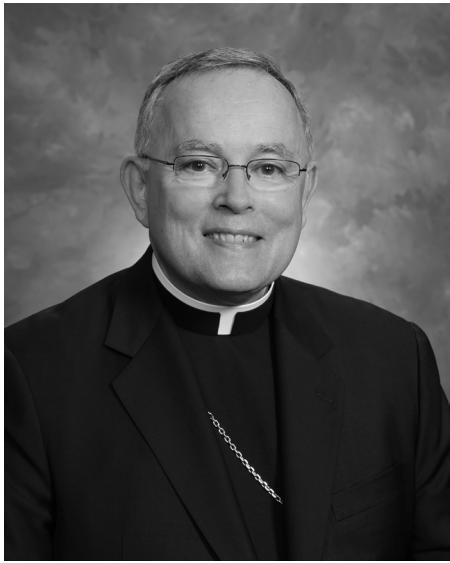


# The Monogram

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### Archbishop Charles J. '62 Chaput

#### O.F.M. Capuchin

Archbishop Chaput is a 1962 graduate of St. Francis Seminary in Victoria and was ordained to the priesthood in 1970 and ordained Bishop of Rapid City, SD in 1988. In 1997, Pope John Paul II appointed him Archbishop of Denver and he was later appointed Archbishop of Philadelphia in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI. He is being honored for his religious leadership and courage.

### Linda '63 (Leiker) Braun

Linda taught English, journalism and Latin for 46 years at both Marian High School and Thomas More Prep-Marian before retiring. Linda and her late husband, Don Braun have two children, **Don '88 Braun Jr.** and **Christina '94 (Braun) Garrison**. Thank you Linda for your devotion and commitment to educating our students.



# 2015 Point of Light Award



### Glenn '76 & Becky Diehl

Glenn is a 1976 graduate of Thomas More Prep and has served on the Advisory Council and Strategic Planning Committee at Holy Family Elementary, is active in the Knights of Columbus and has seats on the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish and Finance Councils. He and his wife Becky have shared their generosity, kindness and support with the Catholic community of Hays.

### Jim Dinkel

Jim taught algebra, geometry, earth science, chemistry and space science at TMP-M for 43 years, besides being head baseball coach for 27 years and assistant coach in football, basketball and wrestling. Jim and his wife **Shirley '67 (Gnad)** have four children, **James '89 Dinkel**, **Deborah '90 (Dinkel) Sisbarro**, **Michael '97 Dinkel** and **Christopher '03 Dinkel**.



### Juleen Stecklein

Juleen taught English and German at TMP-Marian for 36 years until her retirement in 2013. Juleen and her husband George are the parents of **Douglas '86 Stecklein**, **Steven '93 Stecklein** and **Michael '99 Stecklein**. Juleen enjoys spending time with her 10 grandchildren. Our thanks to you for your "labor of love" educating our Catholic students.



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**Thomas More Prep-Marian School (TMP-M), a Christian community  
in the Catholic tradition, challenges its students to spiritual growth,  
academic excellence and leadership formation.**

# Homecoming Highlights 2015

## WE BUILD MEN...

... was the motto back in 1961 when the SJMA Class of 1965 entered the doors as freshmen. If you look in their yearbook, you see young boys, many leaving home for the first time, to live and learn in a military boarding school. Half of the class were known as day dogs, coming from the local area, while the other half were known as border rats, coming together from different states and in some cases even different countries. These students shared classes throughout the day, but after hours was a different story. The Capuchin friars did their best to keep them separated. Day dogs were not allowed in the resident quarters or designated areas. Border rats were not allowed to own cars and visitation to the homes of day students was limited. Senior students "initiated" incoming freshmen with highjinks that would certainly be called "hazing" by todays standards. Fraternization with the young ladies across the field attending Girl's Catholic High was limited to a few activities and school dances.

Many years after graduation, this class continues to get together in a different location at least once a year and sometimes even more often. The Class of 1965 has joined both day dogs and border rats into a very tight-knit group and added in the young women from Girl's Catholic High Class of 1965. With one of the largest 50-year class reunions ever held here at Thomas More Prep-Marian, these men and women are a true inspiration for your alumni association and all of the classes that follow. They have proved that strong life-long relationships can be built between classmates who never even spoke to each other during their four years in high school, but who told similar stories of development. These young boys shared many stories with our office staff over the weekend with one truly unbreakable bond, evolving into men with integrity, love of God, country and strong Christian family values. Many of them went on to serve their country in Vietnam and they all came back. Some attributed this to the strengths they learned right here at SJMA. Taught by the Capuchin friars and the Agnesian sisters, this class has come to realize and appreciate the solid foundation of faith, inner strength and high quality of education which was their true legacy.

## MAKE YOUR MARK...

... was the motto set by the STUCO officers from the Class of 2016. How fitting that motto was for the Class of 1965 and 1975! These classes have truly "made their mark" in their individual communities as leaders, volunteers and incredible role models. They have definitely "made their mark" at Thomas More Prep-Marian with their generous support of the faculty, staff and students and their commitment to keep this facility in good repair for many generations to come. The Class of 1975 is currently raising funds to help archive the historical photos and purchase digital equipment to display these historical treasures in the museum being included in the fourth floor renovation. The alumni association challenges all classes to put forth the effort to build new relationships with old acquaintances from the past. You will find it truly rewarding in the personal relationships you develop. The best way to start is to join the committee planning your next class reunion and make phone calls encouraging other classmates to attend. Next Homecoming is scheduled for September 21, 22 & 23, 2016. Now is the time to start getting your committee together. E-mails and social media are a great way to follow-up with classmates, but we really recommend sending out an initial letter through the post office to contact as many classmates as possible. Your alumni office staff will make photocopies for you, provide updated class lists, mailing labels whenever you need them and postage stamps for one mailing only per class. We also have sample letters available that classes have used in the past as well as the annual schedule of events for the alumni activities. All individual are invited to attend any or all of the functions provided by your alumni association.





**1965 Homecoming King & Queen**  
crowned at 50 year reunion  
**Dick '65 & Joan '65 (Newell) Palmer**  
Photo by Charles '65 & Joyce Esfeld



**Homecoming King & Queen**  
**Class of 2016**  
**Melissa Pfeifer & Nick Hernandez**  
Rest of HC Photos by **Tom '66 Schenk**



**Principal Chad Meitner**, his wife Sarah and four of their five children enjoy their first TMP-M Homecoming parade. Their eldest child rode on the Holy Family float.



(Above) 2015 Homecoming Grand Marshals **Leroy '67 & Linda '68 (Gottschalk) Riedel** led the parade down Main Street in Hays. (Below) The Class of 1955 ride in the parade celebrating their 60 year reunion. (Bottom Left) The TMP-Marian cheerleaders lead the crowd in cheers at the bonfire.



**1955**

(Above) **75-Year Class Reunion** was celebrated by **Francis King and Jack Schramm** from the **Class of 1940**. Both gentlemen rode in the parade and have attended the Homecoming festivities for many years. Francis lives in Aurora, CO but has not missed very many Homecoming celebrations throughout the years - even though we read his name off during the Mass for Deceased Alumni several years ago honoring him among the deceased. He simply took it in stride and when the crowd was asked who came the farthest, he stood up at the banquet and replied, "I guess I did since they read my name off at Mass this morning." His daughter and grandson came with Francis and attended the Homecoming events. It was great to visit with them.

Local roots brought **Anthony '65 Luick**, president and founder of American Veterans Quest for Peace, to Thomas More Prep-Marian High School Friday – as he graduated from the school, then known as St. Joseph's Military Academy, in 1965. During his time in Hays, Luick delivered three lectures at the school during Homecoming weekend celebrations, enlightening students of the unintended consequences of having troops fight overseas and how he helps repair emotional wounds left behind for veterans.

"I really like talking to high school and university and high school students because this information isn't being taught anymore," he said.



## **Anthony '65 Luick, president & founder of American Veterans Quest for Peace**

Excerpts From *Hays Post* by James Bell

Luick is a semi-retired clinical child psychologist and continues working with students in high school to find career paths as well as working with special-education students in the Tucson, Arizona area. Previously, he had 38 years in private practice.

But his most prolific endeavor may be his efforts to heal veterans left with emotional scars from deployments, especially veterans of the Vietnam War who suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder and other invisible scars. Luick served in the Vietnam War just after graduation from St. Joseph's. "I think Vietnam and the effects of Vietnam on veterans and family has really been lost," he said. "The media and the public blamed the soldiers when they came back. It was our government that sent us to war, and we were simply soldiers that carried out our duties. "Vietnam veterans were never treated the same as we returned," Luick said.

His work with veterans includes taking them back to the places in Vietnam, helping their memories of the place shift from the dark fog of war, to the peaceful, scenic country Vietnam has become.

During his educational efforts Friday, Luick also pushed students to understand the true effects of war. "People do not look at the true cost of the war and the intangible traumatic effects that are occurring," Luick said, and with veterans returning from current deployments, repairing the damage might be even more difficult than in the past.

"I could see the PTSD was worse in Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and the reason is very simple: It's the multiple tours. There's no time for healing," he said. "I think we are averaging many with eight tours now." But even with such staggering emotional burdens placed upon soldiers, the average American is greatly detached from current military actions. "Less than half a percent of the American public have any attachment at all to military that has served in Iraq, Afghanistan and now Syria," he said, pulling on past experiences to work towards healing current veterans.

"The correlation is rather amazing... the statistics of the PTSD are almost identical to Vietnam veterans," he said. "The American public needs to become aware" of the damage soldiers sustain fighting across the globe.

"I think every citizen needs to get involved and support veterans in whatever way they can," Luick said, noting Abraham Lincoln first pushed the idea of government support for veterans. "We have a responsibility." Despite the seriousness of the message Luick delivered Friday, he was also happy to credit the school as part of the reason he made it through the war to become the healer he is today. While at SJMS, he served as a Cadet Colonel and Battalion Commander. One year later, Luick was drafted, commissioned as Second Lieutenant and sent to Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. Many of his classmates also served during the war, with this year marking the 50th anniversary of their graduation. Luick estimated nearly half of the classmates served in Vietnam and credits the training from the school for preparing those classmates to serve without a single casualty.

"I think it is due to our training we received here," he said. "I know it saved my life in Vietnam." Mr. Luick was also featured in an article on the front page of the Hays Daily News on September 21, 2015.

Thomas More Prep-Marian thanks Anthony and all of our veterans for their efforts and wishes them God's blessings.



# Remembering Our Deceased...

**1937C - Urban G. Steinke** died on 7-17-13. He is survived by his wife Pauline, daughters Marilyn (Steinke) Wheat & Susan (Steinke) Farmer, brother Sylvester Steinke and sisters Mildred (Steinke) Sexton & Eileen (Steinke) Williams.

**1938 - John J. Brungardt** passed away on 8-14-15. He is survived by his son John Brungardt and daughters Nancee (Brungardt) Scheffer & Mickey (Brungardt) Hoover.

**1939 - Rita Mae (Dechant) Krafft** died on 4-10-14. She is survived by her children Michael Walsh, Cheryl (Walsh) Sprague-Tidball & Donna (Walsh) St. Peter and sister **Carol Sp'54 (Dechant) Young**.

**1943 - Charles H. Rankin** passed away on 5-25-15. He is survived by his wife Kay, sons Hugh Rankin, Colin Rankin & John Rankin and daughter Alicia (Rankin) Van Ranken.

**1944 - Francis Richard "Dick" Brickell** passed away on 11-30-10. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Jean and five children.

**1944 - Pauletta (Dinges) Hamel** died on 9-10-12. She is survived by her husband Richard.

**1944 - John Gilbert Roberts** passed away on 7-10-15. He is survived by his children Mary, Constance, Theresa, Amy, John & Donna, 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years Cecilia.

**1944 - Simon P. Roth Jr.** died on 7-17-15. He is survived by his daughters **Deborah '69 (Roth) & Bill '69 Kane** and **Denise '75 (Roth) & Andy McNickle** and son **Douglas '71 & Brenda Roth**. He was preceded in death by his wife **Rita '44 (Easinger) Roth**, son **Simon Sp'79 Roth III**, brother **Raymond '39 Roth** and sisters **Dorothy '36 (Roth) Soderblom & Ruth '36 (Roth) Reverman**.

