, alumni reunions are a special part of our tradition.

For the very latest in reunion information, visit the alumni page of www.stvm.com

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner/Mass

ANNUAL MASS
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1945
NEW MONTH! The Annual Mass for the living and deceased members of the St. Vincent Class of 1945 will be held on Sunday, September 29, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Vincent Church. Please call Jeanne Marie McGuigan Latham V45 at 330-666-8556 with any questions.

MONTHLY LUNCH
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1948
Join your M48 classmates on the 2nd Thursday each month at 11:00 a.m. for lunch. Location: Dottino’s Restaurant [Cuyahoga Falls Avenue]. For more details, contact Narita Arnold Linn 330-825-7733

MONTHLY LUNCH
ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1949
Join your M49 Classmates and spouses on the second Thursday of every month at Noon at Papa Joe’s Restaurant. For more details, contact Jeanette Pittinger at 330-523-0009 or via e-mail pittmomofeight@yahoo.com

MONTHLY LUNCH
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1950
Join your V50 classmates on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Location to be announced. For more information, please contact Marlene Dunford 330-633-4985 or Fred Ost 330-666-3548

MONTHLY LUNCH
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1951
Join your M51 classmates on the 2nd Monday of each month at 11:00 a.m. for lunch. Location: Frontier Restaurant, 418 E. Maple, Hartville, Ohio.

MONTHLY LUNCH
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1951
Join your V51 classmates at our bi-monthly (every other month) lunches on the second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 p.m. Location: Papa Joe’s. RSVP to tagraham@neo.rr.com

MONTHLY LUNCH
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1953
Join your M53 classmates on the 1st Tuesday of each month when we meet at 11:00 a.m. for lunch at Dottino’s [Cuyahoga Falls Avenue]. Call Dick Linn 330-825-7733 for more details.

MONTHLY LUNCH
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1953
Monthly Lunches: The Class of 1953 meets for lunch on the fourth Saturday in the months of October, January, April and July. We gather for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Akron Family Restaurant (250 West Market Street). There is a parking lot on the east side of the restaurant. We send notices to those that we think are interested in coming for lunch. It is not necessary to make a reservation, but we are happy to know when someone will attend. RSVP’s are accepted by Judy Roelle Baughman, 330-864-9858 or jmruellement@netzero.com, Jack Kilway, 330-923-3990, Marilyn Jost Sturmi, 330-923-9212 or smj2202@aol.com and Susie Meadows Straits, 330-836-8133 or sbstraits@aol.com.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1959
Join us for our monthly breakfast on the 2nd Monday of each month at Poor Boy Restaurant on East Cuyahoga Falls Avenue at 9:00 a.m. Contact Jerry Rotunda for details at suzannerotunda@att.net

MONTHLY BREAKFAST
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1960
Monthly breakfast for St. Mary High School Class of 1960 is held the first Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the Waterloo Restaurant on Waterloo Road in Akron. Please join us. Email Mary Ann Weigand Labrocca at labrocca@sssnet.com if you want to receive a reminder by email.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1963
Join your M63 classmates each month for dinner. Contact Bill Price 330-923-4312 to find out the restaurant location, date and time for this month’s dinner. See our 2013 reunion notice below.

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Reunions

65TH YEAR CLASS REUNION
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1948
Join your M48 classmates and celebrate our 65th Reunion! Please contact Narita Arnold Linn M48 for more details or to help in the planning! You can reach Narita at 330-825-7733.

60TH YEAR CLASS REUNION
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1953
September 14, 2013
Join your M53 classmates on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at Papa Joe’s Restaurant. The invitations for our 60th Reunion were mailed in April. Cost per person is $40.00 and includes a three entrée buffet [prime rib, chicken parmesan, and lasagna]. For more details, please contact Jean Dunn Casseday 330-745-2666.

60 YEAR CLASS REUNION
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1953
September 7, 2013
Mark your calendars to join the V53 Classmates on September 7, 2013 at The Sheraton Suites Hotel [1898 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221] for our 60th Reunion! Renew friendships; share a meal and some laughter from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. We will plan to gather at 1:00 p.m. and then have lunch at 2:00 p.m. The cost for the lunch is $20.00 per person, prepaid. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent Class of 1953. Our choices for lunch are: Grilled Atlantic Salmon, or Brochette Duo, which includes Chicken Breast and Skewered Beef Tenderloin Tips. Reservations are due by August 15, 2013 to Susie Straits, 2288 Woodpark Road, Fairlawn, Ohio 44333-3923. For more information, please contact: Judy Roelle Baughman, 330-864-9858 or jmroelle@netzero.com, Jack Kilway, 330-923-3990, Marilyn Jost Sturmi, 330-923-9212 or smj2202@aol.com and Susie Meadows Straits, 330-836-8133 or sbstraits@aol.com.

75TH BIRTHDAY REUNION
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1956
M65 will celebrate our 75th Birthdays September 7, 2013 at Spaghetti Warehouse. Contact Don Utrup for more details at dardonu@gmail.com or 330-472-4708.

55TH +1 REUNION
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1957
July 13, 2013
St. Mary High School Class of 1957 will celebrate our 56th Class Reunion on July 13th at Our Lady of Cedars Hall located at 507 S. Cleveland Massillon Road. More details will follow soon. Please contact the reunion planning team: Mary Ann Papp Kozma [mankoz@sbcglobal.net], Pat Posey Preston 330-701-7584, or Peggy Qualters Gardner 330-926-1805.

55TH REUNION
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1958
October 5-7, 2013
The St. Vincent Class of 1958 will have our 55th Reunion during the weekend of October 5, 2013. More details to follow! For questions or to help with the planning, please contact Anne Berrodin [anneberrodin@gmail.com].

55TH REUNION
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1958
September 15, 2013
Join your M58 Classmates for our 55th Reunion scheduled for Sunday, September 15th from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. at the Loyola Retreat House in Clinton, Ohio. The cost will be $30 per person. Mass will start at 2:00 p.m., Social at 3:00 p.m. and Dinner at 4:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you, sharing fond memories and renewing old friendships! For more details, please contact Mary Ligas Ferraro 330-882-5579 [mferraro@neo.rr.com].

50TH REUNION
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1963
July 13-14, 2013
Great news! Our 50th reunion is nearly upon us. As you know, it is set for the weekend of July 13-14 this year! We have been busily working out the details. We’ve planned a Friday evening “Meet & Greet” at Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls. Tee times for golf are set for Saturday morning. Then there will be Mass on Saturday at 5pm at St. Vincent Church for those who wish, followed by dinner with music for listening and/or dancing at Silver Lake Country Club. If you have the time and the inclination we will gather again on Sunday morning for breakfast/brunch. We have set up blocks of rooms at hotels near our venues for you to select for your reservations. Prices are pretty reasonable and the hotels are eager to assist you. All of us locals are so eager to see you. Our next mailing should be on its way to you by the end of this month. So tear open that envelope, set your plans & make those reservations. There are still some classmates we have not been able to reach so if you have been in touch with classmates please reach out to them to update their contact information with us. Email Kathy Balchak Case dcase8@att.net or Janice Franks Antal janantal@aol.com. Also check out our Facebook page Akron Ohio St V class of ‘63. Many of us have been reconnecting over the last several months. Please join in. Céad Mile Fáilte.

50TH REUNION
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1964
Monthly Get-togethers
Plus a Summer Getaway may be planned! Who gathers regularly to Remember... to Celebrate... and to Dream?? The St. Mary High School Class of 64 “Boomers” That’s who! PLEASE consider joining us – we are trying to meet monthly! Plus we are planning a summer getaway. If you have any ideas or want to offer suggestions for our destination, give us a call. Hope you can join us! Contact Lorrie Haddock [lhaddox@stvm.com] for more details.

50TH REUNION
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1964
August 28-30, 2014
Join your Classmates from V64 for our 50th Reunion! The committee is meeting in May and looking for volunteers to help. More details to come! Any questions, contact Jan Karl Royer, 330-495-3931 royerjan@stvm.com or Mike Murphy, 330-606-5942 murphmt@gmail.com

MINI-REUNION
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1965
V65 Annual Mini Reunion - Mark your calendars now for our annual Mini-reunion on December 26, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barley House in Akron. For more details, contact Carol Lieb [clieb@kent.edu].
CLASS OF 66 TURNS 66
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1966
Join your V66 classmates and celebrate our 66th Birthdays! The celebration will occur in 2014. More details to come. Please contact Bob Pacenta (bob_pacenta@yahoo.com) or Lynda Smole V66 for more details or to help in the planning! You can reach Lynda at lsmole@sbcglobal.net

40TH CLASS REUNION
STVM CLASS OF 1973
July 26–27, 2013
Save the dates for the weekend of July 26, 2013! Friday – Golf Outing at Goodpark Golf Course – 1:00 p.m. Cost for golf is $33 per person. Contact Tom Mancino tmancino@gmail.com. Class gathering at Edgar’s Restaurant at Goodpark – 6:00 p.m. Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Vincent Church and then join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m. at 93 Prime, 4315 Manchester Road, Cost is $35 per person. Contact Georgine Clark Lawson at gmc.lawson@gmail.com.

35TH REUNION
STVM CLASS OF 1978
August 24, 2013
The Class of 1978 will celebrate our 35th Reunion on August 24, 2013 at Legends Sports Pub and Grille in Green [1840 Town Park Blvd, Uniontown, OH 44685]. The reunion event will start at 7:30 p.m. and the cost is $10.00 per person. Spouses and Guests welcome to join us! For more information or RSVP to marilynn.mccoy@gmail.com. Like our page on Facebook for details and updates located at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School CLASS of 1978 Reunion

30TH REUNION
STVM CLASS OF 1983
September 2013
VM83 will have a reunion celebration the weekend of the STVM vs. Hoban football game. More details to follow! Contact John Fazio to get involved in the planning! johnfazio@aol.com

25TH YEAR REUNION
STVM CLASS OF 1988
September 14, 2013
VM88 Classmates – be sure to save the date for our 25th Reunion event scheduled for September 14, 2013. Anyone who wants to help or needs more info can e-mail Jeff Gorman at gormanwriter@yahoo.com.

20TH YEAR REUNION
STVM CLASS OF 1993
November 30, 2013
Save the date and join your VM93 classmates for our 20th Reunion scheduled for Saturday, November 30th at STVM High School. Plan to join us for a casual evening of food, friends and fun! More details to come. For further information, please contact Kathryn Seikel Perry katperry10@yahoo.com or Melissa Dugan Matthews madugan421@yahoo.com

10TH YEAR REUNION
STVM CLASS OF 2003
TBD
The STVM Class of 2003 is hoping to schedule a reunion this year! If you would like to be on the planning team or just help in any way, please contact: Mary Kay Riccardi (mkriccardi@me.com), Frank Freeman (frankfreeman23@gmail.com) or Willie McGee.

5TH YEAR REUNION
STVM CLASS OF 2008
July 13, 2013
The STVM Class of 2008 is having our 5th year reunion this year on July 13th at Cafe Bricco in Fairlawn! If you are available to help with the reunion, especially in the weeks leading up to it, please contact: Katie Markovich (markovich.katie@gmail.com). Also, feel free to drop us a line at stvmsclassof2008@gmail.com

Congratulations VM13 and Welcome!
Jeannette Considine McCormick M41
September 1, 2012

Jeannette Considine McCormick M41 was a head sacristan at St. Mary Parish Church, active in the church choir, President of the St. Monica Guild and was also President of the Summit County NCCW.

Jeannette’s niece, Trish Ostroski is a graduate of the St. Mary High School Class of 1965. She contacted friends and family members to request donations in memory of Jeannette and to support a project that was initiated by one of our students, Greg Rybka VM13. Here is the letter that Trish shared....

“A young man [Greg Rybka] is working on his Eagle Scout project and wanted to do something at St. Mary Parish to help the church since it recently re-opened. The grounds around the church have not been really cared for since the closing so this will give the grounds a nice new look.”

If others are interested in donating, Trish has asked that we direct donations to St. Mary Parish: Mail donations to St. Mary Parish — Be sure to note “In memory of Jeannette McCormick” on the check or in a note — 44 University Ave., Akron OH 44308

Reverend William A. Jurgens V46
July 3, 1928 – September 1, 1982

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School was notified by Immaculate Conception of Mary Parish in Kenmore that their 90th Anniversary celebration held at the Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday would include a memorial plaque honoring the late Reverend William A. Jurgens V46. The plaque includes this caption:

“Immaculate Conception of Mary Parish should be justly proud of our native son. His remarkable gifts and talents as a priest, teacher, liturgist, musician, scholar, linguist, patrologist and archivist brought him an international reputation and luster to the Church in the Diocese of Cleveland: His three-volume work The Faith of the Early Fathers [Liturgical Press, 1970, 1979] has become the standard textbook for instruction in the writings and theology of the Early Fathers of the Church by English-speaking seminaries across the world, including the North American College in Rome. We can best celebrate the memory of Father Jurgens by studying the teachings of the Early Fathers, believing what they taught, and practicing what they believed.”

Reverend James C. Fahey V47, C.S.C.
July 22, 1929 – Nov. 30, 2012

Thank you to Stephanie A. Gattman [Communications Specialist, Office of Communications, Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, Notre Dame, Indiana] for providing such a wonderful obituary for Father Fahey V47. Select excerpts have been included for our readers:


Fr. Fahey attended elementary school at St. Rose [two years], St. Ignatius [two years], St. Malachi [three years; and St. Augustine (one year) in Barberton, Ohio. He graduated from St. Vincent High School, Akron, Ohio, in 1947. In the fall of that year, he enrolled at the University of Notre Dame as a freshman and also entered the Seminary for the Congregation of Holy Cross. On August 15, 1948, Fr. Fahey entered the Novitiate in South Bend, Indiana. He made First Profession of Vows on August 16, 1949, and Final Vows on June 3, 1953. Fr. Fahey graduated from the University in 1952 with an A.B. degree in Philosophy and was ordained to the priesthood at Notre Dame on June 6, 1956.

From 1981 to 1985, Fr. Fahey studied liturgical architecture at the University of Notre Dame. From 1985 to 1990, he served as Chaplain and Assistant Pastor of St. Francis Hall in Mishawaka, Indiana, and St. Hedwig’s Parish in South Bend, respectively. In 1990, Fr. Fahey returned to Texas to serve as Pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in Burnet for two years. He then went to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in New Orleans as the Assistant Pastor from 1992 to 1993. He moved back to South Bend in 1994 to again serve as Assistant Pastor at St. Hedwig’s Parish until 1996. Fr. Fahey also worked at St. Adalbert Parish for seven years. From 2003 to 2009, he served in parish ministry in Texas and Louisiana.”

Brother Peter Graham M60, C.S.C.

St. Edward High School included a beautiful “in memory” page for Brother Peter Graham M60. Here are some excerpts:

“Brother Peter Michael Graham, C.S.C., age 71, died on September 11th at David Simpson Hospice House, in Cleveland, Ohio. He was born in Akron, Ohio on June 28, 1941, the son of William and Antonia [Tomski] Graham. He attended St. Mary Elementary School in Akron and graduated from St. Mary High School in 1960. He followed a calling to the religious life to join the Holy Cross Brothers and entered Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown, Wisconsin in October 1960, then began his year of religious training four months later at St. Joseph’s Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, where he pronounced his first vows as a Brother of Holy Cross on January 26, 1962. Peter then moved to Austin, Texas where he began his studies at St. Edward University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in the spring of 1965.

In 2001, Peter was appointed the new President of St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio. Under his leadership, the school experienced a tremendous transformation, especially with the successful completion of a $16 million master-plan which included the Kahl Student Center, the Lowe Pre-Engineering & Technology
Center, the Holy Family Chapel, new classrooms as well as innovative programs in pre-engineering and entrepreneurship studies. Brother Peter stepped down as the president of St. Edward after 10 years of successful administrative leadership in public relations, fundraising and challenging educational programs. In 2010, he served as the Vice President for Mission Effectiveness of St. Edward and then in 2011 he moved back across the city to join the administrative staff at Gilmour Academy.”

To read the entire memorial, please visit http://www.sehs.net/general/custom.asp?page=bpg
MARY E. DELUCA  
Wife of Vincent [deceased].  Mother of Patricia Pangle M71, William M56, Fr. David M57, and Vincent

THEODORE J. DETTLING V46  

DR. JOHN “JACK” DEVANY V47  
Husband of Jeanne [deceased].  Father of Jeanne Cummings, Maureen, Anne Parsons, Michael, and John.  Brother of Kathleen Mosher [deceased], Frank V37 [deceased], Tom V35 [deceased], Mary Rose Ceglar [deceased], Daniel [deceased], Fr. John [deceased], and Beatrice [deceased]

ELINOR DIRKER  
Wife of Louis M44 [deceased].  Mother of Christine McHugh M71, Mary Smith, Louis, and Gregory

FREDERICK DONOVAN  
Husband of Pennie.  Father of Frederick VM85, Jim, David VM82, and Stephanie

ANNE MARGARET DOUGHERTY VM94  
Daughter of David and Donna.  Sister of Michael, Christine Walker VM84, Therese Misenhelter VM86, Suzanne Hughes VM89, Mary Steiner, Ruth Kyle, and Angela Garrett

PAUL E. DUFFY  
Husband of Denise Henry Duffy V70

MARY C. EARLEY  
Wife of Paul [deceased].  Mother of Thomas V60 [deceased], John V62, Sally Maligas, Jean Merson, and Mary Jo Rawles

JEROME H. ENGLER M31  
Father of Betty Welch Engler M32 [deceased].  Father of Mark [deceased], Michael V66 [deceased], Steve V59, Jerry V69, Max VM73, Marianne V61, Ellen Watson V62, and Nancy Frient V64.  Brother of Leo “Mox” M28 [deceased], Martha Pitkin M29 [deceased], Rita Raymond M36 [deceased], Joan Bellett M39 [deceased], and Dolores M43

ETHEL ENRIGHT  
Wife of Frank V38 [deceased].  Mother of Michael, Timothy V63, Jeffery V70, Maureen Locher VM77, and Patrick [deceased]

JEAN ENRIGHT  
Wife of Thomas.  Mother of Gloria Borisuk M69, Tom V71, Dan, Mark, Jim VM77, Teresa Gangi, and Colleen Mate

REV. JAMES C. FAHEY V47  
Brother of Don M52, William V56, Coletta Wandel M57, Elizabeth Rogers M60 [deceased], and Robert M49 [deceased]

DR. JAMES FARMER  
Husband of Theresa [deceased].  Father of Nancy Dziak VM75, Jim, Mike VM79, John VM83, and Sabrina

DARAH LOUISE FARRIS  
Daughter of Debbie and George Farris.  Sister of Maureen VM05

MARK FASSNACHT  
Father of Mark, and Kayleigh.  Son of Edward V49 [deceased], and Kathleen.

