



# New Panther Principal

## David Stephenson will take over the helm for grades 7-12

Fr. Mike Baldwin, Our Lady of Lourdes Pastor, is pleased to announce that a new principal has been hired for grades 7-12 for the upcoming school year. Mr. David Stephenson, who currently works for the Augusta, Kansas, school district, will assume his new duties on July 1st. David has been in education for 12 years and is a graduate of Newman University in Wichita, KS. His wife,



Joy, is a registered nurse and they have two children, Ava, an incoming fifth grader, and Bryce, a kindergartner. Currently, both children attend St. James Catholic School in Augusta and will be entering St. Mary's Elementary this fall. David brings both a solid Catholic faith and proven leadership skills to our junior high and high schools. He and his family look forward to being part of our parish. Welcome to the Stephenson family!

# Serving Those in Ecuador

Randi Bridgewater ('09) currently is serving as a missionary with Heart's Home in Ecuador. Heart's Home is an international Catholic nonprofit organization founded in 1990 to foster and spread a culture of compassion ([usa.heartshome.org](http://usa.heartshome.org)). Heart's Home has been in Ecuador for 15 years. Randi is in charge of everything liturgical in their community. "This means that I take care of all the liturgical items, Sacristan the Mass when we invite a priest over to

say Mass for us, am attentive to the Feasts in the Liturgy of the Hours, and keep our Chapel in order (every Heart's Home is blessed to have a Chapel with the Blessed Sacrament in their house). But my favorite part of my new role as 'Head of Liturgy' is that each Sunday I have the humble opportunity to take communion to two abuelitas (elderly women)." Randi has witnessed a transformation of

one of these elderly women who was, at first, very weak and tired when she visited. Week after week they returned with Holy Communion and prayed with her and her family. "Now, when we come to pray with her and give her communion, she practically shoots up in bed, or sometimes is even sitting in the family room and welcomes us with a joy-filled smile," Randi wrote. In the aftermath of the earthquake, Randi said it has been crazy. The epicenter was north of her, but they felt it quite powerfully. A bridge in the center of town fell, which has disrupted traffic, and the aftershocks were felt for many days. Randi accompanied missionaries to the Convention Center to help coordinate

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Bridgewater (fourth from left) works to coordinate donations.

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# Alumna Recognized by American Academy of Family Physicians

Maureen Murphy has fond memories of her years at St. Mary's Colgan Catholic School. After attending kindergarten at Horace Mann, she attended first through eighth grades at St. Mary's Elementary and then went on to Colgan High School. Maureen, and good friend Maureen Dudgeon ('69) (now Dr. Dudgeon), played the organ at Our Lady of Lourdes for many years, even getting out of school to play at funerals and play and sing at Christmas Masses.



As a member of the class of 1969, she vividly remembers when Father Colgan was killed in a car wreck and the school name was changed to Colgan High School. She was an active member of drama and music in high school and she was head of the pep club, something Maureen says was in her genes because her dad was a football coach at PSU. There were few opportunities for girls to compete in sports in the 1960s prior to Title IX, but she did what she could. She recalls how the, "girls would go out early in the mornings to 'decorate' the football and basketball players' homes and cars prior to big games. Then all of us girls would meet at Harry's Cafe to drink hot chocolate and eat breakfast."

After high school, Maureen earned a bachelor's degree in English from Pittsburg State University in 1973. But the journalism field ultimately led her down the path to become a medical doctor.

While working in public relations with the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine in Kansas City, she began thinking that taking care of families and communities might be in her future. Maureen was accepted into the University of Kansas School of Medicine and graduated in 1985, with an award for Outstanding Student in Family Practice. Murphy then completed a residency in family medicine at Duke University and became a clinical instructor at the East Carolina School of Medicine Family Practice Center in Greenville, NC. The years 1990 to 2011 found Dr. Murphy in private practice where she founded an independent, full-spectrum, family medicine practice in Gastonia, NC. While in Gastonia, Maureen met and married Scott Maxwell.

