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Irish Update



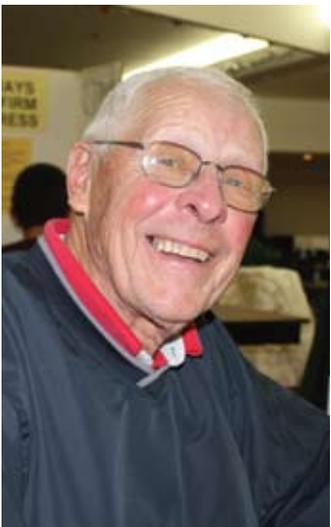
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Phonathon **2012**



**Tom Martin, '77
& IAA President**

*Thank you to all of our
volunteers and to those alumni
who pledged donations to help
us achieve another successful
Phonathon year!*



Bill Salkeld, '48



**Jenna Bovie Gura, '05 &
Kelly Sullivan, '05**



**Tatiana Kuykendall, '11; Gina Lamore, '92 and
Sarah Piggush Mickler, '99**

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FROM OUR ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Thomas Martin



Hello Again Irish Alumni!

Well Spring is just around the corner and I hope your Winter was as mild as ours here in the Mid-west. I just wanted to take a minute and thank all of our Alumni who continue to be so generous by contributing to the Annual Fund. Your support is so vital and it never ceases to amaze me how unselfish and generous our Alumni are. It was also nice to talk to some of my old classmates during the Phone-A-Thon and catch up on what's going on in their lives.

The Alumni Board is busy organizing our Family Bags Tournament Scheduled for March 25th. If you didn't play last year and want to join the fun this year, please sign up early because it fills up fast! Our Annual Alumni Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, July 13th, so please save that date on your calendars! And in October, the Board is working on something that we think will prove to be a very fun time. We are calling it "Beer, Bags and Brats". This is going to be the Alumni bag tournament on the football field with beer and brats served. More details will be forthcoming.

Tom

Tom Martin '77

FROM OUR DIRECTOR
OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

Jaclyn Dugan-Roof



Thank you so much to everyone who responded to the 2012 Annual Fund request. Once again, our alumni and friends have answered the call and money has been received. All funds are used to bridge the gap between the tuition paid by parents (\$6,990) and the actual cost of educating one student (\$8,000).

If we were not able to contact you during the phone phase of the Annual Fund, you can still contribute! You can do so by giving us a call, mailing in a donation (marked for Annual Fund) or you can now even go online at www.bishopmac.com and click on the donation tab under the Alumni page.

Not quite 20% of our Irish Alumni responded to the Annual Fund request. Perhaps you haven't been able to give in the past or have never been contacted and want to become part of making an impact on your alma mater... any amount goes a long way in helping to keep tuition at a manageable level for our parents and our students.

Bishop McNamara Catholic High School is a special place for our younger generations and most of the parents make continuous sacrifices in order to provide a quality education for their children. The Bishop Mac family is as strong and supportive as ever and we want you to be part of it!

Sincerely,

Jaclyn

Jaclyn Dugan-Roof, Class of 2000

**The Hammes
Bookstore is now
on-line and even
includes alumni
spirit wear!**

All items can be
shipped directly to
your home!

Visit www.bishopmac.com
and click on
Hammes link!

IRISH Golf Classic

FOR MEN AND WOMEN

**Friday
July 13, 2012
at
Oak Springs
Golf Course**

Sponsored by the Irish Alumni Association

- This will be a best ball scramble, flights will be based on handicaps
- \$100 per person Package includes lunch, greens fee and cart, beverages, prizes and dinner
- Golfers must be at least 21 years of age
- Don't miss our now-famous "Margarita Hole"

**Lunch and registration at 11:30
Shotgun start at 1:00**

**Golfers must be 21 years of age.
Reservations requested by July 6, 2012
Checks should be made payable to Bishop McNamara Catholic High School and mailed to 550 W. Brookmont, Kankakee, IL 60901, attn: Jaclyn Dugan-Roof
Please call Jaclyn at 815-933-7620 if you have questions**



