



St. Mary's Colgan

Alumni & Friends Newsletter

Spring 2018

Sisters Coming to SMC

After several years of prayer and discernment we are happy to announce that teaching Sisters are returning to St. Mary's Colgan Catholic Schools! These four Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) have been assigned to our K-12 schools for the 2018-2019 school year.



Sister John Marie Zwenger grew up traveling with her father's Air Force career. She attended Vicenza American High School in Italy and Loyola College Prep High School in Louisiana. Sister obtained her degree in Elementary Education from Fort Hays State University and Newman University in Kansas. She will complete her Master's degree in Theology this summer at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Pennsylvania. Sr. John Marie professed her first vows in 2005 and final vows in 2008. She has taught first grade for ten years at St. Margaret Mary in Wichita.

She taught third grade at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Northridge, California and completed graduate studies in education in 1997 at which time she was blessed with an Ignatian Retreat for 36 days. After 10 years, Sister then moved to Tucson, Arizona where she continued to teach. Sister wrote, "After much prayer and discernment, I knew in my heart that God was calling me to transfer to our IHM Sisters of Wichita, Kansas in May of 2003." She has taught 7th and 8th grade religion at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Francis of Assisi. In the summer of 2015, she obtained her Masters of Arts degree in Religious Studies: Systemic Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For the past eleven years she has been teaching middle school religion at St. Peter the Apostle in Schulte, Kansas.

schools before entering the convent. On February 22nd, 2014, Sister Mary Lucia made her first profession of vows, and she professed Final Vows on June 24th, 2017. Sister comes to St. Mary's Colgan from Bishop Carroll Catholic High School where she has been teaching religion the past four years.



Sister Mary Clare Johnson was born and raised in Southern California. As a teenager, she converted to Catholicism. After high school, Sister worked at a bank and spent her free time training and showing dogs. In 1986, she entered religious life with the IHM Sisters of California and professed her first vows in January 1988. She obtained a BA degree in Psychology from Mt. St. Mary's College, California, and professed final vows in 1991.



Sister Mary Lucia Stuhlsatz grew up in St. Mary's Aleppo Parish near Garden Plain, Kansas. She graduated from Garden Plain High School and received her teaching degree from Pittsburg State University. She taught science for a year in the Wichita public



Sister Mary Ann Kirkland was born in Topeka, KS and grew up in Wichita, graduating from the School of the Magdalen and Kapaun-Mt. Carmel. She attended WSU and entered the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary between her Junior and Senior year in college. She finished her degree in General Studies at WSU, completing her education courses through St. Mary of the Plains College. She went on to earn a Masters degree in Religious Education from the Notre Dame Pontifical Catechetical Institute and a Masters in Dogmatic Theology from St. Thomas Aquinas University (Angelicum) in Rome. Sister has taught at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Kapaun-Mt. Carmel Catholic High School, in Wichita, and Trinity Catholic High School, in Hutchinson.

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The Panther Cometh

After Dan Spangler donated his original painting, Gorilla Sunrise, to Pittsburg State University, a couple of SMC graduates approached him about creating a painting for St. Mary's Colgan. Spangler, who attended SMC from kindergarten-12th grade, graduating in 1972, agreed to do the painting and came up with the idea of a panther in the snow using predominantly school colors. His finished work, The Panther Cometh, was recently donated to St. Mary's Colgan where it will be displayed prominently in the High School Commons. After high school, art was not Dan's field of focus in college, as he attained a Bachelor's of Science in Biology from Pittsburg State



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University followed by a Master's of Science in Microbiology from the University of Arkansas. Fresh out of college, Dan managed a research project in San German, Puerto Rico, where he met his wife Wandy. Dan worked as a Senior Scientist/Principal Scientist for Research and Development for several major pharmaceutical companies including Johnson and Johnson, Novartis and Bristol Meyer Squib. He has attained several patents and numerous peer reviewed publications in the area of anti-infection research. In the 1980's, while working in the pharmaceutical industry, Dan developed an interest in painting. He took weekend art classes with Dinah Romero, an impressionist painter from Madrid where he learned to use graphite, pen and ink, pastel



and oil. Dan does extensive research to create his art. For The Panther Cometh, Dan photographed a tiger at the Tiger Creek Wildlife Refuge in Tyler, Texas. Using his computer, he superimposed elements of a growling jaguar to create the facial features of the animal he envisioned, and then used Pinterest Black Panther references to detail the fur, highlights and shadows. As an homage to SMC, the painting is done entirely in blue and white, with the exception of the tongue and eyes. The deep blue of the panther and the white of the snow create a striking panther. Dan is an award winning artist with his art in private collections in the Caribbean and the United States, and now St. Mary's Colgan. He has recently retired from the pharmaceutical industry to pursue art full time. You can find more of Dan's artwork at fineartamerica.com/profiles/dan-spangler.html