In 2011, her passion for teaching took her to Cabarrus Family Medicine in Concord, NC, where she mentors the next generation of family physicians. Dr. Murphy wrote, "My current job involves not only seeing patients but also teaching medical students and Family Medicine residents; I love both ends of this, but at this point in my life/career, I love passing along knowledge and watching the next generation of doctors develop." Last fall, Murphy was honored by the American Academy of Family Physicians as the 2016 Family Physician of the Year. This past April, Dr. Murphy was awarded the 2016 Meritorious Achievement Award by Pittsburg State University.

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donations for Manabi. The level of faith of the people has impressed Randi. "We have spread the word around our neighborhood that anyone can come to our house to pray in

front of the Blessed Sacrament, and so many people have come to pray with us." Please pray for Randi, her work, and the people she is serving in Ecuador.

## News Blasts



### Two-Time Forensics State Champ

For the second year in a row, Ciara Sanchez ('16) is the 2A State Champion in Humorous Solo Acting. She helped the SMC Forensics Team take fifth place at the state tournament April 30, 2016, in Wichita, KS. Also, Ciara will represent SMC for the fourth time at the National Speech and Debate Tournament this summer in Salt Lake City, Utah. Congratulations, Ciara!

### A March to Remember

Along with 600 other students and chaperones from the Diocese of Wichita, 24 SMC students, 4 chaperones and Fr. Rick Kotrba, School Chaplain, braved the blizzard of Washington, DC, to attend the March for Life in January. Because of the blizzard, the Diocese of Wichita advised our pilgrims to stay in DC and wait out the storm. The group spent an additional two, unplanned days and nights snowed-in at their hotel. God bless them for standing up for life!

### Maus Receives Award

SMC alumna and teacher Donna (Normand) Maus is the 2016 recipient of the St. Albert the Great Award as a distinguished teacher of science in Grades 7-12. Donna was also selected as the KAIRS Distinguished Teacher of the Year from the Diocese of Wichita. KAIRS is the Kansas Association of Independent and Religious Schools and is the state's largest organization of non-public schools. Donna is a 1980 graduate of SMC and currently teaches Biology and Anatomy & Physiology at St. Mary's Colgan High School.

### Alumna Recognized by PSU College of Education

Congratulations to Anna Drenick ('12) for being selected by the Pittsburg State University College of Education as the Secondary Education Teacher of Promise for the Spring 2016 semester. Anna will be teaching 8th grade Writing at Girard Middle School beginning in the fall of 2016.



SMC Alumni News Blasts are emailed monthly with information about activities and accomplishments at SMC, as well as updates about alumni. To receive these News Blasts, send your email address to [alumni@OLLsmc.com](mailto:alumni@OLLsmc.com)

# A Message from Dennis Burke, Director of School Advancement



**Dear Alumni & Friends of SMC:**

We've had a great spring here at SMC. We have graduated an exceptional group of 38 seniors and I know they will make us all proud, as so many of you have done, as they make their way in the world.

Thanks to all of our alumni and friends in the Wichita area who attended our Panther Pride Gathering at Newman University on April 17th. We had a great time meeting those in the area who were able to stop by for some refreshments and a chance to say "hi" to Coach Chuck Smith, Joe ('79) and Janice (Wilbert) Dellasega ('77), Frances Mitchelson, Chris (Wilbert) Flood ('85) and others from the Pittsburg area who helped host the event. A special thanks to Fr. Joe Gile, Associate Pastor from 1988-1993, for stopping by to visit. Several door prizes were given away and those in attendance were able to look at past yearbooks as they reminisced with their fellow Panthers. A video produced by our students of highlights from the school year was shown as well.



It looks like we will be moving the gathering to the fall with an even bigger turnout anticipated. All agreed it was an event worth continuing.