Name(s) of Golfers: _____

Address _____

Phone _____

No. of Golfers @ 100.00 = _____



Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler

A New Orleans Celebration

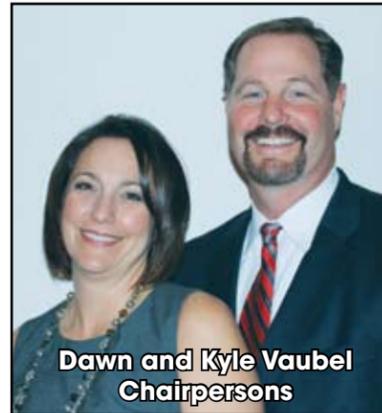


"Let the Good Times Roll!" Guests to the 28th Annual Dinner and Auction on May 5, 2012 will be welcomed with traditional zydeco music and a hurricane cocktail, as they enter the McNamara gym for **A New Orleans Celebration**. The gourmet dinner will be prepared using recipes from New Orleans' best restaurants.

The raffle, the largest in our area, is a substantial part of auction income. Top prize is \$75,000 and there are 21 additional chances to win. Tickets cost \$100 each and only 2000 will be sold. Use the form below to order your official ticket. Don't delay - in past years all 2000 have been sold well before the auction date. Drawings are at the auction on May 5, and you do not need to be present to win.

Besides contributing \$230,000 annually to our regular operating budget, auction guests very generously have funded special projects at Mac - the beautiful chapel renovation, refurbishing the girls' bathroom, enlarging the stage in the cafeteria, the lighted Bishop McNamara sign on the outside of our building, and most recently the classroom renovation in memory of Joan Klowski.

You can access all auction information - chairmen, auction items, menu, raffle information - at the auction website www.bishop-macauction.org. There is also a link from Bishop Mac's website. If you wish to receive an invitation to the New Orleans Celebration or if you have questions, call Joanne Bracken at McNamara 815-933-7620. Dinner tickets cost \$100 per person and are separate from raffle tickets.



Dawn and Kyle Vaubel
Chairpersons



Jim and Vicki Laurenti
Honorary Chairpersons

Kyle and Dawn Huot '85 Vaubel are this year's chairmen. Their two daughters Bradie and Sara are students at Bishop Mac. Jim and Vicki Veronda '62 Laurenti have been named Honorary Chairmen. After serving Bishop Mac for forty-four years Jim retired in 2008. Jim continues to be a part of the McNamara scene working the Phonathon and assisting with the annual auction.

Please complete the facsimile ticket below and send it with your check for \$100 payable to Bishop McNamara Catholic H.S. in the envelope provided. Your official ticket will be mailed to you. You may also purchase your ticket online at www.bishopmacauction.org.

Name	Address	Phone	Additional Names If Applicable:	Sold By

Bishop McNamara Catholic High School 28th Annual Auction

Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler

A New Orleans Celebration

RAFFLE

\$75,000 GRAND PRIZE

Additional Prizes: \$5,000 • 10 prizes of \$1000 • 10 prizes of \$500

\$100.00 Donation • Drawing May 5, 2012

Only 2000 Tickets Sold • Need Not Be Present To Win

For Additional Tickets or More Information Call (815) 263-8469

Auction Website: www.bishopmacauction.org

Fallen Comrade Ceremony

Ladies and Gentlemen, perhaps as you entered this evening, you may have noticed a small table, located in a place of honor. This table and setting is a reminder that all of our comrades could not be here with us tonight.

This table is small and set for one, symbolizing the frailty of one soldier, alone against his enemies and the singular life given in defense of our Nation.

The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

The placemat is black, symbolizing the darkness and mourning we felt as our brothers fell in battle.

The single yellow rose, symbolizing remembrance displayed in a vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades-in-arms who keep their memories alive lest we forget.

The red ribbon, tied so prominently on the vase is a reminder of the blood shed to protect the liberty so loved by our country.

A slice of lemon is on the bread plate to remind us of their bitter fate.

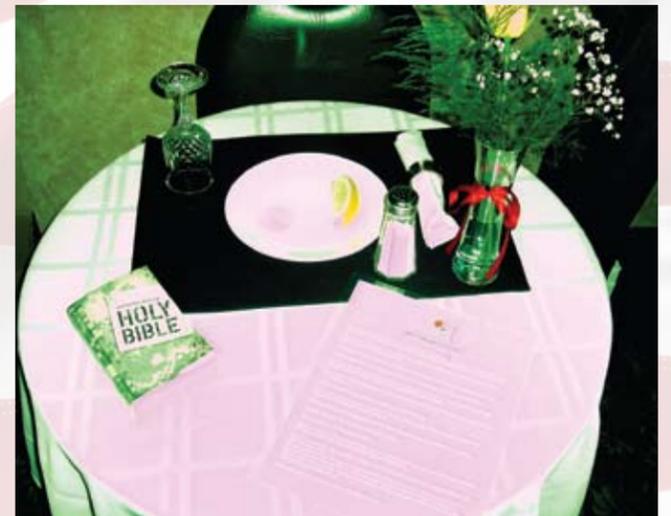
There is salt upon the bread plate, symbolic of the tears endured by the friends and families of those who have fallen and of those who have not returned.