Sister Prudentia



Sister Prudentia Nelson passed away on April 5, at the age of 92. Born Mary Arlene, in Denis, Kansas, she was the second child in the family of four girls and two boys. Sister was raised on the family farm in Labette County, then later near Humboldt where she was heavily involved in 4-H. She attended

Iola Jr. College, then taught for three years in DeWitt and Humboldt, before going to K-State on a 4-H scholarship. In September of 1948, she entered the Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph in Wichita, making her final vows in 1954. Sister taught at St. Mary's Colgan from 1969-1993. Even after retiring and moving to Mt. St. Mary's in Wichita, Sister taught English as a Second Language and GED classes as well as tutored and taught Religion. Sister Prudentia is survived by one sister, Anna Ford and one brother, Robert Nelson. Mass of Christian burial was held on April 11 in Wichita. May her soul and souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Instrument Donation



Last fall, Elementary Principal Nancy Hicks ('74) put out a request for used instruments for our band. Dr. Susan Rogers ('68) passed that request along to her colleague at Baker University and the above pictured donation was the result. Dr. Harold Frye directs a charitable foundation that collects, rehabs and donates musical instruments to schools and individuals. Pictured is Dr. Frye with Nancy and SMC band teacher Kaitlyn DeGraff and the large donation of instruments. On Friday, March 23rd, Dr. Rogers and Dr. Frye delivered the instruments to St. Mary's. Thank you Dr. Rogers and Dr Frye!!



Sister Ann Meyer Celebrates 60th Anniversary

On March 19, Sr. Ann Meyer's celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the profession of her vows as a Sister of St. Joseph. A graduate of St. Mary's ('56), Margaret Ann Meyer originally took the name Sister Rose Herman in 1958, changing to Sr. Ann Meyer after Vatican II. Sr. Ann taught elementary school for 30 years in California and Kansas, including St. Mary's Elementary, and worked for 20 years in senior and nursing home care. Over the past 10 years, she has worked with the Community Health Center in Southeast Kansas, scanning medical records. We are blessed and thankful for Sr. Ann's vocation and congratulate her on her 60th anniversary.

Our Catholic School System

by Dennis Burke



A quick glance at Catholic blogosphere tells you that there seems to be a wide variety of just how CATHOLIC a Catholic school can be. While there has always been differences between diocesan Catholic school systems, what becomes clearer is how much variance there is in their Catholic identity.

We in the Wichita diocese have been blessed with a clear vision of what our Catholic schools should be; Catholic first and foremost. While some critics of Catholic education will tell you there is little difference between the Catholic school down the street and their local public school, it is evident that those Catholic schools which continue to keep an authentic Catholic identity as their first priority truly thrive. Bob Voboril, our diocesan superintendent of schools, is quick to point out that he administers a Catholic school system, not a private one. Indeed, one of many hallmarks of his tenure has been his commitment to an authentic Catholic identity for our

schools versus a private school identity under a Catholic label.

While nationally some Catholic schools have become the default private school option for parents seeking other educational options, our diocese has always maintained that our schools exist for the sole purpose of helping our children reach heaven. This might not play well with the image most private schools try to project in attracting students. Indeed, there are Catholic schools who have become the default choice for parents who seek higher academic standards, successful athletic programs, and better odds in the college admission race and are willing to pay the price. But what happens when Church doctrine clashes with the beliefs and opinions of these very parents? Unfortunately, in some cases, these doctrines are de-emphasized in the spirit of “inclusion and diversity”. And as more and more of what makes a Catholic school truly Catholic becomes less and less the emphasis, the school becomes yet another private school choice only a small number of parents can afford. Fortunately, our diocese has not shied away from this

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Congratulations Coach Cichon

