

For Alumni of St. Patrick, St. Patrick Central, Bishop McNamara High School,
and Bishop McNamara Catholic School

Irish Update

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Catholic Schools Week

On January 30, 2020 a Mass was celebrated in recognition of Catholic Schools Week. Students in kindergarten through 12th grade gathered together as ONE school to share in prayer and the Eucharist. After Mass, the traditional student body group photo was taken to commemorate such a historic time for Catholic education in Kankakee county.



UPCOMING EVENTS



The below is a list of upcoming events. They are subject to change.

Please visit bishopmac.com and look for social media posts for up-to-date event information.

Class of 2020 High School Graduation	Sunday, May 24th
Fightin' Irish 5K Ken Klipp Classic - NOW A VIRTUAL 5K	Monday, May 25th (Memorial Day)
Jackie Keller Memorial "Caddyshack" Golf Outing	Friday, August 7th
Alumni Sponsored Mass (Prior to Fall Sports Preview)	Friday, August 21st
Alumni 34th Annual Irish Golf Classic - THE DATE HAS CHANGED	Friday, September 18th
Homecoming 2020	Friday, September 25th
Annual Dinner Auction	Friday, November 6th



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FROM OUR PRESIDENT/PRINCIPAL **Terry Granger '76**

Bishop McNamara Alumni,

I pray that as of this writing, you and your families are well and are of good health. I write this during extreme uncertainty for our world. To say that these are uncharted times for all of us is an understatement. Weeks ago, when we began to envision and establish a whole new reality for the Bishop McNamara community under the worldwide circumstances, I was blessed to work with such caring and dedicated people who assisted me as we developed a necessary remote learning environment. The administration, faculty, and staff of Bishop McNamara, as well as county officials and the leadership of the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Joliet were incredible during these planning stages. Our goal was simple -- protect the health and well-being of our students yet continue to carry out our mission of providing a quality Catholic education. I was so impressed with the Bishop McNamara faculty and staff and how they stepped up to develop thoughtful and creative ways to connect with our students.



I hope that this edition of the Irish Update provides you, if only for a brief moment, a respite from these uncertain times.

In closing, assuring you that the Bishop McNamara community will be praying for all of you and I ask that you please pray for our current families, students, faculty and staff in return. May the Good Lord keep us in all in his loving arms during these uncertain times for our world.

Peace and good health,

Terry Granger

President/Principal

Bishop McNamara Catholic School

INTRODUCING OUR NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD PRESIDENT **Annie Provost '07 Rorabaugh**



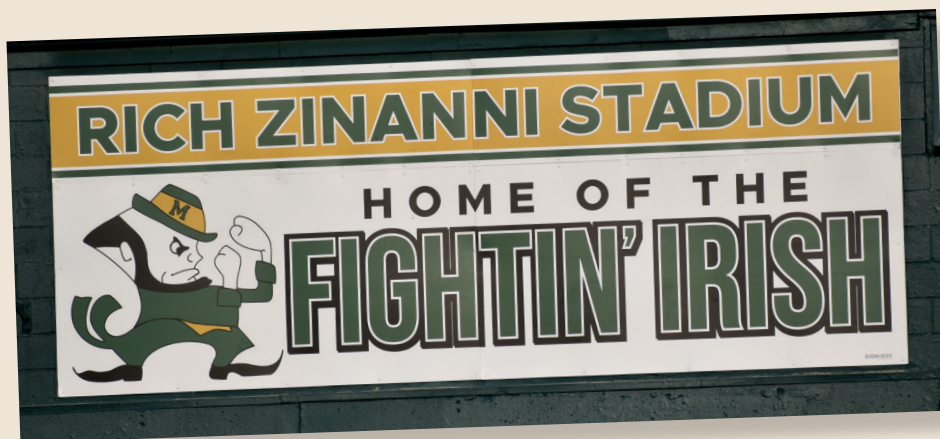
The Irish Alumni Association is pleased to welcome Annie Provost '07 Rorabaugh as our new Alumni Association Board President! Annie resides in Bradley with her husband Doug '05 (whom she was friends with for 23 years before getting married!) and 7-month-old son, Dean. She is a registered nurse in the pediatric intensive care unit at Advocate Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn and is working toward her degree as a nurse practitioner at Olivet Nazarene University. The Bishop McNamara curriculum helped her succeed in college and graduate school. The memories she holds from her days at Bishop McNamara – like the ones involving going to state for basketball – have also shaped who she is today. Annie has served on the Irish Alumni Board since 2017. "It's important to me to be involved in helping to carry on all the wonderful traditions that have been established at Bishop McNamara," said Annie.

Please join us in welcoming her to this important role that will ensure that the many alumni events continue to grow and thrive!