**1944 - Rose (Dinges) Smith** passed away on 6-14-05. She is survived by her husband Aaron.

**1945 - David A. Downes** died on 4-30-15. He is survived by his wife Audrey and children Mary Kay Downes, Jane (Downes) Hook, Dan Downes & Michelle (Downes) Peard. David taught in the English Department at Seattle University for 13 years and then moved to California to become Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts at the University of California at Chico. He became well known and honored world wide from his work on Gerard Manley Hopkins, a British priest poet. His last writing included four novels (*The Angel in Wax: A Love Story*, *Sailing: Inside Passages*, *The Belle of Cripple Creek Gold* and *The Mysterious Furies of the God in a Tent*) under the pen name of David Anton.

**1947 - Cecilia (Walters) Basgall** passed away on 6-21-15. She is survived by her brother Alfred Walters and sister Lorraine (Walters) Wasinger. Cecilia was preceded in death by her spouse **Gilbert "Doc" '42 Basgall**, brothers Alvin, Albert, Seraphin, Aloysius, Marcellus, Richard & Archibald and sisters Hilaria, Leona & Ella.

**1947 - Harold E. Flavin** died on 3-29-14. He is survived by his children Karin (Flavin) O'Reilly, John Flavin, Jeanne Flavin, Elaine (Flavin) Flagg & Craig Flavin.

**1951 - Juanita Agnes (Hoffman) Dreiling** passed away on 7-27-15. She is survived by her spouse Ralph, son Charlie Dreiling, daughter Billie Jean (Dreiling) Hejny, brother Jerry Hoffman and sisters **Patty '46 (Hoffman) Waldschmidt**, Ruth (Hoffman) Moore, **Mary Ann '53 (Hoffman) Ward** & **Theresa "Bitsy" '67 (Hoffman) Leiter**.

**1951Sp - Branson Goetz** died on 4-20-11. He is survived by his children Julie (Goetz) Reedy, Jennifer Goetz, Janet (Goetz) Stout, Jill (Goetz) Albertson & Joyce (Goetz) Inman and son Joseph Goetz.

**1952 - Leroy "Butch" A. Dinges** died on 6-22-15. He is survived by his spouse Elizabeth "Betty", sons Chris Dinges & Rick Dinges, daughters Terri (Dinges) Rupp, Sharon (Dinges) Wasinger, Mary Jane (Dinges) Arnhold, Michelle (Dinges) Dietrich, Lucy (Dinges) Barnes, Julie (Dinges) Rider & Betsy (Dinges) Forinash, sister **Dorothy '41 (Dinges) Burkart** and brothers **William "Chris" '46 Dinges** & **Norman "Joe" Dinges**. He was preceded in death by his son Cliff Dinges, brothers **Adrian '39 Dinges**, **Howard '43 Dinges** & **Charles Dinges** and sisters **Norma Jean '51 (Dinges) Harris** & **Charlotte Dinges**.

**1953 - Rev. Louis S. Mattas** passed away on 12-31-11. He is survived by his sisters Mary Ann (Mattas) Erickson & Frances (Mattas) Arnold and fellow priests.

**1954 - Joan (Perry) Cotton** died on 9-5-15. She is survived by her son Christopher Cotton. Joan was a retired librarian.

**1954 - Norbert F. Dechant** passed away on 10-24-14. He is survived by his wife of 54 years Peggy and children Debbie Dechant, Todd Dechant, Dan Dechant, Kate (Dechant) Preston & Tim Dechant. He was preceded in death by his brother **Larry '60 Dechant** and sister Norma (Dechant) Schmeidler.

**1955 - Nick F. Arnhold III** died on 7-22-15. He is survived by his wife Janice, daughters Kathy (Arnhold) Eberle & Chris (Arnhold) Herl, sons Steve Arnhold & Mike Arnhold and sister **Sheila '61 (Arnhold) Thompson**.

**1955 - M. Richard Grabbe** passed away on 7-20-15. He is survived by his wife Alta '56 (Roth) Grabbe, children **Michael '76 & Deb Grabbe** and **Anne '83 (Grabbe) & Brian '80 Lang**, brother **Paul '66 Grabbe** and sisters **Patricia '57 (Grabbe) Allen** & **Rosemarie '68 (Grabbe) Fischer**.

**1955 - Earl LeRoy Sunley** died on 9-22-15. He is survived by his sons Kevin Sunley, Steve Sunley, Brian Sunley, Eric Sunley & Duane Sunley, daughter Pam (Sunley) Cain and sister JoAnn (Sunley) Curtin.

**1958 - Wayne A. Schumacher** died on 4-26-15. He is survived by his spouse DeAnne, children Stephanie (Schumacher) Rieman, Mikel Schumacher, Ingrid

(Schumacher) Christman, Trina (Schumacher) Counter & Christian Schumacher, sister **Esther '56 (Schumacher)** & John **Calderwood**, brother **Ignatius '46 & Bernice '50 (Giebler) Schumacher**, 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**1960 - Mary Beth (Lovitt) Corrigan** passed away on 3-15-14. She is survived by her son John Corrigan, grandson Rylan Corrigan and brother Tony Lovitt.

**1960 - Mary E. (Wagner) Penka** passed away on 8-9-15. She is survived by her husband **Fred '59 Penka**, daughter **Kimberly '85 (Penka) Hogan** and sister **Norma '64 (Wagner) & Wayne '62 Schon**. She was preceded in death by her son Curtis Penka.

**1962 - George "Georgie" R. Bartko Jr.** died on 9-14-15. He is survived by his wife of 51½ years Gretchen and children Kim (Bartko) Helm, Kelly (Bartko) Urbani & Mickey Bartko and siblings Barbara (Bartko) Williamson, Marilyn (Bartko) Kiernan, Pat Bartko, Philip Bartko & Linda (Bartko) Saunders.

**1963 - Helen (Gottschalk) Legleiter** passed away on 8-31-15. She is survived by her spouse **Ron '63 Legleiter** and children **Eric '84 Legleiter, Jamie '85 Legleiter, Mike '90 Legleiter** & Jennifer (Legleiter) Durham, brothers **Donald '52 & Theresa Gottschalk, Leon '52 & Dolores '53 (Stang) Gottschalk, Cecil '53 & Dorothy Gottschalk, Floyd '55 Gottschalk, Phil '54 & Bernadette Gottschalk, Fr. David '61 Gottschalk O.F.M. Cap. & Andy '65 Gottschalk** and sisters **Sr. Donna '58 Gottschalk** and Raeann (Gottschalk) & Charles Suppes. She was preceded in death by her brothers Fr. Andrew Gottschalk, **Vernon '49 Gottschalk, Ivan '51 Gottschalk & Stephen Gottschalk**.

**1965 - Ron F. Cunningham** died on 3-25-12. He is survived by his wife Maggie and children Colleen Cunningham & Casey Cunningham.

**1965 - Phyllis (Engel) Stuart** passed away on 10-18-15. She is survived by her sons Todd Pfeifer & Dr. Cory Pfeifer and siblings Millie (Engel) Karlin, Elgerine (Engel) Gross, Norma (Engel) Sander & Verlin Engel. She was predeceased by two brothers, Clayton Engel and Darrell Engel.

**1966 - Thomas T. Hull** died on 8-16-15. He is survived by his wife Wendy, children Craig Hull, Kelly (Hull) Haltom & Kerry (Hull) Rea, brothers **Bruce '73 & Vicki '73 (Dreiling) Hull**, Mark Hull & Chris Hull and sisters Anne, Linda & Mary.

**1966 - Mary Ita Sedlacek** died on 6-30-14. She is survived by her brothers Pat Sedlacek & Dan Sedlacek and sister Elizabeth (Sedlacek) Reno. Mary was preceded in death by her brother **John '63 Sedlacek**.

**1967 - Gladys (Ridler) Carey** passed away on 1-4-15 in Carlsbad, California.

**1970 - Charles L. Schmidt** died on 9-27-14. He is survived by his wife **Alexia '69 (Gross) Schmidt**, daughters **Andrea '94 (Schmidt) Feldkamp, Jill '95 Schmidt, Alison '97 (Schmidt) Dinkel, Janell '98 (Schmidt) McCormack, Ann '99 Schmidt & Joan '01 (Schmidt) Karst**, mother Mabel Schmidt,

brothers **Gary '64 & Kathy '64 (Dreiling) Schmidt, Richard '71 & Vicki Schmidt, Dan '76 & Joan Schmidt, Mark '78 & Becky Schmidt** and **Cecil '80 & Eileen Schmidt** and sisters **Joanne '60 (Schmidt) & Don Wilcox, Elaine '66 (Schmidt) & Dennis Allen** and **Karen '74 Schmidt**.

**1970Sp - Robert "Bob" C. Smith** died on 2-27-12. He is survived by his brothers Harry Smith, Paul Smith, William Smith & Randy Smith and his mother Lena Smith.

**1975 - John Hatch** died in April of 2015.

**1975Sp - Dwight A. Walters** passed away on 5-27-08. He is survived by his father Francis "Red" & stepmother Mary Ann Walters and sisters **Celina '71 (Walters) Beilman & Bertha (Walters) Brungardt**. He was preceded in death by his brother **Francis Sp'74 Walters Jr.** and sister **Bernita '69 (Walters) Kuhn**.

**1976 - Jean (Wannamaker) Benedict** passed away on 8-20-15. She is survived by her mother Agnes Wannamaker, brother Pete Wannamaker and sister **Jackie '72 (Wannamaker) Shubert**. Jean was preceded in death by her sister **Jennifer '68 (Wannamaker) Simpkins**.

**1977 - Douglas M. Billinger** died on 9-28-15. He is survived by his sons Aaron Billinger & Douglas Billinger Jr., a grandson, Thor Billinger, mother Christine Billinger, brothers **Alan '63 & Carrie Billinger, Steve '68 Billinger** and **Greg '70 & Jolene Billinger** and sister **Roxie '66 (Billinger) & Hank '65 VonLintel**. He was preceded in death by his father **Alvin "Al" '41 Billinger**.

**Paul J. Baier** died on 9-19-15. He is survived by his wife Lucy, daughters Susan (Baier) & Ron Legleiter, Jane (Baier) & **Brian '78 Schumacher**, Mary (Baier) & Steve Pfeifer and Betty (Baier) & Marty Johnson, sisters Armella (Baier) Schippers & Alice (Baier) Erickson and 12 grandchildren, including **Dustin '00 Schumacher, Derek '03 Schumacher & Dylan '12 Schumacher**, 4 step-grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 7 step-great-grandchildren.

**Carolyn Bradford Bird** passed away on 10-28-15. She is survived by her husband John T. Bird and children **Amy '87 Bird**, John M. Bird, Patrick Bird, Jessica Bird & Gina Galpin. Carolyn was remembered for assisting student-athletes having a difficult time in school and in life. In February, Fort Hays State University named its Technology and Learning Center after Carolyn in honor of her 25 years of service.

**Robert M. Bomgardner** passed away on 9-30-15. He is survived by his spouse Judith, sons **Mark '76 Bomgardner, Stephen Sp'78 Bomgardner** & Richard Bomgardner and daughter Stacy (Bomgardner) Pinkerton.

**Margaret Helen Brenner** died on 10-2-15. She is survived by her husband Ben, sons **Ronald '78 Brenner, Darrell '80 & Barbara '80 (Sanders) Brenner, Gary '81 & Marya Brenner, Douglas '83 Brenner** and **Randall '84 & Kathy Brenner**, daughters **Rhonda '76 (Brenner) & Glenn Stramel, Carolyn '86 (Brenner) & Claude Durler** and **Diane '87 (Brenner) & Cedric Drewes**, 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

## Homecoming Dates

### September 23 & 24, 2016

### September 15 & 16, 2017

**2005**



### Alumni Association of Thomas More Prep-Marian Financial Statement July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

To the best of my knowledge and belief, this financial statement is a true and accurate report of the status of the Alumni Association of Thomas More Prep-Marian for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

*Wanda Billinger*

Wanda Billinger, Alumni Director

#### RECEIPTS & MONIES ON HAND

Monies on Hand	\$ 217,709.62
Unrestricted Donations	\$ 3,685.00
Lifetime Dues	\$ 2,175.00
Annual Dues	\$ 2,170.00
Interest Earned	\$ 695.96
American Fund Value Increase	\$ 1,298.39
Postage - Monogram	\$ 740.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 7,594.43</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 236,068.40</b>

#### RESTRICTED RECEIPTS

Misc. Restricted Funds	\$ 12,740.00
ACE 2015*	\$ 908,920.26
Golf Classic 2015	\$ 28,396.47
Homecoming 2014	\$ 6,406.00
Capital Improvement Fund	<u>\$ 270.00</u>
	\$ 956,732.73

**TOTAL RECEIPTS & MONIES ON HAND \$1,192,801.13**

\*Note---There were outstanding 2015 ACE receipts as of 6/30/2015.