IRENE FARIO  
Wife of Joseph [deceased].  Mother of Beth Lynch VM73

JAMES JOSEPH FIEDLER V64  

JAMES L. FLANAGAN  
Husband of Rita [deceased].  Father of Dolores Dadik V61, Jim, Kathleen Seiwert, Joan, Michael, Tom, and Maureen

MARJORIE RINGLEIN FRAHLICH  
Wife of Martin [deceased].  Mother of Mary Kay Shrader, John, Steve, and Linda Rhodes.  Sister of Cathryn Schmidt [deceased], Jerome [deceased], Patricia Haynes [deceased], Richard [deceased], Robert [deceased], Mary Lou Gaffney V50, and Jackie Youmans V54

MARY CONSTANCE FRANCIS  
Wife of Joseph [deceased].  Mother of Denis [deceased], Kevin [deceased], Rosemary Koly M64, and Denise Bond M68

MARY FRATTURA  
Wife of Albert [deceased].  Mother of Bev Waltz M54, Albert V66, Donna Duve M59, and Pat Dejacimo V65

ROBERT G. GARDNER M55  
Father of Marianne Fleischer, Patricia Bickerstaff, Justine Koenig, Robert, and Christine Callow.  Brother of Gertrude Flechler V46, Mary Lou Novitsky M52, James, Katherine Semelsberger [deceased], Marie [deceased], Gerald M50 [deceased], and Anne Smylie M48 [deceased]

WILLIAM M. GARRETT V70  
Husband of Carmella Siglock Garrett V70.  Father of William, Joseph, Christina Weber, and Kateri Ewing

ISABELLE GEORGE  
Wife of Edward [deceased].  Mother of Edward V57, David V59, Alice Viviano V60, Paula Thomas V61, Mary Jane Thomas V62, Linda Zamora V66, Robert, and Sandra Boarman V70

MARY ANN SMITH GOFFINET V56  
Wife of Donald.  Mother of Kathy Barzilla, and Debby Adkins.  Daughter of William [deceased], and Adeline Doran Smith V22 [deceased].  Sister of Dorothy Holleran V56, and Robert Smith

TYLER GOODIN VM98  
Son of Robert Fields Goodin [deceased] and Trish Goodin-Yard

ERIN GORDON  
Mother of Nicolas.  Daughter of Lora [deceased], and Fred Rossi.  Sister of Gina Tobin VM87

BROTHER PETER GRAHAM M60  
Son of William [deceased], and Antonia [deceased].  Brother of Jon, William M56, Thomas, and Peggy Blacklock

MARY ANN VIOLETTE GUENTHER V59  
Wife of Paul V59.  Mother of John

WILLIAM GUERTAL M59  
Husband of Judi.  Father of Zachary Hill, and Megan Gesguierre [deceased].  Brother of Sr. Rochelle M64, and Sr. Mary Donald M61

EMMA GUESCHER  
Wife of Cletus [deceased].  Mother of Carolyn Buescher Kovac VM62

IRVIN HADLEY  
Husband of Josephine.  Father of Jim V59, Tom V72, and Patti Hadley Staeger V66

EUGENE WILLIAM “SUKE” HALAMAY V50  
Husband of Anne Ley Halamay V48.  Father of Beth McCutcheon VM74, Kathy Rowe VM76, and Kristin Finley VM86.  Brother of Ross [deceased], Olga Blondyn [deceased], Bill, and Sonya Benavent VM56

MADELINE M. HARVEY  
Wife of Thomas [deceased].  Mother of Tom M63, and Don

JACK T. HEISLMAN  
Husband of Mildred.  Father of Colette Morgan V71, Greg V72, Steve, Elaine Blanko, John, and Phil

JOSEPH M. HERSBERGER  
Husband of Elizabeth.  Father of Michael, and David.  Brother of Anton [deceased], and Eileen Beskitt M49
RICHARD P. HIRSCHFELT
Husband of LaVerne. Father of four children. Brother of Robert M61, and Marilyn Crecelius M63

ROSE HLIVKO
 Wife of Thomas. Mother of Jonathan VM97, Matthew VM98, and Michelle Schaffer VM92

JAMES J. HOMEIER V49
Husband of Mary Frances (deceased). Father of Kathleen Wilkins, Tom, Eileen Heiglemann, and Jackie Chester

TERESA HOWILER
Wife of Paul [deceased]. Mother of Paul, Jim, and Mary Ann M72

DONALD G. HURD V63
Husband of Theresa. Father of Todd, and Traci Andrews

CHARLES JEROME JAHANT V48
Husband of Elizabeth [deceased]. Father of Charles, and Andrew. Brother of William [deceased], Mary Ann Tiborcz [deceased], Tom V44, Jeanne LaRose, and Ann Gillen

MARGARET MARY IACOMINI JANECK V56
Wife of Frank. Mother of Frank, and Amy. Sister of Jeanne Craig V53 (deceased)

MARY KARADIN
Wife of Joseph [deceased]. Mother of Lawrence V55, and Yvonne Hoffman V58

CAMILLE KILCOYNE KLINE VM92
Mother of Aiden. Daughter of Susan, and Jim Kilcoyne. Sister of Caroline Gronowski, and Jamie

ROBERT A. KLINE V44
Husband of Marie. Father of Jerry [deceased], Robert V71, Leon VM73, Donald VM77, Lori Maruschak, Diana Hoffman, Ken VM83, and Lisa Houghton. Brother of Patricia Sapp M65, and Ann Richie M49

MICHAEL J. KOLLAR
Son of Larry V55 and Mary Alice Armbruster Kollar V56. Father of Dylan

ERVIN J. KRAKER V52
Son of Erwin [deceased], and Elsie [deceased] Kraker. Brother of Susan Feaczko V58

JEROME R. KRUMVEL V53
Husband of JoAnn. Father of Douglas [deceased], Richard [deceased], Candice Zines, and Jerry. Brother of George [deceased], and JoAnn Morgan V49 [deceased]

PATRICIA STASICK KUHN M47
Wife of Francis M44 [deceased]. Mother of Sandra Coleris, Debbie McGee, Pam Childress, William, Richard, Mark, and Michael. Sister of Shirley Ruppell M55

THERESA LEE
Wife of Jerry. Mother of Larry, David, Greg, Brian, and Kathleen Oles VM88

MARY LESNIEWSKI
Wife of Henry [deceased]. Mother of Patricia Abbate, Joan Hoffman M59, Mary “Cookie” Jevec M65, and Judith Ninni

MARY GRACE LOCIROCERO
Wife of Angelo [deceased]. Mother of Angelo [deceased], Tom V64 [deceased], Steve V72, and Rita Myers

CATHERINE “PAT” LYNCH
Wife of Edward V37 [deceased]. Mother of Pamela Montisano V69, Kathleen Larson V71, Edward V72, and Brian VM76

JOHN “JACK” MAHANEY
Husband of Jolean Schnee Mahaney V61. Father of Sean, Brian, and Kristin Chabak VM88

GERALD T. MANNING M47
Husband of Josephine. Father of Gina, Karen, and Annette

JEANNETTE CONS DINE MCCORMICK M41
Wife of Jack M41. Sister of Kathleen Ostroski M40, Teresa Williams M44, Howard M40, Paul M44, Mary Reymann [deceased], James [deceased], Edward [deceased], Robert [deceased], Richard [deceased], and William [deceased]

JEAN WEIBEL MCDERMOTT V44
Wife of Ralph [deceased]. Mother of Marcia Talkovich V68, Tim, Laura Clark, and Michael. Sister of Mary Walsh V47 [deceased], Joseph V52, and William [deceased]

JOAN GAFFNEY MCDERMOTT M47
Wife of William. Mother of William, Michael, and Judith Headland. Sister of Michael M59, Frank [deceased], and Sr. Margaret IHM M51. Daughter of Francis V19 [deceased], and Margaret Barr Gaffney V16 [deceased]

MARY CATHERINE SEMONIN MCFARLAND M41
Wife of Robert [deceased]. Mother of Dennis, and Terry. Sister of Charles [deceased], Sr. Eileen Semonin M44, and Richard

DAVID L. MCGOWAN
Husband of JeanneAnn [deceased], and Tina. Father of Kim Enoch, Michelle Gaskins, and Daniel VM80

PATRICIA ENGLEHART MCDUFF M49
Wife of Patrick. Mother of Margaret Frey, Helen, Mary Nagy, Edward, and Thomas. Sister of Margaret Denholm, William M50, Jim M54, Arthur [deceased], Harry [deceased], Winifred Dolibuis [deceased], and Mary Rita Shuff [deceased]

JANE MENSEAU
Wife of John [deceased]. Mother of Mary Weishar M68, Jane, Nancy, John, and Thomas

JOSEPHINE MICKUNAS
Wife of Anthony [deceased]. Mother of Daniel M60, Thomas M60, Terrence, Timothy, Kevin, Rita Chambers, and Judith M68

KATHLEEN MOSHER
Wife of Paul [deceased]. Mother of Mary, Patricia Myers, Margaret Misra, Kathleen Patterson, Charles, and Paul. Sister of Jack Devany V47 [deceased], Frank V37 [deceased], Tom V35 [deceased], Mary Rose Ceglar [deceased], Daniel [deceased], Fr. John [deceased], and Beatrice [deceased]

PATRICK DENNIS MURPHY
Husband of Mary Ellen Sines Murphy M66. Father of Brian

JOHN MYSKO
Husband of Helen. Father of Stephen V64

JOHN E. NAUER
Brother of Earlene Szeles M40, Sr. Dorothy Nauer I.H.M. M45, Ruth M50, Richard M44 [deceased], Paul M42 [deceased], and Donald M56 [deceased]

MARY RUTH NEFF
Wife of Earl [deceased]. Mother of Thomas V69, John, Christine Bedell V70, Jeanne Weimer VM74, and Laura Branigan

SHANNON NELSON
Wife of Steve. Mother of Vince Lockett VM15

CHRISTINE VIELHABER NESTOR

MELISSA NORDEN
Wife of James VM86
IN OUR PRAYERS

WILLIAM H. O’BRIEN
Husband of Patricia McCafferty O’Brien V53. Father of Bill, Dave, Tom, Joe, Paul, Richard, Don, Mary Ann Walter VM09(h), Karen Marshall, Patti Walsh, Ann Presley, and Katie Helmkamp

JOSEPH “JIM” O’NEILL
Husband of Rosemary Fassnacht O’Neill V59 (deceased). Father of Laura, and Kathy Davis

ANNA PAITZ
Wife of Frank (deceased). Mother of Hildegard Burgardt M58, Norbert M60, and Michael

BETTY PHARES
Wife of Dale (deceased). Mother of Bill, Nancy Holbrook, and Brett VM77

ROSEMARY O’NEIL PHILLIPS V38
Wife of Joseph (deceased). Mother of Louise Mazan, Karen Morley, and Donna Woods

GIANNINA PIANALTO V71
Mother of Michael Lino, Stefano D’Agruma, and Rosella Groves

MICHAEI PICHICHERO
Husband of Mary (deceased). Father of Frank (deceased), and Frances Lento V58

RUSSELL J. PIER V55
Husband of Jennie. Mother of Shannon Summers, and Russ

PRISCILLA POUSER V61
Daughter of Bruno (deceased), and Ann Pouser (deceased)

BETTY RAFF
Wife of Bruce V45. Mother of Jean Schwenning VM75, Bruce VM77, and Julie Pero VM81

DONALD N. RAIES V43
Husband of Betty. Father of Greg, Jim, Mark, Teresa Sparks, and Paul

ORVILLE REED, JR.
Wife of Janet. Father of Janet Cuthbert M63, Orville, Bernard, Susan Ann Leach M71, Patricia Chamier VM83, and Timothy VM83

RONALD RONGONE
Husband of Ruth Conlon Rongone V42

HARRY E. RORAR
Husband of Harriet Lynch Rorar V57. Father of Daniel, Timothy, Loreen, Janeiro Heinkeking, Kathleen Geckler, and James (deceased) DANIEL M. ROTH
Husband of Nancy Singleton Roth V61. Father of Daniel, Jessica Hayes, and Bridget Hilker

RICHARD ROYER V41
Husband of Jacqueline Nelson Royer V41 (deceased), and Ruth. Father of Amy Meyer VM73, Jeff VM75, Rick V69, Patti, and David. Brother of Barbara Courtine V52, Rita Sarar V42 (deceased), E. Patrick V44 (deceased), and Jacqueline Reggie

RON SALLADAY
Husband of Mary Lou Bauer Salladay V52. Father of Ann Besch, Sue Worstall, and Bob

PATRICIA SAX
Wife of Tom (deceased). Mother of Michael (deceased), Patty (deceased), Mary Lou Shremshock M62, Fred, Martha Olson M68, Kathy Klise M70, Rita Reali M71, and Tom

DAVID J. SCHRADER
Brother of Mary Cernava VM81, Dan, and Dale VM84

ROSEMARIE FORELLO SCHRADER M55
Wife of Robert (deceased). Sister of Eleanore Testa M49 (deceased), Carmella Hider M44 (deceased), and Frances Anich M41 (deceased)

MARY ELLEN SEIWERT
Wife of Raymond (deceased). Mother of Nora Flanagan V66, James, and Michael

JAMES B. SHIELDS V59

WILLIAM SHIELDS V49
Husband of Edna. Father of Michael, and Timothy

DAN SPUK
Husband of Edna Wiliebrand Spak M49. Father of Peggy DiNicola M71, Dana Miotkowski M72, Patti Schoch, Tina Scofield, Danielle, Therese, and Hope Eckman

JAMES STAIR
Husband of Madonna Miller Stair M57

ANGELA STARVAGGI
Wife of Nick. Mother of Anthony VM74, John VM78, Patrick VM76, and Vancy Boyar VM73

RALPH STEVENS
Husband of Mary Aloisi Stevens M49 (deceased). Father of Joan

GERALD “JERRY” SWARTZ
Husband of Josephine. Father of Christina Sumpter, Gerald, Craig, Paul, and Andrew. Son of Bernard and Marcella Arnold Swartz M27. Brother of Marilyn Lux V50

ROSEMARY MCNELIS TAGGART V55
Wife of Edward. Mother of Lynn Rogers VM78, Joseph VM79, Michael VM81, and Edward VM83. Sister of Thomas McNellis V60

JOSEPH TARAY
Husband of Mary Ann Tigelman Taray V54. Father of Jeannine Titus, Janice Southeller, Kathleen, and Julie Barlow

EVELYN TKACK
Wife of John (deceased). Mother of Deborah Kerby M71, and Joy VM73

PATIENCE MALLOY TOTARO V47
Wife of Michael (deceased). Mother of Bill, Barb M70, Susan Bonds, Pat McQuaide, Diane Bueker, Debbie Christy, John, Mary Shaffer, Kitty Knaus, Carolyn Treby, and Dominic. Sister of Theresa Dorricott V56, Rita Nelson V52, Joe V47, Steve, Kathy Lavery, and Jack V55

RAYMOND “SKIP” ULRICH V64
Husband of Annette. Father of Slator. Son of Mary (deceased) and Raymond M39. Brother of Sue Vassaiolli M67, and Rick M58

SR. IRENE UTRUP CSJ M47
Sister of Don M56, Rita Holland M54, Norma Galvin M50, Ralph, and Gerard M49 (deceased)

SR. ELEANOR WACK O.P. V46
(the former Sister Dismas)

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Brother of William (deceased), Gregory (deceased), Bernard, Richard V66, Mary Ann LaRocca M60, Sr. Barbara I.H.M. M56, and Dora M64

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Wife of Edgar. Mother of Morgan Mann, Carrie Cassidy, Elizabeth, and Bruce

TODD E. WINDEORST
Father of Brian VM96, and Kristen Sparks VM01. Step-father of Josh Pytlik, Kate Davis, and Jake Pytlik

BERNADINE HONEYWELL WYKOFF V39
Wife of Eugene (deceased). Mother of Diane Diss (deceased), Bonnie Harwell, and Vincent. Sister of Mary Marshall V33 (deceased)

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St. Vincent-St. Mary High School has established a Planned Giving program to help secure the long-term future of the school. The four most common planned giving opportunities include the following:

OUTRIGHT GIFT OF CASH OR PERSONAL PROPERTY: This gift is a donation of cash, securities, or real estate. The donor receives an income tax deduction for the value of the gift, plus no capital gains tax due on appreciated property. You can tailor your gift to the school’s needs.