Rich Zinanni '65

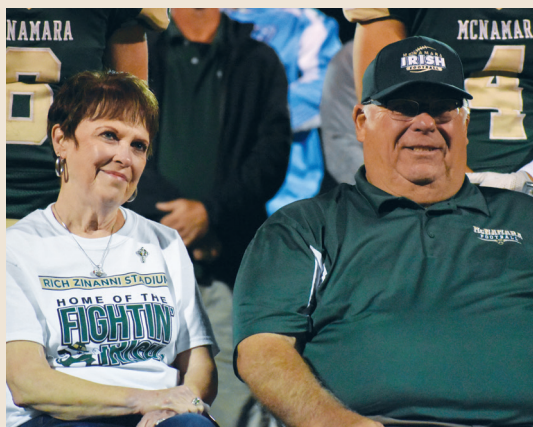
Stadium Dedication

On August 30, 2019, the Bishop McNamara community recognized legendary head football coach, Rich Zinanni '65, by naming the football stadium in his honor. This facility has been officially named "Rich Zinanni Stadium at Memorial Field, Home of the Fightin' Irish."



Rich has dedicated his professional career to Bishop McNamara serving as an administrator, teacher, and coach for 50 years! The 2019 season marked Rich's 45th year and counting as head football coach of the Fightin' Irish. During that timeframe, Rich's overall record is an amazing 361 wins and 142 losses, for a winning percentage of .720. During his tenure as head coach, the Fightin' Irish have qualified for the state playoffs 23 times, have reached the State Championship game 9 times, and have been crowned State Champions 5 times (1982, 1985, 1986, 1987, and 2015). Rich has the most wins for a coach at a single school in the state of Illinois and 3rd in rank of overall wins in Illinois.

In 1995, Rich was inducted into the Illinois High School Association Hall of Fame. In 1997, he was named the Midwest National Federation High School Coach of the Year. In 1998, he was inducted into the Chicago Catholic League Coaches Hall of Fame. Rich was awarded the Tony Lawless Award as Coach of the Year in the Chicago Catholic League in 1995, 2010 and 2012. He coached the U.S. Army All American Bowl in San Antonio, Texas in 2002. He has been honored twice by the Chicago Bears as High School Coach of the Week. Rich has served on the IHSA advisory board twice, from 1992-1998 and again from 2010-2014. In 2011, he received and was recognized for his 300th career win. In 2015, Rich was inducted into Bishop McNamara's Hall of Honor.



Jane and Rich Zinanni '65

At the dedication ceremony last August, Bishop McNamara President/Principal, Terry Granger '76, reflected, "As a young coach and teacher, I had the honor of being part of Rich's coaching staff. There are countless lessons he taught me on how to work with student athletes as a teacher, as a coach, and as a role model. However, there is one specific lesson that Rich taught me that has stuck with me over my entire educational career. Rich said that here at Bishop McNamara nothing is ever easy. Whether it be in the classroom or on the football field, it is difficult, but somehow, some way, we overcome whatever obstacles confront us and we rise to the top. Over his 50 years in various roles at Bishop McNamara, Rich has spread this message to thousands. Each and every person he has encountered is forever grateful because of the lessons they've learned using this mantra."

HOMECOMING 2019

Homecoming 2019 took an interesting turn. Due to severely inclement weather, the homecoming football game was moved from Friday, September 27th to Saturday, September 28th.

Despite the weather, the alumni activities still took place on Friday the 27th with school tours and the gathering of alumni and friends at Brookmont Bowl. The turnout was amazing! We loved seeing classmates reuniting and having a great time.



Wendall '69 and Debbie Provost, Randy '73 and Pat Neville '73 Chaplinski



2014 CLASSMATES
Craig Butler, Cody Salkeld,
Henry Peddinghaus



John DeSelm '74, Steve DeSelm '75



1984 CLASSMATES
Mary Riberdy Hoekstra, Jeff Bruno



2009 CLASSMATES
Christine Foster, Joe Williams



1989 CLASSMATES
Jason Palmateer, Tony Yaniz, Chris Daily, Jason Smith, Terry Bates



1993 CLASSMATES
Rebecca Poole Wilson, Elliott Williams

DO SOMETHING FOR YOU!

EXPEND some energy by exercising outside or on your treadmill during this shelter-in-place season! Physical fitness goals have amazing benefits for people of all ages, especially now when many of us welcome an activity with virtual support and exercise.

As part of the Fightin' Irish 5K Ken Klipp Classic Virtual Race, you can register to walk, jog or run the virtual race on your own time in the location of your choosing and receive a commemorative t-shirt for your efforts once it's completed. This means you can participate in your neighborhood, at the park, or even on a treadmill at home. You can complete your race at any pace.

Runners/walkers track their own times, and completion is based on the honor system. So, no cheating! Once you complete your run, you'll visit the finisher website to submit your results and download the certificate.

Beyond the pride and sense of accomplishment of achieving a great healthy goal each individual participant will also receive the following:

Commemorative Event T-Shirt
Downloadable Race Bib When Signing Up
Downloadable Finisher Certificate When Reporting Your Time

BMCS FAMILY CONNECTION

Be sure to fill in the family name you are supporting on each registration.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorship opportunities are available. If your business would like to become a t-shirt sponsor, please contact Haven and Anna Provost at FightinIrish5K@bmcss.org.