A week later, another Panther Pride Gathering was held in the Kansas City area prior to our Panthers' baseball game with the Bishop Ward Cyclones. Starting at 11:00 in the morning, we hosted a picnic featuring good ol' Chicken Annie's chicken to approximately 65 friends, alumni and parents of SMC. Frank Crespino and Pat Forbes were able to attend and visit with folks before sitting down to an almost perfect (weather-wise) afternoon of baseball. Though we didn't beat Bishop Ward on the field, all agreed the gathering was a "home run"! Special thanks to the Floods (Tim and Chris), Jessica (Russell) Nicholson ('01), and Wendi (Wilbert) Piccini ('85), for helping make this an event worth repeating.



So as you can see, we are trying to connect with our alumni and friends in the places where they have settled. We realize you might not always be able to come back to Pittsburg and attend SMC events. It's fun and exciting to see how you are doing in your own back yard and to let you know you will always be part of the Panther family! Have a great summer and God bless you for all that you do to provide a school where FAITH, EXCELLENCE, and TRADITION are the hallmarks of an SMC Catholic education.

Faithfully,  
Dennis Burke, Director of School Advancement



Thank you to the SMC Alumni and Friends who gathered in Wichita and Kansas City for our Panther Pride Gatherings. We look forward to more of these events in the future. If you are interested in hosting a Panther Pride Gathering in your area, please email Chris Flood at [alumni@OLLsmc.com](mailto:alumni@OLLsmc.com) or call the parish office at 620-231-2135.

## SMC Annual Appeal

With the rising cost of education, the Annual Appeal makes a tremendous difference in meeting the needs of our students.

**There is still time to be a part of the 2015-2016 Annual Appeal!**

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As of May 1, 2016, donations received total \$322,834.70. Donations can be made online at [www.OLLsmc.com](http://www.OLLsmc.com) or mailed to SMC Annual Appeal: PO Box 214, Pittsburg, KS 66762



St. Mary's second graders pose with newly purchased drums and percussion instruments. Donations made to the SMC Annual Appeal were used to purchase these items to enhance our elementary music program.

## Normand Publishes Second Book

Marcel Normand, former SMC Religion and Social Studies instructor, has published his second book, a biography of one of Fort Scott Community College's most extraordinary and beloved teachers, Lucile James. The book, titled: *The Lucile James Story: Portrait of a Remarkable Teacher*, reveals the lady behind the English and Literature Instructor at FSCC for 25 years until her death in 1985. "She affected my life greatly," explained Normand, "as well as that of my family. We were both hired there in 1960 and her teaching methods and wise counsel made me a better teacher and person. She was a guiding force for my life, both in and out of the classroom." Thus far, some 500 copies have been sold. Anyone interested should contact Normand at 620-347-8563 (Arma, KS).

# Looking Back... compiled by Chris Flood

## ...10 Years

### ANN (ELDER) MALONE

After Ann (Elder) Malone graduated from St. Mary's Colgan in 2006, she attended Pittsburg State University and graduated in May 2010 with a BS in Communications and a minor in Marketing. While at Pittsburg State, she met Carey Malone, whom she married in July of 2010. Ann and Carey moved to Overland Park, where Ann was a Leasing Consultant for Jefferson Pointe Apartments. After a year, they found themselves wanting to be closer to home, so they moved to Carey's home town of Ft. Scott where Ann spent a couple of years substitute teaching and working as a secretary for a small local church. In May of 2013, Ann and Carey welcomed their daughter Elliette, and Ann became a stay-at-home mom.

Since the summer of 2014, Ann has been working part-time from home as a Personal Assistant and Product Developer for KNOTS, LLC, a small business that specializes in custom, personalized products; primarily knot hats that are used by photographers all over the world and are gifted to moms for their newborns. In the fall of 2015, the Malones moved back to Pittsburg. When asked about favorite memories for SMC, Ann wrote, "Looking back, something I enjoyed most from high school was art class with Mrs. Carlson and just being a part of the long-standing traditions at SMC, such as, singing "Goodnight Irene" to the Sisters and "Colgan High" after the football games.