Wayne Cichon began teaching and coaching at St. Mary's Colgan schools in 1983. On February 6, 2018, Cichon coached the Panthers to his 600th career basketball victory. Cichon took over a boys' basketball program that had not seen much success in recent years. Although his first year was rough, posting a 2 and 18 record, things quickly turned around. Coach Cichon changed the attitude at Colgan about basketball by encouraging some of the football players to play. He worked to convince them they were good athletes, not just good football players. It worked, as the Panthers made it to the State tournament in his second season, losing in the quarter finals. The



following season, Cichon attained his first 20 win season and again made it to the State tournament with a quarter final loss. He has had a total of fourteen 20-win seasons. Under Cichon, the Panthers played in nine consecutive Class 2A State title games from 2002-2010, earning titles in '02, '05 and '08. There was also a 31-game undefeated streak. In total, under Coach Cichon's reign, SMC has won five state championships, seven runner-up finishes, twelve CNC League championships, and 24 sub-state titles. After a State runner-up finish this season, Coach Cichon's record is 608-217. Congratulations Coach Cichon and thank you for your dedication to St. Mary's Colgan schools.

Coach Farabi Gets 100th Win



Congratulations to SMC basketball Coach Abby Farabi on her 100th basketball coaching victory at SMC. After a run at State this year, ending in a disappointing first round, overtime loss, Coach Farabi's record is 105-53.

New Weightroom Facility

Through a gift from the SMC Booster Club and the generosity of individual donors, a new weight room facility is being built for the boys and girls of St. Mary's Colgan Catholic



Schools. The new weight room is located at the west end of the SMC track and practice field, within the existing fence. The new space will provide greater opportunities for strength training and conditioning for our students both in the summer and during PE classes. The weight room will be opened this summer. Plans for the use of the current weight room space are being finalized and details of the plan will be announced.

Looking Back... compiled by Chris Flood

...10 Years

MICHAEL HAYES

Michael Hayes graduated from St. Mary's Colgan in 2008. He went to the University of Dallas, where he majored in philosophy and, briefly, played varsity baseball. After graduating from UD, he entered the Philosophy PhD program at the University of Kansas, where he taught philosophy and Western Civilization courses as a graduate teaching assistant. He had the pleasure of teaching a few other Colgan alumni, all of whom did well in his course for purely academic reasons. Michael's primary scholarship is on moral philosophy; his dissertation examines St. Augustine's and St. Thomas Aquinas' answers to the question: "what makes someone's life go well?" He hopes to finish his dissertation in the next year or two. In 2016, Michael entered law school at the University of Kansas. To paraphrase Socrates in the Apology, "philosophy doesn't pay the bills." He expects to graduate from law school in the Spring of 2019. Michael married Erin Famer (SMC '09), in 2014. They currently live in Overland Park, Kansas and are active members of Queen of the Holy Rosary

Parish. They have twin girls, Margaret and Elizabeth, who will be two in August, and are expecting a third child in May. Michael has many great memories of Colgan. After attending a St. Mary's Colgan basketball game this year, Michael was pleased to discover that the warm-up playlist had not changed since he graduated; it was easy to reminisce about the mid-2000s as Nelly's "Heart of a Champion" played during layup drills. Around this time of year, Michael fondly remembers those 4-hour-long Mike Watt baseball practices. Though his memory is fuzzy; perhaps they weren't quite that long. Some of his other memories include singing songs during the school day—both in Mrs. Patterson's kindergarten class and in Mrs. Dutton's 11th-grade theology class. Similarly, he happily recalls the countless hours spent playing foursquare—both during 4th grade recess and during lunch period senior year. Michael thoroughly enjoyed his time at SMC, and he is especially grateful for the intellectual, moral, and spiritual formation he received there.