VIRTUAL EVENT

DATE/TIME

PARTICIPATION YOU CHOOSE!
THERE IS NOT A
SET DATE OR
TIME FOR
PARTICIPATION.
PARTICIPANTS
CHOOSE WHEN
AND WHERE TO
COMPLETE THE 5K.



**PARTICIPANT
FEE FOR \$25**

**REGISTRATION
OPEN APRIL 20, 2020
THROUGH
MAY 25, 2020**

KLIPPBOARD

Check out training programs for all levels:

<https://www.bishopmac.com/support/fightinirish5k>.

Coach Klipp will be providing notes and training guides to make your race your best!

CEREMONY

**MONDAY, MAY 25, 2020
AT 9AM ON FACEBOOK
@BISHOPMCNAMARA**

Faculty and Staff Recognitions

On January 30, 2020 we recognized six of our faculty and staff members for their dedication and "Years of Service" to Bishop McNamara and Catholic education. They were: Dawn Akerman, 10 years; Amy Nelson '80 Bovie, 35 years; Terra Czako, 15 years; Cheryl Gaca, 15 years; Pat Memenga, 20 years; Heidi Ostrowski, 20 years.



Dawn Akerman,
10 Years - 2 years
as administrative
assistant in the
advancement
office and 8
years as finance
assistant in
the finance
department



Terra Czako,
15 Years - 3rd
Grade Teacher,
Bourbonnais
Site



Pat Memenga,
20 Years - High
School English



**Amy Nelson '80
Bovie, 35
Years - High
School Religion**



**Cheryl Gaca, 15
Years - Junior
High Language
Arts Teacher,
Kankakee Site**



Heidi Ostrowski,
20 Years -
High School
Mathematics

Kelsey Curwick McGrath - Coordinator of Enrollment & Marketing



When Kelsey Curwick '13 Mc-Grath walked the halls of Bishop McNamara as a student, she didn't know at the time that she would someday be back

in a role that would bring the Bishop McNamara experience to other students.

In July of 2019, we welcomed Kelsey as the Coordinator of Enrollment & Marketing at Bishop McNamara Catholic School. Kelsey wants to give back to those who

have given her so much knowledge, wisdom, faith, and more throughout the years. "It's important to stay active at my alma mater because it shows the younger generations what it means to be a part of the Bishop McNamara family," said Mc-Grath, "It doesn't start and end with high school, but continues on as we begin our professional careers."

Kelsey felt confident about her future as a student at Olivet Nazarene University and then her professional career thanks to the Bishop McNamara teachers and staff who prepared her both mentally and spiritually.

Kelsey is also an active member of

the Irish Alumni Association Board. She sees this as another great way to give back through fun and important events that keep her connected to her extended Bishop McNamara family.

In Kelsey's role at Bishop McNamara, she leads the charge on all of our important enrollment initiatives. Open Registration for new and interested families is now taking place at all three BMCS sites. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Bishop McNamara, please have them contact Kelsey at kmcgrath@bmcss.org or visit our website at www.bishopmac.com.

Joan Linneman Retirement



After 40 years of teaching French at Bishop McNamara, Joan Linneman embarked on retirement at the end of the 2019 school year. In August, faculty and staff gathered at Eddie's Bar and Grill to say,

"Au revoir." Joan touched the lives of so many students over the years, she will be missed by all! Thank you, Joan, for your commitment to Bishop McNamara and Catholic education for 40 years!

Fr. John Horan – Campus Chaplain, BMCS Kankakee Site (Grades 7-12)



In October 2019 Terry Granger, Bishop McNamara Catholic School President/Principal, announced and welcomed Reverend John Horan as our Campus Chaplain at the BMCS Kankakee Site (Grades 7-12). Fr. Horan also holds a position as the Parochial Vicar at St. John Paul II Catholic Parish Kankakee.

Fr. Horan attended two years in seminary formation at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana and four years at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein. Growing up in Naperville, Fr. Horan attended St. Raphael Parish. He attended Waubonsie Valley High School and then the Univer-

sity of Illinois, graduating in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in Spanish. It was at the Newman Center, on the U of I campus, that Fr. Horan felt the desire to share with others his Catholic faith. Specifically, it was during the Totus Tuus training in 2011 that he found his calling to follow the Lord Jesus into seminary in 2012. It was in 2018 when he was joyfully ordained a priest by Most Reverend Bishop Conlon at St. Raymond Nonnatus Cathedral in Joliet, IL.

Fr. Horan has been sharing his faith to our students in our Junior High Masses and prayer services along with Junior High Religion Classes since his arrival at St. John Paul II parish in 2018. Bishop McNamara is proud to offer many opportunities for our students to come together in faith, through various liturgical experiences.