## 2016 Annual Alumni Golf Classic Friday, June 3, 2016

**2010**



#### EXPENSES

Postage	\$ 727.36
Postage – Monogram	\$ 5,838.49
Printing	\$ 128.08
Printing – Monogram	\$ 14,393.42
Supplies	\$ 1,628.26
Advertising	\$ 4,716.84
Equipment/Computer Technology	\$ 2,246.22
Dues & Sponsorships	\$ 1,250.00
Memorials & Gifts	\$ 807.91
Miscellaneous	\$ 5,817.20

#### **RESTRICTED DONATIONS**

Miscellaneous Restricted Funds	\$ 2,950.71
ACE 2015 Expense	\$ 68,371.79
ACE 2015 Disbursements*	\$ 840,548.47
Golf Classic 2015 Expense	\$ 9,251.29
Homecoming 2014 Expense	\$ 7,832.46
Capital Improvement Fund Expense	<u>\$ 1,986.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 968,494.50</b>

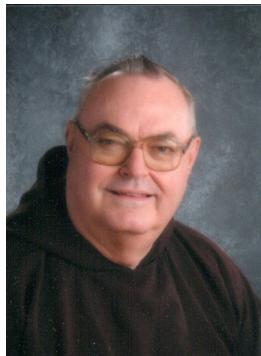
#### **MONIES ON HAND JUNE 30, 2015**

Checking Balance	\$ 35,068.00
Savings Acct. – Restricted Funds	\$ 31,020.72
CD's – (Lifetime Memb. Dues)	\$ 1,950.46
American Fund (Lifetime Memb. Dues)	<u>\$ 156,267.45</u>
<b>TOTAL MONIES ON HAND</b>	<b>\$ 224,306.63</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES &  
MONIES ON HAND \$1,192,801.13**

#### **\*ACE 2015 Disbursement Breakdown**

Thomas More Prep-Marian	\$ 389,703.49
TMP-M Item #60 (Fieldhouse Renov.)	\$ 441,844.98
Restricted Miscellaneous Items	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 840,548.47</b>



# A Message from the Heart

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends,



Fall has once again arrived and a new school year has begun. Each one brings new faces and new adventures. Your alumni association is always involved in the activities of the school and its students. The alumni association has three major projects each year that keep us busy and I would like to talk briefly about all three.

We just concluded Homecoming 2015 and it was very rewarding. The honor classes are given special attention and so the classes of 1965, 1975 and 1990 were front and center. The 50 year class of 1965 had a huge turnout and brought a special touch to Homecoming. Besides the honor classes, we always recognize our golden alums; those who graduated more than 50 years ago. It is wonderful to see our alums return to their alma mater and we love to see them come back and catch up with the past. Next Homecoming is scheduled for September 23 & 24, 2016. We hope to see you then.

ACE 2015 was once again a huge success. The date was April 25th and the theme was "Off to the RACES." As usual, the gymnasium was beautifully decorated for the 500 guests who attended. It is hard to explain and even imagine how much work goes into preparation for the auction. We are blessed with a wonderful staff and so many generous volunteers. Both the silent and oral auctions went very well and the final net was \$840,548.47. A little over half of that was for our special project, updating and repair of the Al Billinger Fieldhouse. ACE 2016 is set for April 30th and you should get a mailout showing the many ways that you can get involved.

The third alumni project is the annual Alumni Golf Classic which is usually held on the first Friday of June. Our last tournament was our biggest turnout, a beautiful day and overall a great event. The format is a four person scramble with various categories for the participants. There are different hole prizes and a tasty meal following the conclusion. We netted nearly \$20,000.00 and this money is used to cover expenses of the alumni office. The next Alumni Golf Classic is scheduled for June 3, 2016.

In conclusion, I encourage your support of the alumni association. Perhaps you can get involved in one of our three projects or can greatly assist by paying alumni dues and other ways of financial support. Thank you for keeping your alma mater in mind.

Our prayers for you and your family. Peace and God bless.

Sincerely in Christ,

**Fr. Earl '61 Befort, O.F.M. Capuchin, Alumni President**



## 'In the Spotlight'

**Randy Brull** is a 1962 graduate of St. Francis Seminary. Randy and his wife Carol (TMP-M Junior Hlgh teacher) have three sons, who along with their spouses are alumni of TMP-Marian. They are **Chris '89 & Jen '89 (Sundgren) Brull**, **Peter '91 Brull**, and **Jeff '94 & Julie '96 (Moeder) Brull**. Randy served in the U.S. Navy for three years before starting his teaching career in 1973. He joined the TMP-Marian faculty in 1983 as a science teacher and serves as the head of the science department. He is a member of the School Accreditation Steering committee and has coached both the chess and scholars' bowl teams.

Randy is in the spotlight for the 32 years of dedication to Catholic education here at Thomas More Prep-Marian and for going above and beyond as an extracurricular volunteer at many school events and fundraisers. You can always count of him for his loyalty and support. God bless you Mr. Brull!

**“When someone you love  
becomes a memory,  
the memory becomes a treasure.”**

Mary “Betty” E. Dechant passed away on 7-14-15. She is survived by her sons **Jerry ‘64 Dechant & David ‘69 Dechant** and daughters **Janet ‘73 (Dechant) Redding & Joyce ‘77 (Dechant) Heffel**.

Pauline (Karlin) Dinkel died 10-3-15. She is survived by her sons Melvin & **Clarita ‘60 (Pelzel) Dinkel**, Delmar Dinkel, Jim & **Peggy ‘67 (Leiker) Dinkel** and Kenneth & Marjorie Dinkel, daughters Dorothy (Dinkel) & **Clarence ‘57 Jacobs**, Donna (Dinkel) & Joe Deckman and Lucy (Dinkel) & Robert Brown, 24 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

Alvin H. Fisher died on 7-3-15. He is survived by his sons Eugene & Beth Fisher, Raymond & Joleen Fisher and Paul & Danita Fisher and daughters **Mary Alice Sp’66 (Fisher) & Bernie ‘64 Wiesner**, Barbara (Fisher) Wolf, Virginia (Fisher) & Tony Erbert and Colleen (Fisher) & Rodney King.

Fr. Canice Froehlich passed away on 7-29-15, three weeks short of his 95th birthday. He is survived by his Capuchin brothers and seven nephews and nieces. After ordination in 1947, Fr. Canice spent 19 years as a librarian and faculty member at St. Joseph’s Military Academy in Hays. When the school merged with St. Francis Seminary of Victoria in 1970 and became Thomas More Prep, he started and for two years, directed the Priesthood-Brotherhood program to nurture young vocations. His gentle spirit will be rewarded in heaven.

Agedia Ann Haselhorst passed away on 8-20-15. She is survived by her sons Dan Haselhorst, Leon Haselhorst, Laren Haselhorst & Dean Haselhorst, daughter Pamela (Haselhorst) Truan, 12 grandchildren including **Brianna ‘12 Haselhorst & Kolby ‘15 Haselhorst** and 21 great-grandchildren.

Dale J. Haselhorst died on 10-24-15. He is survived by his wife **Jo Ellen ‘67 (Beilman) Haselhorst**, son Robert Haselhorst and daughters Jennifer (Haselhorst) Patridge & Angela Haselhorst.

Sandra “Sandie” Katherine Haselhorst died on 8-10-15. She is survived by her friend Bob Tremblay, sons **Steve ‘88 Haselhorst & Shane Sp’92 Haselhorst** and daughter Shara Haselhorst.

Clara Rose Kramer passed away on 9-25-15. She is survived by her nephews **Jim ‘70 Kramer, Bill Sp’74 Kramer**, Rob Kramer & Joseph Kramer and niece Laura (Kramer) Garrett.

Steve & Kathy Little died on 8-20-15. They are survived by their children **Mike ‘92 Little**, Corey Little & Liza (Little) Sorrels.

Alice Orth died on 9-24-15. She is survived by her sons **Harvey ‘67 & Marie ‘70 (Klaus) Orth, Steve ‘71 & Sandra Orth, Charles ‘76 & Beth Orth and Marty ‘81 & Tonya Orth**

and daughters **Mary ‘72 (Orth) & Phil ‘72 Peloquin**, Teresa (Orth) & Loren Boos, Betty (Orth) Gray & Marie Orth. She was preceded in death by her son **Robert ‘69 Orth**. Alice never hesitated to open her doors to visitors. During weekends, there were usually additional dinner plates available for the “boarder” students that her sons befriended at St. Joseph’s Military Academy, who relished a home cooked meal!

Henry Pfannenstiel died 10-5-15. He is survived by his spouse Eugenia, sons Dennis Pfannenstiel, **Merle ‘66 Pfannenstiel** & Gary Pfannenstiel and daughters **Audrey ‘67 (Pfannenstiel) Herold**, Marsha (Pfannenstiel) Hupfer, Brenda (Pfannenstiel) Kroeger, Karen (Pfannenstiel) Gilmore & Pamela (Pfannenstiel) Allen.

George “Max” M. Ridler died on 9-15-15. He is survived by his wife Frances and sons Robert Ridler, James Ridler & Randy Ridler. He was preceded in death by his daughter **Gladys ‘67 (Ridler) Carey**.

Marcellus “Celly” Riedel passed away on 7-19-15. He is survived by his wife of 59 years **Zita ‘55 (Leiker) Riedel** and sons Shawn Riedel & Curt Riedel.

Leona Rohleder died on 1-19-13. She is survived by her sons **Leon ‘57 Rohleder, Norman ‘58 Rohleder, Paul ‘63 Rohleder & Kenneth ‘65 Rohleder**, daughters **Arlene ‘60 (Rohleder) Brungardt, Mary Jean ‘64 (Rohleder) Brungardt & Rose Ann ‘71 Rohleder**.

Edna M. Rohr passed away on 7-4-15. She is survived by her husband of 60 years Alfred, children Denis Molla, Frank Rohr, Steven Rohr & James Rohr and siblings **Cyril Sp’49 Herrman, Lester ‘54 Herrman, Roy ‘56 Herrman, Leon Herrman, Carol ‘63 (Herrman) Danielson, Doris ‘64 (Herrman) Winslow & Linda ‘71 (Herrman) Mayberry**. She was preceded in death by her brothers **Elmer ‘47 Herrman, Orval ‘60 Herrman, Donald ‘66 Herrman & Reinhold ‘69 Herrman Jr.**

Fidelia Rome passed away on 9-25-15. She is survived by her sons Delmar Rome, James Rome & William Rome, daughters Charlene (Rome) Petty, Kathy (Rome) Gross & Linda Rome, brothers Emery & Shirley Schmidt, **Adolph ‘50-‘52C & Deann ‘58 (Leiker) Schmidt**, Gerald & Elaine Schmidt and Elmer & Rosie Schmidt and sisters **Cora ‘47 (Schmidt) Dordland** and Cyrilla (Schmidt) & Maynard Evans.

Marcellus “Mark” Rupp died on 7-4-15. He is survived by his wife of 66 years **Pat ‘47 (Wasinger) Rupp**, son Guy Rupp, daughters Marcia (Rupp) Wasinger & Chris (Rupp) Ketzner, sisters Lucille (Rupp) Shanahan, **Zita ‘51 (Rupp) & Bob ‘50 Zimmerman** and **Cathy ‘53 (Rupp) & Jack Geyer**. He was preceded in death by brothers Marcellus Rupp, Severin Rupp, Harry Rupp, Virgil Rupp & Henry Rupp and sisters Alice (Rupp) Herrman, Sandra (Rupp) Moore, Irene (Rupp) Leiker, Mary (Rupp) Werth, **Ann ‘46 (Rupp) Cox & Pauline ‘54 (Rupp) Weigel**.