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For more information, contact the STVM Director of Advancement, Ellen Cronin Zegarra at 330-253-9113 x152.

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☑ Specific questions about gift making. Please call me.
☑ I have already included STVM in my estate plan

Mail this form to: St. Vincent-St. Mary High School 15 N. Maple Street Akron, OH 44303 ATTN: Advancement Department or call Ellen Cronin Zegarra at 330-253-9113 x152
Hello St. Vincent-St. Mary Alumni & Friends,

It is hard to believe that the school year, and my first year back at STVM, has come to an end. This year has been proof positive that time really does fly when you are having fun! I have had the true pleasure of reconnecting with so many of you and getting to know so many more of you. I remain impressed with our STVM Community as well as the students of STVM. They are steadfast in how hard they work, how much they succeed, their kindness, friendship, and their giving spirit.

The theme of this issue of The Connection Magazine is Why I Give. I am awestruck by the STVM Community and the infinite ways you GIVE, of your talent, time, and treasure. The giving heart is truly instilled at STVM and we see it every day – in the students, the faculty, the staff, administration, the alumni and the parents. As students - whether it is a baseball team gathering to beautify the city and gather garbage or our basketball team stocking shelves at a hunger center, or our entire student population gathering gifts for their class's Adopt-a-Family, we see the face of God so many times throughout the school day.

This school year alone, our students collectively completed nearly 24,000 Christian Service hours. I am certain that this spirit of charitable service and giving will be carried forward by our students as they go forth and make a significant impact on the World. As you read the pages of this magazine, it is clear, that the giving spirit fostered in the STVM environment will be nurtured and embrace throughout their lives.

Our students give of their time and service. They truly are an inspiration with their new and refreshing approach to helping the poor and marginalized. Plus, they are witnesses to the generosity of you, our dedicated and loyal friends. Our alumni and friends give of their time and talents as a reflection of their love and loyalty to STVM. We appreciate all of the time, talent and yes, the treasure that is donated to our school.

In April, more than 400 parents, alumni, and friends of STVM gathered for the 27th Annual Showcase Live Auction gala. What an evening of generosity and giving – to think that it has been taking place for 27th years. Amazing! The event marked 27 years of generosity and support from our community. We witnessed Ralph Bernard, Jr. and his family in attendance to support STVM and to carry on his parents’ legacy of giving to Catholic Education.

As you read the stories of our alumni and friends and their world-wide giving, it is evident that the mission that is instilled in the students of STVM is carried on across the globe as our alumni are champions of community service, charitable good-works and giving.

The grace and generosity of our community is extraordinary. I continue to be inspired and humbled by the entire community and the support and giving nature. When we look to the mission statement of STVM, we are truly living that mission. Education does not stop in the classroom. We see our students and alumni leading and serving, their hearts are touched and souls inspired. I hope you will feel that mission radiate as you read the pages of this magazine. I hope you will be inspired to further give of your own time, talent and treasure; by your own means; whether it is to your Alma Mater or within your own community. You may find as you read this issue, you challenge yourself to ask, Why Do I Give?

God bless,
Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92
Director Of Advancement

YOU’VE GOT MAIL

Keep an eye out for the mailings sent by the Advancement Department. The most recent mailing, as displayed on the left, included the request for you to be a part of our FUTURE!

Your donations directly impact STVM students and programs on a daily basis. Many students need tuition assistance in order to attend STVM. Every donation is a gift from the heart and no gift is ever too small. We appreciate each and every donation. We humbly ask you to give.
The generosity the alumni, family and friends of St. Mary, St. Vincent, and St. Vincent-St. Mary High Schools has shown over the years is truly astounding. We are grateful for the support. What have we done to deserve such an outpouring of sustained assistance? Well, we decided to ask. As you will read, there are many answers to the question — Why do I give?

Marlene Poje Dunford V50

When someone experiences the joy of giving, you want to share it with others. I give to St. Vincent-St. Mary because I believe in the mission of providing quality Catholic education to the students. Family and tradition is important to me with 2 sisters, 2 brothers-in-laws, 4 daughters, and next year I will have 2 grandsons attending STVM High School. What a blessing for our family!

God has given each of us certain talents. We must use these talents to the best of our abilities. I learned very early that leadership is one of my talents from leading the band as a majorette for St. Vincent High School directing several church choirs in the area.

For me the joy of giving is founding the LEAVE A LEGACY® Summit/Portage/Medina program. Our mission is to educate and encourage individuals to give to their favorite charity. Last year we celebrated our 10th anniversary with 75 nonprofits and allied professional partners. I have named St. Vincent-St. Mary in my will/estate.

After my husband died three years ago, someone said to me, “God has something more for you to do.” Widows of Faith, Hope and Charity is my latest adventure. Faith - we pray each day for America and its leaders; Hope - we trust in the Lord; Charity - we visit new widows giving them 2 books: Prayer Book for Widows and Widow to Widow. What a joy it is to visit a new widow and share our mutual stories. With God’s help we turn their mourning into joy.

That is the joy of giving. Pass it on to others.

John Cistone V50

John shared the following information: “I have such fond memories of my high school days. The teachers, the nuns and the priests are all a part of those memories. Plus, while I was in school, I was fortunate to have the chance to be on teams and play high school sports.

Sally and I married 61 years ago when I was a freshman in college. I was married with 2 children, attending college and working at Firestone. I received my degree in Education and spent my 1st year teaching Junior High in Cuyahoga Falls.

Following in the coaching footsteps of Dick Pitts and Eddie Wentz was an incredible honor. Teaching and coaching at STVM was a great experience. I really enjoyed being here – this was the only place I wanted to be [and believe me it was not because of the pay]. Academically and spiritually, there is no better place than STVM. I still think it is so great that I had the chance to be a teacher at STVM.”

We salute our alumni who, like John Cistone, have played a vital and important role in STVM. Thank you John for “giving back” to STVM for so many years. You are a treasure to us.

Here are some additional things about John that he did not share but we thought might be of interest to all of you: John Cistone V50 was named the Head Football Coach and Assistant Athletic Director at St. Vincent High School on December 9, 1964. He was personally chosen by his former coach and predecessor, Eddie Wentz. Continuing in the tradition of Eddie Wentz, Coach Cistone became a legend in his own right, coaching the young men at St. Vincent and St. Vincent–St. Mary High School for 31 years.

John has been recognized as a foremost example of dedication to Catholic secondary education and the St. Vincent-St. Mary hallmark of excellence. John was awarded the Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award in 1988. John has a rich and wonderful history with the STVM Fighting Irish Football team and the entire STVM community. John coached for over 35 years and was responsible for 4 state football championships in 1972, 1981, 1982 and 1988. John was the Head Coach for the STVM Fighting Irish from 1964 through 1996.
Rev. Edward E. Mehok V49
Why I Give... “I give because I received an excellent Catholic and Liberal Arts education at St. Vincent High School. This prepared me well for my further studies and for my life in general. I am grateful for that and that is simply why I have continued to contribute to STVM. I hope the Catholic and Liberal Arts oriented education are being maintained and stressed for the students of today.”

Fr. Dan Fickes VM74
Why I Give... “I give because I value the years I spent at STVM. I received a good Catholic education there and made many friends. A niece and nephew of mine are students there right now, as my mother was almost 70 years ago and later my five siblings. Passing along our Catholic faith and values is terribly important, and so I support STVM. Blessings to you.”

Joseph “Joe” May V54
Why I Give... “I married Helen 53 years ago and we are blessed to have our daughter and two sons residing in the area; we have three beautiful grandchildren. Two of our grandchildren, Alex Messmore VM14 and Amy Messmore VM15 attend STVM and I am thoroughly enjoying “being back on campus” with their various activities.

I have been involved with the development and growth of the Catholic Worker of Akron (CWA) since its inception in 1998. As a board member, I have led the restoration of three of our four houses of hospitality; have presented CWA to parishes and various organizations for fund-raising and volunteer development; and participated in long-term development planning.

With the encouragement and support of the board, and with the inspiration and support of the Holy Spirit, I formed a day drop-in center under the umbrella of CWA. The Peter Maurin Center (PMC) is located at 1096 South Main Street in Akron. The origins of the physical building include: mortuary, bar, restaurant and most recently, a bar & grill. It had been vacant for ten years – thus, yet another restoration. It is situated in one of the poorest residential areas of Akron and has a bus stop at the front door. Following extensive renovations, the center opened Thanksgiving week 2006. Similar to Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin in the mid-1930s, we wished to have a Maurin-inspired “day drop-in-center” – a place where the marginalized and homeless could come to share a meal, but more importantly to find caring people who will “listen” and love them.

At the Peter Maurin Center we work through the many needs with our guests. We provide resources such as transportation, medical, vision and dental services, clothing and household goods and bicycle repairs. PMC is open three days a week and serves a daily average of 100 meals. It is thrilling to see our STVM students join us in the volunteer effort! Many local parishes also send in volunteers; and it is fun to see the smiles on the faces of our alumni when they notice the STVM t-shirts hanging on the wall! Additionally we take meals, warm clothing, hygiene items, tents, sleeping bags – and lots of love and compassion – to the homeless in downtown Akron each Saturday.”

When asked “Why did you choose to get involved with this?” Joe responded... “In a word: JOY. I came to realize later in my life that all that I was accomplishing and failing at was a forerunner to more meaningful endeavors. Looking back, I recognize the building blocks leading to today’s involvement: learning the basics of my Faith, the influence of exemplary individuals who set their sights on tending to the needs of others, as well as the many times individuals came to me seeking help. I discovered that whatever might be considered successes in the secular setting were momentary, not lasting; that sharing with others was lasting and fulfilling.

I have come to know that the gifts we “possess” have been entrusted to us by God. We are compelled to give back in keeping with the gifts and talents God has given us. [As indicated in Matthew 25 – What so ever you do unto the least, you do unto me]. What a marvelous inspiration and opportunity Dorothy Day has provided to us in the Catholic Worker to carry out Christ’s plan for us! The volunteers at the Peter Maurin Center and at our Houses of Hospitality will attest to the spiritual fulfillment and joy that sharing with those in need has brought to our lives.”

“JOY is the infallible sign of God” – Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.
Why I Give...

Rita Baumgartner Shisler M64

Why I give... “I am the owner of Shisler’s Cheese House in Orrville, Ohio and love, love, love my business. My interaction with tourists, from all over the world, is the best part of my business and being in Amish Country, with 35,000 cars per day driving past my store, gives me the opportunity to meet people from all walks of life.

My two sons, DJ, owner of Shisler’s Cheese House in Copley and Dennis, sales rep for Royko Alloys and my computer guru and VP of Marketing for Shisler’s Cheese House, are my strongest supporters. My grandson, Daniel Shisler VM12 is a freshman at Ohio University. My two granddaughters, Grace and Natalia, not of high school age yet, will hopefully attend STVM.

I am currently on the Board of the Wayne County Red Cross, Sponsor of Startzman Free Clinic Meal that Heals, Friends of Every Woman’s House [fund-raising arm of our local battered woman’s shelter], Fund- raising group for Wayne County Hospice, Women’s Network of Wayne County, Orrville Lions Club and District Zone Chair, Dalton Rutitans Club, Wayne County Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, Lincoln Highway Association, Co-chair of Orrville Rib and Music Fest, Board of Dalton Days in the Park, volunteer for ViTA tax preparation assistance, assist with Orrville Salvation Army donations drive, sponsor the Adopt-A-Family program, sponsor the Shop With a Cop program, to name a few organizations that I’m involved in. I have a Shisler’s Cheese House Scholarship for a Dalton High School student every year and started the Wayne County Teacher of the Year Scholarship this year.

My involvement with volunteering has been going on for many years. This community was kind and generous to me when I was in need of support and assistance, and I made a vow that I would give back to Wayne County for everything I was given. The most enjoyable part of my volunteer work is watching the joy on a family’s face when they realize there is help for them. I am fortunate to be friends with a wonderful group of giving and generous women. Many times they have loaded up their cars with clothing, food and toys for needy families. I am proud to be associated with them. We are always finding good causes to be involved in.

Donating to local organizations and churches, is done with joy, as I always receive something in return when I do....a new customer, a new order, a new friend. A habit I have gotten into, is to remind businesses, when making speeches to different groups, that you must give back in order to be successful. God has given us the capabilities to be successful and we must share our success. I do so with pride and joy.”

Mary Bowman V64

Why I give... “After teaching French and English for a number of years, I worked with my husband Doug in his veterinary practice until we sold the practice and applied to join the Peace Corps. We were accepted and were sent to the Republic of Moldova between the years 2000 and 2002. This is a Romanian-speaking country, one of the 15 former Soviet republics that became independent when the Soviet Republic collapsed in 1989. What wonderful people we met!

My husband and I are retired now and have been working with Congolese refugees living in the Raleigh, North Carolina area for the past 4 years. It is very rewarding to work with them. We learn so much from them as we share possible solutions to problems they might be experiencing.

I was asked why I give. My philosophy has always been to do whatever good I can do while I am on this earth. I am coming this way only once, so I need to do my best for my fellow man today. Life is not a dress rehearsal! I am my brother’s keeper so I try to use my time wisely. Then I can honestly say I honor my Divine.”

Why do YOU give?

We would like to hear from you!

Send an email to kholaday@stvm.com
Mary Howard M68
Why I Give... When asked Mary shared the following information: It is extremely important to me to be active with the STVM Alumni Association and represent St. Mary High School. “It is an excellent way to give back and to be a part of the alumni activities and events. Plus, I want to let the St. Mary alumni know that our school is not only alive – but thriving. It is a pleasure to work with so many St. Mary alums on a day-to-day basis. Our school is so blessed to be able to point with pride to the 3 schools that make up this one family!”

Mary graduated from St. Mary High School and then went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Education Degree from The University of Akron. Mary worked at Archbishop Hoban High School for 14 years and has been with STVM for the past 13 years [since 2000].

Mary is the STVM Health and Physical Education Teacher, STVM Intramural Director and Assistant Volleyball Coach at Akron Buchtel High School. Mary is also active as a Board Member on the STVM Alumni Association as well as a Board Member for the Touchdown Club.

Mary has been the Coach of the Year many times during her career and received the 2005 Father Thomas Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award from STVM.

Joseph “Joe” Bennett VM75
Why I Give... “Many young adults, upon graduating from High School and/or College, just want to leave Akron and see the World. I know because I was one of them,” says Joe. “Fortunately, I never lost the belief in and the importance of surrounding oneself with family, tradition and genuine people. These are the cornerstones that brought me back to Akron and why I feel it’s important for me to give back to the community I love.”

Joe graduated from STVM in 1975 and The University of Akron in 1980. As a side note, Joe is one of 13 family members who have attended or is currently attending V, M or STVM. “How great is it that three generations of my family, including my Dad, brothers and sister, nieces and nephews and my own kids, get to share in the same Irish tradition.”

In addition to the many rewarding hours spent at STVM watching his kids activities, attending sporting events, Booster Club meetings and fundraising events, participating in student career day and serving on the school’s strategic planning committee, Joe is an active member of the Akron Blind Center’s Board of Directors and The University of Akron’s Business College Advisory Board. Joe also teaches professional workshops for marketing undergrad and graduate students at The University of Akron in his spare time.

“I was asked by Russ Pry, Summit County Executive, to become involved with the Akron Blind Center in October 2009 and was appointed to the Board of Directors. The Blind Center, a non-profit organization founded in 1948, serves the visually impaired of Summit County and the greater Akron area with a variety of educational and social programs such as Braille, computer skills, history, health and wellness, current events, travel, Bible study, and a book club. Our focus as a Board is on community awareness, fundraising and membership development which are the keys to the Blind Center’s viability,” says Joe. “I feel we are making significant progress towards public education and assuring the sustainability of the only organization of its kind in a five county area.”

“In addition, over the past few years, I was routinely being asked by various marketing professors at The University of Akron to speak to their students about career development and the skills required to be successful in today’s ever-change business world. Through my University involvement, I found that I love working with young adults. This has led to my creating and teaching professional workshops for students. My most recent workshop was titled, “Why Do We Have to Change What Works?” The focus of this workshop was on the affects mergers and acquisitions have on professional careers. The course provided a basic introduction to the steps a company takes to evaluate potential acquisitions, examined the branding, cultural and organization challenges and obstacles most likely to be faced, and discussed how employees must “step outside their comfort zones” to survive and thrive in this constant world of change. Having been involved with 16 ownership changes during my career, I felt very qualified to teach this course!”

“I love what I do...I look forward to the day that I have more time to give to this community that has given me so much.”
Ken McDonald VM76

Why I give... Ken shared the following information:

My “gap” donation is important because very few people realize there is a “gap” in the dollar amount of what people pay and what it costs to actually educate a student at STVM. I give because I believe in St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. This school is a wonderful witness to the presence of Christ. STVM builds character and produces phenomenal faith-filled young men and women. That is what this world needs. Each and every day, these kids inspire my own personal faith.

Ken McDonald attended STVM High School and is a member of the Class of 1976. After graduating in 1976 from STVM, Ken attended The University of Akron and went on to the seminary. Ken has a History Degree and earned his Master’s Degree in Theology in May 2013.

Steve VM84 and Julie Buzzi

Why I give... When asked Julie shared the following information: Steve and I wanted to be involved because not only is Steve a graduate of STVM Class of 1984 but now we have a daughter who is a freshman at STVM. STVM is a great place in so many ways and it is important to us to make it even better.