## ...20 Years

### RUDY DRAPER

Rudy Draper graduated from St. Mary's Colgan in 1996. After graduation, Rudy joined the United States Marine Corps attaining the rank of Sergeant. He was deployed on multiple combat tours around the world. In 2005, after getting out of the Marine Corps, Rudy joined the Kansas National Guard, where he continues to serve as a Staff Sergeant. Rudy has also provided local leadership as well. In 2007 he was elected to the Pittsburg City Commission and was elected Mayor of Pittsburg in 2009. His term ended in 2013. Rudy graduated from American

University online with a bachelor's degree in business and is currently attending Grantham University working on his Master's in Business Administration, which he will finish in August of 2016. Rudy has worked for Superior Industries as a foundry manager; Miller's Professional Imaging as a quality inspector and currently is a production manager for Gates Corporation. He lives in Chanute, Kansas, with his wife, Christy, and family including three daughters, Elizabeth, age 14, Kaitlin, 11 and Daisy, 4 months.

## ...30 Years

### DR. LYNN (KAZMIERSKI) WUTHNOW

Dr. Lynn (Kazmierski) Wuthnow graduated from St. Mary's Colgan in 1986. From there she was a member of the first six-year combined BA/DDS dental class at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She graduated with honors from dental school in 1992 and set up her dental practice in Salina, Kansas. Since that time Lynn has chaired several dental study clubs and served as president of the Golden Belt Dental District and the Salina Dental Society. She volunteered many hours in setting up a dental screening process and access to care for the local Head Start Program in Salina. She currently is on the Board of Directors of Salina Family Healthcare Center & Smoky Hill Family Medicine Residency Program. In 1988, Lynn married Duane Wuthnow, a Pittsburg State University graduate with a major in secondary education. Duane taught high school in Missouri and Kansas while Lynn attended dental school. Currently, Duane manages their agricultural and livestock operation in northern Saline County. They have two boys. Blake is 23 years old and Nick is 20. Both boys attended St. Mary's Catholic Grade School and

Sacred Heart Jr-Sr High School in Salina, Kansas. Blake graduated from Pittsburg State University in 2014 and is currently in his second year of dental school at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He will be a third-generation dentist. Blake is engaged to be married this September. Nick is a sophomore at Pittsburg State University majoring in Biology and playing on the Gorilla football team. He was assistant wrestling coach for the Pittsburg Community Middle School team this past season and has been active in the kids' wrestling program as well as helping with the Purple Dragon wrestling team. Having become recent empty nesters, Duane and Lynn enjoy traveling, hiking, golfing and spending time with their friends. Lynn wrote, "I was so blessed to have had the opportunity to attend St. Mary's Colgan schools. My time there instilled in me an appreciation for faith, education, discipline and lasting friendships. When it was my time to choose a school for my sons, I knew a Catholic education was the only choice for us."

## ...40 Years

### SUE (KELLER) BAIN

Sue (Keller) Bain graduated from Colgan in 1976. She attended Pittsburg State University where she received both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Elementary Education. Sue has spent 34 years teaching, with the last 30 years at Shawnee Mission School District. She currently teaches second grade. Sue and her husband, Kenny Bain, have been married for 30 years and live in Lenexa, Kansas. Kenny works at Duranotic Doors. They have three children, daughters Audrey and Jordan and son, Dakota. Audrey and her husband live in Gardner, Kansas. Both have Criminal Justice degrees from Missouri Southern and work in theft and loss prevention. Jordan received her nursing degree from Pittsburg

State University and works at the University of Kansas on the cancer unit. Dakota is currently in the nursing program at Pittsburg State University. Sue devotes a lot of time as a volunteer with the program Hands to Hearts which provides weekly "backsnacks" for area children, provides a bookmobile to area schools and also has a clothing section. Sue wrote, "I really appreciate all the sacrifices my parents made to send myself and my siblings to St. Mary's. The lifelong lessons of caring, respect, being empathetic toward others, volunteering...those were things I learned at St. Mary's. I try to live my faith every day and my education at St. Mary's provided a learning environment where I could grow academically and spiritually."