Patricia “Pat” Rose Scheve died on 8-10-15. She is survived by her spouse Terry and children **Shane ‘91 Sheve, Julie Scheve & Lisa ‘01 Scheve**.

Patricia "Pat" A. Schmidt passed away on 8-28-15. She is survived by her husband Robert, son Anthony Schmidt and daughters Ann (Schmidt) Onymous & Sue K. Schmidt. Pat received the prestigious TMP-Marian Point of Light award in 2008 and will always be remembered as a generous benefactor to our school.

Vernon "Vernie" Paul Schmidt died on 10-9-15. He is survived by his sons David & **Janet '78 (Haselhorst) Schmidt** & Keith Schmidt, daughter Carla (Schmidt) Callahan and grandsons Joey Schmidt, **Ethan '08 Schmidt**, **Kiefer '09 Schmidt**, **Kade '13 Schmidt** & **Kameron '15 Schmidt**.

Virginia Schmidt passed away on 10-16-15. She is survived by her daughters **Norma '66 (Schmidt) Braun**, **Kathleen '70 (Schmidt) Schmeidler** & **Mary Jane '75 (Schmidt) Schmeidler**.

Marion F. Staab passed away on 7-2-15. He is survived by his wife **Patricia '53 (Giebler) Leikam Staab**, son **Aaron '89 Staab**, step-daughter **Deborah '73 (Leikam)** & Don Letourneau and step-sons **Steve '78 & Suzanne '78 (Korbe) Leikam** and **Mike '83 & Angela Leikam**.

Verlin G. Stramel died on 9-9-15. He is survived by his spouse Delphine, sons Glenn & Rhonda '76 (Brenner) Stramel, Kevin & **Lynette '79 (Gross) Stramel** and Wes & Marie Stramel and daughters Eileen '74 (Stramel) & Terry '71 Dreher and Cindy '76 (Stramel) & Bob '75 Weigel and 16 grandchildren.

Wendell W. Warner Sr. passed away on 10-2-15. He is survived by his spouse **Patricia '58 (Younger) Brungardt Warner**, children Venus Warner & Huston Warner and step-children **Beth '82 (Brungardt) Komarek**, **Phil '84 Brungardt & Amy '88 (Brungardt) Otto**.

Evelyn Peggy Werth died on 10-5-15. She is survived by her two sons **John '67 & Charlene '67 (Pfannenstiel) Werth** and **Gary '72 & Judy '73 (Gross) Werth**.

Irvin Lee Werth passed away on 9-21-15. He is survived by his wife Darlene, son **Bruce '79 Werth** and daughters **LuAnn '80 (Werth) Pfeifer**, **Karen '83 (Werth) Ochs** & **Kaylene '86 (Werth) Koerner**.

Robert "Bob" Ziegler died on 10-11-15. He is survived by his wife Rosie, daughters **Beverly '78 (Ziegler) & Craig DuBois**, **Karla '80 (Ziegler) & Don Ezell**, **Lori '83 (Ziegler) & Scott Hancock**, **Janel '84 (Ziegler) & Russ '80 Ruder** and **Roberta '86 Ziegler** & Phillip Padilla and nine grandchildren including **Shaunna '11 Ruder**, **Heather '13 Ruder**, **Ryan '16 Ruder** & **Luke '18 Ruder**.

**Correction-Charlotte '41 (Ross) Dinges** is not deceased as per our last Monogram. Our sincerest apologies to her and her family for this mistake.



Donor Roll Online at  
**TMP-M.ORG/STMS**



Homecoming Distinguished Alumni Award

**Tom '68 & Joyce '75 (Haas) Lang**

Congratulations to Tom and Joyce for being chosen as the 2015 Homecoming Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with your alma mater. The Class of 1975 had a good turnout for their 40 year reunion.

**Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!**



# ACE Auction 2015

**\$840,548.47**

is the final total for the Auction for Christian Education "ACE" 2015, which surpassed all previous records.

The project for item #60 was to update the Al Billinger Fieldhouse and raised a total of \$441,844.98. This left \$398,703.49 for the school. Improvements have already started with the gym floor being refinished and a new visual display including the updated buffalo head in the center, the "TMP-M" cross in each lane, "TMP-Marian" on the north side and "MONARCHS" on the south side as depicted in the three top photos on this page. High Plains Roofing will begin reroofing both the school and fieldhouse buildings in early November. Demolition has begun on the fourth floor project as displayed in the bottom two photos.

An additional amount of \$68,800.00 was raised from penny donors in its second year and this amount covered all of the actual expenses incurred during the auction. It is with sincere gratitude that we express our appreciation to this group listed below for their wonderful gifts.

## Thank You 2015 Penny Donors

B & L Motels - Bruce & Linda Weilert  
Charles '54 & Marlene '54 Brull  
Class of 1965 - Anonymous  
Farm Bureau Financial Services -  
Danny '93 Dinkel & Dustin '04 Washburn  
In Memory of Jean '67 Basgall  
In Memory of Larry Brenner  
In Memory of Fred Deal  
In Memory of Marie '53 Gabel  
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In Memory of Charlie Staab Jr.  
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Galen '80 & Cindy Romme  
St. Anthony Parish (Schoenchen, KS)  
St. Catherine Parish (Catharine, KS)  
Triple Play

Over 1,000 people from around the world were able to watch the auction as it unfolded and made donations to Item #60 or purchased raffle tickets online. The 2014 Chevrolet Cruze donated by Auto World was won by one of these viewers when he decided to purchase raffle tickets on-line during the auction. God bless all of our benefactors for their generosity and support.





## ACE 2016

will sport a theme from the movie "The Blues Brothers" with "On A Mission From God" as the tag line. The preview party for ACE will be held on Friday, April 29, 2016 and the auction will be on **Saturday, April 30, 2016**. Ticket sales will begin as soon as the ACE mailing goes out in January. For the past five years, seating

has been filled within the first week after the mailout, so if you are planning to attend, send your reservations and payment in promptly after receiving the ACE letter.

Jean Ross personally tagged Thomas More Prep-Marian "God's School" during her tenure as school president. The faculty and staff feel that we are all on a mission from God to create a Christian community in the Catholic tradition, which challenges students to spiritual growth, academic excellence and leadership formation. That is the school's mission statement. ACE is a very important part of TMP-Marian's annual budget and it is the mission of your alumni association to assist the school in all aspects, to build and maintain a constantly healthy morale and to develop a system of mutual understanding, respect and assistance among its members.

In late January, all alumni, local businesses and friends will receive the ACE mailing and we encourage everyone to open it up, read it and respond in whatever manner you are able. Every dollar counts!

How is the penny donor amount figured? Item #60 is subtracted out of the auction total before figuring the penny match or the donor can choose to cap his/her donation based on the previous auction. **The penny cap amount for 2016 will be \$3,300.00.** In the box to the right are our early bird penny donors for the 2016 ACE auction. If you would like more information about being a penny donor, please contact the alumni office at TMP-Marian at 785-625-9434 for more information. We would love to add your family, business or class groups to this list!

Much discussion has gone into selecting a project for Oral Auction #60 this year. With big projects already underway from the past two auctions, we chose to do something a bit different. This year, funds will be raised for campus beautification, safety and Holy Family Elementary. Our roads, parking lots, sidewalks and steps into the buildings are all in disrepair and in need of attention for the safety of our students and our guests. New efficiency LED lighting outside to replace the current halogen lighting is also on the list.

This project would increase the visual beauty when entering the school campus as well as repairing safety hazards. Holy Family Elementary is in desperate need of new energy efficient windows and insulation on their south facade. The offices and classrooms are always uncomfortably hot year-round due to the current situation.

Thank you for your support and God bless.

## 2016 Pennies for ACE Donor Honor Roll

**Anonymous**

**B & L Motels**

Bruce & Linda Weillert

**Charles & Marlene '54 (Gabel) Brull**

**Farm Bureau Financial Services**

Danny '93 Dinkel & Dustin '04 Washburn

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**In Memory of Pat Schmidt**

**St. Anthony Parish**

Schoenchen, KS

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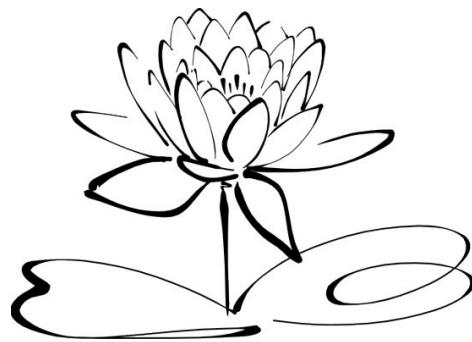
Catharine, KS

**Bob & Susan Wolf Family**

**Triple Play**

**God bless your generosity!**

# Class



# Notes

**1938Sp - Wilfred "Wiff" Beilman** was proclaimed the Beilman Family's "Greatest Generation" person at their recent reunion this past June. The reunion was for descendants of Joseph and Vincent Beilman, sons of Peter Beilmann, who immigrated to Kansas from Katharinenstadt, Russia in 1887. He is one of 11 sons and one daughter of Joseph & Elizabeth Jacobs Beilman. Wiff is 95 years old and had just completed nine holes of golf on the day prior to the reunion. Way to go Wiff!

**1940C - Zac G. Shawhan** sent us a phenomenal letter reminiscing about his days at St. Joseph Military Academy and how it has been his "gift from the past." Growing up during the depression, he attended a Citizens Military Training Camp in Ft. Leavenworth and won a scholarship during each of two years to attend St. Joseph Military Academy College in Hays. After graduation, he enlisted in the army and because he learned to fly at SJMA, ended up in the Army Air Corps. Zac dispatched the B-17's that were interrupted by the Japanese on December 7th at Pearl Harbor and spent five years in Alaska, where he received the Distinguished Flying Cross during the Aleutian campaign. When he returned to civilian life in Texas, furthering his education became necessary and a Masters Degree was obtained, thanks to being taught that "education provided answers" at SJMA. Zac went on to work with the Titan Missile program, Gemini space craft recovery and the F-4 aircraft program in Iran. His letter credits SJMA for inspiring him for the future and the wonderful world that awaited. Thank you for your special tribute.

**1949 - Josephine (Giebler) & Francis Fisher Sr.** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in June with a Mass, dinner and dance hosted by their children; **Francis '69 & Linda Fisher, Patty '70 (Fisher) Arias, Jerry '71 & Brenda Fisher, Cindy '72 (Fisher) & Floyd Lang, Pam '74 (Fisher) & Richard McCormack, Wanda '75 (Fisher) & Lee '75 Staab**, Kenny Fisher, Sheila '78 (Fisher) & Jim '78 Goodwin, Laura '85 (Fisher) & Ben Smull, Donna '88 (Fisher) & Alex Cape and Mark Fisher. Francis & Josephine also have 30 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren!

**1951 - Don & Rose Schmidt** observed their 60th wedding anniversary on 9-5-15 with a Mass followed by a dinner in Wichita, Kansas. Children of the couple are Kathy (Schmidt) Warren, Karla Schmidt, Kent Schmidt, Karen Schmidt, Keith Schmidt & Kurt Schmidt.

**1951 - Annette (Doerfler) & Richard Seib** were honored on their 65th wedding anniversary in July with an anniversary Mass hosted by their children **Tom '69 & Cheryl Seib, Phyllis '71 (Seib) & Butch '70 Brack, Debbie '72 (Seib) & Bob Lang, Jerry '74 & Barb Seib, Jeff '75 & Kelly Seib, Paul Sp'77 & Johnna Seib and Pat '82 & Susie Seib**. Congratulations Dick and Nettie on 65 years of marriage.

**1953 - Nancy (Staab) & Marvin Schmidtberger** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in January of 2015. Their children, Marla (Schmidtberger) & Scott Stucky, Lela (Schmidtberger) & Dick Marsh, Lila (Schmidtberger) & Steve Brown, Debra (Schmidtberger) & Rodger Roberts and Brian & Patti Schmidtberger, their 18 grandchildren and spouses and 22 great-grandchildren hosted the event with a Mass, reception, dinner and dance. Nancy also reached her 80th birthday milestone and commemorated it with A BIG PARTY in Wichita, hosted by her husband Marvin, children and grandchildren. Best wishes to you!