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Jim Hillery VM85

Why I give... “It is all thanks to my dad, Tom Hillery V51. I grew up around STVM and knew early on that STVM was the school that I was going to attend. I don’t really remember if there were any other options, nor did I care. My mom, Joellen Wargo Hillery V51, sisters Kyle VM73 and Kelly VM76, wife Andrea VM85, and so many alumni family members [brother-in-law Marty Shaffer, sister-in-law Cindy DeBona Shaffer and niece/nephews Gina Shaffer, Frank Freeman and Evan Seiberling] are all a part of the past and present STVM community.

When I look back on my high school experience and when I was a student at STVM, I really didn’t realize what a special community that I was a part of...until I graduated. After graduation, the specialness of STVM was mostly brought to my attention by friends that I met after my STVM experience as well as colleagues throughout my career. I have often heard, “I would have liked to have attended STVM but...” Many of the explanations to these statements were for family reasons. Others questioned if they could meet the personal challenges and opportunities that STVM presents. To a person, they all have an admiration and respect for the school and the community. At STVM, nothing is given to you and there are no guarantees academically, athletically or with other activities. With a lot of hard work and commitment, amazing personal satisfaction and rewards can be realized. While at STVM, we were always challenged to do better and not to accept average. These lessons learned and practices taught have and will continue to be applied throughout my life.

Even though I had always felt close to the STVM community, I was hesitant to get involved at the volunteer or supporter level because I didn’t know what my role would be. With some self confidence and an “I want to do this” attitude, I quickly got involved and found my place. It sounds like such a general response, but the people that make up the STVM community are what truly make the place special. Those that are part of it and are involved know exactly what I’m talking about. The friendships that have developed are the hidden gift that I did not expect when I made the commitment to get involved with the school and associated groups. I know I can never go back to my high school days, but by being involved and giving back, it’s as close as I can get.

Because of my love for STVM sports, I was attracted to the STVM Athletic Booster Club in which I currently serve as the Chairman of the Board. The reason why I became involved is because I remember how the work of so many volunteers made STVM the envy of so many. Because of those people, I was able to enjoy the best that a high school could offer. And now it’s my turn to give back. I hope my efforts, and that of so many others, are helping to create a positive high school experience that the students and athletes of STVM will cherish for a lifetime. STVM has always been a proud part of my life...and will always be.”

Jim Hillery attended St. Vincent-St. Mary High School and is a member of the Class of 1985. Jim is a 1989 graduate of The University of Akron. He is married to classmate, Andrea DeBona Hillery VM85. Jim works for Proforma and is the National Accounts Executive. Proforma specializes in advertising and marketing products and programs.
**Jeff Linton VM92**

*Why I Give...* “Living in Montana with my wife and our two beautiful baby girls. I stepped away from a great career in global maritime and defense logistics and have turned my passion and hobby of cycling into a fun little business, Ichthus Cycle Works. When reflecting on my high school experience, I consider St. Vincent-St. Mary High School a great blessing. It was the catalyst that propelled me as a young man from a broken home in a depressed area of Kenmore to living a dream of traveling the world and having a direct impact benefiting society.

I am very blessed to be Catholic and I encourage you to tune in to Relevant Radio or stream online at relevantradio.com for intelligent dialogue on our faith and the world. To learn more about our community awareness and support of our local and global communities, please visit our website www.icwmontana.com or send me an email: icwmontana@gmail.com

Good day and God Speed!

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**Ryan Van Tiem VM97**

*Why I Give...* “My high school experience at STVM was great. There are a lot of worthy causes out there, but as an alumnus of STVM - I will always have that special connection to STVM. I believe in the mission of the school and want to help out in whatever way I can. STVM played a major role in what I have accomplished in my life, so I enjoy giving a small piece back to the school. That is why I am proud to be a donor to STVM.”

Ryan Van Tiem attended STVM High School and is a member of the Class of 1997. After STVM, Ryan attended the University of Notre Dame and earned a B.A. and a M.S.A. in Accounting. He is married to Kristen and is currently an Accounting Manager. Ryan and Kristen are the proud parents of one child with another on the way in June!

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**Natalie Shovlin VM04**

*Why I Give...* “I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to have attended STVM and to be part of the Irish Community. I value the education I received and friendships I made during my four years as a student. I know that my time at STVM prepared me for life and continued education after graduating, and I am thankful to be part of the Fighting Irish Alumni.

I am proud to be a member of the STVM family and am happy to contribute as a donor. I was a senior when the Brennans made their generous donation to STVM. I have always admired their generosity and dedication to the STVM community, and have been inspired to do my part, although small, as a recent graduate.”

Natalie Shovlin attended STVM High School and is a member of the Class of 2004. Natalie graduated from The Ohio State University with Honors Distinction and received a Bachelor of Science in Architecture. After graduating from OSU, Natalie continued her education at Clemson University where she received a Master of Architecture Degree. In 2010, Natalie moved back to Akron, Ohio to begin her career in architecture. Natalie is currently an Intern Architect with MCG Architecture in Independence, Ohio.

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We would like to hear from you!

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Shawn-Paul Allison
"Why I Give..." I give because I believe that I have gifts to share with others. I give because I can pass on to others what was passed on to me. Finally, I give because others, who have not realized their potential, may, like a future Phoenix, rise to claim their uniqueness.

Mary Jo Kaufmann Chionchio V60
"Why I Give..." I believe in the mission of Catholic education. I believe in the atmosphere that mission creates through the efforts of our faculty, administration, staff, and our dedicated alumni.

In the almost 5 decades that I have served the students of STVM, amid the challenges of an ever-changing and more secular society, STVM remains a school that graduates students who have a spirit, a joyfulness, a confidence that they are ready to engage fully in their futures committed to living a moral and productive life.

Pam Godshalk VM11(h)
"Why I Give..." St. Vincent-St. Mary holds a special place in my heart. I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to work with so many wonderful young people and adults over my forty plus years being associated with STVM. My students may learn from me, but I also know that over the years I have learned much from them. I know from multiple surveys of our community—students, parents, and staff--one attribute that has been consistently noted is that STVM is like a “family.” The Irish “extended family” has a tradition of commitment to core values and high standards and genuinely cares about its members. Although I did not graduate from here, I am proud to be an “honorary alum” VM Class of 2011.

Grace DiCaudo Gorman V63
"Why I Give..." It has always seemed like the most natural thing in the world! When I received a phone call out of the blue 30+ years ago to substitute for a French teacher who had suddenly become gravely ill, all the obstacles that stood in the way of my taking that position at the time disappeared within a half hour of my placing three phone calls. When it’s right, it’s right!!!

I’ve been here ever since, so proud to be a teacher at my Alma Mater, to work with so many great alumni colleagues and to be part of the loving and giving STVM family. I believe in our school. My children received an outstanding education here, which in turn led to study at outstanding universities, and later to secure successful careers. I’m here to help our wonderful students do the same: to discover new languages and cultures and to develop their interests and talents for future study in successful careers in our global society.

Maureen Holleran Harrigal V65
"Why I Give..." Every day, I look forward to teaching and learning from my students. As a teacher, I am lucky to be able to see them grow from a freshman to a senior and into caring and spiritual adults. Also, I love to see their energy and their satisfaction when they learn and experience new things in literature. I have learned so much from these class discussions. These are the things that make me happy to be a teacher at STVM.

Debbie Patonai
"Why I Give..." Oh, how the years have flown! It is so hard to believe that I have been at STVM since 1975. Wasn’t it just yesterday that we had no walls in our classroom, school masses on the middle level, and had no bells to end classes? One of the reasons I love teaching is because it is constantly changing. Each school year brings new faces, new lessons, new courses, new technologies, and new challenges. Teaching helps me keep my brain young and energized. Every day I teach, I learn something new. So really, I will forever be a student. I have been so fortunate to be a part of St. Vincent-St. Mary which has allowed me to learn, teach, and love mathematics. Thank you so much for giving me this wonderful opportunity for all these years.

Luanne Jenkins Richardson V59
"Why I Give..." My experiences as a student at St. Vincent High School convinced me that I wanted to be a teacher – and that I wanted to return to my alma mater. There is something special about working with teenagers at STVM. They are curious, enthusiastic and hopeful, and they make each day an adventure which I still enjoy.

MerryLou Windhorst
"Why I Give..." When one has been at a job for 45 years, it is difficult to even think of yourself as a separate entity but as part of the “…fabric of STVM.” This Irish community is where I grew up, where my children readied themselves for the world, where I have chosen to attempt to enlighten young minds. I give because this school has given to me! Spirit, heart, integrity, caring….that is why I give and I’m not done yet!!!!!
Jordan Delagrange VM16

Why I Give... I like to give back to my community because I know it helps people, but at the same time, I have fun. Every time I do something for the good of other people, I get something positive out of it. It is a win-win situation and does not take much time. I have learned so much from each of the areas that I have been involved in and consider myself fortunate to be able to give back in this way.

Justin Hofacker VM16

Why I Give... I serve others because it brings a smile to my face and joy to others. I have enjoyed my involvement with the All Star Training Club (ATC). ATC helps individuals with disabilities to be active in sports. As per their website (www.allstartrainingclub.org), “ATC is a sanctioned Special Olympic organization and is the only program in a 5-county area that offers such a unique approach to athletics where everyone is given the opportunity to become a rising star.”

The All Star Training Club (ATC) gave me the opportunity to train athletes to become the best they can be. I play sports too, so I understand the challenges they face. When a new challenge arises, I help the kids overcome them and become stronger. Serving others gives me a feeling of satisfaction and I have learned that giving is the greatest gift of all. This is my first year with the ATC Program and I am happy to be involved.

Jane Maureen Bozsik VM15

Why I Give... My name is Jane Bozsik, and I am a member of the graduating class of 2015. In addition to being a member of many clubs and teams at St. Vincent–St. Mary, I am also a “team leader” of a group of young fifth and sixth grade girls in an all girls’ Catholic youth group called Challenge. I was a member of this club from my fifth to eighth grade, and last year (my ninth grade year) was my first year being a team leader. Starting out, I thought that teaching fifth and sixth graders (with very minimal attention spans) would be a very difficult job; however, I couldn’t have picked a more rewarding experience. I have found that teaching these young girls about Catholicism, Jesus, and just virtues in general has really brought me into a closer relationship with God. I choose to continue being involved with this because it really brings me joy to help these girls learn more about their faith and draw them closer to God.

Karl Rybka VM15

Why I Give... For five years, I have participated in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. to commemorate the monumental Roe vs. Wade decision. I chose to get involved with this because of my conviction that life is sacred and that we have a duty to protect the “least of our brothers.” In addition, I have volunteered at the Bridgestone Invitational as well as at my parish, St. Sebastian Church, as an altar server. Probably one of the more special areas that I have been involved is with the Vacation Bible School held at St. Sebastian Parish. This is a program run completely by volunteers and it is a way that I can help out my parish and be involved and active in my faith.

John “Jack” Giles VM14

Why I Give... My community service has mostly been centered within St. Hilary Parish. But that service has taken me to many different and new places! Most recently, I have been active in the Youth Group, Retreat Teams, and Appalachia Service projects, Hire a Missionary as well as an usher for Mass. I chose to be involved with my church because my family is active as parishioners and it only seemed like a natural progression. It felt right to help out and get involved with my church. I started to get involved with Youth Ministry and through that mission work. Mission work has been the best part of my summer for the past 3 years. Being able to help repair houses in economically depressed communities in Appalachia has been very rewarding. I have met so many great people and really see the face of Jesus through them.
Brianna Machuga VM14
Why I Give... I have been volunteering for as long as I can remember. I started helping my mom at Cuyahoga Valley National Park at the age of seven and I have not stopped since! Since that time, I have helped with many things including different programs [nearly 700 hours] in the Park, performances at Weathervane Theater, Fair Trade Sales Booths and Events, Vacation Bible School and I even started a hat and coat drive for local homeless shelters through the Polar Express offered through the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. For me volunteering isn't something that I have to do, it is something I want to do. The opportunities that I have been given are so much greater than I could have ever imagined.

Be sure to read about Brianna’s recent trip to Washington, D.C. where she was honored with the National Park Service Hertzog Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

Macee Miller VM13
Why I Give... “I give because I’ve been fortunate enough to have a life full of fortunes, a family that loves me more than life itself, an education that has opened my mind and heart to so many opportunities, and a faith strong enough to overcome anything, and if I can give just a few hours every week to someone that has nothing, and could very well possibly be at the worst point in life, just to see the smile on their face, that’s what makes it all worthwhile.” Congratulations to Macee for being honored with the City of Akron’s Global Youth Service Award.

Kenae Rice VM13
Why I Give... Currently I am involved in Al-Kaf Youth group, a group open to the community which involves flags, drums, and military drill exercises. I am very active in the youth ministry at my Church, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, and am an active participant in Youth Excellence Performing Arts Workshop (YEPAW) which encourages young people to get involved with the arts. Their mission, per their website (www.yepaw.org) is “to encourage youth through the arts to pursue lifestyles of excellence.” Being involved with these groups has become a part of my everyday life. I choose to get involved because it gives me a chance to get to know people in the community and also give me a reality check at times. It really can make you humble. Being involved gives me extreme enjoyment and I am fortunate to be involved in my community.

Gregory Paul Rybka VM13
Why I Give... As a student at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School I am currently the Senior Class President. I am also the National Honor Society Vice-President as well as a member of the Model United Nations Team. I am a Kairos Team leader and I am an active member in Boy Scout Troop #334 in Green, Ohio where I recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Over the years at STVM, I have played on the Freshman and Junior Varsity baseball teams and am currently a Varsity tennis player. I also serve as a Peer Minister and an altar server at St. Sebastian Parish.

I chose to get involved at STVM because I have been given so much and I want to give back. Through my involvement in National Honor Society, I have learned the meaning and the value of serving others and as a Boy Scout I have been given the opportunity to do just that. This past October, I was able to complete my Eagle Scout service project at St. Mary Parish in Akron. The grounds and landscaping at St. Mary Parish Church, which had been closed for nearly two and a half years, were in bad condition and I knew that I had the tools to serve in some capacity. The project entailed a general Fall clean-up of the church grounds, mulching, weeding two large flower beds, planting flowers, and removing a series of shrubs and a tree and then planting new bushes and a new crabapple tree in their place. The project was projected to take two to three days, but with a willing crew of fellow scouts, family, and friends, we completed the project in only seven hours. The experience taught me effective planning skills, and I am just happy to have been a participant in such a successful and meaningful project.
The Fund for STVM is an annual giving program, which allows our loyal and generous supporters to donate at any time throughout our fiscal year which runs from July 1 through June 30. Your annual donation to The Fund for STVM secures the future of our long-standing tradition of academic excellence and goes to work right away in accordance with the annual operating budget. You are a part of our legacy, be a part of our future!

Q: Why do you need my help?
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• Secure our St. Mary, St. Vincent, and St. Vincent-St. Mary traditions and heritage for the next generation.
• Maintain our recently expanded campus while being careful stewards of the monies that are entrusted to us.

Q: Okay... so why else?
A: The STVM experience is considered one of the best in Northeast Ohio! Our academic environment, use of the latest classroom technology, and most importantly our family-based, faith community is what keeps students flocking to Maple Street year after year. We truly live and teach by our mission which is, “In the spirit of the Gospel, we are committed to educate the whole person: to lead and to serve, enlightening the mind, developing the body, touching the heart, and inspiring the soul.”

Everything we do in the classroom and on the playing field is all possible through The Fund for STVM, which is the heart and soul of our school. The Fund for STVM supplies financial assistance for the many academic and operational needs throughout the school year. Every gift to The Fund—no matter how large or small directly makes an impact TODAY.

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If you have any questions, please contact Carley Whitney VM07, Director of Annual Fund at 330-253-9113 x112 or cwhitney@stvm.com
STVM Celebrates 40th Anniversary

Thank you to all the alumni, family and friends that attended the celebration! We are so fortunate to have you as a vital part of history, our community, traditions, and our future!

In addition to offering a 40-step tour of STVM complete with “Remember When?” trivia photos, the event also featured a classroom complete with desks, chalkboard (remember those?) and yearbooks!

What a fantastic celebration! Many classes had mini-impromptu reunions (1973, 1974, and 1977 to name a few!). The evening was a tribute to our history and everyone had a fantastic night dancing to the great music of the decades. Plus, we recognized and thanked eight of our faculty members for their dedication and loyalty to our St. Vincent-St. Mary community, our Mission and our academic excellence:

Mary Jo Chionchio, 48 years
Luanne Richardson, 46 years
Merrylou Windhorst, 45 years
Pam Godshalk, 40 years
Debbie Patonai, 37 years
Maureen Harrigal, 34 years
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Shawn-Paul Allison, 31 years

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Thank you to LeBron James VM03 and his recent $1 million donation to STVM. Multiple celebrations have already been held! And more are being scheduled!

The St. Vincent-St. Mary High School community would like to thank LeBron James and the LeBron James Family Foundation (LJFF) for the recent donation of $1 million to St. Vincent-St. Mary High School to renovate the gymnasium, which will be known as “The LeBron James Arena.”

Articles appeared locally in the Akron Beacon Journal and on the LJFF website. To read the ABJ articles, please visit: http://bit.ly/16zpM2M

To access the LeBron James Family Foundation website and read the article, please visit: http://www.lebronjamesfamilyfoundation.org/stvincent-stmary-hs
**Hard Hat Celebration!**

A special Gym Gala Event was scheduled to honor the many “Champions of the Court. The many “Champions in the Classroom. And the many STVM Champions for Life.”

The STVM community was invited to “A Hard Hat Celebration of Champions” on Tuesday, May 21, 2013. The evening was a wonderful example of the style in which STVM celebrates. It truly was a night to remember as we pointed with pride to our history and welcomed our future which includes the soon-to-be-built, LeBron James Arena.