The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to find peace and sustain those lost and missing.

The glass is inverted - for they cannot toast with us tonight.

The chair is empty - for they cannot be here.

Remember, all of you who served with them, knew and called them comrade; who depended upon their might and aide, and relied upon them, for surely they have not forsaken you.



Charlie Chinski put this beautiful memorial table together in honor of CPT Ryan Beaupre and all who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

It is our hope this night, that with pride and honor, they will hear us as we toast their ultimate sacrifice to their Country's call to arms. For years our Colors have represented a nation dedicated to liberty and freedom. They have been carried to many lands and inspired acts of valor that often demanded the ultimate Sacrifice. Those who have come before us have paid for our right to carry on in their stead. We offer this toast in honor of those who have defended and are no longer with us.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I propose a toast to our fallen comrades.
Courtesy of the class of 1991

Bishop McNamara Alumni Board



Back Row (l to r): Neil Piggush '98, Jaclyn Dugan-Roof '00 Director of Alumni Relations, Mose Arseneau '54, Lisa Devine Kick '75 and Steve Ortman '74. **Front Row (l to r):** Tricia O'Reilly Dotson '90, Monica Benoit Ruder '55, Tom Martin '77, Lisa Azzarelli Gerth '80 and Leanne Grise Provost '94. **Not pictured:** Jenny Keigher Fogel '90, Rob Gernon '98, Brandi Bennett Kaner '00, Michelle Benoit-Kropp '93 and Honorary Alumni Jim Laurenti.

50th Reunion *1961*



The Class of 1961 had their 50th Class Reunion at the Kankakee Country Club on October 15, 2011.

First Row: Karen Rabideau Cleary, Jeanne Granger Monahan, Tom Marcotte, Tom Regnier, Terry Tibbetts, Ed Hebert. **Second Row:** Judy Benoit Sunko, Mary Romary Rich, Rich Quigley, Sharon Lanoue Belisle, Jerry Huot, Larry Anderson, George Flageole, Terry Breese, Mary Toliuszis Rich. **Third Row:** Fran Rivard Barnett, Karen Schmidt Glogowski, Mary Doman Ciardullo, Nancy Imhauser Henderson, Linda Lou St. Germain Regnier, Kathy LaRocque Regnier, Yolanda Grander O'Connor, Suzette Roi Flageole, Joan Keigher Hall, Donna Whalen Farmer, Jean Keigher Boland, Rosann Gorman Conroy, Barbara Roy Spence, Rita Kilbride Walker. **Fourth Row:** Larry Hildebrand, Bob Murphy, Ron Seiling, Ron O'Connor, Joe Romary, Mike Born, Rich McGinnis, Joe Marek, Tom Prince.



Class of 1966

Eight members of the Bishop McNamara High School class of 1966 met February 6 in Punta Gorda, Florida, for a mini-reunion. From left are Chuck Cassidy, Karen Nugent Cassidy, Charlie Harpin, Kevin Nugent, Dave Kirchman, Joe Ciaccio, Steve Lambert and Les Blanchette.

Be sure to visit the "Scheduled Reunions" page under "Alumni" at www.bishopmac.com for all the latest reunion info.

Irish Alumni Association

Grand REUNION

For St. Patrick High School classes 1930 through 1955

Saturday, April 14, 2012

Kankakee River North (former Sully's)

\$30.00 per person

Please RSVP by April 5, 2012

AGENDA

11:30 am..... Social Time
 12:00 pm..... Lunch
 1:00 pm..... Program - Entertainment by Patrick Skelly
 1:30 pm..... Class Pictures
 4:00 pm..... Mass at St. Patrick Church (if you wish to attend)

Please note: At the request of several, we have included all classes through 1955. Even though you may have your individual reunions throughout the year, you are more than welcome to join us at this event.