IRISH
ALUMNI

Golf Classic

Proceeds Support the Irish Alumni Association Board

PLEASE NOTE:

**Date has been changed to
September 18th for the
34th Irish Alumni Golf Classic!**

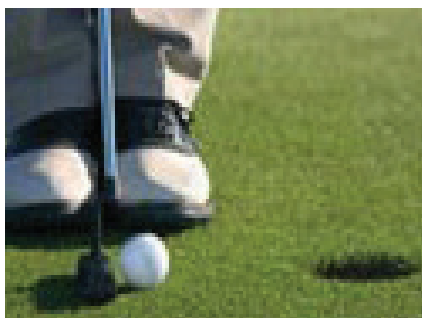
Friday

Sept. 18, 2020

Oak Springs Golf Course

**Breakfast and Registration at 9 AM
Shotgun Start at 10 AM**

- **Best ball scramble**
- **\$100 per person package includes breakfast, greens fee and cart, beverages, prizes and post-golf dining**
- **\$30 per person for post-golf dining only**
- **Golfers must be at least 21 years of age**
- **Back by popular demand... Margaritas at the half-way stop!**



- Reserve your spot by September 4, 2020
- Register online at bishopmac.com/alumni/irish-golf-classic
- Or, make checks payable to Bishop McNamara Catholic School
- Mail to: Bishop McNamara Catholic School
Attention: Irish Golf Classic
550 W Brookmont Blvd, Kankakee, IL 60901
- Any questions, call Sandy Malpasuto at (815) 263-2120 or email her at smalpasuto@bmcss.org

IRISH ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC

Name of Golfer: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____

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No. of Golfers at \$100.00 = \$ _____

No. for Post-Golf Dining Only at \$30.00 = \$ _____

Combined Total = \$ _____

Please List Post-Golf Dining Only Guests:

DOROTHY AND ROMY HAMMES



Jerry Krieg, Paul Keigher '58, Pat Keigher, Leigh-Anne Kazma

FALL OF 2019 HALL OF HONOR

LEIGH-ANNE **KAZMA** AND THE KAZMA FAMILY FOUNDATION



The Kazma Family Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides scholarships and supports education initiatives and other charitable activities. It was established in 1997 by Gerald and Margaret Kazma. At that time, their daughter, Leigh-Anne Kazma, was named president and sole employee. Providing financial assistance to students in need and their families is the primary mission of the Kazma Family Foundation. The extreme generosity

of the Kazma family began by providing college scholarships to students at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls in the Archdiocese of Chicago and has branched out to provide scholarships to students throughout the Chicagoland area to include the seven Catholic high schools within the Diocese of Joliet.

The Class of 2023 represents the 16th class of high school students in the Diocese of Joliet that the Kazma family supports and mentors through their generosity. In total, 75 Bishop McNamara students have received Kazma scholarships. The scholarships begin when the students are freshmen and are renewed each year through their senior year of high school. Leigh-Anne Kazma is dedicated to personally engage with and mentor the students who she selects to receive financial aid from the foundation. She spends a great deal of time getting to know each scholar recipient and their families. She reviews their progress and makes a special effort to meet with each student twice during the school year. She keeps the line of communication open and stays in touch with them after they graduate from high school and move on to the next phase of their lives.

The Kazma Family Foundation has solely or in partnership with charitable

organizations provided financial support to nearly 1000 students. In recent years, the Kazma Family has established scholarships at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Ave Maria University in Florida, St. Joan of the Arc school in Florida, Universidad de Don Bosco in El Salvador, and has helped fund school construction in Honduras. Leigh-Anne has served on several boards which include the Catholic Education Foundation, Big Shoulders Fund Executive Board, Edward's Hospital Foundation Board, and has served as an Arthur J. Gallagher Foundation Mentor.

In 2007, Leigh-Anne Kazma received the St. Elizabeth Seton Award from the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) in recognition of the Foundation's generous patronage of Catholic Education. The Seton Award is NCEA's highest honor given in recognition of significant contributions to Catholic education. The award is named in honor of St. Elizabeth Seton, the first native-born American saint.

Leigh-Anne and her family's dedication to Catholic education and Bishop McNamara students is incredibly meaningful. The positive encouragement given with personal interaction contributes to the success of each student that is mentored.

PAUL '58 AND PAT KEIGHER



Paul, a 1958 graduate of St. Patrick Central High School, and Pat Keigher raised 6 children who all attended and graduated from Bishop McNamara High School, Tim Keigher '80, Susan Keigher '82 Yatvin, Paula Keigher '84 Curwick, Ted Keigher '86, Jennifer Keigher '90 Fogel, and Todd Keigher '91. Paul and Pat also have 13 grandchildren. Katie Curwick '11, Kelsey Curwick '13 McGrath, and Sophie Keigher '18 are Bishop McNamara graduates. Currently within the Bishop McNamara Catholic School system are Molly Fogel (sophomore), Sevin Keigher (freshman), Teddy Fogel (6th grade), and Patricia Keigher (5th grade).

Paul and Pat were responsible for presenting the idea of a formal dinner auction to raise funds for the school. They were the chairpersons for the inaugural event, "Spring Spectacular I," which was held on May 4, 1985. This first dinner-auction was attended by 300 people. There were 117 live items and 204 silent items. The \$100 raffle was also executed for this event. There were 300 raffle tickets sold and the grand prize was the choice of \$10,000 or a 1985 Chrysler LeBaron convertible. Overall, the event raised \$65,000. In 2003, Paul and Pat were recognized as the Honorary Chairpersons for the annual event, which was attended by 477 guests, the 2nd highest in its' history. In addition, 1,000 raffle tickets were sold, and the event saw a net profit of \$295,000. The 36th annual dinner-auction and raffle will be held this year and continues to be the school's largest fundraiser.