Gary Johnson [2010 Irish Crusader Honorary Alumnus] was named “The Voice of STVM” and presented with a walking stick made from an authentic piece of bleacher. Gary regaled the crowd with a walk down memory lane, or should we say Leprechaun Lane?!

Here are a few snippets from Gary’s greeting to the crowd:

“There is no way we can possibly do justice to these 4 walls. There is truly no way to recreate or recap the multitude of memories that would reflect the events and programs experienced within these 4 walls.

The sheer number of years, 54 years to be exact, precludes even the most feeble of attempts. But suffice it to say, that this gymnasium has served not only as a platform for champions to compete, but also for students to evolve into men and women ready for the world.

It has been a place to pray, to cheer, to comfort, to inspire.

It will forever be a treasured memory in terms of the numerous state competitions send-offs, which for most of us were solely athletic in nature, but in more recent times, were also academic in nature – NASA Rocket Teams, State Science and Math Competitors, Mock Trial to name just a few.

These 4 walls have heard our prayers, our cheers and sometime even our tears. Amazing that in 54 short years, there has been every imaginable celebration contained in these 4 walls. This gym has been a place to worship during our liturgical celebrations as well as the site of many hosted fundraisers generating more than $1 million dollars! Students have been awarded academic and athletic letters in these 4 walls, they have attended assemblies, and decorated the rafters during lock-ins..."

At print, the old gymnasium is in demolition-mode.


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**Serving Up Ice Cream**

The LeBron James Family Foundation (LJFF) team visited STVM and treated the students to an ice cream social to commemorate the final days of the STVM gymnasium. Students thoroughly enjoyed the ice cream and the opportunity to celebrate! A special thank you to LJFF for the delicious treat and the fun memory – an ice cream social in the “old” gym!

Left: Seniors Stephen Hall, Vincenzo Volpe and Christen Hoffman enjoy Strickland’s ice cream treat during the LJFF sponsored ice cream social.
Students, alumni, sponsors, friends, and volunteers joined together on Saturday, April 20th, for an evening of fine dining, dancing, and donating at Showcase “You’re the Inspiration” on the campus of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

In its 27th year, the STVM Showcase Event embraced a whole new look and feel this year. Patrons, who circulated throughout the festively decorated gym and student center, enjoyed fabulous cuisine from Taste of Excellence caterers, were entertained throughout the evening by the Swizzle Stick Band and live performances from our students, and bid on some spectacular items including a trip to Ireland. Our live auction items were not only auctioned by a group of auctioneers, but many of the items had a themed performance from our student groups to compliment and “accessorize” the auction item.

The room was alive with activity the entire night. There are so many highlights: the amazing tribute to our honorees, Pete and Marylee Piglia, Father Joseph Kraker and a special recognition to the many and wonderful STVM volunteers. A special video was “showcased” featuring testimonials from our STVM students. The evening’s success was topped off with the incredibly generous response from our attendees to the paddle raise for tuition assistance, and the impressive tuition assistance matching gift from the Bernard family to name but a few of the evening highlights.

The winner of the $500 Kimberly Jewelry Raffle was Carla Steiner. The winner of the $2,500 Tuition Raffle was Michele Pitman who graciously donated the voucher to another STVM family. The winner of the iPad Raffle was James Gilchrist.

A special thank you to our Showcase Co-Chairs, Julie and Steve Buzzi and Betsy and Barry Tavolier [pictured top left]. These couples worked tirelessly; gathering auction donations, selling raffle tickets, creating decorations, and many more tasks too numerous to mention. Showcase most certainly would not have been a success without them. And thank you for agreeing to Co-Chair Showcase 2014!

As a community, we raised over $62,000 with our tuition assistance paddle raise and over $240,000 in total. We can only attribute our success to your contributions and stellar generosity. You are Our Inspiration and we are so very thankful to have you in our community!
A Community of Service, Tradition and Faith

On April 20, 2013 at the 27th Annual Showcase event, an event that represents the very essence of service and giving, we took a moment during the festivities to recognize and honor individuals from our community who proudly represent the legacy of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

Throughout our 40 year history as St. Vincent-St. Mary, and for the many decades before as St. Mary High School and St. Vincent High School, we proudly acknowledge our foundation of service and giving. Without the generations of impactful support, many of the programs and opportunities that enrich the lives of our students would not be possible.

During the evening, we recognized the many individuals that have given, served, and helped to shape this community of service, tradition and faith. Please join us in applauding these individuals for all that they have done for STVM.

Fr. Joseph H. Kraker
Born March 24, 1938, Father Joseph H. Kraker was the third of five children of Elizabeth and Joseph Kraker. Father Kraker’s late mother was a 1924 graduate of St. Vincent High School. Father Kraker was raised on Akron’s Kenilworth Avenue in St. Sebastian Parish. Father Kraker was ordained a priest in 1964 and installed as the 17th pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish on Sunday, June 19, 1994. Fondly described by some as “The Singing Priest” or “The Priest with the Dog,” Father Kraker can be found walking throughout Akron with his beloved dog, Minnie, and he enjoys golfing on his days off.


We are fortunate and blessed to have Fr. Kraker as a member of the St. Vincent-St. Mary Executive Board, on which he has served since 2003. In addition, we are pleased and delighted to welcome Father as an honorary alumnus of STVM in October at the Annual Mahar Banquet where he will be honored as an Irish Crusader by the STVM Alumni Association.

We thank and congratulate Reverend Joseph H. Kraker, as a 2013 Showcase Honoree, recognizing his Distinguished Support and Loyalty.

Pete and Marylee Piglia
Pete and Marylee Piglia grew up just a few blocks from each other and dated throughout high school. Pete graduated from St. Vincent High School in 1956. After their marriage in 1961, Pete and Marylee began a machine business which has grown to what is now known as National Machine Group. 45 years later, National Machine, still based in Stow, is a global family-owned and operated business with over 260 associates.

Pete and Marylee have three children: Mike, Michele Piglia Pitman VM81, and Darryl VM83. Seven of their nine grandchildren attend or have attended STVM; Trey Pitman VM05, Cali Pitman VM08, Alex Piglia VM08, Luke Piglia VM12, Sloan Piglia VM13, Max Pitman VM14, Frank Piglia VM15, Jamie Piglia VM17 and we eagerly anticipate Michael Piglia in the STVM Class of 2019.

Pete and Marylee Piglia began their years of support and dedication to STVM when their eldest grandson, Trey VM05, told his family that he wanted to attend STVM because of the ‘awesome’ experience he had in the fall of eighth grade when he marched with the STVM Marching Band during their football season.

In addition to offering assistance for the Marching Band’s Disney trip, the Piglia’s generosity to the STVM music program continued with the purchase of a Marimba drum and a piano. Their incredible support and generosity can never truly be listed and is best described by highlighting a few areas: the establishment of two scholarships: Immaculate Heart of Mary Alumni Grant and the St. Joseph Alumni Grant as well as the support of the STVM Rocket Team. Since 2002, the Piglias and National Machine have teamed up with STVM students in the Team America Rocketry Challenge. This support, and the opportunities cultivated through the Piglia’s have truly changed the lives of many students at STVM, inspiring students to pursue higher education and eventually careers in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields.

We are truly blessed to have Pete and Marylee in our STVM Community. In addition to their generosity, they have also supported our students through service on the STVM Endowment Board, various Steering Committees, Boarman Backers, Irish Family Car Raffle Donors, and Showcase Underwriters. They have been members of the Shamrock Society since the society was formed and have mentored and employed a number of STVM students throughout the years. In addition, Pete was awarded the Father Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award in 2001.

We congratulate Pete and Marylee Piglia, our 2013 Showcase Honorees on their 2013 Distinguished Service Award.

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The STVM Volunteer

In keeping with the “Why I Give” theme of the Spring Connection Magazine, it is only fitting that the final and most far-reaching award of the night was given to “The STVM Volunteer.” While the list is incredibly long and continues to grow each day, the program during Showcase included recognizing Beverly Frattura Waltz, a graduate of St. Mary High School Class of 1954 and requesting that Jerry Dalrymple Kelly, a 2008 Irish Crusader and honorary alumna, STVM Volunteer Coordinator accept the Distinguished Service Champion Award on behalf of the thousands of service champions who have volunteered at STVM.

Each and every day we celebrate the countless hours and thankless tasks of our many volunteers. We celebrate our volunteers who represent a sincere heart, a helping hand, and a giving nature.

We are proud to call you our friends and salute you for helping to create the warm and family atmosphere of STVM. Our children truly flourish and thrive with the love and care of our volunteers. The STVM volunteers serve as mentors of kindness and inspire our students; encouraging them to give of themselves, to their community and to go forward as ministers of service across the globe.

Each and every one of our supporters and volunteers are appreciated. You are all the very foundation of who we are. Thank you for providing support, encouragement, inspiration, motivation, and comfort. All of which is done – in the best interest of our children, the STVM students. Thank you for giving back and for giving of your time, talent and treasures to STVM.

Showcase 10K Winners

Congratulations to the Showcase 10K Raffle Winners:
FIRST PRIZE $10,000 WINNER Sharon Miller (pictured above left)
SECOND PRIZE $2,000 WINNER Heather Bondy (not pictured)
THIRD PRIZE $1,000 WINNER Lynne Callahan (pictured above right with STVM President Tom Carone)

Mark Your Calendars
Showcase 2014
April 5, 2014

Car Raffle Patrons Drive Away Winners!

Carley Whitney VM07 (Director of Annual Fund) writes....

It was a great night to be Irish. Students and fans packed the gym to see our boys basketball team take on Canton McKinley and to celebrate the amazing careers of our basketball, cheerleading, and athletic training seniors. The Senior Night celebration kicked off what would be a very exciting night for the Irish. At halftime of the STVM Irish vs. Canton McKinley boys’ basketball game (of which the Irish were victorious) the winners of our 11th Annual Irish Family Car Raffle were drawn.

First prize, a 2013 Chevy Cruze donated by Serpentini Chevrolet, was awarded to Jim Kananen (pictured top right), a STVM past parent and resident of Peninsula, Ohio.

Second prize, a 51” Samsung Flat Screen TV donated by Kipp and Ruby Kofsky, was won by Warren Guillard (pictured bottom left), father of STVM senior, Marie Guillard.

Our third prize, $500 in Circle K gas cards donated by Jerry Kelly VM08[h], was won by Lori Urdiales, mother of STVM sophomore Karmen Urdiales (pictured bottom right).

Thank you to all teachers, students, parents, alumni, and friends who bought tickets and supported our 11th Annual Irish Family Car Raffle, and a special thank you to Bob Serpentini!
The Bernard Family name has long been identified in connection with generosity and support in the St. Vincent-St. Mary community. Our 2013 Showcase was another great example and one of the greatest moments of the evening was the Tuition Assistance paddle raise. Thank you to The Bernard Family! Mr. Ralph L. Bernard, Jr. provided the opportunity for the Showcase attendees to come together as a community and maximize the impact of their donations to STVM.

Mr. Ralph L. Bernard, Jr. and his sister Mrs. Regina Bernard Dain V65 have carried on their parents’ legacy of giving to Catholic Education through the Ralph L. & Florence A. Bernard Foundation.

Members of the Bernard family were in attendance at the 2013 Showcase Event: Mr. Ralph L. Bernard, Jr. and his son, Adam Bernard VM88, his daughter, Angela Bernard Craig VM92 and his son-in-law Patrick Craig VM88.

Mr. Bernard is the son of the late Ralph and Florence Bernard. Mr. Bernard and the Bernard Family represent a long-standing legacy of giving to STVM specifically and really, giving to Catholic Education, in general. Ralph Bernard, Sr. initiated a scholarship and matching gift program in honor of his wife, Florence O’Neil Bernard who graduated from St. Vincent High School in 1933. As a tribute to her, he established the Florence A. Bernard Endowed Scholarship Fund, which is now known as the Ralph L. and Florence A. Bernard Scholarship Fund.

The students of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School have been the fortunate beneficiaries of the Bernard Family’s generosity. In addition, many of our area Catholic high schools have also benefitted from the Bernard Family’s commitment and support of Catholic Education.

In the spirit of continued generosity to STVM, Mr. Bernard offered a $50,000 match for funds raised at Showcase. The components were $25,000 for tuition assistance and $25,000 for the Bernard Scholarship Fund. A live auction bidding frenzy began for the Tuition Assistance Match as bidding caught momentum with the first contribution of $5,000 followed quickly with paddles raised for donations of $1,000 and so on until the complete $25,000 Tuition Assistance Gift was matched and was actually surpassed to more than $47,000 being raised!

Because of the generosity and support of our guests, and our community, we were able to meet and exceed Mr. Bernard’s goal. Thank you to those who gathered at Showcase in support of STVM and Catholic Education. Thank you to the Bernard Family and your continued support and loyalty to St. Vincent–St. Mary High School! We are so appreciative of YOU!

Maximize the Impact of your donation to St. Vincent-St. Mary

Matching Gifts
Did you know you can increase the value of your donation to St. Vincent-St. Mary High School through your company’s matching gift program? Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by their employees. This is a great way to increase the impact of your donation to STVM by requesting a matching gift from your employer.

The Matching Gift Process can be completed in just a few simple steps:

1. Confirm that your company has a matching gift program
2. Make your donation to STVM either online or via mail and then initiate the matching gift process with your company.
3. Obtain a matching gift form from your employer and complete the donor section.
4. Mail your matching gift form to: St. Vincent-St. Mary 15 North Maple Street Akron, Ohio 44303 Attention: Ellen Zegarra, Director of Advancement
5. STVM will complete the Institution Section for the final process.

It is just that easy! If you have questions about Matching Gifts or any of the many giving areas for STVM, please contact Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92 at 330.253.9113 x152 or ezegarra@stvm.com
Mary Ann Haag Reflects...

Reprinted with permission from Mary Ann Haag:

Dear Tom, Dave and the Staff of STVM High School,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for all your love and support that you have extended to me and Jack’s family during his illness and after his passing into eternal life. You have all been like family to us and that is how Jack felt about all of his dear friends. He had a special place in his heart for STVM High School, and he would be very humbled by the outpouring of love, respect and honor that has been bestowed upon him. We are all so very grateful for the dedication of the Student Center in Jack and Ann’s memory. The ceremony was very beautiful and emotional for everyone as you could see the love and respect that everyone had for this couple.

Jack was a wonderful man and he touched so many lives during his lifetime. He was a “Gentle Giant” who cared for and helped others in so many different ways, as I learned through all the cards, letters, conversations and articles that honored him. I am still receiving calls about your article in The Connection from family and friends near and far. I believe that Jack will be watching over his beloved Alma Mater from above.

I didn’t realize when I married Jack that I was marrying a “Saint” [at least most of the time] and I believe we will always feel his presence in all the beautiful ways he shared his life and in all the good works that he did and is continuing to do through his generosity. I was very blessed to have been chosen by this man to share a special part of his life, and I will be forever grateful for the time God allowed us to be together. He was the love of my life and I do miss him but he has left me with many wonderful memories and most important a beautiful family and many dear friends.

Again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything that you have done for us and especially for all you do for the students at STVM. You are all a big part of the students’ lives and futures, and I thank you for the important work that you do.

God Bless You,
Mary Ann Haag

Alumni Know How To Connect

Career Connections is a chance for our Junior and Senior students to learn more about their fields of interest from alumni and friends of the school. Mentors provide our students with firsthand knowledge and insight into the careers they hope to pursue. What a turnout of loyal professionals we had! The gym was packed with over 70 mentors from all fields of study. We had Engineers, Businessmen and Women, Doctors, Bankers, Dentists, Lawyers, Judges, Accountants, University Administrators, Physical Therapists, Army and Navy soldiers, Police Officers, Fashion Experts, Teachers, Scientists, Chemists, Authors, Chefs, and much more. The experience was amazing! This event shows first-hand, the willingness of our alumni and friends to connect with our students. We are so grateful for the time and effort these professionals shared with us. We look forward to next year and are excited to watch this event continue to grow from year to year.

If you have any further questions or would like to be a mentor and share your experiences at Career Connections 2013, please contact Carley Whitney VM07, Director of Annual Fund: cwhitney@stvm.com

Please Join Us For The Showcase Kick-Off Party

August 2, 2013 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
John Cistone Field and Jim Pier Pavilion at Green Street Stadium

In preparation for the 28th Annual Showcase Live Auction Gala, we will be hosting The Showcase Kick-Off Party at Green Street Stadium at STVM on August 2, 2013. This casual event will be an evening of food, friends and festivities as we gather auction items, sign-up for volunteer roles, and share ideas as we look forward to Showcase on April 5, 2014. If you are new to the STVM Community, this is a great opportunity to meet new friends and to be part of our largest annual fundraiser! There is no entry fee for this event, simply bring an item to donate for the Showcase Auction and come join the fun! Those that bring a donation valued at $100 or more will be entered into a drawing for a $2,500 STVM tuition voucher! Ideas include: restaurant/retail gift cards, bottles of wine & liquor, tourist attraction tickets, vacation items, sporting goods, home & garden items, entertainment & electronics… the possibilities are endless!

Questions? or Ready to RSVP? Please contact: Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92, Director of Advancement 330.253.9113 x 152 or czegarra@stvm.com

Ted Walter VM77, President of Fifth Third Bank, shares his professional knowledge with the STVM students
Rita Gerraghty Fitzgerald V44 Recalls Commitment of Her Husband, the Late Bill Fitzgerald V44

In the Fall of 2012, STVM President Tom Carone and Director of Advancement Ellen Zegarra ventured to Findlay, Ohio to visit with Rita Gerraghty Fitzgerald, St. Vincent High School Class of 1944, wife of the late Bill Fitzgerald, also a graduate of St. Vincent High School and a member of the Class of 1944.