CLASS PICTURES

A 5x7 copy of your class picture is included in the cost. If you cannot attend, but would like to receive a copy of your class picture, the cost is \$5.00. Please call 815-933-7620 if interested.

SEND A MESSAGE

If you are unable to attend, we would still love to hear from you- we will read messages during the luncheon. Messages may be mailed to 550 W. Brookmont Blvd., Kankakee, Illinois 60901 or emailed to jdugan-roof@bishop-mcnamara.org.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please call Jaclyn Dugan-Roof at (815) 933-7620.

BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE



CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Commonly Asked Campaign Questions

Focus: To meet the specific needs of BMCHS with a minimum goal of \$2.5 million while aligning with our mission of maximizing the potential of our students, spiritually, morally and intellectually through a community of service and love. Our focus also lies on the impact that BMCHS can have on future generations.

Who can give? Every member of our BMCHS family is asked to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to the campaign. This also includes YOU- all Irish Alumni.

Will other fundraisers be held? Yes. All donors are asked to not diminish their annual giving but rather consider an extraordinary commitment to the school.

How much should I give? We ask that you determine the level at which your family can give. The goals needed to achieve a successful campaign have to be higher than for other causes. We need participation by all and if your gift is one of sacrifice, it is truly a generous one, regardless of amount.

Specific Goals

Tuition Assistance: help to further our commitment to families and solidify support of need-based scholarships.

Faith Formation: earmark funds for the Campus Ministry program that helps to enhance overall faith formation programs.

New Multipurpose Building: keep our school in a competitive position, alleviate scheduling of current gym, reduce costs for rentals and enhance our Fine Arts program.

Current Facility Needs: any remaining funds will be reserved for emergency situations and future renovations.

Debt Reduction: help to relieve the school of interest costs that divert funds from other important needs.

For more information on how you can take part in "Building For Our Future", give us a call at (815) 933-7620 or check out bishopmac.com

Joan Klonowski Learning Center

Bishop McNamara Catholic High School has dedicated the Joan Klonowski 21st Century Learning Center to the memory of their beloved teacher and colleague. Joan Klonowski taught science and was an advocate of innovation in the classroom, educational use of technology, and development of 21st century learning.

Through the generosity of the McNamara family and friends, Joan's room was transformed from a traditional classroom of chairs in straight rows into a 21st century learning center where the emphasis is on providing opportunity for students to be actively involved in their own learning experience. The learning center design allows students to work in small groups, to collaborate, solve problems, discuss, work on projects, and think critically. The room is equipped with the latest technology, so that students can create, share, and present their ideas and strategies.

The Joan Klonowski 21st Century Learning Center décor is modern, the educational methods are innovative, and the atmosphere is inviting. In honor of Mrs. Klonowski, the goal is to assure Bishop McNamara students that they will learn in an environment that encourages skills that are necessary to excel in our rapidly changing world.



Tom Klonowski '87 and his children Dylan and Skyler stand in front of the new Joan Klonowski 21st Century Learning Center. The room was funded by donors at the 2011 spring auction in memory of Tom's wife and former Mac teacher Joan Klonowski who passed away in February of 2011.

Bishop McNamara Thanksgiving Dinner

For the 23rd year, Bishop McNamara prepared and served free dinners on Thanksgiving to those in need. 234 Meals were served at McNamara and another 662 were delivered to the homebound. The dinner is solely funded by donations from parents, local businesses and volunteer donors.



L to R: Darrel LaMore, Reese Lopez '12, Bailee Porter '14, Christian Harris '13, Patsy St. Aubin LaMore '60, Darla LaMore Lopez '80, Karen LaMore '87, Devin LaMore '15, Laura, Chris LaMore '82



Michael Jackson '90, Ed Marquie '90, Ed Jackson '86, Bob Tasher, Kaleb Thompson '15, Steve Long



DOROTHY AND ROMY HAMMES

2011

INDUCTIONS

BISHOP MCNAMARA
CATHOLIC HIGH
SCHOOL

HALL OF HONOR

On October 19, 2011, members were inducted into the Hall of Honor at McNamara. The induction ceremony was well attended by friends and family of the inductees. After the invocation by Deacon Patrick Skelly, the colors were posted by the Kankakee County Marine Corps League Detachment 1253. McNamara alumni Michael Berger '05 sang the National Anthem. Induction was by Principal Kurt Weigt followed by a reception in McNamara's cafeteria.