## ...50 Years

### JOHN WACHTER

John Wachter graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1966. John continued his education in Pittsburg, Lawrence, St. Louis, Topeka and Kansas City, eventually obtaining four degrees from four different universities. In 1971, John married Susan Smith. John practiced law for 30 years and worked in the banking industry until his retirement in 2010. Susan also recently retired after working 40 years at the University of Kansas. They have lived in Lawrence since 1983. Their daughter, Jessica,

and her husband, Chris, also live in Lawrence with their eight-year-old grandson, Henry, and 5 year-old granddaughter, Landry. John and Susan are enjoying retirement which involves a lot of babysitting. About St. Mary's, John wrote, "The foundation of St. Mary's and its faculty and coaches served me well both personally and professionally. I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of old people at the Class of '66 reunion this fall."

## ...60 Years

### RICHARD SHAW

Richard Shaw (AKA: Dickie Shaw) was one of 28 members of the Class of 1956. After graduation he attended Conception Seminary for one semester and then transferred to Rockhurst College where he graduated with a BSBA in Marketing in 1960. After six months as a medic in the Army, he became an insurance adjuster before moving to St. Louis to work on his graduate degree in Business Administration at St. Louis University. He shortly ran out of money and found a job teaching business courses at Corpus Christi High School in Jennings, MO, for two years and then landing a faculty position teaching in the Business and Economics Department at Fontbonne College, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. It was at Fontbonne where he met a pretty Biology major, Adolphine Brungardt (Daffy), who was a senior from Maysville, OK. He convinced her to marry him and she obliged. Their three children, Rich, John and Shannon, were all born in St. Louis. Dick received his Master's and his Ab.D. (that's an almost Ph.D.--"All but Dissertation") from St. Louis University. The Shaws moved to Kansas City where Dick began teaching at Longview Community College for 11 years before he was asked to return to Rockhurst College where he taught Marketing courses for the next 22 years. All three of the Shaw kids received two degrees

from Rockhurst University—Rich and John each received a Bachelor's and Master's Degrees and Shannon earned a Bachelor's and a Teaching Certificate. She received a Master's in Education from Pittsburg State University. During his career Dick received several awards for teaching and service and his teaching philosophy has always been "Laugh and Learn." Dick said, "I loved going to school at St. Mary's—12 years studying in the same building and praying in the same church. The priests and the sisters were great role models and teachers and did an excellent job of preparing us for life—both spiritually and academically. I can remember all the names of my teachers and kept in touch with Sister Victorine in Wichita. In a school the size of St. Mary's we could serve at Mass; participate in drama, band, and chorus; and still make the football, basketball and baseball teams. And if we won our football game, we sang 'Goodnight Irene' to the Sisters in front of the convent door." After sixty years, the class of '56 still remains close. They had a 60th Kindergarten Reunion at "Shaw Manor" in Kansas City in 2003. This three-day event welcomed 35 attendees on Friday, 45 on Saturday and 58 for Mass and Brunch on Sunday at Patty Burns-Pickert's home with Father Robert Kocour celebrating Mass. Dick says, "We know how to have fun!"