**1954 - Rita (Hoffman) & Leroy Gottschalk** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 16th. Their children are **Keith '76 & Sandy '76 (Dreiling) Gottschalk, Kevin '78 & Chris Gottschalk and Kent '88 & Michele Gottschalk** and their grandchildren are **Brandon '11 Gottschalk, Dylan '12 Gottschalk & Kaylor '15 Gottschalk**, Keeton Gottschalk and Kaden Gottschalk (their precious angel in heaven). Happy 60th anniversary!

**1955 - Charlotte (Herl) & Donald Werth** observed their 60th wedding anniversary on 10-11-15 with a Mass and family gathering at the farm hosted by their children; **Ronald '75 & Mary Werth, Richard '77 Werth, Randal '80 & Michelle Werth and Renee '84 (Werth) & Gerard '82 Michaud**. The couple has seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**1956 - Harold Doerfler** received an award in May from "Communities that Care" for his 15 years as a volunteer. He has accumulated over 2,335 hours of service! Great job Harold!

**1956 - Bob Schreiner** and his wife Beth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 7th. Part of the year-long celebration included a week on Lake Norman in North Carolina with their three children, their spouses and all seven grandchildren. Bob and Beth live in Annandale, Virginia. Congratulations Bob and Beth on 50 years of marriage!



**May Crowning & Living Rosary 1940** - Girl's Catholic High and St. Joseph's College & Military Academy students make a large living rosary at May Crowning.

**May Crowning & Living Rosary 1962** - Girl's Catholic High students form a large living rosary at May Crowning.



#### Attn. Girl's Catholic High & Marian High Ladies

• G.C.H.S. and M.H.S. graduates are invited to be a part of the Marian spotlight. During the upcoming Year of Mercy, • greater emphasis regarding the role of Mary in accessing her son Jesus's great mercy will be made available in our • TMP-Marian community. In this effort, we intend to focus on the Marian Legacy of our school. Join us in person • or from afar via Facebook Group invite as the riches of a relationship with the Mother of our Lord is highlighted • through shared Consecration to our Lady. The book study, 33 Days to Morning Glory will be led by Campus Minister • Barb Wagoner with groups of faculty/staff from Holy Family Elementary, Thomas More Prep-Marian and parents. • You are invited to join the Consecration preparation by requesting to join the "Marian Women-TMPMarian" by • invitation Facebook page where the study, encouragement and sharing will occur. If you are located in the Hays • area and would prefer to join a study your presence is requested. During the Mother's Day Mass to be celebrated • May 8, 2016, each of the graduates preregistered will be recognized as part of the May Crowning event. Your gift • book, 33 Days to Morning Glory, is now available and can be picked up in the Marian Chapel, Alumni office or from • the Campus Minister. Contact Barb Wagoner at 785-625-6577 for dates and locations of studies in Hays or to join • the Marian Women-TMPMarian group. Plan now to be with us for Mother's Day and the Crowning of our Blessed • Mother.

# May Crowning



#### May Crowning 1978

May Queen Donna '78 (Haas)  
Nathanson poses beside the statue  
of the Virgin Mary.

#### May Crowning 2016

The May Crowning Mass is planned for Mother's Day, May 8, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Al Billinger Fieldhouse. All Girl's Catholic High and Marian High School alumnae are invited to join us for special recognition. A letter will be sent out to all GCHS/MHS alumnae when details have been finalized. Mark your calendars and save the date!

**1957 - Chuck Rohr** has worn many hats in his life, the most current one being the owner of a hot air balloon business. He has spent time in the military and the boxing ring, sailed and earned his operator, master and captain licenses from the U.S. Coast Guard and also creates works of art from copper and brass. In addition, he earned his pilot license for hot air balloons, became an FAA pilot examiner and assisted the International Yacht Club in Fort Lauderdale with races, coming up with the idea for a hot air balloon race from the Bahamas to Florida. On a recent visit to Hays, Chuck stopped by and shared some of his fascinating life stories with us. We enjoy hearing these stories and welcome all alumni to visit!

**1957 - Father Bill Surmeier** celebrated his 50 years as a priest with a jubilee Mass at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in August. Fr. Bill retired from parish ministry two years ago, but still serves as a counselor at Catholic Charities.

**1962 - Tom & Therese '63 (Engel) Haas** were remembered on their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass, lunch and dance for family and friends. Children of the couple are **Tammy '84 (Haas) & Mike Gipson**, **Terri '86 (Haas) & Glenn '84 Werth**, **Todd '89 & Laycie Haas** and **Troy '96 Haas**. Tom & Therese were married on August 7, 1965 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hays.

**1963 - Larry & Donna Leiker** became grandparents to a new granddaughter, Klara Lynn Leiker, on 5-5-15. Klara's sisters are Katelynn Jean, age 7, Kyleigh Mae, age 5 & Kathleen Elizabeth, age 3 and her other grandparents are Barbara & Gary Willson and Sharon & Bob Thompson.

**1965 - Steve & Diann '70 (Wasinger) Dreiling** enjoyed the weddings of two of their children this year. Their oldest son, James Dreiling, married Alexandra Green on May 24th, 2015 and their younger son, John Dreiling, married Lindsey Higgins on October 3rd, 2015. Congratulations!

**1965 - Dick & Joan '65 (Newell) Palmer**, besides helping organize their amazing and well-attended 50th class reunion, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 8-31-15. Still in love... after all these years!!

**1965 - Leon Staab** displayed his fabulous floral photographs during the Fall Art Walk as part of the exhibit "Flowers: Real & Imagined" at the Hays Art Center along with artist Michael Jilg. Their works will be on display and for sale through October.

**1965 - Patty (Werth) Stull** was featured in the *Top Agent Magazine*, a premier real estate magazine featuring the best real estate agents and mortgage professionals in the USA, Europe, Canada and Australia. This magazine takes a look at the top-producing and most accomplished professionals in the real estate industry, giving an in-depth description of their careers.

**1966 - Jim Spiess & Kathy '69 (Riedel) Petr** both received the National Catholic Committee on Scouting St. George Emblem adult award from Bishop Carl Kemme in Wichita on 6-14-15. They have been involved with

Scouting for many years and were surprised with their recognitions.

**1967Sp - Edward & Sharon Prewo** were honored for their 40th wedding anniversary on 8-2-15 with a reception hosted by their children **Paul '98 Prewo** and **Brenda '01 (Prewo) Rose**.

**1967 - Phil & Brenda '69 (Dinkel) Schmeidler** are elated with the birth of their grandson, Dalton James Schmeidler on 6-13-15. New parents are Nolan & Miranda (Pfannenstiel) Schmeidler.

**1968 - Dennis Bollig** was recognized by the Senior Companions Program in Ellis and Rush counties for his four years of service. He provides meaningful service to others by assisting with light chores, running errands and transporting those served to appointments. This program is sponsored by Fort Hays State University and primarily funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, county and city funds.

**1968 - Guy & Kathy Windholz** are doting grandparents to their newest grandson, Landon Aaron Windholz, son of Marty & Erin Windholz, born on 6-19-15. Landon has a brother Carter, age 3 and his other grandparents are John Sampier Jr. & Ruthie Sampier.

**1969Sp - Ron Lager** and brothers **Fr. John '69 Lager & Mark '74 Lager**, celebrated their parents, Bud & Bonnie Lager's 65th wedding anniversary on 8-2-15 with an open house in Grinnell, Kansas.

**1970 - Debra (Korbe) & Clayton Noffsinger** welcomed a new grandson, Kendrick Noffsinger, to their family on 1-8-14. Kendrick's parents are Cory & Sheena Noffsinger and he has a sister named Kaylen, age 6.

**1971 - Deacon Fred Arrambidez** has been assigned Moderator of Deacons for the Diocese of Tyler, Texas. He is married to **Mary '72 (Billinger) Arrambidez**.

**1972 - Karla (Gottschalk) & Mark Ackerman** are overjoyed with the birth of their new granddaughter, Leah Caroline Trembley, on 6-1-15. Leah's parents are Austin & Kristen Trembley and she has a brother Luke, age 5 and a sister Hannah Kate, age 2. Her other grandparents are John & Sue Trembley.

**1972 - Greg & Michelle '74 (Bedard) Beyer** spent their 40th wedding anniversary with their children and grandchildren on a trip to Nags Head, North Carolina. Michelle's sister, **Carol '68 Bedard** also accompanied the family on their excursion.

**1972 - Dale Gottschalk** is happy to announce the birth of his grandson, Jaxton Dale Princ, on 8-19-15. Jaxton's parents are Joseph & Jenna Princ and his other grandparents are Barb Gottschalk and Dennis & Janet Princ.

**1973 - David Tholen**, planetary scientist/astronomer at the Institute for Astronomy of the University of Hawaii, has been recognized for his work on the eight-colour survey of minor planets. He was among the first to observe

# Milestones: Jean Ross

November 2015 marks the 80th birthday of retired TMP-Marian President Jean Ross. Jean served the school from 1998-2008 and continues to pray daily for the continuation of its mission of Catholic education.

In 1955, Jean began her professional teaching career in Catholic elementary and high schools in Wisconsin, Indiana and Kansas. In 1980, Jean returned to Hays as a public school principal and later joined the central administrative staff of USD 489 as Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Auxiliary Services. In 2000, God's Providence led her to accept the challenge of President at TMP-Marian as a ministry to do God's work, taking on the job without pay.

Jean served "God's School" in years of budget deficits and challenging times. A very humble servant of God, she did this difficult work, donating all her time and talent to a mission she so strongly believes in, a gift to our Catholic community.

Jean currently resides at Via Christi Village, 2225 Canterbury in Hays, KS. She would welcome your prayers and your kind cards and letters.

The Jean Ross Society was established to honor her contributions and inspire others to commit sustaining gifts through the Endowment Foundation of TMP-Marian. Currently, the Endowment has approximately \$6.5 million in assets and quarterly disbursements help to pay the annual operating expenses of the school.

Find out what kinds of gifts can benefit TMP-Marian and potentially provide you with tax savings by contacting Advancement Director Jeff Brull at 785-621-5427 or visit <http://tmpmariangift.org>.

Thank you for a lifetime of service and a true example of servant-leadership to all whose lives you've touched.



events in the series of occultations and transits occurring between Pluto and its satellite Charon and is credited in part for the success of the New Horizons spacecraft. Dave was a part of NASA's Outer Planet Science Working Group, the group that determined Pluto "a priority" back in 2006, and sparked the mission for the first flyby. Dave will also be speaking during a Sky and Telescope Magazine cruise to Indonesia in March of 2016 on his way to observe a total solar eclipse.

**1974 - Randy Gottschalk**, along with fellow coaches **Ryan '96 Gottschalk** and Joshua Waddell, coached the Kansas Smoke 14 & Under Fast Pitch girls softball team this summer. The team earned championship honors at the 2015 Kansas ASA Class C State Softball Championships in Emporia.

**1974 - Lori (Gross) Hertel** received an award for her 40 years of service from the city of Hays commissioners. She also helped organize the inaugural Law Enforcement Appreciation Day to thank Ellis County law enforcement officers for their service. Hays Mayor **Eber '69 Phelps**, Ellis County Attorney **Tom '82 Drees**, Ellis County Commissioner Marcy McClelland and County Commissioner Barbara Wasinger addressed the crowd. Lori is married to **Mike '73 Hertel**.

**1974 - Patti (Schmidt) & John Lonnon** celebrated 40 years of marriage on a cruise with fellow classmates **Ray '73 & Marilyn '74 (Freitag) Dinkel** and **Larry '73 & Tammy '74 (Zimmerman) Dreiling**. A dinner in their honor was also given by their children **Angie '97 (Lonnon)** & Jeff Klaus and **Dane '03 & Kayla Lonnon**.

**1975 - Chris & Dana Goetz** welcomed a new grandson, Alexander Scott Buhlig, son of Timothy & Laura Buhlig, on 8-12-15. Alexander has two brothers, Kaison, age 8 & Joshua, age 4, a sister Kallie, age 14, and his other grandparents are Cathy Brewer & Shad Buhlig.