...20 Years

SARAH (SCOTT) WARNER

Sarah (Scott) Warner is a third-generation Colgan alum, after Dorothy (Spangler) Hoff ('41) and Nancy (Hoff) Scott Brewer ('67). After graduation, Sarah attended KU on a National Merit Scholarship and had the opportunity to study writing in London, to sing at the Vatican, and to do independent research in France. Sarah graduated from KU in 2003 with majors in Mathematics, French, Political Science, and International Studies. While she was at KU, Sarah began dating Brandon Warner, a brilliant (and cute) mechanical-engineering major who lived next door. Sarah and Brandon both attended Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor, Michigan, were married in 2004, and earned their JDs in 2006. Sarah was selected by the faculty to receive the Mary Queen of Lawyers Award, given to the top graduate based on grades, coursework, and personal character. Sarah and Brandon moved back to Kansas to begin their law careers and have lived in Lenexa ever since. Sarah worked as Chambers Counsel to Chief Justice Robert Davis of the Kansas Supreme Court from 2006-2009. Today, she is a partner at Thompson Warner, P.A., in Lawrence, practicing civil litigation and constitutional law. Sarah also teaches at Washburn Law School in Topeka, where

she recently was named Adjunct Professor of the Year. Brandon is an Administrative Patent Judge with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. They are parishioners at Holy Trinity in Lenexa, where Sarah directs the parish folk group. They also have the world's greatest dog, a border collie/pointer mix named Kolbe. Sarah looks back on her time at SMC with immense gratitude. "I'm overwhelmed by the love and energy the faculty poured into our formation," Sarah reflects. "Every day, I rely on the skills I learned there—studying religion with Fr. Robert McElwee and Marcel Normand, learning math from Chuck Smith and Wayne Cichon, arguing politics with Tom Compton, talking writing (and life) with Leatha Bolinger and Audrey Dickey, being challenged to think critically by Ed Martin and Suzanne Arruda, experiencing the endless patience of Sr. Patrice Joyce." Sarah's favorite memories include having almost as many Sarahs in her class as guys; singing the national anthem at football and basketball games; debate and forensics tournaments, including the improv antics of the "two Ryans;" going to the March for Life in D.C.; surprise-recording French carols for Sr. Patrice; trying to convince Mrs. Bollinger that our prom theme should be "Muskrat Love;" and making friendships that have lasted through the decades.

...30 Years

KATHY (FORBES) COOPER

Kathy (Forbes) Cooper graduated from Colgan High School in 1988. Growing up in the Forbes family, it was not a question of if you were going to college, the only question was where. Kathy attended Wichita State University where she received a Bachelor of Health Science degree in 1992, and a Master's in Physical Therapy in 1994. Mt Carmel hospital in Pittsburg, now Via Christi, assisted Kathy with graduate school in return for a two year contract. In between her two years of work, Kathy married her best friend, Brent Cooper. Brent's work soon relocated the young couple to Sedalia, Missouri. Kathy worked for one year at the hospital, before finding a small private practice in Warsaw, Missouri, where she worked for four years. During that time, they had their first two children, Cailey, in 1998, and Cameron, in 1999. The family moved to Concordia, Missouri, when Brent became the A+ Coordinator and Athletic Director at Concordia High School. Their third child, Catherine, was born in 2003. Kathy worked in Sweet Springs and Concordia, until 2004 when she opened a private practice, Physical Therapy of Concordia. In 2017, she opened another clinic in Knob Noster, with three other therapists. Kathy completed her Doctor of Physical

Therapy with a Therapeutic Pain Science Certification in February of 2018. Cailey is a junior at University of Missouri-Columbia, Cameron is a senior at Concordia High School and Cate is in eighth grade. Brent is in his first year as Superintendent of the Concordia School district. Kathy wrote, "Concordia is primarily a Lutheran town; my children are the only Catholics in the public school. We travel 15 miles to Higginsville, to St. Mary's Catholic Church. Both my older children have been confirmed there and Cate was baptized and was confirmed in April. For Cailey's graduation, the Catholic priest from Higginsville was invited for Baccalaureate for the first time in school history. This year for Cameron's graduation, he is giving the main speech." Kathy said her memories at SMC are numerous, starting with the incredible staff that gave generously of their time, the numerous priests, nuns and friends that were more like family. "Besides obviously my faith, I feel what I took from St. Mary's Colgan that has led me in my life as a wife, mother and business owner is the example 'what can I do for my family, my community, my Church.'"