The Fitzgeralds have been long-time, generous supporters of STVM and Tom Carone wanted to express his appreciation to Rita and at the same time, express our sympathy to Rita and the entire Fitzgerald family.

During the visit, Rita shared some interesting information that might be of interest to our readers…..

William Thomas Fitzgerald and Rita Gerraghty Fitzgerald met as young students at St. Vincent High School. The two began dating their junior year of high school.

Rita fondly recalls her days at St. Vincent High School. She boasts of the life-long friendships that were formed and the endless memories created. Rita and her close girlfriends formed a lasting and memorable friendship during Latin Class and became known as the Decem Debs. The Decem Debs would not only study Latin together but also enjoyed attending the dances as well as the shows at the old Palace Theater on Main Street. Every summer the Decem Debs would go away to a cottage together. Rita recalls many other memories of her days at St. Vincent such as their prom and the chaperoneing nuns that strolled around the balcony to keep watch from above, ensuring that couples would not dance too closely.

After graduating from St. Vincent High School in 1944, Rita went to work selling jewelry at O’Neil’s Department Store in downtown Akron. Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served until the end of WWII. After the War, Bill returned to Akron in 1946 and attended The University of Akron. Bill proposed to Rita that Christmas and the two were married on September 6, 1947. Bill graduated from The University of Akron with honors in 1950 and then in 1969, he graduated from The Harvard College Advanced Management School.

Bill took a position with Cooper Tire & Rubber Company as a salesman in 1953 and rose to the position of President and Chief Operating Officer by the time he retired in 1991. Bill is largely credited with the rise of Cooper Tire from a small regional manufacturer to an International Fortune Five Hundred Corporation.

Bill and Rita had four sons: Thomas, Dennis, John and James; six grandchildren: Erin, Michael, Kathleen, Maureen, Irene and Jodi; and two great-grandchildren: Kylie and Mackenzie; and three step great-grandchildren: Marc, Garrett, and Tessa.

Throughout Bill’s career, Bill and Rita enjoyed their travels around the globe. Rita is truly grateful and deeply treasures the memories made and experiences gained throughout their travels. One precious memory that Rita shared occurred while they were in Rome - Bill dressed up as the Roman Emperor, Julius Caesar, for a corporate theme dinner!

Rita shared some very special, personal memories of the Fitzgerald Family. She spoke of Bill and the tremendous pride he had for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. When their eldest granddaughter, Erin, was preparing to graduate from Notre Dame, Bill jotted down one of his famous ‘business card notes’ on the back of his business card. He told Erin that the points he shared on the back of this card would be “her guide to success and should hold true for her throughout her entire life.” Erin carried this card with her everywhere and at the memorial service for her grandfather, Erin produced copies to share with every guest in attendance.

Thank you Rita for sharing this precious family story with us, and for allowing us to share it with the entire STVM Community. Rita felt these life lessons that Bill shared with his granddaughter might touch a heart and be of value to our readers:

STVM extends our most heartfelt gratitude to Rita and the Fitzgerald Family for sharing this very private sentiment with us. We hope that our STVM Community will embrace this message and carry it forward and across into the world.

Rest in Peace, William “Bill” Fitzgerald V44.
In 1887, Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Mahar was commissioned to establish a Mission in south Akron to be known as St. Mary's. The parish was formally established in 1896 and in the fall of 1897, the first Catholic high school in Akron opened its doors to students. The first class to graduate was in 1901. In 75 years of operation, St. Mary High School graduated 4,351 students. St. Vincent High School opened in September of 1907, also founded by Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Mahar, who was the pastor of St. Vincent Parish. In 65 years of operation, St. Vincent High School graduated 6,626 students. In 1972, St. Mary and St. Vincent High Schools merged and became St. Vincent-St. Mary High School with the first graduating class in 1973 totaling 252 students. As of 2012, STVM has graduated 6,618 students.

With our combined histories, our schools have graduated over 17,500 students. Our alumni constitute a varied and important part of our school community. It is no wonder that we point with pride to STVM and feel blessed to call STVM our “alma mater.” Calls come into the Alumni Office from alumni of public schools, parish employees and alumni of schools that have closed asking for advice on beginning an alumni association. Their past is broken and scattered and they want to put some pieces back together and recreate a connection to their high school. We are so fortunate to have had the continuity at our school[s]. A great effort has been made to save and archive the unique qualities and facets of our history while maintaining records on the current information on our alumni. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this effort.

More than 30 alumni work or coach at STVM.

Even though the halls and walls of the schools have changed, its soul remains intact. Those who work here see it and feel it and cherish it.
ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL
Lorrie Taylor Haddox M64, Mary Howard M68, Patty Dyer Burdon M69, Anne Wise Bickett M67, Jerry Rotunda M59
Not pictured: Mary Ann Tucker Anderson M67

ST. VINCENT HIGH SCHOOL
Grace DiCauodo Gorman V63, Luanne Jenkins Richardson V59, Tony Casalinuovo V68, Maureen Holleran Harrigal V65, Mary Alice Murty Wyatt V60, Joanne Coletta Wiseman V69
Not pictured: Mary Jo Kaufmann Chionchio V60, Barbara Brewer Wood V65

ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL
Front Row [L-R]: Pam Godshalk VM11(h), Carley Whitney VM07, Kathy Mascolo Brunn VM79, Patty Valle VM12(h), Rita Sferra Lancianese VM81, Peggy O’Connor McDonald VM73, Emily Buehrle VM05 Back Row [L-R]: Kathy Zehenni Holaday VM77, Dave Dages VM78, RB Brownfield VM03, Phil Alvord VM03, Tom Carone VM77, Ken McDonald VM76 Not pictured: Roger Barker VM10(h) and Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92
In keeping on par with educational and career trending, we have expanded our curriculum to better prepare students for college study and careers paths in a variety of disciplines and professional fields.

If you work or study in a related field, we may have an opportunity for you to speak to our students, or we may have students that would be qualified to serve internships within your company or organization. If you own a retail establishment such as a restaurant, bar, or hotel, you may be the ideal spot for STVM to host an alumni gathering, near or far.

Help us get to know you a little better so that we can be connected with you in your profession and your business. You can make a difference for the STVM students and alumni! There are endless scenarios of how we can expand and connect our alumni network, by knowing some basic information. So go ahead, tell us your business!

We Want To Know Your Business

It is a well-known fact that our graduates go on to make a difference, across the globe!

Your Reply is Requested – We want to stay connected! So that we can strengthen our alumni networking opportunities, we would like to know what you have been doing since graduating!

Please take a moment to complete this information.

We Want to Know Your Business

| Please Update Your Data |

Due to a recent computer problem...many address updates and professional/career flags have been lost. Please forward any of your updates (address, career, marital, etc.) or even your updated reunion list to the STVM Alumni Office so that we can be assured that we have the most up-to-date information on file for you! Thank you!

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In Honor. In Memory. In Perpetuity.

Celebrating 30 Years!

During 2013, the STVM Endowment marks its founding in 1983 and celebrates its 30th Anniversary. Through scholarships and tuition assistance, the STVM Endowment has accomplished much to benefit of STVM students. The Family & Memorial Scholarship Program is central to the mission and to the annual activities of the STVM Endowment Board and its standing committees. The STVM Endowment now has over 45 active scholarships to support STVM students and their Catholic education. Over the past five years, the STVM Endowment has disbursed almost $2.5 million dollars in funds for scholarship and operations to St. Vincent-St. Mary. The generosity of our donor families and the excellent stewardship by the STVM Endowment Board helps the tradition of excellence to continue at STVM. It is the Endowment Board’s hope that 2013 will be one of the best years in its history, but also an even greater one for our STVM students through increased scholarship opportunities. The STVM Endowment will celebrate the many accomplishments of its board, donor families, and students at a special event this Fall.

Board Welcomes New Members

At their regular board meeting in January 2013, the STVM Endowment Board welcomed two new board members who will serve until 2016. Amy M. Brown VM00 and James M. Bowen VM80 bring a wealth of experience to their new board roles in the areas of finance, governance, and special events. Amy Brown works for Charles Schwab while Jim is partner with Bober, Markey, Fedorovich & Company.

Established in 1983, the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Endowment is a fund that receives contributions, gifts, and bequests to be used for the support and aid of students. Funds disbursed from Endowment support STVM students primarily through scholarships. The Endowment assets are prudently invested by the trustees resulting in growth in the funds and the ability for the Endowment to increase the annual disbursement. Charitable donations made to the Endowment are perpetual and continue to give back to STVM. The STVM Endowment is a reflection of the school’s long-term stability and financial viability.

Current Students Benefit From Newest Scholarships

The STVM Endowment Family & Memorial Scholarship Program is growing again! We are pleased to announce the Randall-Censky Family Marching Band Scholarship and the St. Vincent Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship. Both of these scholarships will benefit students during the 2013-2014 academic year. The donors and their scholarship recipients will officially be welcomed into the program at the Annual Family & Memorial Scholarship Dinner on May 13, 2013.

St. Vincent High School Class of 1964: The St. Vincent Class of 1964 celebrated their 65th birthdays in November 2011, but the celebration did not stop there. The St. Vincent Class of 1964 has established a new scholarship out of a desire to honor and to memorialize deceased classmates and spouses in perpetuity. For the dedicated alumni from the St. Vincent Class of 1964, it is a perfect way to create a memorial for their classmates while supporting their alma mater and helping deserving students receive a Catholic education at STVM. The alumni from St. Vincent Class of 1964 are very pleased that this scholarship will be funded and active prior to their next celebration to mark their 50th Reunion in 2014! The first scholarship was awarded in May 2013 at the Family Memorial Scholarship Reception.

The Randall-Censky Family Marching Band Scholarship: The Randall-Censky Family Marching Band Scholarship was established in 2012 in honor of Fr. Gordon Yahner’s 50th Anniversary of Priesthood in May 2013 and Fr. Joseph Kraker, retiring as Pastor of St. Vincent Church in June 2013. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who is a member of the school’s marching band. The Randall and Censky families are long-standing supporters of the band program at STVM. Julie Censky Randall V56 was President of the STVM Band Boosters in 1981. John Randall was a long-time supporter of the Marching Band and was on the committee that took the Band to the New York City St. Patrick’s Day Parade in 1981. Beth Randall-Dodd VM81 played flute and trombone and Kevin Randall VM83 played cornet in the STVM Marching Band.

The STVM Endowment is very grateful for the dedicated support of our alumni and friends and the wonderful impact scholarships make in the lives of our students.

Daniel Steiner Memorial Scholarship Outing And Dinner

Monday, July 8, 2013 at Rosemont Country Club
Dinner Immediately Following (Non-golfers welcome to join for dinner)
Raffles, Auctions and Games
To be put on the mailing list for golf and dinner please send a message or call: Dansteinermemorial@gmail.com
Ron McCoy 330-388-6697; Sean Steiner 330-283-7214, or
Gene Kallmeyer - 330-329-8539
For more information on donations and sponsorships please contact: Mary Kallmeyer: Mkallmeyer@gmail.com; Jennifer Ringer: ringerone@aol.com; Carla Steiner: 330-665-3648 or mvcb@roadrunner.com

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Farewell and Good Luck,
Class of 2013!
Welcome, Class of 2017!
I am humbled and honored to have
the opportunity to bid farewell to our
graduating seniors – the Class of 2013.
On behalf of our STVM family, I wish
to congratulate each one of them on
their successes at STVM. We have
cheered as they and their classmates
excelled on the playing fields and in the classroom, winning
state championships and national honors. We have watched
them grow and give of themselves in service to others; and
each one of them has contributed to making our school the
great place it is. They have learned what it means to be
part of something greater than themselves - the spirit that
characterizes our STVM community and binds us to our Irish
family of over 17,500 alumni. We wish our graduating seniors
good luck and God's blessings in all that they do! We will
miss you Class of 2013 and wish you continued success as
you lead by example, provide service to others, and follow
your dreams!

We welcome the Class of 2017 and congratulate them on
their decision to join St. Vincent-St. Mary and are thrilled
that they are joining our high school family! Seventeen
are Irish Academic Scholars, having scored in the top
6% of the over 400 students who took our scholarship/placement tests in the Fall of 2012, and six of these
scholarship recipients scored in the 99th percentile, which
is representative of a select group or the top 1% across the
nation! Thirteen members of the Class of 2017 were awarded
Irish Opportunity Scholarships based on their character,
leadership, achievement, service and recommendation of
their Catholic elementary school principals. In addition,
43 incoming freshmen were awarded Family/Memorial
scholarships from our generous alumni donors!

As always, our St. Vincent-St. Mary tradition continues to
build from year to year and generation to generation! We
are welcoming back 33 alumni parents who have incoming
freshman and 57 of the incoming freshmen have one or more
STVM siblings! We look forward to this enthusiastic group
of outstanding incoming freshmen students becoming an
integral part of our Irish family for the years to come!

Welcome VM17!
Joanne Coletta Wiseman V69, Director of Admissions

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Dr. Stephen Malinak VM85
Visits STVM

Math Teacher, Debbie Patonai writes…
In January, Mu Alpha Theta, the Honors Geometry and Probability
classes were treated to a presentation by Dr. Stephen Malinak VM85.
Using examples from his many life experiences, Dr. Malinak presented
an enlightening lesson about the importance of mathematics in our
lives. Students always ask, “When am I ever going to use this stuff?”
Dr. Malinak certainly answered this question in depth. He spoke of
career opportunities in mathematics and presented applied math
equations like compound interest and probabilities. By any measure, he
has taken the knowledge that he acquired in high school and applied it
to his life.

Currently, Dr. Malinak is Global Head of Intelligent Analytics for
the Investors Division of Thomson Reuters. He regularly meets with
customers and presents as a thought leader at conferences worldwide.

Dr. Malinak, when you were one of our students, we never could have
imagined where your love of mathematics would take you! We are so
proud to call you one of our own and want to wish you continued success
in your future endeavors.

American Mathematics Competition
Congratulations are in order for Preston Hollopeter. On the recent
American Mathematics Competition, Preston qualified to take the
American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME). He is the first
student in several years to make it to this level. Students are invited
to take this exam if they score in the top 5% of all students taking the
2013 AMC 12. The AIME is a three-hour examination. Each of its
15 questions requires a three digit integer answer. Calculators are not
allowed. Preston took the AIME on Thursday, March 14th – which is
coincidentally Pi Day!

Mathematics Olympiad
More Great News!!! For the first time in our school history, two STVM
students qualified for the State Mathematics Tournament!!!!

Preston Hollopeter and Andrew Rodgers qualified for the Ohio High
School Mathematics Invitational Olympiad and attended the contest on
Saturday, March 30, 2013 at Capital University.
On October 10, 2012 an announcement was received that twelve students from STVM are getting the chance to do real rocket science for NASA.

NASA accepted a proposal from these students to design and construct a rocket-deployed airship that served as a modular sensor platform. Our STVM students are part of NASA’s Student Launch Project (SLP) created for university and high school students. These students will be challenged to build and launch a reusable rocket to fly one mile above the ground level while carrying a scientific or engineering payload. Most of the teams in NASA’s SLP are at the university level, but STVM is one of 20 high school teams from across the country selected to compete in this prestigious competition.

The project culminated with the team traveling to NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama in April 2013 to demonstrate their rocket deployed along with the other teams selected to compete. NASA provided the funding for the rocket and its payload, but the students approached local businesses and sponsors to raise funds to travel to Huntsville for the five-day trip.

Thank you to National Machine! This endeavor would not be possible without the support of National Machine. It is their generous sponsorship of the Team America Rocketry Challenge [TARC] program at STVM for the past 10 years that has made the SLP a reality for our students. The Timken Company and The University of Akron’s School of Engineering have both provided technical support and engineering expertise to assist the team in the design and testing process.

For information or to find out about sponsorship or educational outreach opportunities please contact Robert Engels at rengels@stvm.com. Follow this link to learn more about the NASA program:http://www.nasa.gov/offices/education/programs/descriptions/Student_Launch_Initiative.html

STVM NASA TEAM MEMBERS
Gerry Puhalla  Jack Giles
Lucia Vinzani  Stephen Hall
Katie Engels  Hannah Norris
Logan Wilkinson  Alex Morley
Ryan Schweter  Julianne Stamer
Steven Stamer  Stefan Subich

It is Rocket Science!

STVM’S TEAM ALPHA PLACES 1ST IN OHIO & 13TH IN THE NATION AT TEAM AMERICA ROCKETRY CHALLENGE (TARC)

Competing in this year’s Team America Rocketry Challenge [TARC] were 738 teams consisting of approximately 7,000 students from across the nation including the U.S. Virgin Islands. Teams design, build and fly a model rocket that reaches a specific altitude and duration determined by a set of rules developed each year. The contest is designed to encourage students to study math and science and pursue careers in the aerospace industry. There were 40 high school teams from Ohio competing this year for the National Championship in rocketry. Team Alpha from STVM was shut-out of the Top 100 Fly-Off in Manassas, Virginia by 0.04 points and ended up being named the first alternate. On Wednesday, May 8, with 48 hours remaining before the competition, Team Alpha was asked if they would be able to replace a team that was not going to be able to make the finals. Team Alpha accepted the challenge, and with no practice and little time to prepare, set out on Friday afternoon for the nation’s capital. Members of Team Alpha, an all senior team, included co-captains Gianna Hammer and Bella Sparhawk, Noah Pettry, Austin Connell, Joey Stavale, and Max Morganti.