**1975 - Mayo Schmidt** was appointed the new president and chief executive officer of Hydro One Inc., an Ontario, Canada utility company. Mayo, former wide receiver with the Miami Dolphins, was the past CEO for Viterra Inc. (Saskatchewan Wheat Pool), where he was named chief executive of the Year in 2009 by the Canadian Business Magazine. He also spoke at the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet in 2014. His parents are **Marion '49 & Donna Schmidt**.

**1976 - Kathy Hertel** was named the 2016 Yucaipa-Calimesa Online Academy Teacher of the Year. This school Teacher of the Year Award is only given to those that demonstrate the highest commitment, dedication and skill to the profession of public education. Kathy also was awarded the Service Award from the Masonic Fellowship who support the YCUSDA through the celebration of Public Schools Month. The Masons have provided a forum for the past 20 years to recognize outstanding community members who make a difference in the lives of others.

## Eagle Scout Projects Benefit Thomas More Prep-Marian

Three young men chose Eagle Scout projects that would improve an area at TMP-Marian. **John '16 Drees** chose "The Green Room" as his project. He redesigned it to make better use of the space, moving walls and adding lighting, changing rooms, etc. **Kade '19 Urban** chose "The Monarch Corral" as his project. He is creating a concrete area with two picnic tables, several additional benches and a decorative fence to enclose the corral which will be used as a waiting area for junior high students after school. This project has not been fully completed yet. **Riley '19 Holmes** chose "CW2 Bryan J. Nichols Tribute Flag Display" for his project. Work has been completed on the installation of a commemorative flagpole with lighting for **CW2 Bryan '98 Nichols** who gave his life for our country while serving in Afghanistan. The dedication of this new flagpole was held November 10, 2015.



**1979 - Dr. Patrick W. Stang** is pleased to announce that his son John will be attending St. John Vianney Seminary in August of 2015 to become a diocesan priest.

**1980 - Brian & Anne '83 (Grabbe) Lang** are donating \$1,000 back to the communities they serve during their second annual "\$1000 for your favorite charity" giveaway through their local business, Lang Diesel.

**1981 - Bob & Donna Rupp** are thrilled with the marriage of their daughter Chelsea Rupp to Logan Downing on 11-1-14. The couple was married in Antonino with **Fr. Earl '61 Befort O.F.M. Cap.** officiating. Parents of the groom are Scott & Mary Downing.

**1982 - J. David Schramm** & Ken Daigle have adopted daughter Roma Audrey Schramm, born on 7-12-15. Her brother Tobias, age 16 and grandfather **Jack '40-'42C Schramm** were excited to meet her.

**1984 - Kim (Wolf) Campbell** and her siblings **Pam '86 (Wolf) Gaschler**, **Sherri '89 (Wolf) Mong** and **Janelle '95 (Wolf) Williams** hosted a reception for their parents, Leon & Mary Wolf's 55th wedding anniversary in June. Their father also celebrated his 80th birthday this year and their mother celebrated her 75th birthday with a card shower hosted by the family.

**1984 - Tom Drees** was awarded the annual 2015 Community Service Award by the Kansas Prosecutors Foundation in October. This award recognizes a Kansas prosecutor who has rendered outstanding service to his or her community in addition to the duties required of a prosecutor. Drees is on the board of directors for the Ellis County Historical Society, Northwest Kansas Community Corrections, Northwest Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority, High Plains Mental Health Center and is the Boy Scouts of America Wheatland District chairman. He is married to **Patricia '84 (Penka) Drees**.

**1986 - Aaron Dome**, with fellow Hays firefighters Justin Choitz & Tim Detrixhe, strapped on their heavy gear and climbed 110 flights of stairs in honor of those who made the ultimate sacrifice during the 9-11-01 terrorist attacks. The event took place at the Wichita 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb in the Epic Center. Aaron also was pictured in the Hays Daily News showing children the inside of a firetruck during the Early Childhood Connections Daddy and Me event in October. His wife is **Kolleen '96 (Leiker) Dome**.

**1986 - Doug & Stephanie Stecklein** and siblings **Steven '93 Stecklein** and **Michael '99 & Carrie '95 (Rohr) Stecklein**, celebrated their parents, George & Juleen Stecklein's 50th wedding anniversary in September. Juleen taught German and English classes for 36 years at TMP-Marian before her retirement.

**1987 - Cheryl (Feauto) & Todd '86 Boehne**, along with siblings Don & Anna Feauto, **Sharon '89 (Feauto) & Troy '89 Schulte**, **Karen '88 (Feauto) & Chad '89 Rohr**, **Bryan '90 & Amy Feauto** and **Kelly '92 (Feauto) & Eric '92 Schibi**, celebrated their parents, Bob & Carol (TMP-Marian Food

Service Director) Feauto's 50th wedding anniversary on 10-10-15 with a Mass. The family hosted a dinner at Brookville Hotel earlier in the year.

**1987 - Leah (Koerner) & Chris Rhoades** are delighted with the marriage of their son Joshua Koerner to Mallory Wellbrock on 4-18-15 by **Fr. John '83 Schmeidler O.F.M. Cap.** Mallory's parents are Rick & Dee Wellbrock.

**1989 - Jen Brull MD** has been elected to the 2015-2016 Kansas Academy of Family Physicians Board of Directors as the AAFP delegate and KAFP Foundation president. She is married to **Christopher '89 Brull**.

**1989 - Shawn & Kayleen '95 (Leiker) Knoll** are thrilled with the birth of their son, Alex John Knoll, on 7-28-15. Alex's grandparents are **Herman '57 & Rosie '64 (Walter) Leiker** and Fred & Phyllis Knoll.

**1990 - Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt** and his Runnin' Revs basketball team hosted a benefit basketball game at TMP-M for the second year in a row to support the Seminary Education Fund, beating the TMP-M "Altar Boys" by a score of 59-57. Father Gale stated that the Runnin' Revs are 25-7 since they started the fundraiser ten years ago. There are three former TMP-M students currently in the seminary; **Andy '07 Hammeke, Mike '92 Leiker and Alex '11 Becker**.

**1992 - Tim Greenwood** has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the Hays Police Department due to his demonstration of leadership as a patrol sergeant and as commander of the Special Situation Response Team.

**1994 - Jeff & Julie '96 (Moeder) Brull** are proud of their son Jensen Brull, a member of the Holy Family Elementary Chess Team. Jensen's fifth-grade team finished third at the Christ the King Chess Tournament in Topeka, first at the TMP-M Chess Invitational and first again at the Smoky Valley Chess Tournament in Lindsborg, Kansas. Congratulations to our littlest "checkmate champs!"

**1994 - Melissa & John Hedges** welcomed their first child, daughter Gretchen Anita Hedges, on 1-7-15, in Austin, Texas. Gretchen's grandparents are **Jack & Margaret '71 (Gerstner) Jackson**.

**1994 - Heidi (Rupp) Ibarra**, besides having a full-time job and her own photography business, still finds time to take pictures of the animals up for adoption at the Humane Society of the High Plains, Western Plains Animal Refuge, Hands of Hope and HeARTs Speak. Adoption rates have risen since Heidi volunteered to help because she is able to capture the personality of the animals in her photos.

**1994 - Jennifer "Katie" (Moss) Ward** informed us that her son, Nicholas Dean, studied abroad in Tokyo, Japan during the summer of 2015, through the organization Youth for Understanding. He was the recipient of the Japan-America Friendship Scholarship, which paid for 75% of all expenses. Nicholas attended a Japanese High School and lived with a Japanese host family during that time and is now a senior at Pius X Catholic High School in Lincoln, Nebraska.

# POINT OF LIGHT

Would you like to nominate someone you admire and respect for the prestigious Point of Light Award? Thomas More Prep-Marian chooses the recipients for this award each year based upon the following criteria: 1) Commitment to our Tradition of Excellence; 2) Activities which bring honors to the inductee and to TMP-Marian; and 3) Dedication to TMP-Marian in service.

Mail your nomination to Chad Meitner c/o TMP-Marian, 1701 Hall St., Hays, KS 67601 or you can e-mail it to [meitnerc@tmpmarian.org](mailto:meitnerc@tmpmarian.org). All nominations must be received before May 15 for consideration in the same calendar year. Recipients will be announced at Homecoming.

## POINT OF LIGHT RECIPIENTS

**1995** - Sr. Remigia Neder, Fr. Cletus Blockinger, Charles Budke, Fr. Timothy Gottschalk, Leo & Albina Dreiling, Coach Alvin '41 Billinger, Sr. Annabel Dreiling & Coach Gene Flax

**1996** - Sr. Amadea Wirtz, Fr. Claude Vogel, Coach Lewman Lane, Fr. Anselm Martin, Jack '40 Schramm, Dr. Jeff '78 Colyer, Don Bickle & Wendelin '33 Sander

**1997** - Fr. Blaine Burkey, Jerry '74 Seib & Irvin '42 Karlin

**1998** - Angeline Cepelka, Dan '54 Rupp & Joyce '70 Dinges

**1999** - Sr. Lois '31 Karlin, Fr. Paulinus '35-'37C Karlin, Al '34 Rupp & Coach Sy Palmer

**2000** - Fr. Michael Scully, Norbert '65 Kuhn, Fr. Christian Fey & Wanda '66 Billinger

**2001** - Fr. Earl '61 Befort & Gerald '43C Roth

**2002** - Wayne '53 & Marie '53 Gabel & Dick '76 Werth

**2003** - Marlene '54 Brull

**2004** - Jim & Susan Werth & Eugene '34 'Dusty' Glassman

**2005** - Sharon '70 Drees & Bob '65 & Karla Sp'67 Dinges

**2006** - Irvin '68 & Terry Leiker & Jerry '72 & Marilyn Luetters

**2007** - Fr. John '69 Lager & Ken & Cheri '65 Haas

**2008** - Robert Schmidt, Leroy Gnad & Charles Staab, Jr.

**2009** - Bishop George Fitzsimons, Lil '73 Kingsley & Jean Ross

**2010** - Debbie '72 Dinges & Chris '77 & Krista '78 Gottschalk

**2011** - Tom & Debbie '75 Bohm, Tom '65 Drees, Tony '75 & Cyndy '77 Dreiling, Pat Schmidt & Kay Werth

**2012** - Ron '75 & Rhonda '77 Flax, Don & Jolene Moore, Greg & Pam Schmidt & Frank '60 & Rosie '61 Werth

**2013** - Galen & Cathy Pfeifer, Gene & Mary Ellen '66 Zimmer

**2014** - Fr. Harvey '53 Dinkel, Sr. Paul Ann Dinkel CSA, Sr. Francis Rose Dinkel CSA, Robert '68 & Susan Wolf, Lillian Schumacher & John & Shannon Allen

**2015** - Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, Glenn '76 & Becky Diehl, Linda '63 Braun, Jim Dinkel & Juleen Stecklein

**1995 - Andrea (Schmidt) & Larry Feldkamp** are excited to announce the birth of their daughter Avery Rose Feldkamp, born on 10-22-14. Avery's grandparents are **Alexia '69 (Gross) Schmidt**, the late **Charles '70 Schmidt**, Rosie Feldkamp & the late Lloyd Feldkamp.

**1995 - Josh & Cheryl '00 (Apel) Robben** and sister **Leslie '97 (Robben) & Travis '94 Unrein**, celebrated their parents, Lester & Donetta Robben's 40th wedding anniversary in September with a Mass followed by a luncheon.

**1998 - Josh & Danielle Keberlein** are delighted with the birth of their daughter Claudia Addison Keberlein on 6-8-15. Claudia has a brother Henrick, age 3 and her grandparents are **John '65 & Mary Keberlein** and Ed & Linde Wigley.

**1998 - Bryan Nichols** may be gone, but is not forgotten. Dwayne O'Brien of the Little Texas Band recalled how, as his country band neared Hays in 2011, they were just ahead of the funeral procession for Bryan. He was so impressed with the tribute to Bryan, that it inspired him to write the song "Slow Ride Home". The annual CW2 Bryan Nichols and Sgt. Derrick Lutters Memorial Ride by the American Legion Patriot Riders in September continues to pay tribute to everyone in western Kansas killed in the war. "Remembering Our Fallen", a traveling photo memorial of each soldier fallen in the War on Terror, also includes Bryan and was on display at FHSU's Forsyth Library in October. Thank you Bryan and the many others for your ultimate sacrifice!