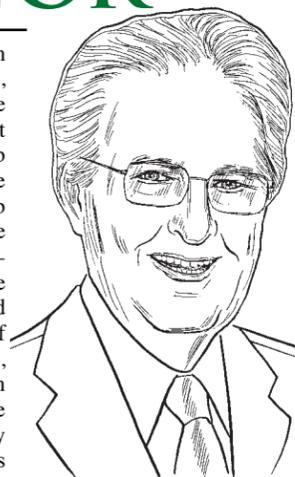
CHARLES "CHUCK" GRANGER



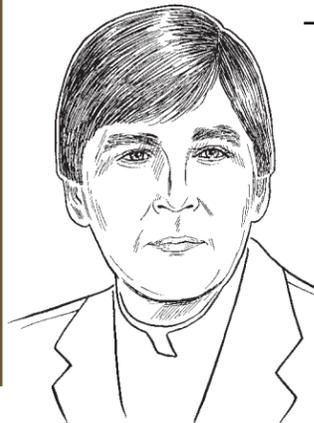
In the fall of 1941 Brother Gerard LaMarre hired Chuck Granger as the first band director of St. Patrick High School and in May 1942 thirty-five band members played their first concert. In 1943 a dance band was formed and twelve high school students, led by Chuck Granger, became the "Downbeats". The "Downbeats", all St. Pat's High School students, played at school dances and became well known in the Kankakee area. They began playing professionally in 1946, and played at so many local dances, that they were pressured to join the musicians' union. In 1946 the "Downbeats" became the youngest professional orchestra in the United States. Because of "Chuck" Granger's influence and hard work many "Downbeats" members went on to form their own orchestras. Chuck's daughter Greeta Granger Peden graduated from St. Patrick Central High in 1958 and lives in South Carolina. Her sister Paula Granger Jackson lives in Georgia. Chuck passed away in 2004.

DR. LEO O'CONNOR

Dr. O'Connor's involvement with Bishop McNamara began in 1964 when his oldest daughter Fran started school here, and continues to this day. He has served as president of the School Board and under his leadership the 1970 Endowment Fund was very successful. As president of the Huddle Club he initiated the Huddle Club "Pig Roast" which has become today's annual Scrimmages event, and the Huddle Club Spring Dance. He was named Honorary Chairman of the McNamara Auction in 2005, and is a member of the McNamara Foundation Board. He has served as president of the local Dentist Society, Kankakee County Health Board, and Jaycee's Little League. A devout Catholic, he is a member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. His children are Jeannie, Fran who graduated from Bishop McNamara in 1969, Kevin '75, Shawn '73, Kelly '79 Erin in '82 and Angie. His wife Mary Ellen passed away in 2000 and in her name the family established the Mary Ellen O'Connor scholarship for students attending Bishop McNamara.



REV. ERWIN SAVELA, C.S.V.



Father Savela came to Bishop McNamara as a young priest in 1970, and in 1981 was named principal. One of his first projects as principal was to organize the Irish Alumni Association and to initiate the "Irish Update" newsletter, which today communicates with 7000 Irish Alumni all across the United States. Father Savela was named an Honorary Irish Alumnus in 1989. As a teacher and administrator his foremost concern was always the students. McNamara became his home, and the Mac students, staff and parents his family. Father Savela was an avid Cubs fan and managed quite often to attend the Cubs spring training. Father left Bishop McNamara in 1989, and today lives in Redlands, California where he teaches at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

FRANCIS "SMITTY" AND JEAN SMITH



Smitty graduated from St. Patrick Central in 1960. After college and marriage, Smitty returned to Manteno with his wife Jean to run his father's business. Over the years Smitty and Jean have been vitally involved in every phase of McNamara including School Board and Huddle Club as well as Madcaps and the Annual Auction. In 2001 Smitty served as co-chairman of the 2001 Capital Campaign which raised \$2.5 million. Smitty has served on the Board of Directors of Manteno State Bank, now HomeStar Bank. Once their four children were grown, Jean worked for the Illinois Attorney General's office. When the State of Illinois closed Manteno State Hospital in 1980, Smitty led the effort to develop the vacated facility into the Illinois Diversatech Campus which today brings thousands of jobs to the area through the businesses stationed there. Smitty and Jean assist with the operation of his brother Denny's Foundation which provides approximately \$30,000 annually to Mac students. All four of their children are Mac graduates, William in 1984, Pam '85, Michael '89 and Kelly Smith Halley '95.