...40 Years MICHELLE (CARPINO) OLSON

Michelle (Carpino) Olson graduated from Colgan in 1978. Michelle wrote, "Attending Colgan High School changed the course of my life. It had a profound influence on my personal and career choices." Michelle and her husband, Erik, have one daughter, Ann Marie, who teaches Special Education in Lawrence, Kansas. They own a small company in Olathe where they live. Michelle attended Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, her freshman year, then returned to Pittsburg State University to complete her undergraduate studies. After graduation, Michelle taught middle and high school and completed her Masters and Specialist degrees in Educational Administration at the University of Missouri – Kansas City. She became the building administrator at Notre Dame de Sion High School in Kansas City, Missouri, serving as principal for 20 years. Michelle wrote, "My years at Notre Dame de Sion were very special: the school grew from 195 to 450 students, our daughter was born my second year there and went on to graduate in 2013, we won 14 state championship titles and the high school was recognized as one of the top 50 Catholic High Schools in the United States in 2011." In 2013, as her daughter moved on from Sion, so did Michelle when she became the principal at a grade school in the Archdiocese of Kansas City, in Kansas. She is currently a doctoral candidate at St. Louis University.

Michelle wrote, "When asked about memories of Colgan, a flood of many came to mind. I attended Colgan at a time when we still had the nuns teaching a lot of our classes. My fondest memories are game Masses, after football games singing 'Good Night Irene' to the nuns and the ringing of the Church bells, play practice, Art classes with Sister Suzanne, Marriage and Family Class with Sister Becky and lunches at Mr. Quick. One memory that comes to the forefront is when Mrs. Johnson would get on the intercom and say, 'Coach Crespino, long distance is calling'. No one had cell phones in those days and I think we had one or two land lines into the high school, thus the 'all call' for Coach. We did not have air-conditioning, but I don't remember being hot. I do remember the day Sister Paula told us if we weren't quiet we would have a tornado, about 10 minutes later we were all in the basement because the tornado sirens went off. I guess we should have followed her instructions. I look back and value the experience of having attended a Catholic faith-centered high school, where the students were accepting of one another. I learned the value of that kind of community and have carried it with me in the Catholic schools I have had the privilege of working in over the past 30+ years. I was very blessed to have had the opportunity to attend Colgan High School."

...50 Years LOREY CALDWELL

Lorey Caldwell, St. Mary's class of 1968, lives in Boardman, (Youngstown) OH. A graduate of Pittsburg State and Kansas State, he has degrees in Business Administration and Architectural Engineering, and is both a Registered Architect and a Professional Engineer. Before moving to Ohio in 1990, he worked in Pittsburg with Caldwell & Caldwell, Architects & Engineers, and was active in the church and community. In 1973, he married Paula Fleming, 1966 St. Mary's graduate and former teacher at St. Mary's Colgan. They have two sons, Dan and Matt, who attended St. Mary's from kindergarten to third and fourth grades before moving to Ohio. Lorey still works full-time, and both sons are partners with him at Rudick Forensic Engineering, specializing in failure analysis and damage investigation, primarily for insurance companies and attorneys. Paula earned her PhD at Kent State in Education/Curriculum & Instruction, and taught for 10 years in the Education Department at Mount Union College, a perennial Div. III football powerhouse. Her specialty was Early Childhood, making her one of the best grandmothers on the planet. Now that

she is retired, Paula spends a lot of time with the four grandkids, two boys and two girls, ranging from 7 years to 5 months. She is often met at the door by the older grandkids with, "Gran, what project are we going to do today?" She is also a certified yoga teacher, specializing in "ageless" yoga, and volunteers teaching chair yoga at a local assisted living facility. Lorey still works out regularly, and is an avid cyclist, runner, yogi, and proud grandfather. An enthusiastic Kansas State fan, he regularly texts classmates Susan Coury and Paula Price during games, either ecstatic over a win, or frustrated with a loss. He believes that college football and basketball are alternately rewarding or stupid pastimes, depending on the final score. Lorey has fond memories of his school days and solid faith-based education at St. Mary's, and strongly believes that prepared him for both family life and career opportunities. He is looking forward to reuniting with classmates this coming October to celebrate their 50th reunion.