Only Gianna, Noah and Austin were able to make the trip. After reviewing flight data from the past year with members from other STVM rocket teams and going over the weather forecast for Saturday, the team prepared an alternate rocket for flight and came very close to winning it all. They ended up finishing in 13th place in the country and were the TOP TEAM from Ohio!

The STVM Rocket Team and our entire community extend a heartfelt and sincere thank-you to National Machine and the Piglia family for their sponsorship of the team, without whose support none of this would be possible.

Other members of the school’s rocket team were also asked by the Timken...
State Science Day Results

On Saturday, May 11th, STVM participated in the Ohio Academy of Science State Science Day 2013, in Columbus, Ohio. Of the 21 STVM participants, 11 students received a superior rating and 10 students received an excellent rating.

> Receiving a rating of “Excellent” were Colin Edgley, Sylvia Fallucco, Eva Finley, Sean Gaffney, Nicholas Neill, Hope Roberts, Mario Volpe, Vincenzo Volpe, Mary Walsh, and Danielle Whiddon.

> Receiving a rating of “Superior” were Emily Baker, Bryan Borodkin, Maddie Fickes, Katherine Friess, Jack Giles, Meghan Gorbach, Preston Hollopeter, Jack Hurley, Karl Rybka, Isabella Sparhawk, and Erica Wolf.

In addition, many students received special awards and scholarships.

> Emily Baker received a University of Akron scholarship.
> Bryan Borodkin received the Wildlife Awareness Award.
> Katherine Friess received a University of Dayton Science and Engineering Service Award.
> Meghan Gorbach received the Food Science and Engineering Award.
> Jack Hurley received the Capitol University State Science Day Scholarship.
> Nicholas Neill received a University of Akron Scholarship.
> Karl Rybka received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Agricultural and Food Science and the Milt Austin Aquatic Science Award.
> Vincenzo Volpe won the Engineering Achievement Award.
> Erica Wolf received the OSU Science of Evolution Award.
> Danielle Whiddon received the Milt Austin Aquatic Science Award.

Our students did a wonderful job of representing STVM at the state fair and deserve congratulations on all the hard work and dedication they put into their science projects this year!

For a complete listing of awards and scholarships, please visit http://www.ohiosci.org/ssd.htm

Mock Trial Teams Advance To State

Our two STVM Mock Trial teams coached by Judge Lynne Callahan, advanced from District Competition to the Regional Competition and then to States!

Joanne Kropf (STVM Teacher and Advisor to STVM Mock Trial Teams) reported: “Both of our Mock Trial Teams competed in the State Mock Trial Competition in Columbus. Our Green Team was eliminated after the second round, but our Gold Team advanced all the way to the semi-finals – The Final Four!

We were eliminated by Indian Hill High School who went on to win the State Championship.

Congratulations to all of our Mock Trial students. They competed at the highest level and represented our school in the finest fashion. All students on both teams represented STVM in a very poised and professional manner. We are very proud of all of them, and congratulate them on this achievement.”

Judge Lynne Callahan VM75 coaches the team and is assisted by Judge Amy Corrigall Jones VM93 and Judicial Attorney Jenna Bouhall and STVM Teacher/Advisor Joanne Kropf.

Mock Trial Team Members pictured at Summit County Courthouse
STVM proudly announces their PSAT/NMSQT high achievers this year. These students show the highest degree of academic excellence and are the prime example of what STVM students are all about - academic excellence and being the best in the classroom.

Of the 1.5 million entrants, some 50,000 with the highest PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores (critical reading + mathematics + writing skills scores) qualify for recognition in the National Merit® Scholarship Program.

Congratulations to our National Merit semi-finalist, Stefan Subich, who has the opportunity to become a finalist and earn National Merit scholarships and our National Merit commended students, Thomas Paolucci, Amanda Burke, Vincenzo Volpe, and Hannah Green.

Finalist Stefan Subich is a member of the French Club, the Rocket Team, the NASA SLP, played soccer and was active in the ping pong club. He is the son of Carl and Linda Subich and resides in West Akron. Stefan is a member of St. Vincent Parish.

Commended Scholar Amanda Burke keeps herself busy as a member of National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Club, Irish Athletes for Christ, Peer Ministry, Spirit Squad, Volleyball, Softball, and a Kairos Team Leader. She is the daughter of John and Karen Burke. They reside in Fairlawn and are members of St. Hilary Parish.

Commended Scholar Vincenzo Volpe, a member of the STVM/UA Research Experience, performs with the Cleveland Youth Orchestra, Akron Youth Symphony, Akron Pops Orchestra, and the STVM Marching and Symphonic Bands. He is also president of Mu Alpha Theta, president of Tri-M Music Honor Society, a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Peer Ministry, and Music Ministry. Vincenzo, son of David and Paula Volpe, resides in Cuyahoga Falls and is a member of St. Joseph Parish.

Congratulations to our students and their families on this prestigious recognition.

Congratulations 2013 National Merit Scholars

STVM HONORS 2013 ACADEMIC LETTER WINNERS

Congratulations to the new winners of the coveted STVM chenille ‘Academic Letter’ awarded at an assembly in front of the entire student body. These students join the proud wearers of the “Lamp of Learning” letter!

Criteria for the Academic Letter
1. Accrue a total of eight or more academic awards for classroom achievement at end of sophomore or junior year.
2. Maintain an overall GPA of 3.3 or above.
3. Remain a student “in good standing” on discipline and attendance.

Criteria for 2nd Year Letter
1. Accrue a total of 16 or more academic awards for classroom achievement.
2. Maintain an overall GPA of 3.3 or above.
3. Remain a student “in good standing” on discipline and attendance.

1ST YEAR WINNERS
Seniors
Madison Beskitt
Hannah Green
Celeste Hall
Bennett Nelson
Catherine Pamer
Noah Pettry
Catherine Walsh
Jordan Weisensell
Juniors
Stephen Dages
Lucille Daugherty
Madison Frericks
Meghan Gorbach
Preston Hollopeter
John Hurley
Cassandra Jakubick
Irene Presper

2ND YEAR WINNERS
Seniors
Amanda Burke
Vincenzo Volpe
The Ohio Governor’s Youth Art Exhibition, now in its 43rd year, is dedicated to the educational and artistic advancement of our talented young people in the state of Ohio. The exhibition is open to the 1,112 high schools in Ohio, both public and private, chartered by the State of Ohio Department of Education.

Winning at the local, regional, and making it all the way to the finals at the state level:

State winners:
Maddie Bishop and Caroline McCarty

State Finalists:
Maddie Beskitt, Christopher Esker, Amanda Getz, Kimi Gogh, Mick Iacofano, Jordan Weisensell

Honorable Mentions:
Abrar Alniemi, Lacey Caprio, Gia Faetanini, Bryce Ruggles

Governor’s Awards for Arts in Ohio Competition
Mary Cistone was among the top 25 selected to be given the prestigious Governor’s Award of Excellence in Art and Photography. This piece was prominently displayed at the Governor’s Exhibit April 2013.

Holocaust Arts and Writing Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the City of Akron’s 2013 Holocaust Arts Contest.

First Place:
Joseph Paolucci (qualified for National Competition)

Honorable Mention:
Visual arts winners:
Abrar Alniemi  Kimi Gough
Madison Beskitt  Joshua Vellequette

Scholastic Art Awards
Seventeen STVM students were awarded Scholastic Art Awards! Their award winning artwork was on display at the KSU Stark Campus from January 22-30.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards are the largest, longest-running and most prestigious recognition programs for creative young people in the United States. Middle and high school art and photography students are awarded Silver and Gold Key awards for their efforts similar to earning an athletic letter and earning a chance to win at the national level. The following students won awards at the Annual Northeast Central Ohio Scholastic Art Competition:

Silver Key:
Maddie Garritano, Celeste Hall, Joe Paolucci, Aaron Kofsky, Katelyn Holaday and Mary Cistone.

Gold Key:
Gia Faetanini, Joanne Lutman and Maddie Bishop who received 2 gold keys.

Honorable Mention:
Kimi Gough, Christopher Esker, Josh Vellequette, Leah Tomazic, Katie Pamer, Amanda Getz, Maddie Beskitt and Alex Schueszler.

The gold key winners also received 2 gold keys.

The following schools won awards:
The following schools won awards in the Scholastic Art Awards:

STVM senior, Mary Cistone, was a State Winner with High Honors. Her art was among the top 25 selected to be given the prestigious Governor’s Award of Excellence in Art and Photography at the Governor’s Exhibit April 2013.

Mary Cistone Wins Prestigious Governor’s Award for Arts in Ohio
I.T.S. Concludes 2013 Season

The STVM International Thespian Society (ITS), under the direction of Gerard Neary, continues to delight audiences throughout the school year. Beginning in the Fall with the Shakespeare play, “As You Like It” and continuing through the winter with the enjoyable audience participation, dinner theater of “Funeral for a Gangster.” The drama productions culminated in April with the production of “Kiss Me Kate.” The STVM traditions of excellence and entertainment continued in every aspect of the production which highlighted the talents of our student performers, drama team, stage crew, pit orchestra and the entire STVM ITS membership. The performance was delightful!

Christmas Choir Concert

The Annual STVM Christmas Choir Concert was held on Tuesday, December 4th in our STVM Theater. The concert featured all members of our six choirs—Liturgical Choir, Concert Choir, Symphonic Choir, Women’s and Men’s Ensembles, and Show Choir. Plus one very special addition! The STVM students have started a “sign language club!” This club was featured in the concert and they performed with white gloves and then with a “black light” affect.

Congratulations Marching Band

STVM Band Director, Brian Campbell reports... We had 80 students perform in Florida during our recent Spring Break visit to Disney World. We were in Disney World for three days. The trip was certainly action-packed and very busy. We performed at the Magic Kingdom on Wednesday and on Thursday we were at Animal Kingdom and Disney’s Hollywood Studios with a performance on Friday at Epcot.
In January, Brianna Machuga, a STVM junior, found out that she was the winner of the National George Hartzog Award for Youth Volunteerism! Brianna received her award on February 21st from the Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, in Washington, DC.

Brianna was chosen over volunteers from every National Park Service site in the U.S. and is the first from this region to receive the honor as a youth volunteer! Brianna volunteers with Cuyahoga Valley National Park as an actress, office assistant, and program assistant for youth and special event programs, which includes the Underground Railroad and the Polar Express™. In 2011, Brianna approached CVSR with an idea to collect winter gear for area homeless shelters from Polar Express™ volunteers and attendees. Brianna collected 140 coats and more than 300 hats, gloves, and scarves for the needy living in area shelters. Congratulations Brianna!

**STVM Senior honored as The City of Akron Global Service Youth**

The City of Akron honors the Akron area youths on their service to the community each year at The Global Youth Service Day. On April 24 at the Akron Public Library, senior Macee Miller, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Class of 2013, received The City of Akron Global Youth Service Award. This is the 23rd award presentation of the Global Youth Service Awards sponsored by The City of Akron.

According to the website, “Global Youth Service Day, the largest service event in the world, mobilizes youth to identify and address the needs of their communities through service-learning and community service.”

Macee began volunteering to fulfill her Community Service requirement at STVM. She has been volunteering at the Barberton Hospital ever since freshman year.

Congratulations to Macee Miller VM13 and thank you for your service to our community!

**Merci Beaucoup From French Club!**

This is the 10th consecutive year that the French Club has sponsored the Educate the Congo project. In this project our STVM community contributes gently-used educational materials to furnish learning centers that are being established in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The items included gently-used books (K-Adult), any type of educational supplies, old sports equipment/uniforms, old bikes and electronic equipment (working or non-working) such as: old computers, radios, cassette players, VCRs, CD players, etc.

The French Club wishes to thank the entire STVM community for its participation in Educate the Congo 2013 in the form of actual donations, participation in Spirit Day and special gifts. Our Spirit Day raised $840 and one wonderful STVM family anonymously donated $200 for a grand total of $1,040!
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Giving of ourselves to those in need is in keeping with our mission to Live Our Faith.

STUDENTS DONATE TO RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

A note of special thanks and appreciation was sent from the Ronald McDonald House to our STVM students Derek, Travonte, Tyler, Kristen and Emily!

The Ronald McDonald House families enjoyed a special lunch of subs, veggies and cookies hosted by our students. This was a special outreach project as a part of their Religion Class assignment. Something as simple as lunch goes such a long way to help families experiencing trauma and challenges. Thank you!

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Thank you to the many alumni and friends who assisted the STVM students this year in the annual Adopt-A-Family philanthropy project.

Each homeroom donated items in the spirit of Christmas and as followers of Jesus Christ to “love one another” and to “share with those less fortunate.”

The STVM students teamed up with St. Vincent de Paul members to identify families in need.

STVM BASEBALL PLAYERS GIVE BACK

On Tuesday, April 2nd, 50 STVM Baseball players and coaches helped clean up the streets of Akron by picking up trash around the school and downtown area, as well as the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath area. This community service project was a team effort with the Keep Akron Beautiful organization, which sponsored its “Clean Up Akron Month” campaign throughout the month of April. The boys were able to collect over 70 bags of trash and were able to give something back to the community!

For more information about Keep Akron Beautiful Clean Up Akron Month, click the link here: http://www.keepakronbeautiful.org/

CANNED FOOD DRIVE SETS RECORD

The STVM annual Canned Food Drive, run by the Peer Ministers, collected a grand total of 2,867 cans. Class totals were as follows: freshman – 497 cans; sophomores – 329 cans; juniors – 493 cans, and seniors – 962 cans; special homerooms – 586 cans. The drive was kicked off with an end-of-the-day assembly at which students watched a movie encouraging them to “donate a plate for Kate.”
**Religion Notes**

**Wednesday Mass Becomes Part of School Schedule**

*Ken McDonald VM76 STVM Campus Minister Writes...*

We are very excited to share with our readers a change implemented at STVM during this current school year! We feel that it has helped to improve the quality of the education received and provides our students with the experience of the Eucharist on a more regular basis. The Catholic Catechism states, “The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself.”

Therefore, it is our obligation as the people of God to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist as often as we can. It is also important that this be exemplified throughout our school and, most especially, in our school schedule. This is the perfect reflection of our Catholic identity, heritage and traditions.

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**Irish Athletes For Christ**

On Thursday, October 18 at 7:30 in the morning, Mr. Jim Tressel spoke to STVM student-athletes who are a part of a growing group at the school called “Irish Athletes for Christ.” This group’s mission statement is to be “a program to help athletes develop in virtue, character, and discipline using athletics to honor God in all aspects of life.”

Mr. Tressel spoke about the importance of faith, especially as an athlete who is constantly in the spotlight. He made the comparison between the importance of working on the fundamentals of the game that you play to the importance of working on the fundamentals of your faith and trust in Christ. Just like practicing for a sport allows you to build endurance, strength, and mental toughness, the same can be said for a daily dedication to Jesus Christ.

Surpassing their September total of 109 students, 125 Irish Athletes for Christ members showed up to see the surprise guest speaker. STVM and Irish Athletes for Christ would like to thank Mr. Tressel for taking time out of his morning to speak to our student-athletes. The message he gave was inspirational and motivating. The students will be forever grateful for this experience!

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**Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion**

One of the most special things about STVM is the many opportunities our school provides for students to put their faith into practice and further develop their relationship with God.

Becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is one example. Our students completed the Diocesan training and STVM has been proud, since the Fall of 1998, to have students be part of the liturgy in this manner.

STVM Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion serve not only their fellow students at school liturgies but are also available to distribute communion at their home parishes.

Emily Baker, St. Francis de Sales
Colette Barrett, IHM
Mary Bozsik, St. Bernard/St. Mary
Erica Bratton, St. Hilary
Meredith Cabe, Nativity of the Lord
Emily Cetnarowski, IHM
Mary Cistone, St. Anthony
Madeline Garritano, St. Vincent
Amanda Getz, IHM
Hannah Green, IHM
Katelyn Holaday, St. Sebastian
Chelsea Laury, Prince of Peace
Maria Locastro, St. Vincent
Ryan Loney, IHM
Alex Matejczyk, Sacred Heart
Brianna McVicker, St. Francis de Sales
Kara Molinelli, Guardian Angel
Ben Nelson, IHM
Aly Pagni, IHM
Katie Pamer, St. Hilary
Marissa Rossetti, Holy Family
Alex Schueszler, St. Francis Xavier
Maria Skora, St. Matthew

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**New High School Theology Curriculum Available For Your Review**

The Office of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Cleveland published the much anticipated new curriculum last spring. Our teachers implemented the Core Courses this Fall. We are so fortunate to have STVM Religion teachers on the committee. Thank you to our very own Dave Dages, Glenn Griffin, and Lorrie Haddox. They were the only Catholic high school teachers from this area to serve on the 16 teacher committee. One copy of the bound Volume One is housed in the Headmaster’s Office and is accessible if you wish to peruse it!
Kairos 18 and 19 Welcomed
A Large Number Of Seniors

Article taken from the March issue of The Leprechaun Gold
By Amanda Sollenberger, Editor In Chief

On February 4-7, 69 students, one of the largest groups ever to go on an STVM Kairos, went to Loyola Retreat House for their retreat. Leading the retreat were faculty members Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. Bickett, and Mr. Brownfield. Student leaders were seniors Amanda Sollenberger, Amanda Burke, Chelsea Laury, Katie Gilbride, Vince Picolli, Bailey Spinner, Ben Nelson, Meredith Cabe, and Alissa Peebles.

Kairos 19 was held on April 9-12. A record number of seniors attended the retreats this year!