## ...70 Years

### ANGIE (PEAK) PATTERSON

Angie (Peak) Patterson graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1946. In November of 1950, Angie married Forrest Patterson at St. Alice Catholic Church in Capaldo. Forrest worked in construction and later was employed by the City of Pittsburg Water Department until his retirement. Forrest died in 1993. Angie worked for a few years as a secretary and bookkeeper for Paul Jones Realty. After raising their family, Angie returned to work for National Pizza Company in accounting, retiring in 1994. The couple had five children, who all graduated from St. Mary's Colgan. Karen Badart ('70) has been Executive Assistant for Gene Bicknell for 38 years. Kevin ('75) is a Registered Nurse and also has a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He is a Healthcare consultant. Kent ('84) attended college at DeVry University in Kansas City and has been with the IT Department at NPC International in Pittsburg for

24 years. Kayla Martinez ('85) has been with Freeman Health Systems in Joplin, for 27 years, since graduating from the PSU Nursing Department. The past 13 years she has been Director of their two Urgent Care Clinics. Kathy Warner ('87) does medical billing at the Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas in Pittsburg. She has been there for 10 years after being an assistant to Chiropractor Dr. Shearer for a number of years. Angie has 11 grandchildren, after losing one precious grandson, Anthony Martinez, in an accident in 2015. She also has 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson. Having lived in the Pittsburg area for her entire life, Angie wrote, "I have many memories of my years at St. Mary's High School, and since I have retired I have enjoyed being a part of our Parish organizations – The Tuesday Morning Rosary Group, St. Paul's Group, Altar Society and St. Mary's Goodwill Store."

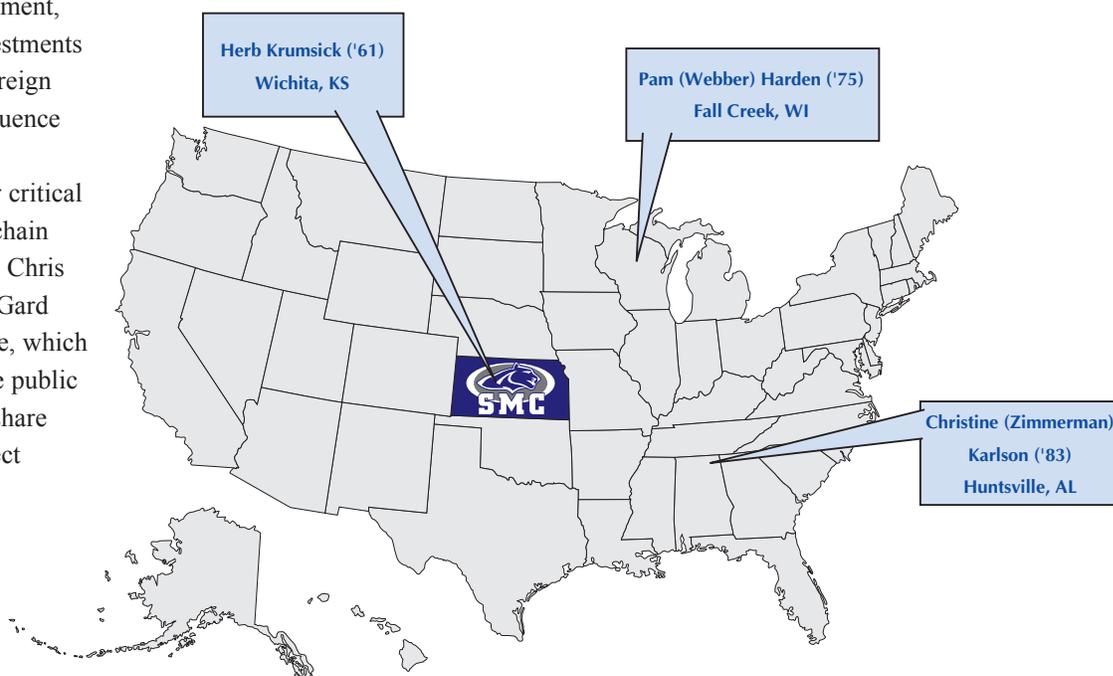
# Ring the Bells for SMC Graduates Shore to Shore