**2000 - J. Basil Dannebohm**, chairman of the board of directors for the Emerald Foundation, along with Dr. Mirta Martin, FHSU President, will be co-hosts of the Emerald Ball fundraiser to be held in November 2015. The Emerald Foundation's goal is to bring hope to those with Parkinson's disease through the arts. They have teamed up with the Hays Area Children's Center to auction items during the gala event which will benefit both organizations. Dannebohm was also one of three local Hays people chosen to greet Pope Francis when he arrived in Washington D.C. by Reps. Tim Huelskamp and Lynn Jenkins. He stated that he walked away from the humbling experience "transformed and transfigured."

**2000 - Dustin Schumacher**, Hays Monarchs summer baseball coach, helped his baseball team raise money by selling fireworks for the July 4th celebration. His team won the American Legion AA State Tournament championship but lost out in the quarterfinals in Foley, Minnesota. Great job Dustin and to your players for an outstanding summer baseball program!

**2001 - Brenda (Prewo) & Trent Rose** are elated with the birth of their son Carter James Rose on 5-28-15. Carter has a brother Andrew, age 3 and a sister Hannah, age 6 and his grandparents are Randy & Debbie Rose and **Ed Sp'67 & Sharon Prewo**.

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## **Fr. Mike Scully** **O.F.M. Capuchin**

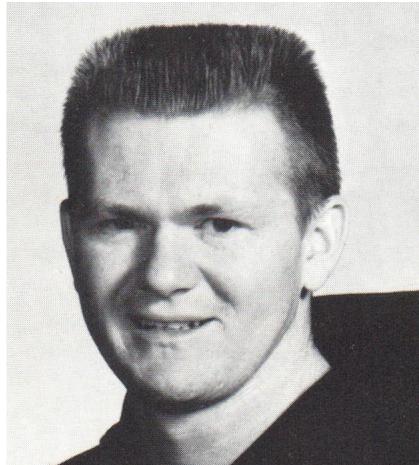
After a wonderful celebration in Lawrence, KS, Fr. Michael Scully came "home" to celebrate 50 years of priesthood. The evening of Friday, October 23, 2015, began with Mass at the historic Basilica of St. Fidelis Catholic in Victoria, KS. Fr. Earl Meyer, O.F.M. Cap. preached and other Capuchin and secular priests joined to concelebrate with Fr. Mike.

At the end of Mass, Fr. Mike extended thanks to those who made the Mass and celebration so memorable and reminded those present that he had spent 25 years working in Ellis County, especially at St. Joseph's Military Academy (S.J.M.A.), Thomas More Prep (TMP) and Thomas More Prep-Marian (TMP-M). The evening concluded with a reception in the grade school cafeteria. Many of our yearbook photos found their way to Lawrence to help make a display of Fr. Mike's lifetime for the Lawrence celebration. He is probably best remembered by his work with the all boys folk chorus and then in later years, the coed folk chorus. He led the Centennial Celebration folk chorus made up of many of his previous students.

Congratulations and thank you Fr. Mike for your dedication to God, the Catholic Church, and for being such a great teacher to the youth of today and yesterday! You have certainly touched many of our hearts with your kindness and generosity. God bless all of your future endeavors.

**Congratulations  
on  
Celebrating  
50 Years  
of Priesthood!**

**Rev. Hilary Scully  
a/k/a  
Fr. Mike Scully**



**1968**



**1974**

**Thanks  
for the  
memories  
and the  
laughter!**

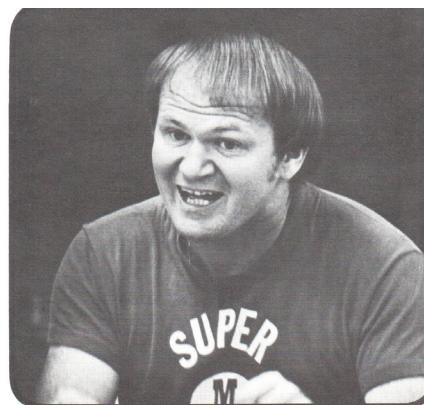


**1976**

**Seed Sown  
by Fr. Mike Scully**



Fr. Mike Scully has a new book out titled, *Seed Sown, a personal journal for those interested in pursuing the spiritual life* based on the Year of Luke - Cycle C. If you would like to purchase a copy, go to [www.tmp-m.org/frmikescully](http://www.tmp-m.org/frmikescully) and complete the form.



**2003 - Dane & Kayla (Martin) Lonnnon** announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Julia Lonnnon, on 1-15-15. She has a brother, Mason Joshua, age 3 and her grandparents are John & **Patti '74 (Schmidt) Lonnnon**.

**2004 - Nathan Flax & Tori North** were united in holy matrimony on 6-6-15. Nathan's parents are **Ron '75 & Rhonda '77 (Peters) Flax**.

**2005 - Jerome & Angela Schmeidler** were blessed with the birth of their second daughter, Evangeline Joan Schmeidler, on 8-26-15. She has a sister, Guinevere, age 2 and her grandparents are **Gary '78 & Elizabeth Schmeidler** and **Vince & Stacy Masetti**.

**2007 - Nolan Hoffman & Jessica Elsen** were married on 10-17-15 in Ellinwood, Kansas. Parents of the couple are James Elsen, Donna Mason and Jeff & Myrna Hoffman. Nolan was recently promoted to research analyst at Midwest Energy's Hays office, where he is responsible for forecasting energy costs used in setting rates. **Fr. Earl '61 Befort, O.F.M. Capuchin** officiated their wedding mass.

**2007 - Cameron & Jennifer Werth** are thrilled with the birth of their son Aiden Thomas Werth, on 5-7-15. He was eagerly greeted by his grandparents **Mark '81 & Simone '82 (Braun) Werth**, Tammy Ney, Tom Ney and great-grandparents **Kenneth '57 & Elaine '60 (Staab) Werth**, Francis & **Jacquelyn '60 (Zimmerman) Braun**, Fred & Helen Rankin, Dorvan & Marge Conell and the late Milton Ney. Maybe Aiden's Uncle **Leighton '07 Werth** will give him free dental care! Leighton has joined the staff at Troy Halligan DDS and they are now accepting new patients.

**2008 - Kelsey (Flax) & Nathan Burgess** announce the birth of their son Kyron Cruz Burgess on 8-25-15. He has a sister, Kinley Rae Burgess, age 2½ and his grandparents are **Ron '75 & Rhonda '77 (Peters) Flax**.

**2008Sp - Ryan Sadeghi** has opened the Hays Phone Doctor store in downtown Hays. After living in Kansas City for several years as a certified technician, he felt Hays needed a modern touch and quicker repair time for mobile phones. Welcome back!

**2008 - Ethan Schmidt** received the McDonald's Crew Member of the Month award from the North Hays store for his exceptional customer service and outstanding job performance in July.

**2009 - Maddie Holub** was selected as the NFCA (National Fastpitch Coaches Association) Division II Assistant Coach of the Year. Maddie is an assistant coach at St. Leo University in St. Leo, Florida. Her coach, the staff and team members praised Maddie for always giving her everything to the team and her dedication to the sport of softball.

**2009 - Kathryn Wagoner & sister Mary Ellen '11 Wagoner** enjoyed celebrating their parents, Darrell & Barbara (TMP-Marian Campus Ministry Director) Wagoner's 40th wedding anniversary in September. Congratulations!

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The St. Thomas More Society is made of hundreds of supporters of Catholic education at Thomas More Prep-Marian and our future Monarchs at Holy Family Elementary in Hays. They come from near and far. Some are young; some walked these halls many, many years ago. Some sent their children here. Some want only for others to have the same experiences they share. Some have never even seen our school. ALL members of the STMS provide gifts and prayers for the daily needs of our students and faculty in the classroom, on the field of competition, in their parishes, families, and community.

*See who they are at <http://tmp-m.org/STMS>*



## Wanda's Corner

### Alumni Director Wanda Billinger

The western Kansas wind blew in the TMP-Marian 2015 Homecoming with a gust of fun and reminiscing. The 50 year Class of 1965 kicked off with a

large gathering at **Hank '65 & Roxie '66 (Billinger) VonLintel's** farm on Thursday afternoon. What a tremendous turnout with over 100 classmates and spouses attending. They danced to the golden oldies from the 1950's and 1960's, good ole rock-n-roll played by their own D.J., and found their thrill on Blueberry Hill! The Class of 1965 met again on Friday night for their class party with even more classmates joining them and again for the banquet on Saturday. By the time Saturday night came, they were moving a little slower, but still going strong. The "Italian Stallion" a/k/a **Pat '65 Mategrano** kept us in stitches and says he's a lover, not a fighter. The most important thing to the late **Artie '65 Meier** and classmates, **Dick '65 & Joan '65 (Newell) Palmer**, **Leon '65 Staab** (my incubator buddy) and **Hank '65 & Roxie '66 (Billinger) VonLintel** was to keep this class together. Artie - your dream has come true. Art's wife Linda attended and was overwhelmed with the crowd. For the last ten years, this class has met at different destinations for mini-reunions for anybody that can attend. At each reunion, they give a red cord to one of the men (the red cord was for academic achievement) and a ruler to one of the Marian High women. If you went to Marian High, the ruler signified the ladies having to kneel so the nuns could measure their skirt length. Leon, Hank, Roxie and I made a mini window with a Venitian blind and the S.J.M.A. boys pictures behind the blind. When the guys would march in the north field, those nuns would shut the blinds so fast they must have thought we would turn into salt if we watched. Those memories... wow! At the banquet, the class named Dick and Joan Palmer Homecoming King and Queen - it was awesome! Pat Mategrano returned a "Company C" flag that he and his classmates "forgot" to return 50 years ago. They hoped we wouldn't have the Hays Police drag them off. I had a very enjoyable weekend with this bunch - they consider me part of their class since I attended school with them until the fourth grade. That's when Mrs. Clarke made me repeat the class. At the banquet, I told the crowd it was because she needed help the next year. Truthfully, at age 9, it was devastating, but I truly believe she made me a stronger person. My kids always tell me, "Mom, you're a tough old broad!" I have bragging rights to belonging to two classes, 1965 and 1966, and with great friends in both classes, I cherish all their friendships.

The class speakers were wonderful. **Ruth '65 (Wasinger) Heckman** and **Joanne '65 (Gottschalk) Carson** marched up

waving small American flags and ready to party. **Anthony '65 Luick** was their other speaker. The speakers for the 40-year Class of 1975, **Mary '75 (Desmarreau) Toepfer** and **Bob '75 Leikam** were great. Bob spoke of "the young cadet freshmen" who attended their first school dance, dancing with a girl to a slow song. Just going to the dance alone was tramatric for some, then to hear this bellowing voice call out, "Make room for Jesus!" I couldn't stop laughing. You can't make this stuff up! Writing this still makes me laugh. It was one of the most enjoyable weekends. Thanks to all the class organizers for doing such a good job. The Class of 1966 will celebrate our 50th next year and hope to see many of you return. We are working on plans and you will receive your letter soon. Mark your calendars for September 23-24, 2016 and please make every attempt to come back. We are all getting older and wiser. Our Class of 1966 has had 28 classmates pass away. Let us reminisce about the old days and plan on seeing each other in the future.

Homecoming also brings about alumni board elections. The results were: **Fr. Earl '61 Befort, O.F.M. Cap.** was re-elected to serve his 18th term as alumni president, **Chris '77 Gottschalk** was re-elected to serve his 10th term as alumni vice president. **Michelle '97 (Hertel) Schlyer** was re-elected and **Julie '96 (Richmeier) Werth** was elected to serve as board members. Julie replaces **Eddie '96 Perrett** who chose not to pursue an additional term. If you are interested in serving on your alumni board, please contact the alumni office for more details.

Since the last Monogram, our list of alumni in heaven continues to grow larger and larger. As you read through the deaths, it amazes me how many siblings and spouses of deceased members have been educated in our halls. Friends - **Simon '44 Roth Jr., M. Richard '55 Grabbe**, Jim Bartels, Alice Orth, Sandie Haselhorst, Carolyn Bird & **Jean '76 (Wannamaker) Benedict**, cousins - Verlin Stramel & **Doug '77 Billinger**, classmates - **Thomas '66 Hull, Mary Ita '66 Sedlacek & Phyllis '65 (Engel) Stewart** and neighbor - Paul Baier all have a history with Thomas More Prep-Marian. Rest in peace. Thank you all for the memorials, phone calls and good wishes after the death of my husband **Bob '62 Billinger**. I hold your friendships and his memory close to my heart forever.