The Keighers were instrumental in
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bringing the Ceile Calendar to fruition as a school fundraiser. Paul particularly had a knack for looking for new ways to raise money for the school. Ceile is Gaelic for "partner" which is a perfect name for the calendar as those that purchase a calendar become a partner in Catholic education. The Ceile Calendar is a fundraiser where a winner is drawn 365 days of the year and they receive a cash prize. Over the years, through this fundraiser, thousands of people have partnered with Bishop McNamara in providing the best possible Catholic education for the young men and women in our area. The Ceile Calendar also still exists today and is going strong in its 36th year.

By trade, Paul owned a trucking company and Pat was a nurse. They are parishioners at St. Joseph Church in Manteno. Paul has been a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus as a 4th degree Knight. Patricia was also dedicated to her Catholic faith and served through prayer and volunteering.

Paul and Patricia truly live by the values of faith, family and service. Their dedication to Catholic education has been life-long.

JERRY KRIEG



Jerry Krieg's career as an educator, administrator, and coach began in 1970. Nearly 50 years later, he still remains actively involved at Bishop McNamara as the assistant varsity basketball coach and as an assistant junior varsity football coach. Although Jerry is most notably known as being a successful coach, his first priority was the education of our students. He was always a staunch advocate of academic effort, rigor, and integrity. He was always concerned with our students' growth, assisting them in maximizing their

potential and helping them to become fully formed young adults. Jerry himself, earned a bachelor's degree in physical education as well as a master's degree in science from Illinois State University. He holds a master's in administration from Governor's State.

Jerry served many roles during his tenure at Bishop McNamara which spanned from 1972-1995 to include: science teacher, physical education teacher, department chairperson for physical education, athletic director, assistant varsity football coach, and defensive coordinator which included 4 state championships and 2 runner-up titles, and head varsity basketball coach earning a 20-year record of 309 wins and 233 losses, 10 regional titles of which 7 were in consecutive years, and 8 conference titles.

From 1996-2011, Jerry continued his career at various schools to include Watseka High School, Ottawa Marquette High School, St. Charles/St. Charles East High School, and Providence Catholic High School. He continued to be involved in a variety of educational and coaching roles which included head basketball coach, assistant principal, dean of students, athletic director, and assistant basketball coach.

In 2012, Jerry came back to Bishop McNamara as the head freshman football coach. He continues as an assistant coach for junior varsity football and since 2014, he has taken on the role as assistant varsity basketball coach where they have won 2 regional titles, 1 sectional and 1 super-sectional title, and saw their 1st trip to the final four where they took 3rd place in 2017.

In 1995, Jerry was inducted into the Illinois State Athletics Percy Family Hall of Fame. While at Illinois State University, Jerry was a 3-year football letter winner. He started in 30 consecutive games; was an all-interstate conference selection his junior and senior year; a Kodak College Division All-American; and an Associated Press All-American honorable mention in 1969. In 2003, Jerry was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Hall of Fame.

Jerry and his wife Corine have a daughter, Melissa Krieg '89 White and 2 grandchildren, Payton Gerberding '19 and Danica White who is an 8th grade student at the Bishop McNamara Kankakee site.

BISHOP MCNAMARA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Under the Stars

36TH ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION

On November 8, 2019 the 36th Annual Dinner Auction "Under the Stars" took place at Bishop McNamara's Kankakee site in the gymnasium. This event was moved from the month of May to November and will continue to be held in November for years to come! Many silent and live auction items were up for bid. The evening was celebrated with great food, fun, laughter, and dancing to live music. Most importantly, this annual event brings people together to share in the Bishop McNamara experience. A huge thank you to our auction chairpersons, Scott and Peggy Purcell '90 Mayer and to our honorary chairpersons, Bob and Sandy LaMotte '82 Malpasuto. Scott and Peggy have three children at Bishop McNamara. Riley is a sophomore and Morgan is in 8th grade at the Kankakee site. Owen is in 1st grade at the Bradley site. Their children are 3rd generation Bishop McNamara students. Bob and Sandy have two children, Jack '12 and Michael '14. They are 3rd generation Bishop McNamara graduates. Moving the auction from May to November was a bold task and the energy put in motion by the chairpersons, steering committee, and advancement office to make this transition successful was nothing short of amazing!