*One of the treasured traditions at St Mary's Colgan is ringing the church bells after a football victory. The town of Pittsburg has heard those bells ringing on Thursday and Friday nights for nearly 50 years. We thought ringing the bells was a great metaphor for the great work our alumni have been doing for decades across the country and around the world. The good lives our alumni are leading make our work at SMC heard and felt everyday all across the globe. In our newest feature in the newsletter, we will be figuratively "Ring the Bells" to celebrate SMC. We invite you to nominate yourself or other SMC graduates you feel should be featured in future newsletters. Email Alumni@OLLsmc.com or call 620-231-2135. Let's shout to the mountain top about St. Mary's Colgan graduates while we are Ringing the Bells!*



## **Christine (Zimmerman) Karlson ('83)**

Chris Karlson is a Senior Intelligence and Program Protection Analyst/Certified Security Professional at ManTech International, which provides support to the Missile Defense Agency (MDA). Her job entails assessing emerging technology and developing protection plans critical to our warfighters and Missile Defense. She works with other offices within the Department of Defense to help develop plans, policies and procedures that our engineers and technicians use to keep our information secure. She also performs analysis and research in response to Supply Chain Risk Management, Committee on Foreign Investments in the United States and Foreign Ownership, Control, or Influence inquiries for major defense programs which protect our critical manufacturing and supply chain infrastructure. Additionally, Chris is the president of the InfraGard Huntsville Member Alliance, which is a partnership between the public sector and the FBI to help share critical information to protect our private sector critical infrastructure. She has supported MDA and Ballistic Missile Defense Systems for over 20 years. Chris lives in Huntsville, Alabama, with her husband of almost 20 years, Eric Karlson.



## **Herb Krumsick ('61)**

Herb Krumsick lives in Wichita, Kansas. Herb was a real estate broker, selling investment properties for the first 17 years of his career. After that he formed an R.E. Asset Manager company and acquired an investment partnership and assets around the country. Herb has worked for 45 years as Senior Vice President of J.P. Weigand and Sons, Inc. Herb is still active in the business on a semi-retired basis as of this year. Herb and wife, Kathy, of 44 years, recently downsized to a new house in Wichita. They have six children and eight grandchildren, all living in Wichita.

## **Pam (Webber) Harden ('75)**

Pam Harden lives in Fall Creek, Wisconsin, which is a very small farm community south of Eau Claire. After high school, Pam attended nursing school. She has been a registered nurse for 15 years. Pam is currently working for Mayo Health Care Systems as a cardiac nurse. She and her husband, Kim, of 32 years, have three children, two grandchildren with another grandchild on the way. Pam is a diehard Packers fan and has made many trips to Lambeau field!



### Alumni Wedding Announcements

*And Two Shall Become One*

**Justyna Dobrowolska ('02) and Mohammed Zakaria**  
August 29, 2015

**Allison Keegan ('03) and Craig Morgan**  
January 2, 2016

**Aaron Flood ('10) and Emily Rausch**  
January 9, 2016

**Kenny Maus ('05) and Jerica Gardner**  
January 16, 2016

**Maggie Sloan ('11) and Curtis Beall**  
January 23, 2016

### Alumni Birth Announcements

*Welcome to the Baby Panthers*



**Brian and Jessica (Smith) Simpson ('05)**  
Announce the birth of a daughter, Genevieve Ann  
May 18, 2015

**Chad and Terra (Buche) Stotler ('03)**  
Announce the birth of a son, Garrett Parker  
October 26, 2015

**Jeremiah ('08) and Railyn Fleming**  
Announce the birth of a daughter, Miah Rai  
November 6, 2015

**Charlie ('09) and Betsy Sloan**  
Announce the birth of baby girl, Anne Thérèse  
January 14, 2016

**Brian ('99) and Tara Wilbert**  
Announce the birth of a son, Charlie Hoover  
February 19, 2016

**James and Lindsay (Collar) Ford ('09)**  
Announce the birth of a daughter, Adrienne Elizabeth  
March 5, 2016

**Jeremy and Anna (Marietta) Sweaney ('04)**  
Announce the birth of twins, son, William Jake  
and daughter, Lennox Marietta, March 9, 2016