...60 Years PATTY (BURNS) PICKERT

Patty (Burns) Pickert graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1958. Patty met her husband Larry, at the Newman Club in 1958 while attending Pittsburg State University. She and Larry, a Richmond, Kansas native, were married in 1960. They spent the first 28 years of their marriage in Overland Park raising their four sons. Patty ran a five doctor OB-GYN office and Larry spent most of his career with Coca-Cola, with assignments in Memphis, LA, Minneapolis, and three years in London, before retiring and returning to Overland Park. When asked about her memories of St. Mary's, Patty wrote, "I have many happy memories from my four years at St. Mary's. Has it really been 60 years since graduation? Besides instilling the wonders of our faith, the devoted Sisters of St. Joseph incorporated the values of integrity, responsibility, leadership, and compassion into our developing consciences. We were exposed to music with Sister Athanasius, chorus, madrigals, and of course Msgr. Stremel's daily Requiem High Mass, complete with catafalque. Sister James honed our writing skills on the Marionette and yearbook. Sister Vincentia brought drama to new levels in school plays and readings, and dear Sister Everista with her pre-class prayer

"Mary, Seat of Wisdom, Pray for us." The priests were special too: Fr. Kocour, whom we followed to the Newman Club, Fr. Long who taught art lessons and Latin II ("I'm rowing up the Thames to get away from you morons"), Fr. Steimel reading his breviary on the school stage while chaperoning the post-game dances and then organizing the KMUK's, and Fr. Mulvihill with his plane." Patty and Larry's favorite pastime is cruising, as much as they are able. All four of their sons are married. Bill lives in Wichita and is a managing partner of BKD Accounting firm. Jerry lives in Roseville, California, working in sales and phones/computer service, while John and Tom both lives in Overland Park, where John is a food broker and Tom is a in bottler relations for Coca-Cola. Patty and Larry have twelve grandchildren: 2 are college graduates, 7 are in college and 3 are in grade school. Patty would like to pay tribute to her classmates who have passed away. May eternal rest be granted to them: Carolyn, David, Dave, DiAnn, Dio, Edgar, Jim, Karl, Larry, Mike, Neil, Pat and Terry.

...70 Years PETE BOYD

Pete Boyd graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1948. He then went to barber school in Tulsa, Oklahoma, before opening a barber shop in Pittsburg called the Red Arrow. After several years as a barber, Pete went to work for the Kansas Department of Revenue, where he worked for over twenty years. He was a Field Supervisor overseeing ten or eleven counties in Southeast Kansas. His home office was in Topeka, which required periodic meetings to the state capitol, but primarily he traveled Southeast Kansas. He also is an Assistant Funeral Director, currently working for the Bedene Funeral Home in Arma. Although Pete was not Catholic, he came to St. Mary's his sophomore year after attending Pittsburg schools. But that changed in early 1952, when Pete joined the Catholic Church.

In September of 1952, Pete and Mary Ann Talarico married in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Arma. Pete and Mary Ann have 3 children who are all married. Marcia Wosel lives in Bartlesville, Oklahoma where she is a school secretary. Son, Mark lives in Topeka where he and two others own an engineering business. Youngest daughter Merri Beth Kudma, lives in Glen Ellyn, Illinois where she is the Director of Curriculum at Wood Dale School District. Pete and Mary Ann have two grandsons and two granddaughters and two great-grandsons. Pete and Mary Ann have lived their entire lives in Southeast Kansas and currently live in Arma.

Alumni Wedding Announcements

And Two Shall Become One

Caden Yantis and Kourtney Endicott ('15)

December 16, 2017

Drew Casey ('14) and **Cori Koehn** ('15)

December 30, 2017

Isaac Thibault and Erin Collar ('13)

April 7, 2018

Kyle Davis and Bethany Cook ('13)