AUCTION CHAIRPERSONS
Scott and Peggy Purcell '90 Mayer



HONORARY CHAIRPERSONS
Bob and Sandy LaMotte '82 Malpasuto with sons Michael '14 and Jack '12



Terry Granger '76,
Pat Martin '78,
Jerry Krieg,
Tom Ciaccio '78



Andy '92 and Meredith Purcell



Ben Haas,
Nicole Haas '13,
Bill Haas,
Jackie LaMotte '84 Haas



**Sondra and
Mike Vickery '85**



**Tricia Ciaccio '82 Langevin, Sandy LaMotte '82 Malpasuto, Mary Padwojski '82 Mitchell,
Natalie Nugent '88 Netherton, Marcia Roe '82 Spinosa, Meghan Martin '82 Downey,
Beth Harris '82 Ludwig**



**Sue Smith, Laurie Hoover '86 Gilmore,
Colette Gernon**



Pete and Jenna Bovie '05 Liberti



Carrie DeMarah '95 Cox, Paige Cripe



**PRINCIPAL BMCS BRADLEY SITE
Dana and Steve Berg '85**



**Jim LaMotte '58,
Lori LaMotte '81 Henry, Don Henry**



**Austin '02 and
Elizabeth Flageole '02 Boyd**



Jackie Hammond, Shirley Purcell



**Mike '93 and
Tera Gerber '93 Edwards**

SAVE THE DATE - Annual Dinner Auction 2020

The tradition of the Bishop McNamara Annual Dinner Auction continues in its 37th year on Friday, November 6, 2020. The Annual Dinner Auction is not only one of the school's largest fundraisers, it is also a wonderful opportunity for alumni, friends, and supporters to gather together to reconnect and celebrate Bishop McNamara.

This year's auction will be chaired by Jeremy and Laura Breault '97 Andersen. Jeremy and Laura have three children, Harper, Marek, and Davis, attending Bishop McNamara Catholic School in 3rd grade at our Bourbonnais site.

We look forward to seeing you on November 6th!



Jeremy and Laura Breault '97 Andersen

Dennis J. Smith Scholarship Celebration

On October 17, 2019, a Dennis J. Smith Legacy Foundation Scholarship Celebration was held. The evening was filled with prayer and student testimonials along with remarks made by family members of the late Dennis Smith, Mike O'Brien '92, nephew; Madelyn O'Brien, sister; Kelly Smith '95 Haley, niece. Bishop McNamara scholarship recipients receive a four-year scholarship. The dollar amount of each recipient's scholarship varies based on demand and need. Once awarded, the scholarship amount is set for their four years of high school. These scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated their commitment to community service and leadership. This year alone, there are 100 Bishop McNamara students who receive this scholarship. Since inception in 2007, The Dennis J. Smith Foundation has given Bishop McNamara over \$600,000 toward this scholarship.



(L to R) Francis Smith '60, Kelly Smith '95 Haley, Jean Smith, Toryn Provost '20, Max O'Connor '20, Graham McGrath '21, Madelyn O'Brien, Alex Orozco '22, Mike O'Brien '92

Save the
date for



The
Denny
Golf Outing
Monday, July 20!

"The Denny" sponsored by The Dennis J. Smith Legacy Foundation is scheduled for Monday, July 20th at the Kankakee Country Club. The vast majority of proceeds from The Denny golf outing fund scholarships for Bishop McNamara students. Your day includes lunch, golf, dinner, tee prizes, and much more! Please contact Mike O'Brien '92 at mobrien@midlandsb.com.

Bishop McNamara PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

WINNERS

1ST DRAWING

November 8, 2019
\$30,000
 MARY WESTOVER, JANICE SHENKS,
 ROSIE SCROGINS, RUSSELL WESTOVER
\$3,000
 ALLY EILERS
\$500
 LARRY BURT
\$500
 BILL ZAJC
\$500
 DENISE WADLEY
\$500
 MARY LONGTIN

2ND DRAWING

February 29, 2020
\$75,000
 JAMES & STEPHANIE QUIGLEY, AMY CANTRELL,
 ANNE HARRIS, SUE CASAGRANDE,
 JACOB QUIGLEY, DARLENE WIELICZKO,
 MOLLYANN HESSER
\$5,000
 INDY & CASSANDRA LATHAM
\$2,500
 JOL PASTOR
\$500
 BRENT DUCHENE
\$500
 TIM & JERRY HOLOHAN
\$500
 JUDIE, TOMMY, DALE, ARCHIE SKI
\$500
 ED REILLY
\$500
 MELISSA HAUERT, SARAH BROWN, KIM HARPIN,
 JENNIFER HAUERT, JENNY PICCINI



Bottom Row (L to R) Ashlie Coughlan, Judi Keigher, Laura Mroz '03 Moran, Sherri Cryer, Trivia Night Chairperson - Angie Phillips;
Top Row (L to R) Eric Coughlan, Ted Keigher '86, Scott Moran, Andy Cryer '91, Trivia Night Chairperson - Jason Phillips '01



Bottom Row (L to R) Tyler Boerschig '09 as the horse, Terry Granger '76; Top Row (L to R) Collin Ryan '10, Clayton DeYoung, Katie Ryan '11, Sara Vaubel '15, Mitchell Gerth '11, Abby Godin, Cole Scanlon '13, Bradie Vaubel '13, Sophia Koziol '15

TriviaNight

2020



Trivia Night sponsored by the Athletic Booster Club was held on January 25, 2020. This fun-filled evening continues to be a popular event with a record 29 teams participating this year!