JAMES AND LEONA WORBY



For twenty-five years, 1966 through 1991, Jim and Leona had children attending Bishop McNamara High School, and grandchildren attend to this day. They were tireless workers for McNamara, supporting the Football Pig Roast, Madcaps, Annual Auction, and Ceile Calendar program. Jim graduated from St. Patrick High School in 1946, where he lettered in sports and was starting quarterback for the football team. He was a World War II veteran. Leona was a top Avon salesman, and worked in Mac's cafeteria for twelve years. In 2005 she was named Grand Marshal of the Homecoming parade. Jim and Leona were active in St. Joseph Parish and attended daily Mass. Jim passed away in 2004, and Leona in 2007. Their children have established the Jim and Leona Worby scholarship for Mac students. Their eleven children are Michael class of 1969, Christine '73, Colleen '74, Marsha '75, Michelle '77, Marian '82, Carolyn '83, James '85, Joyce '87 Jason '91, and Marty. Nine grandchildren have graduated from McNamara, and two presently attend.

The Irish Alumni Association is accepting nominations for induction into the 2012 Hall of Honor. The nomination form can be accessed online at the Alumni page of the McNamara website, or by calling Jaclyn Dugan in the Advancement Office at McNamara, 815-933-7620. Nominations are due in the Advancement Office by June 15, 2012. Induction is tentatively planned for October 2012.

DOROTHY AND ROMY HAMMES

HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

2008

Reverend Henry Shea, founder of St. Patrick High School in 1922
Sister Mary Luke Tobin, SL,
teacher and principal
Richard Clancy, alumnus, teacher and coach
Brother Gerard LaMarre CSV, teacher
Francis W. Smith, parent and benefactor
James Doyle, teacher.

2009

Clarence "Puff" Romary
Sister Madeleine LaMarre C.N.D.
Margaret and Walter Luehrs
Dennis Smith

2010

Dr. J. T. Baldwin
Captain Ryan Beaupre USMC
Brigadier General Thomas V. Draude
Joseph C. Gianotti
Justice Thomas L. Kilbride
Alphonse "Bud" Monahan

2011

Charles "Chuck" Granger
Dr. Leo O'Connor
Rev. Erwin Savela, C.S.V.
Francis "Smitty" and Jean Smith
James and Leona Worby

Future Irish Alumni



HUNTER
October 18, 2011
Son of Jessica Kliest '04
Graduate and fiancé Mike.
Grandson of Tina Shreffler-
DuMontelle 1977 Graduate



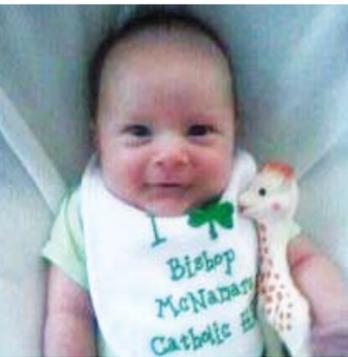
ADDISON GRACE
October 20, 2011
Daughter of Eric Yates '97
and his wife Angela



LILY
July 6, 2011
Daughter of Adam '94 Pyne
and his wife Anna



SIENA LEE
October 19, 2011
Daughter of Kurt '94
and Stacey Denault '97 Belisle
Sienna was welcomed home by
sister Madison



ROBERT
December 19, 2011
Son of Kerri Knapp Beland '00
and Robert Beland III '00



MAREK, HARPER, DAVIS
Born on May 17, 2011
Children of Laura Breault '97 Andersen and her husband Jeremy

Is there a new baby in your family?

Email Jaclyn at
jdugan-roof@bishop-mcnamara.org
and we'll send you a bib.
Photograph your child/grandchild in the bib,
send back to us and we will be happy to run
the photo in the next Irish Update!!!



Are you following us on Facebook?
Our fan page is

Bishop McNamara Catholic High School Alumni

"Like" us!

Want To Help?

Want to help with keeping your class updated on all events and information?? Become a class chair/co-chair!

For details on what is involved, please contact Jaclyn at jdugan-roof@bishop-mcnamara.org or at 815-933-7620. We need you, as Irish Alumni, to help us remain a strong organization!!