April 7, 2018

Anniversaries

Jim ('53) and **Wava VanBecelaere**

60th Anniversary December 28, 2017

Recently Deceased Alumni

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

Elizabeth (Coyle) Bartholomew ('47) December 11, 2017

Billy Joe Gutierrez ('61) January 4, 2018

Joseph Wilson ('48) January 7, 2018

Donna (Longerot) Garthwaite ('58) January 11, 2018

David Boyd ('64) January 14, 2018

David Oberley ('57), January 23, 2018

Freda (Martinous) Wilson ('51) February 4, 2018

Frances (Gendusa) McCurdy ('57) February 11, 2018

Judith (Golob) Hayes ('87) February 12, 2018

Betty (Lero) Stahl Friskel ('50) April 14, 2018

Robert Sweatt ('63) April 22, 2018

Alumni Birth Announcements

Welcome to the Baby Panthers

Will ('09) and **Jenna Hudson**

Announce the birth of a daughter, Margaret Mary, December 15, 2017

Matt and **Stephanie (Werner '06) Rosentreter**

Announce the birth of a son, Luke Francis, December 18, 2017

Josh ('99) and **Ashley Braden**

Announce the birth of a daughter, Elliana Ryan, January 22, 2018

Brannon and Hillary (Dickey '09) Green

Announce the birth of a daughter, Gretchen Grace, February 26, 2018

Joe ('08) and **Erin Wachter**

Announce the birth of a daughter, Andrea Elaine, February 24, 2018

Brian ('96) and **Cristina (Bevilacqua '05) Hamilton**

Announce the birth of a daughter, Adriana Catherine, February 5, 2018

Thomas ('10) and **Rachel VanBecelaere**

Announce the birth of a son, August Jackson, February 2, 2018

Matt ('05) and **Katie Butler**

Announce the birth of a son, Reid Joseph, April 3, 2018

Adam ('08) and **Melisa McCormick**

Announce the birth of a daughter, Sophia Rose, April 18, 2018

NEWS Blasts

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



SMC graduate **Drew Dellasega** ('10)

will be ordained a Transitional Deacon. The Ordination Mass will take place on Saturday, May 19th, 2018 at 10:00am at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Broadway St at

Central, Wichita, KS.

Shrine Bowl

St. Mary's Colgan will be well represented at the Shrine Bowl by Max Wilson who will be playing for the East team and also by first year Coach Shawn Seematter and Frontenac head Coach Mark Smith ('04). The Kansas Shrine Bowl football game will be

played on July 28, 2018, at Pittsburg State University's Carney Smith Stadium.

SMC Marches for Life

Fifty St. Mary's Colgan high school students and six chaperones made the 22-hour ride in a charter bus to Washington, DC, to attend the March for Life in January. This year marks the 45th year since the passing of Roe vs Wade, legalizing abortion.

Forty-nine SMC Junior High students, led by teachers Bev Presley and Debbie Butler, traveled to Topeka to the Kansas March for Life.

St Philippine Duchesne Award

Congratulations to third grade teacher Miss Shelby

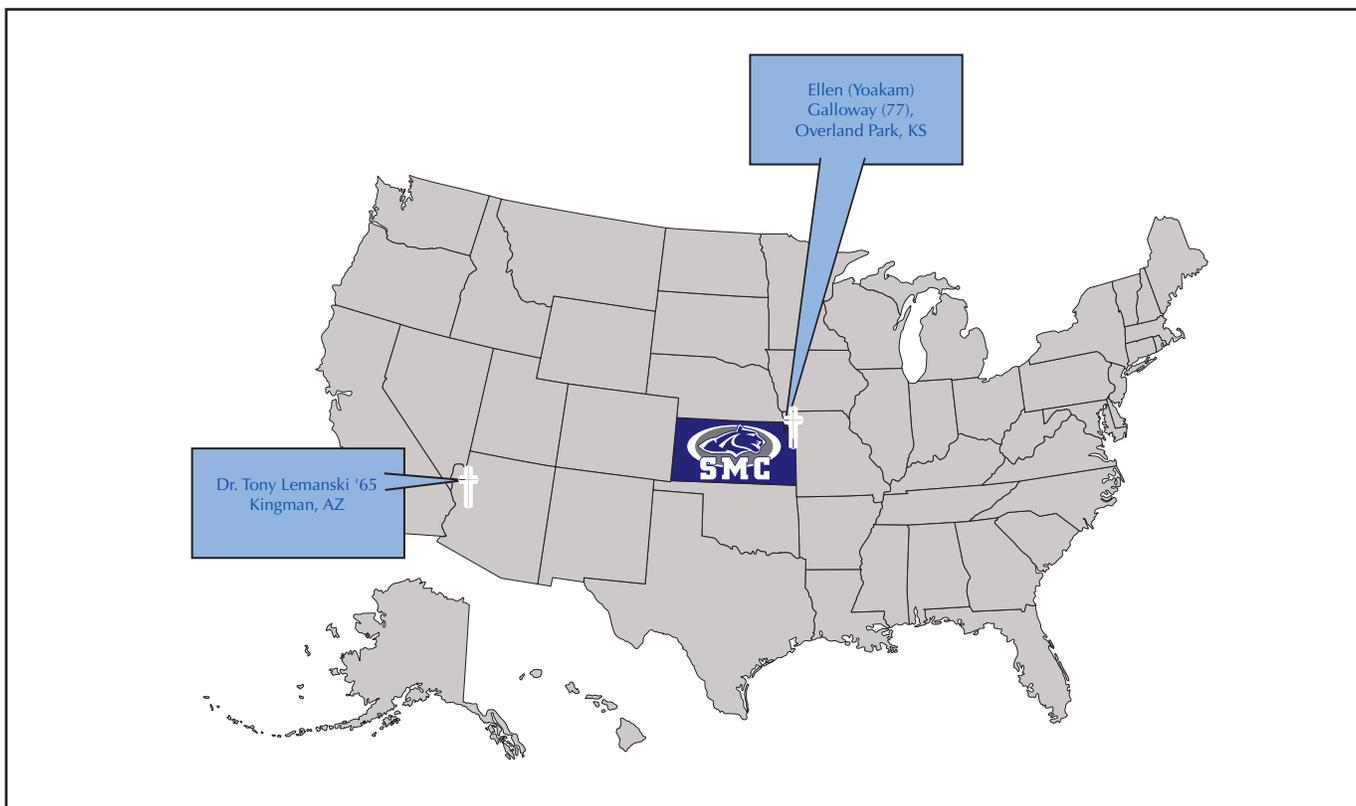
Jurgensmeyer, recipient of the Catholic Diocese of Wichita St Philippine Duchesne Award. This award is presented to a diocesan teacher who leads by example, maintains high standards of excellence and is dedicated to the mission of our schools. The presentation was made at the beginning of Catholic Schools Week.