◀ Adam '03 and Dominique Davis '03 Ahramovich



Chris Reisor, Melissa Breault '95 Reisor, Jackie Breault '93 Littrell, Joel Littrell '90, Chris Memenga '72 Breault, Bruce Breault '71, Michael Breault '10, Laura Breault '97 Andersen, Jeremy Andersen



OUR TRIVIA NIGHT WINNING TEAM!

John Hamilton, Amelia Hamilton, Keegan Kociss, Justin Marrier '11, Sarah Hasik, Steven Malm, Caitlin Malm (high school science teacher), Joan Linneman (retired high school French teacher), Shelli Trevino (high school Spanish teacher), Jackie DesLauriers (high school religion teacher)



◀ Bottom Row (L to R) Kim Luhman, Shawna Cox, Brienna Thompson, Sarah Williams, Danielle Martin, Nicole Jakubowski, Jennifer Dole '01, Kim Osenga '01 Piggush, Scott Piggush '01; Top Row (L to R) Tyler Provost '99 Pallissard, Kendall Heldt, Kyle Heldt '01, Jonathan Dole '01, Max Williams '01, Adam Luhman '99, Nick Jakubowski '01, Chris Martin '01, Andy Pallissard '92, Adam Cox '01, Dave Thompson '00



Once again, the annual Phonathon took place on February 3rd and February 5th of 2020. Every day, Bishop McNamara students experience the benefit that annual gifts from alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends provide. The Bishop McNamara Annual Fund and Phonathon provide unrestricted gifts for the school to support us day in and day out. These funds help us to compensate teachers, offer student tuition assistance, enhance programs not supported by other sources of income, meet operating expenses, maintain our building, and sustain a strong educational program with Catholic values while preserving our cherished Bishop McNamara traditions. Gifts go to work immediately, touching every aspect of school life.

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**Sharon Soucie '56 Jackson,
Oletha Grant**



**McKenna O'Connor '21,
Ryan O'Connor '86,
Tonya O'Connor**



**Teddy Kahnt '55 Brosseau,
Mose Arseneau '54**



Grace Purcell '23, Riley Mayer '22



**Nick Elliott '06,
Tyler Boerschig '09**

Thank you also to all of our volunteers at the 2020 Phonathon!



BISHOP McNAMARA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Las Vegas in Bradley was held on Saturday, February 29, 2020. This is one of the largest community events of the year drawing hundreds of people together to support our students of Bishop McNamara Catholic School. The casino-themed event was held at our BMCS Bradley Site and offered patrons all of the experience and energy of a Las Vegas casino. "Elvis" made an appearance this year too!

A big thank you to our Las Vegas in Bradley co-chairpersons, Mike & Michelle McTaggart and Jim & Sara Regnier.

Our final Progressive Raffle winners were drawn at Las Vegas in Bradley, including the big \$75,000 winners! Please see the full Progressive Raffle winner list on page 12.



Emcee - Todd Arseneau '86, "Elvis," Emcee - Jenny Keigher '90 Fogel,
Co-Chairpersons - Jim and Sara Regnier,
Co-Chairpersons - Mike and Michelle McTaggart



Karen Olshefski '13,
Lauren Jurkovic '13,
Kelsey Curwick '13 McGrath,
Taylor McThenia '13,
Mady Mullinax '13,
Lindsey Jurkovic '15

◀ Mitchell O'Brien '13,
Dylan Lergner '10,
James Martin '13



Having a "CARD" of a night...
Terry Granger '76 with Emcee
Jenny Keigher '90 Fogel



Kelly '79 and Linda O'Connor



Todd Keigher '91, Chad Nugent '91,
Kim Stauffenberg '81 Shirley



Meghan Billadeau '06 Elliott,
Justin Shirley '06, Bradie Vaubel '13

Reunions . . .

GRAND REUNION

The "Grand Reunion" for Irish Alumni through the Class of 1955 held their combined reunion on Sunday, September 22, 2019. They began with 10:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Kankakee, followed by a luncheon at the Kankakee Country Club.



1st Row (L to R) Margaret Benoit '45 Billadeau, Sharon Draude '53, Jean Sells '53 Hartman, Sr. Charmaine Kribs '53, Rose Mary Devine '55 Gulczynski, Patricia Gift '55 Deany, Marian Monik '55 Wulffe, Mary Ann Dandurand '54 Koerner, Loretta Daily '48 Denault, Lois Provost '52 Kirchman, Alicia Bott, Gertrude Beaupre '55 Auberry; 2nd Row (L to R) Dolores Kilbride '54 Arseneau, Mose Arseneau '54, Richard Guimond '42, Paul Cardosi '53, Larry Skelly '53, Bob Sterr '54, Steve Serve '53, Ralph Marquis '55, Jerry Marsalli '55, Zeph Benoit '52, Bob Bott '52, John Brill '55, Dick Skelly '55, Roger Koerner '52, Richard Schultz '55, Adrien Raymond '52, Annette Gladu '55, Monica Benoit '55 Ruder, Richard Pommier '53, Teddy Kahnt '55 Brosseau.