Homecoming Tent

Come out and join the Irish Alumni Association again this year for the Irish Alumni and Family VIP tent in the end-zone during the Homecoming game on Friday, September 28, 2012!!

Congratulations to **Sue Hodak '76** on her retirement from Bishop McNamara Catholic High School, after years of dedication to our students! Also, please keep her husband, Phil, in your prayers. He recently received a heart transplant at Loyola in Chicago. Our prayers to the entire family!

**Update
Available
On-line:**

**Help us save
money!**

**If you are willing to read
the Update on-line (where
it is always posted under
"Alumni" at bishopmac.com)
please let us know that we
can take you off the
mailing list!**

Beer Brats & Bags Tournament



*When was the last
time that you were
on the Irish football
field?*

October 6, 2012

Bishop McNamara Catholic
High School Football Field
3:00 p.m. - Rain or Shine
Men's, Women's & Mixed Teams
Open to all Alumni
21 years and over
More details to follow

IRISH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Irish Alumni Association unites more than 7300 alumni of St. Patrick, St. Patrick Central and Bishop McNamara Catholic High School. Our mission is to preserve the heritage that shaped our school, to foster the spirit of camaraderie among alumni and to support the mission and development of Bishop McNamara Catholic High School.

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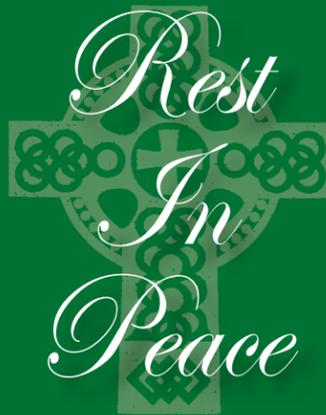
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| Susan Marlair Cotter - 1945 | Thomas Lamie - 1963 |
| Jeanne Provancal Regnier - 1945 | Gerald McCann - 1963 |
| Mary Jane Richert - 1945 | Frank Murry - 1964 |
| Mary Lee Denault - 1946 | Jim Adame - 1965 |
| Leon Blanchette - 1948 | Maryanne Friend - 1965 |
| William Salkeld - 1948 | Michael 1965 and Janis Ohrt |
| Edward Boudreau - 1949 | James Ciaccio - 1969 |
| Charles Gagnon - 1949 | Michael and Michelle Bergeron |
| Justin 1951 and Patricia Cyrier | Messier- 1971 |
| Kathleen McLean Schalk - 1952 | Curtis 1983 and Kathleen Mroz |
| Jeanette Blanchette 1952 and | Saindon 1986 |
| Edward Gregoire | Austin Provost - 1990 |
| Richard 1953 and Jeanette Gagnon | Charles and Lluvia Gricius - Friend |
| Eleanor Small - 1956 | Genevieve Keller - Friend |
| Carol Nolte Bock - 1957 | Loretta LaFrance - Friend |
| Dawn Berns Jarvis - 1957 | Kay Lindner - Friend |
| Greta Granger Peden - 1958 | Paul and Norma Lovell - Friend |



Kankakee native Sam Azzarelli stands with his grandson John Czernik '99 at Midway Airport after returning from an October 26, 2010 WWII Veterans Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Azzarelli served in the U.S. Army with the 9th Infantry, 39th Infantry Register.



- John Mulligan..... 1944
 Alice Memenga Strahl..... 1944
 Dale O'Connor 1945
 Richard Bisailon..... 1947
 Donald Crevier 1947
 Mary Margaret Memenga... 1948
 Robert L Guimond 1949
 Patrick Phillips 1952
 Robert Franz 1955
 Bernice Allegro 1957
 Dawn Berns Jarvis-..... 1957
 Nancy Sawyer Wagner 1958
 Leo Ciaccio..... 1972
 Robert Wertz 1977
 Erma Boudreau..... Friend

Last fall, our staff underwent some changes and our software is being constantly updated. Unfortunately, we are not confident that some of our deceased alumni were converted with the new system, but we did list those that we have been able to confirm over the past few months. If you know of a class or family member that has passed since September 2011 and that person has not been listed, please give us a call at 815-933-7620. Thank you for your understanding!