Kairos is a chance for the seniors to grow in their spiritual life and bond with their classmates.

Interfaith Panel Dialogues

Excerpts taken from The Leprechaun Gold, April issue:
By Jack Hurley, staff reporter

On Wednesday, March 3, the student body gathered in the gymnasium to listen to a panel of five leaders of different religions discuss respect, worship, and expression of relationships to the community. They included Pastor Mike Dennis, [Canton Nazarene Church]; Reverend Fr. Norm Douglas, [Executive Director of Heart-to-Heart Communications and Campus Minister of The University of Akron]; Pastor Stacey Jenkins, [House of Prayer for All People]; Cantor Jason Rosenman, [Temple Israel]; and Imam Nader Taha, [Islamic Society of Akron and Kent].

Students also participated on the panel: seniors Abrar Alniemi, Fransohn Bickley, Bennett Nelson; juniors Aisha Jami, Maxine Prince, Mario Volpe; sophomores Imani Davis, Aaron Kofsky, Sierra Turner; freshmen Lia Gielfis, Kyle Kelly, Hope Roberts.

Religious witnesses were given by Abrar Alniemi, Maxine Prince, and Aaron Kofsky.

Imam Taha, also a teacher at STVM, closed the ceremony with a summation of the event and a prayer. “The main thing we should learn from this is to respect each other’s views, even if we disagree with each other. If we open our hearts and minds, we can start seeing the beauty of the wisdom that God created us uniquely.”

The Interfaith Dialog assembly was organized and presented by the “STVM Cares Committee,” one of the teacher subcommittees responsible for implementation of the School Improvement Plan. Committee members are Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Dages, Mr. Neary, Mr. Taha, and Mr. Alniemi. It includes the goal that “Students will demonstrate their understanding of Catholic morals and values in building a faith community of respect for themselves, others, and the campus environment.” The Interfaith Dialog assembly was one of a number of activities provided this year to promote a culture of respect in the school community.

Congratulations to Mary Cistone VM13

Mary received 1st Place for the winning photograph in the recent Walsh University photo contest.

Mary submitted this photo which depicts what Catholic Education means to her.

How appropriate that the STVM Parents’ Club would like to extend an invitation to you! Please join us on the first Friday of every month to recite the Rosary. We gather on the 1st Friday of each month at 8:45 a.m. in the STVM Chapel. All are welcome!

1st Sorrowful Mystery: The Agony in the Garden: We pray for our students. Help them to keep safe and pure, and to grow in knowledge and love.

2nd Sorrowful Mystery: The Scourging at the Pillar: We pray for our parents as they raise their children. Help them realize they are a gift from You. Also help them to volunteer here.

3rd Sorrowful Mystery: The Crowning with Thorns: We pray for our teachers and staff. Help them with their job, and to grow in wisdom and love.

4th Sorrowful Mystery: Jesus carries his Cross: We pray for our alumni. Help them to continue to grow in their faith.

5th Sorrowful Mystery: Jesus dies on the Cross: We pray for the supporters of our school. Help them to continue to keep our school strong: financially, and spiritually.
Russian Language Class Highlighted

Over Easter Break 2013, most students were relaxing at home or enjoying Easter dinner with their families. For a group of 11 STVM students, parents, and faculty this concept was over 4000 miles away. They experienced nine days in Russia, travelling to Moscow, Vladimir, Suzdal, and St. Petersburg. The not only saw sites such as St. Basil’s Cathedral, Hermitage Museum, Red Square, and the Church on Spilled Blood; they also got to experience Russian daily life and use their Russian language skills they had been honing at STVM.

The highlight of the trip for many of the students was when they went to School #507 in St. Petersburg. The school specializes in English and our students got to find out about the Russian school system and then tell the Russian students about the American school system. Afterwards, they had time to talk one on one with the students and find out about their everyday lives. “It was an amazing once in a lifetime experience. My favorite parts were being on Red Square at night and meeting with the students at the school,” said senior Hannah Green. Every two years STVM offer trips for language students to the country where the language is spoken.

Cleveland Magazine featured STVM’s Russian Classes... Nineteen is the approximate number of students enrolled each year in STVM High School’s Russian language classes. The school offers four levels, including honors and Advanced Placement options. “Russia is the largest country by area,” says Russian language teacher Jennifer Philip. “It’s re-emerging and it’s growing.” The school has a Russian club and Philips takes her students to Russian restaurants and stores in Cleveland for real-world speaking practice. You can view the article online at: http://bit.ly/YpgEud

Senior Named Russian Scholar Laureate

STVM senior Hannah Green has been selected as an American Council of Teachers of Russian Scholar Laureate for 2012. This award recognizes Hannah as one of the top 41 Russian students in the country. Hannah was nominated by her Russian teacher, Jennifer Philip, for excellence in her study of Russian. She will receive a certificate and pin to commemorate this award, as well as recognition in a special edition of the American Council of Teachers of Russian Letter, the professional publication of Russian Teachers in America. Congratulations to Hannah for her outstanding study of the Russian language.

Students Partake In Ukrainian Tradition

Akron News Now visited campus and report: “Students at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School are making vibrant and elaborate Easter eggs with the combination of fire, wax and a unique Ukrainian tradition. Jennifer Philip, a Russian language teacher at St. Vincent-St. Mary, wanted to give a lesson on the unique wax-resistance method to decorate eggs known as Pysanky.”
IRISH NATION—SPIRIT!

FANS OF ALL AGES & SIZES!
Joanne Coletta Wiseman V69, Director of Admission writes....

Attached is a photo of two brothers [Ivan Shuran – 4th grader at St. Francis Xavier and Alexander Shuran – 1st grader at St. Francis Xavier] who attended and cheered at many, if not all of our STVM football games throughout the season. I was fortunate to meet the entire family including parents, Jeff & Tanya, during our football season and would see them at many of our football games.

Then when we attended the state championship football playoff game at Fawcett Stadium, they were sitting only three rows in front of me and my husband, Bob V69!

Even though parents, Jeff and Tanya, did not attend STVM they love the STVM spirit and the excitement of watching such talented student athletes.

ALUMNI SEND CONGRATULATIONS
An email was sent in to Jerry Kelly VM08[h] and she shared it with us to share with you!

Mrs. Kelly,

I wanted to send you a note congratulating you and the entire St. Vincent-St. Mary family on the 2012 Football State Championship. Work commitments here in Michigan prevented me from attending, but I assure you, my heart was with you all. Sean Walter was sending me text message updates through-out the game to keep me informed. What great memories it brought back. I hope the current STVM Football Team looks back on their experience with as much fondness and appreciation for what they accomplished as I have when I think back.

Please convey my best wishes to everyone.

My best to you all, Brett Lorius VM89

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Booster Club

The St. Vincent-St. Mary Athletic Booster Club supports our athletic programs by assisting in covering the expenses of team banquets, trophies, facility improvements, equipment and other costs that are not covered by school allocated budgets.

Join Today! With your membership, you will receive monthly updates, voting rights, recognition in Fall sports programs, notification of club meeting dates and more! The efforts of our members not only support and raise funds for our athletic programs, but also build friendships that last a lifetime. The membership form is available on the www.stvm.com website. Simply follow this link to open the .pdf document: http://www.stvm.com/files/pdf/athletics/booster_club_membership_form.pdf

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We hope you can join us for the Welcome Picnic on August 9th

2013-2014 ADMISSIONS DATES
OPEN HOUSES
Sunday, September 29, 2013 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thursday, November 6, 2013 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Sunday, March 2, 2014 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

SCHOLARSHIP/PLACEMENT TESTS
Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon
October 12, 2013, October 26, 2013, and November 9, 2013

7TH GRADE VISITATION
Wednesday, March 19, 2014

CONTACT Joanne Wiseman, Director of Admissions, for more information at 330-253-9113
www.stvm.com
On December 28, 2012, the St. Vincent-St. Mary Athletic Boosters welcomed the following individuals into the STVM Athletic Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony occurred during the half-time of the Boys Varsity Basketball game against Benedictine. Congratulations to our Hall of Famers.

**MATT BUZEK VM04**
A St. Vincent-St. Mary 2004 graduate, Matt Buzek earned eight Letters, four in Track and 4 in Cross Country. Matt was a two-time State Champion in Track and a two-time State Champion in Cross Country. In 2003 & 2004, Matt won State in Division II – 3200m Track and also in Cross Country. Matt was selected “All Ohio” in Cross Country each of the four years.

**DENNIS GRAF V65**
A St. Vincent High School 1965 graduate, Dennis Graf lettered four years in Basketball and Football and 2 years in Track and Golf. Dennis received All-City honors in Football and participated in every sport offered at St. Vincent High School. Dennis was awarded a full football scholarship to the University of Dayton.

**COREY JONES VM04**
A St. Vincent-St. Mary 2004 graduate, Corey Jones was a three-year Letter Winner for the STVM Boys Varsity Basketball Team from 2001-2004. Corey was an integral member of the 2003 National Champion Varsity Basketball Team and made 136 Three-point shots in 76 career games. During Corey’s senior year, he had games of 8, 7, and 6 three-pointers. Corey averaged 2.5 three-point goals per game during his junior and senior seasons. Corey went on to play at Walsh University where he helped guide Walsh to a NAIA Division II National College Basketball Championship.

**MARTY JOHNSON VM77**
A St. Vincent-St. Mary 1977 graduate, Marty Johnson participated in three sports and received ten letters in those sports. In Football, Marty played four years and received three letters, and was named the team MVP his senior year. In Basketball Marty played four years and lettered three of those years. Marty played four years of Baseball and lettered each of the four years. Marty went on to Princeton University and received a full scholastic scholarship and also played Football for three years.

**BERNIE KRESS V65**
A St. Vincent High School 1965 graduate, Bernie Kress lettered all four years in Football and Basketball. Bernie also ran hurdles on the St. Vincent Track Team and also lettered in Track. Bernie’s accomplishments sent him on his way to The University of Dayton where he was inducted into The University of Dayton Sports Hall of Fame. Bernie was also named an “All-American” at Dayton.

**THOMAS MAXIMOVICh M57**
A St. Mary High School 1957 graduate, Tom Maximovich earned All-City Honors at Defensive-End. Tom was a Letter Winner in Basketball and Football. Tom also played Baseball and was on the 1957 St. Mary Championship Team. Tom was Student Council President, President of Sodality, and the 1957 Manhood Award Recipient during his senior year. Tom received a football scholarship to John Carroll University and went on to earn his Master’s Degree in Counseling. Tom’s athletic, academic, and spiritual accomplishments are a testament to his outstanding character and can-do attitude.

**ANTHONY MION VM02**
A St. Vincent-St. Mary 2002 graduate, Anthony Mion would become the first runner in school history to win a State Championship by winning the 2001 State Cross Country Championship. Anthony was also first in school history to win a Gold Medal in Track and Field in the 3200 meter race. Anthony earned 16 medals representing eight gold medals (two state championships) and eight medals ranging from 2nd to 11th place finishes. Anthony qualified two years to the State meet in Cross Country. Anthony also qualified two years to the State meet in the 3200 taking 1st senior year and 2nd junior year. Anthony attended Columbia University and was the Top Freshman in the Ivy League. A knee injury would end his running career. Anthony graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Mechanical Engineering.
The Summit County Touchdown Club held their annual banquet honoring fall sports all-stars on Monday, January 14th at Guy’s Party Center. It was a great night for STVM student-athletes and coaches — three STVM students were chosen as Athletes of the Year and two coaches were chosen as Coaches of the Year.

**COACH OF THE YEAR:**
Dan Lancianese  - Girls Cross Country Coach
Dan Boarman - Football Coach

The following student-athletes were also recognized as Fall Sports All-Stars:

**FOOTBALL:** Aaron Adkins, Fransohn Bickley, Dante Booker*, Clayton Uecker, Parris Campbell, and Newman Williams

**GIRLS GOLF:** Michelle Noethen

**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY:** Mick Iacofano*

**VOLLEYBALL:** Jordan Korinek

**GIRLS SOCCER:** Leah Rauscher

**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY:** Julia Mendiola, Amanda Solleberger, Marissa Rossetti, and Rachel Iacofano*

*Athlete of the Year

These select individuals were honored at The Greater Akron Touchdown Club Winter Sports Banquet on April 22, 2013

**WRESTLING COACH OF THE YEAR:** Anthony Gary

**STATE WRESTLING CHAMPION:** Aaron Adkins 182 lb.

**WRESTLING ALL-STARS:** Michael Rix, 126lb., Ryan Skonieczny, 138 lb., and Dre’k Brumley, 285 lb.

**BOYS BASKETBALL ALL-STARS:** VJ King, Jalen Hudson, and Nick Wells

**GIRLS BASKETBALL ALL-STARS:** Jordan Korinek and Shannon Jack

**JAMES E. SOVACOOK SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:** Amanda Solleberger

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**STVM’s VJ King Invited To USA Basketball Developmental Camp**

Excerpts taken from an article in The Akron Beacon Journal by Michael Beaven...

“St. Vincent-St. Mary freshman VJ King has been selected to the 2013-14 USA Basketball Men’s Developmental National Team. He is one of 23 of the nation’s top 16-and-under basketball players. King participated in the October 2012 USA Basketball Developmental National Team mini-camp. The USA squad will be fluid and athletes may be added to the roster over the next two years. King is the only Ohio player on the 23-man roster.”
Andy Jalwan, Athletic Director writes...

It has been another banner year for the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Athletic program. The student-athletes and coaches for the Fighting Irish continue to set and achieve the highest goals. The 2012-2013 school year “literally” started off quickly. The 2012 OHSAA State Cross Country Championships were held at National Trail Raceway in Hebron, OH on November 3, 2012. The day started off with an individual championship by STVM senior Mick Iacofano. Mick crossed the finish line in a time of 15:32.98 becoming only the third individual champion in STVM school history. Overall the boys cross country team took home a 6th place finish. The team was comprised of Seniors Mick Iacofano and Matt Oswald, and sophomores Nick Campbell, Marco Colant, Corey Large, Bryce Patrick and Joe Rossetti. The championships did not stop there as it was the girls turn to hit the course a little later in the day. The girls cross country won their 4th consecutive Division II State Title behind top finisher Rachel Iacofano who finished second overall with a time of 18:20.70. The other members of the team were Seniors Mary Bozsik, Amanda Sollenberger, Madison Buzek and Marissa Rossetti, Junior Julia Mendiola, Sophomore Cynthia Haas, and Freshman Rachel Iacofano. Also, for his efforts guiding this year’s team, Head Coach Dan Lancianese was once again recognized as the Cross Country Coach of the Year.

The championships this fall did not end there for the Fighting Irish as the STVM football team capped off a great year by winning the OHSAA Division III Football State Championship. This was the first state championship for the Fighting Irish Football program since 1988 and the fifth overall. This year’s team finished with a record of 13-2. The state championship game this year was played at Canton Fawcett Stadium on December 1, 2012 in front of over 9,000 fans in attendance. The team faced the Bellevue Redmen in the championship game. In an exciting contest featuring many big plays and highlight runs, the Fighting Irish captured the state title with a 42-21 victory. Head Coach Dan Boarman was also recognized as the High School Football Coach of the Year.

As the seasons changed, the winter sports picked up right where the fall sports left off. The winter season started with wrestling program which qualified 6 individuals to the...
State Wrestling Championships. The weekend was highlighted by Junior Aaron Adkins performance as he won the Division II State Championship at 182 pounds. Aaron wrestled injured most of the tournament but saved his best for last, as he won the championship match with a pin. Overall, the team finished in 3rd place. The other placers for the Fighting Irish were Senior Michael Rix (2nd), Junior Ryan Skonieczny (2nd), Sophomore Dre’k Brumley (7th), Sophomore Garrett Carter (7th), and Junior Walter Gibson (did not place). For his efforts guiding this year’s team, Head Coach Anthony Gary was recognized as the Wrestling Coach of the Year.

Lastly, the men’s basketball team made a return trip to Columbus this year. After finishing last year’s season as the regional runner-up, the team returned to the state championships in Columbus for the first time since 2011. The team finished the regular season with a record of 13-9, but expectations were high heading into the postseason tournament. The team won the district and regional championships en route to the state championships in Columbus. The team squared off against Warren High School in the state semifinal game, played at Ohio State University’s Schottenstein Center. The Fighting Irish coasted to a 70-51 victory. Unfortunately in the championship game the team struggled mightily against Bishop Watterson High School and ultimately lost the title game by a score of 55-52, finishing as the state runner-up in Division II. The team this year was led by seniors Nick Wells, Fransohn Bickley, Joey Weber and Jordan Hargrove.
Dear Parents of STVM Graduates, We are pleased to mail The Connection Magazine to your household. If you would prefer that your STVM graduate receives a copy of this magazine, please contact the Alumni Office via e-mail at kholaday@stvm.com. Thank you for your past support and for your assistance in keeping our records accurate and up-to-date. Please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Holaday at 330-253-9113 ext. 120 if you should require further assistance.

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WATCH STVM ON YouTube

Boys Basketball heads to the State Championship:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VKUpKj-aKm0

Every year, STVM students partake in LIVE Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYQG0uRMcwA

STVM Division III Football State Champions tribute video on the STVM Football Youtube page (a must see):
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rLdqFc_A8VM

Another Opening... of another SHOW! The Leprechaun Theatre Guild’s promo for our Spring Musical, “Kiss Me Kate”: http://bit.ly/181W4jk

Catholic Schools Week Assembly introduces New School Prayer, A tribute to STVM:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yI9U0PdHY0

STVM Irish Dancers perform right along with The Merry Ploughboys:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZDiMv3gv_g

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