Wishing everyone the happiest holiday season. May 2016 bring you peace and joy.



# First Annual Military Appreciation October 22-23, 2015

Football Coach John Montgomery came up with an idea to honor our United States military and our beloved St. Joseph's Military Academy cadets. This new event was sponsored by Stan Dreiling and James Motor Company along with **Tim '88 Werth** and **Jeff '89 Dinkel** of Werth Wealth Management LLC.

John invited all of the cadets to return to their alma mater to attend a meal with the current football players on Thursday, October 22, 2015. **Chris '96 & Dana '96 (Witthuhn) Schumacher**, owners of Shorty's BBQ & Catering and **Galen '80 & Cindy Romme** served the delicious meal of barbequed chicken with a bun, sausage, potatoes and baked beans. Seventh grade football players served the coffee, ice tea and water, as well as clearing the tables. Each cadet received a complimentary t-shirt imprinted with "SJMA WE BUILD MEN" with the cadet crest on the front of each shirt and "MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT" across the back along with the Redeem Designs logo. **Nate '98 Meder** and Heath Meder of Redeem Designs were also contributors to this event. The alumni office has extra t-shirts for sale and they will be available in the Sports Scene during home basketball games in the Al Billinger Fieldhouse.

Guests were invited to attend the last home football game of the season at Lewis Field stadium and to be honored at half-time. John's goal in planning this military appreciation night was to display to his current athletes the dedication, devotion, respect and pride that these past students have for their country, family and alma mater.

A tailgate barbecue was again provided by Shorty's BBQ & Catering and for a free will offering, you could enjoy a pulled pork sandwich, bag of chips and your choice of bottled water or soda. The 7th grade football team was called into action once again to help serve this meal.



(Above) Ethan '18 Rohr poses with his great-grandparents Frank '46 & Celia Pfannenstiel after Frank handed him his new Cadet team jersey. (Center) Robert '68 Luck gives his grandson Tate '18 Garcia a new Cadet team jersey. (Bottom) Guests enjoy the barbecue dinner.



Pregame began with the introduction of all senior athletes and their parents. Following this, color guards from the United States Air Force, Army, Marine Corp., Navy and Coast Guard stood with color guards from the VFW and American Legion at center field. Stan Dreiling of James Motor Company supplied the large American Flag that was unfurled by the students and cheerleaders for the national anthem. Terry Krull was the vocalist for the national anthem as well as the Coast Guard anthem at half-time.

At halftime, the Patriot Guard rode their motorcycles around the track, paying respect to the large group of S.J.M.A. cadets and military men and women waiting at the south end of the football field to parade onto the field before stopping in front of the home crowd. The Monarch Marching Band took the field sporting red, white and blue t-shirts spelling out the letters U.S.A. each in a separate color. Athletic Director Gene Flax led the honorees onto the football field. A moment of silence was held in memory of fallen comrades. As the band played the anthems from each branch of the military, they were asked to step forward and be recognized. One oversight that did occur was asking our own SJMA cadets to step forward and be recognized separately. Our apologies, this will be corrected for next year.

This was an incredible and emotional evening for all who attended. Coach John Montgomery expresses his appreciation and thanks to all who participated. The pride for our country and respect for these fine ladies and gentlemen was evident in each and every face of those watching. We ask God's blessings on all of these individuals.



**Tim '87 and Michele Flax's** son T.J. is pictured above receiving his football jersey from former S.J.M.A. cadet **Ralph '43 Engel**. Michele sent the following message afterwards, "I thought it was amazing! Wow--real tear jerker for me. T.J. visited with his cadet after and heard all the stories from his class of '43! Never won a game and only scored two touchdowns the whole season! Most of his classmates were called to Pearl Harbor. Told the boys to hold their heads high and never let anyone make you think you're a loser if you're a fighter in your heart!" Very good advice Ralph!





**Photos of Military Appreciation Night by Jerry Satterfield, grandfather of Thomas '17 Cole #35**  
 Quote from Jerry: "My grandson invited me to the dinner and the game and I have to say that it was some of the best times I have had at any school function. As a veteran (Navy during Vietnam and 1st Gulf War) these programs truly DO mean a lot. Thanks for allowing me to attend."

**2010 - Sophia Schippers** has accepted a position with Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chtd. She graduated magna cum laude from Fort Hays State University in 2015 with both a bachelor's degree in business administration in accounting and a bachelor's degree in science in health and human performance with a concentration in health promotion and wellness. During her time at FHSU, Sophia made the dean's honor roll and served as a VIP ambassador.

**2011 - Alex Becker**, seminarian, headed up a Totus Tuus session this past summer. He and the three members of his team taught catechism sessions in Abilene, Beloit, Clay Center, Colby, Lincoln and Salina.

**2011 - Shaelyn Klaus** was named as one of 21 participants in the College Ministerial Internship Program at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology this summer. This six-week program forms the interns in Benedictine spirituality for ministry in the Catholic Church. She is a recent graduate of Benedictine College in Atchison and her parents are Bill & Brenda '81 (Gottschalk) Klaus.

**2011 - Cammie Schmidtberger** & Geoffrey Whisman were married on 8-29-15. Parents of the couple are Ron & Kim '84 (Gabel) Schmidtberger and Daren & Leola Whisman.

**2012 - Drew O'Brien** was named Fort Hays State University's male student-athlete of the week after the football game against University of Central Oklahoma in September, where he kicked the game-winning field goal. He also broke the school record for kicking points and tied the team's all time scoring record of 220 points set 49 years ago. Great job Drew!

**2014 - Alek Crawford** received the McDonald's Crew Member of the Month award from the North Hays store for his exceptional customer service and outstanding job performance in August.

**2014 - Mikaela Flax** was part of a Totus Tuus catechism teaching group this summer, visiting parish children in Atwood, Colby, Ellis, Hanover, Manhattan, Minneapolis, WaKeeney and Wilson.

**Sp - Fr. Daryl Olmstead** celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination on Sunday, June 22, 2015. Seventeen fellow priests attended the celebration, including Bishop Edward Weisenburger. Fr. Daryl has been the pastor for both St. Nicholas of Myra Church and St. Francis of Assisi Church plus pastoral designate for TMP-Marian School since 2005 and was recently transferred to the Tipton area. We wish him well in his new assignment and welcome Fr. Barry Brinkman, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, as the school's new pastor designate.

### Corrections from Summer Monogram

We apologize to Al Windholz for mistakenly identifying him as Lester Robben as a Golf Classic raffle prize winner.





## The Last Word

### Advancement Director

### Jeff Brull '94

Our Catholic faith is one based not only on the word of God, but it is also a living faith -- a Church made of the very people that it serves. I have always found this to be a fascinating uniqueness of Catholicism. Traditions passed from one generation to the next are an integral part of that which we continue to practice.

In a small way, I see Thomas More Prep-Marian as a microcosm of that same idea. Much in the same way that the body of the Church is made of you and me along with the millions that came before us and countless generations yet to be, our school is not just a building. It is so much more than bricks and classrooms, stairs and hallways. It doesn't take a person long to see that TMP-Marian is made of the people who love it, who learned from it, and those who have called it "home." Whether you attended Girls Catholic High, SJMA, TMP, St. Joseph's College, Marian High, Hays Catholic College, St. Francis Seminary, or Thomas More Prep-Marian, we are all part of the same experience that makes this school so unique.

I will add that many of our most fervent supporters have never attended this school or any of our predecessor institutions as a student. We have so many parents, benefactors, volunteers, organizations, families, businesses, and friends that complete the experience of this school and add to its life each day.

This time of year always brings out a part of me that enjoys contemplating the past. By its nature, fall represents a time when we express our thankfulness and reflect on the year. For us in the Advancement Office, it begins with homecoming weekend. We were blessed to have had so many from so far travel to be with us as we celebrated this year. We began a new tradition with Military Appreciation weekend. With the support of Campus Minister Barb Wagoner and many volunteers, we sent our student body into the community throughout the month of October to be the hands and feet of Jesus as part of their spiritual growth through class retreats. And, among other things, our fall musical recently wrapped up, and we saw record numbers enjoy more than 50 students from TMP-Marian and Holy Family Elementary, as well as many talented parents and volunteers as they produced *The Sound of Music* on the

Dreiling Theater Stage, where generations of students have entertained and learned from each other for decades.

We remain a place where people come to grow in their knowledge and faith as they prepare for lives as leaders in their communities, their parishes, their families, and in their professional lives. We are unique in our ability to connect generations with one another. Some of the more recent examples include:

- **Tony '65 Luick** spoke with our current government, history, psychology and sociology students about his experiences since graduating from SJMA and serving in Vietnam.
- Kansas Lt. Governor **Jeff '78 Colyer** invited our students to the Kansas State House for inauguration ceremonies this past January, and joined them on our campus again in May to witness the signing of historic legislation in the dining hall.



The cast and crew of *The Sound of Music* gather to pray for a successful opening night. (Above) The crew of *The Pirates of Penzance* manage the fly lines backstage 70 years ago. (Below)



- Generations of SJMA Cadets presented new football jerseys to our current players during a very moving Military Appreciation weekend dinner honoring past members of the team, as well as all Cadets and our men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces.
- Most recently, Marc Roth, brother of **Greg '62 Roth** who has passed away, visited select classes about his work as a defense contractor.
- Bishop Joseph Werth of Siberia spoke to the entire student body about the historical and current struggles of Catholicism in Russia. Following his presentation, he met with many of our students and staff who are his own relatives in the TMP-Marian chapel as he offered them a blessing in German.
- Even the mink stole worn by **Taylor '16 Dinkel** in the most recent stage production in her role as Frau Elsa Schrader belonged to **Lillian '51 (Dreiling) Schumacher**. It was given to her by her parents, Leo and Albina Dreiling for whom the school's theater is now named, on her graduation from Girls Catholic High nearly 65 years ago.

Indeed students of our school have always received an education of generations provided by the people who came before us. Our successes are your successes, and we thank you for your gifts, talents, and your faithful prayers in support of education at TMP-Marian; an education provided by generations.

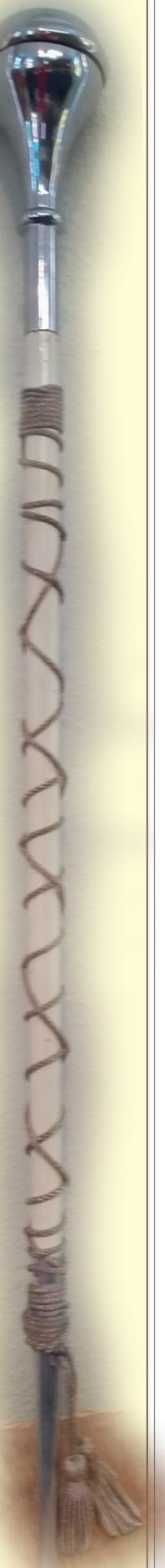
May God bless each of you this season of family, friends, and thankfulness.

The Drum Major's Baton (Right) was recently gifted back to TMP-Marian by **Dan '47 Reidy**. Dan served as drum major at the request of Fr. Tim Gottschalk.

Dan, along with his dear friends **Carl '46 Gafney** and **Betty '46 (Bissing) Talley**, traveled around the area with Fr. Tim performing songs from The Pirates of Penzance. Dan described Carl and Betty as, "Beautiful voices; beautiful people."

Following graduation, Carl and Betty were engaged to be married. In the summer, Carl, while working at a local grain elevator, was severely injured in an explosion and was rushed to St. Anthony Hospital. Fr. Tim baptized Carl, as he had never been baptized, and administered last rights. Carl later passed away.

In 1972, Fr. Tim gifted the baton to Dan as he led the homecoming parade with his five sons at his 25th class reunion. Dan returned the baton to TMP-Marian, along with Carl's story this past spring.



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**But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”**

**Luke 2:10-11**

**Christmas 2013 - A Living Nativity  
with Haileigh '14 Jacobs as the Angel Gabriel  
and Samantha '14 Whitmer as the Blessed Mother.**

**Photo by Gary '78 Schmeidler**