A I U m n i

News & Notes

1945:

Sister Adrienne (Theresa) Schmidt writes "Continuing to enjoy each day that God gives me. Praying that the great school that I had the fortune to be a part of will continue with success. I still wear my class ring- the St. Pat's emblem is no longer recognizable but the year still remains." *Thank you for the prayers Sister and all the best from us here at the school!*

1948:

Walt Henneberger reports that "Something I did in 1968 finally became useful. Apparently technology finally caught up with a theory previously considered useless." To check out his work, visit <http://www.fv-berlin.de/oeffentlichkeitsarbeit/verbundjournal-1/pdfs/verbund88.pdf> and go to page 20. (please note: the article is in German). *Great job and well deserved Walt!!*

Robert (Bob) Marcotte and his wife, Helen, have a combination of 9 children, 22 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren and currently reside in Arizona. Bob writes that "all of his children are doing well, they are very active (sometimes too active) in their church and civic organizations. Neither are content to sit still and traveling now consists of visiting family and relatives, which leave little time for fishing!" *All the best to Bob and Helen!*

1968:

Dotty MacDonald Lagesse received the Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Daily Journal for 2011 due to her work with the Hospice of Kankakee Valley. She led the agency for more than 20 years and helped in transforming its future for years to come. *Congratulations to Dotty and her family—very well deserved!*

1969:

Gerald (Jerry) Lambert was ordained a permanent deacon in the Diocese

of Bridgeport, Connecticut on June 11, 2011. Deacon Jerry is assigned to St. Mary Parish in Ridgefield, CT. *All the best and congratulations to Jerry and his family!*

1976:

Lori Korstick Anderson currently works at Heritage Development in Kankakee, IL and is a grandmother of 4. She also took a vacation in December 2011 to Myrtle Beach. *Great to hear from you Lori and enjoy those grandchildren!*

1981:

Steve Bertrand was named Communicator of the Year by his Alma Mater Marquette University. *Congratulations Steve and keep up the great work!*

1996:

US Air Force Capt Erik Schultz was promoted to the rank of major October 1, 2011 during a ceremony held at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. He is a career space and missile operations officer, with previous assignments in ICBM and Spacelift Operations mission areas. Major Schultz, his wife and two daughters live in Lompoc, CA. He is the son of Therese and Rich Schultz of Kankakee. *All the best to Major Schultz and his family!*

1998:

Andrew Suprenant has been working on various projects lately: *Working with Steve James* (Hoop Dreams), *Alex Kotlowitz* (There Are No Children Here), *Tribeca Film Institute*, *The Mozilla Foundation*, and *ITVS to create outreach website for The Interrupters documentary as well as collaborated with Roger & Chaz Ebert and WTTW to produce <http://www.bertpresents.com> website for the Ebert Presents At the Movies television program. All the best to Andy and his endeavors!*

1999:

Amanda Filla currently resides and works in California as a project manager for a company called Graphic Orb. *All the best to Amanda!*

2003:

Kate LeClair Brandt graduated from Arizona State University in 2007 with a Bachelor's in Family & Human Development. She married Matt Brandt, from Canyon, TX in October of 2009. They reside in Chandler, AZ with their two dogs and recently welcomed a baby girl into the world on November 16th, 2011. Lauren Louise Brandt weighed 6 lbs 12 oz and was 20 inches long. *All the best to Kate and her new family!*

Friend:

In speaking with Fr. Savela in regards to his honor of being inducted into our Hall of Honor, he did agree that we are able to share his current address. If interested in reach Fr. Savela or to send any correspondence: 1601 Barton Rd Apt 1206 Redlands, CA 92373



Tiffany Shear Erickson, '92 and Christian Giles, '82 maitre'd at Charlie Trotters in Chicago

2012 Dates to Remember

March 25, 2012
 April 14, 2012
 May 5, 2012
 May 2012
 May 27, 2012
 July 13, 2012
 September 28, 2012
 October 6, 2012

Family Bags Tournament
 Grand Reunion
 Auction
 Presentation of Susan Grumish Bradecich Awards
 Graduation
 Irish Golf Classic
 Homecoming
 Beer, Brats & Bags Tournament

Irish Alumni Questionnaire

Thank you to all the Irish Alumni who send information for the Irish Update. Please return this questionnaire to: Bishop McNamara Catholic High School, 550 W. Brookmont Blvd., Kankakee, IL 60901 or email Jaclyn Dugan-Roof at jdugan-roof@bishop-mcnamara.org

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