**Keep your fellow alumni updated on your life. Send in announcements of births, weddings, career changes and advancements or other life updates. We will publish them in our next SMC Alumni Newsletter.**

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### Recently Deceased Alumni

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.*

**Julie (Strasser) Pyle ('76)** September 28, 2015

**Jeanne (Krumsick) Miller ('51)** December 3, 2015

**Rose (Blanken) Buening ('56)** December 6, 2015

**Raymond Vietti ('65)** December 24, 2015

**Sylvia (Silvia) Spruk ('49)** December 25, 2015

**Janice (Purdon) Telscher ('55)** January 26, 2016

**James Thomas ('64)** February 25, 2016

**William Joseph (Joe) Burns ('62)** March 2, 2016

**Barbara (Brohl) Thimmesch ('64)** March 11, 2016

**Irene (Banke) Wilbert ('46)** March 18, 2016

**Martha (Spencer) Dunn ('69)** March 20, 2016

**Frank Tisot ('42)** April 1, 2016

**Coletta (Ursic) Romanzi ('48)** April 10, 2016

**Betty (Cronister) Stevenson ('47)** April 15, 2016

## Remembering those who have served at SMC



**Sister Victorine Buser, 99, passed away Monday, March 28, 2016, in Wichita, KS.** Sister Victorine was born in Wichita, March 19, 1917, the youngest of four children, and was given the name Marcella Mary. Sister Victorine was received into the Sisters of St. Joseph of Wichita on March 19, 1936, professing her final vows August 14, 1941. Among her many teaching assignments, Sister Victorine spent many years teaching at St. Mary's Colgan High School. In 1975, she was missioned to Kyoto, Japan, where she taught English conversation. She returned to the United States in 2004 and took up residence at Mount St. Mary Convent. Mass of Christian Burial was April 5, 2016.

**On Friday, April 22nd, Father Joseph Slomski, 90, a priest of the Diocese of Wichita for 63 years, passed away.** He was born on Dec. 18, 1925, in New Britain, Connecticut, and studied for the priesthood at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. He was ordained to the priesthood on Feb. 28, 1953. Fr. Slomski served at Our Lady of Lourdes from 1961-1962. Mass of Christian Burial was April 27, 2016.



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**Upcoming Class Reunions**

**CLASS OF 1966**  
**September 9-11, 2016**  
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 Kathy Sunnenberg, 417-881-3920; Paula Caldwell,  
 330-726-6499; or Christie Gill, 620-231-0048.

**CLASS OF 1986**  
**July 22-24, 2016**  
 For more information contact:  
 Julie Swearingen Schaller at [Jschaller12@yahoo.com](mailto:Jschaller12@yahoo.com).  
 Join the Facebook page: St. Mary's Colgan Class of 1986.

**CLASS OF 1996**  
**September 2-4, 2016**  
 For more information contact:  
 Sara Huerter at [snhuerter@yahoo.com](mailto:snhuerter@yahoo.com).

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 at 620-231-2135 and let us know. Fill out the reunion form at  
[OLLsmc.com/alumni/reunions](http://OLLsmc.com/alumni/reunions) and learn how we can help you.



SMC is now on Facebook - search for St. Mary's Colgan Catholic Schools. You will find updates on activities, pictures and links to watch SMC football and basketball games online.

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**Remember when?**

1996 State Class 2A Boys Basketball Champions

*From the News Blast:* Coach Wayne Cichon, Boys Basketball head coach, was surprised at the SMC homecoming game on Friday, February 12th when his 1996 team showed up to present him with a plaque commemorating the 20th anniversary of their 2A State Championship, Coach Cichon's first state title at the helm of SMC.