Congrats Kate & Max!

SMC junior Kate Radell was recently honored by the Joplin Globe. Kate received 1st place in Personal Narrative for her essay entitled "Swirly Sidewalks."

Congratulations to Max Wilson who has signed to play football at Pittsburg State University.

Ringling the Bells for SMC graduates Shore to Shore



Ellen (Yoakam) Galloway ('77)

Ellen Galloway is a nurse working for Olathe Health Systems. She works primarily in Family Practice and Urgent Care, but occasionally floats to other specialty offices. Ellen is a graduate of the Pittsburg State University nursing program. In November 2018, she will celebrate her 25th year working at Olathe. Ellen and her husband Mike live in Overland Park, Kansas. In August, they will celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary. Their 3 children, Ryan, Courtney and Kelsey are all married. Currently, they have two granddaughters...but Ellen has hopes for many more.

Dr. Tony Lemanski ('65)

Dr. Tony Lemanski is an OBGYN working at the Kingman Regional Hospital, in Kingman, Arizona. He graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City. After completing his Residency in 1977, Dr. Lemanski practiced medicine in the Army in Tacoma, Washington, and spent several years in West Germany. After living and working in Seattle for 20 years, he traded the rain for the sun of Kingman, Arizona. Dr. Lemanski estimates that he has delivered over 6,600 babies and performed over 13,000 surgeries. Tony and his wife, Roberta, have been married since 2002. They have a combined three children and six grandchildren. Currently, Tony is semi-retired, looking to July of 2019 to be fully retired. Tony and Roberta love to travel and plan to cross-cross the country and Europe.



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Class of: _____
Announcement: _____
Address: _____
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identity. In a time where Catholic school closings are a frequent occurrence, our diocese has not closed a school in 40 years and has in fact opened 8 new ones. Are our schools perfect? Certainly not. We will continue to improve our schools and become the best version of Catholic education as we can. With the many choices parents have today in educating their child, those that seek an authentic Catholic education will be partners in the continuous improvement.

And what about in Pittsburg? From the moment you walk into the door of St. Mary's Elementary or St. Mary's Colgan High School a person senses a Catholic identity right away. From the prominence of the crucifix or the Blessed Mother in the commons areas to the sound of each class starting in prayer, our students experience their faith throughout the day. Our teachers too are examples of this Catholic identity both in and out of the classroom. The students know their faith and experience the joy of living it.

Much of this success goes to Mr. Voboril who will be retiring at the end of this school year. Please offer a prayer of thanksgiving for his leadership and Christian example as we reap the harvest of his many years of labor in the vineyard. God bless, Bob, and thank you!

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