CLASS OF 1959

St. Patrick Central Class of 1959 celebrated their 60th Reunion on September 21, 2019 at Brickstone Brewery in Bourbonnais. In addition, they attended Mass at St. Patrick Church in Kankakee and gathered at Oliver's Bar & Grill on Friday, the 20th. A morning brunch was held at George's Family House Restaurant on Sunday, the 22nd.

Bottom (Kneeling) Marcia Richard Rabideau; 1st Row (L to R) Donna Born Gee, Margie Quigley Ayers, Marlene Marquie Coash, Sandy Barzantny Offerman, Cathy Bouchard Sidener, Linda DeCarlo Greenwood, Diane Pacauskas Sheehan; 2nd Row (L to R) Sandy Schrinier Rooney, Ellie Bertrand Harshbarger, Judy Freeman Gall, Edie Bratton Renard, Ann Irle Stack; 4th Row (L to R) Larry Rabideau, Jim Reising, Dave Havens, Bill Gohring, Dewey Kilbride.



CLASS OF 1964

St. Patrick Central Class of 1964 celebrated their 55th Reunion on the evening of Homecoming, September 27, 2019 at TJ's Bar & Grill in Bourbonnais.

(L to R) Jay Karr, Tom Gorman, Judy Ortman Piggush, Greg Pietraszewski, Marianne Whalen Heinzl, Jerri Skeen Cann, Claudette McKay Maguire, Donna Lahners Barzantny, Mike Cochran, Terri LaGessee Weakley, Jean Raymond



Wagner, Nancy Martin Giroux, Merle Raymond, Rick Hanold, Wilbur (Butch) Wagner, Nancy Schrinier Wulff, Dick Barzantny, Mike Longtin, Mike Debetta (hidden behind Dick Barzantny).

CLASS OF 1969

The Class of 1969 held their 50th Reunion over Homecoming weekend with their class gathering on Saturday, September 28th at the Bradley Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club in Bourbonnais.



1st Row (L to R) Marsha Smith, Sue Maisonneuve Cooper, Kathy Devine Clodi, Paulette Giardina, Carol Raymond Osterhoff, Ginger Faber Walker, Carolyn Naese Long, Dolores Soucie Winkle, Connie Henricks Ward, Kathy LeClaire Payne; 2nd Row (L to R) Linda Arrivo Menard, Mary-Jane Dandurand Portaz, Nanette Eckle Carlson, Carm Raspolich Fogt, Paula Burns Nash, Sue Ciaccio Palmateer, Mary Charbonneau Grise, Michelle Hebert Martin, Terry Guimond Henderson, Diana Johnson Piec, Ann Murray Hall, Paula Lambert Wasser, Gwen Shea Low; 3rd Row (L to R) Ray Palmateer, Wendell Provost, Rosemary Sullivan Wieliczko, Jayne Giardina Thompson, Dan Havens, Greg Lockwood, Emil Capriotti, Mary Beth Sweeney Kurasek, Julie Benoit Austin, Kris Richard Schmidt, Kathy Keigher Raker, Cheryl Hubert Palmateer, Deb Just Meier, Catherine Rooney, Mary Wieliczko Miller, Tom Beirne, Patrick Grant, Marjorie Hult Malone, Kevin McLaren, Al Lipperini; 4th Row (L to R) Joe King, Greg Johnson, Howard Marquie, Dennis Baron, Scott Memenga, Linda Giagnoni, Dave Boudreau, Pat Azzarelli Lynch, Doris O'Connor, Rodney Van Der Karr. Not visible in picture - Karl Berns, Tim Johnston, Mike Worby.

CLASS OF 1974



The Class of 1974 celebrated their 45th Reunion at Homecoming on Friday, September 27, 2019. Classmates gathered at Brookmont Bowl.



(L to R) John DeSelm, Phil Grant, Al Messier, Vicki Middleton Stevenson, Paul Tutt, Steve Geelan.

CLASS OF 1984

The Class of 1984 gathered for their 35th Reunion over Homecoming weekend. On September 27, 2019 classmates met at Brookmont Bowl. On the 28th, they reunited at Sammy's Pizza, Kankakee.



1st Row (L to R) Lilli Fitzpatrick Cheever, Jeff Bruno, Lisa Fitzpatrick Chidichimo, Lauren Patton Hanna; **2nd Row (L to R)** Kim Morgan Pinski, John Capriotti, Kurt Cyrier, Mary Riberdy Hoekstra, Beth Behrends Losch, Kathy Olshefski Riderdy, Rick Hanna; **3rd Row (L to R)** Dave Skelly, Pat Donley, Jon Posing, Brad Shear, Jason Payne, John Chaney, Mark Menard, Tammy Schumacher DiOrio, Chris Achusim, Louie Coy.

CLASS OF 1989

The Class of 1989 gathered for their 30th Reunion on Friday, September 27, 2019 at Brookmont Bowl.



1st Row (L to R) Jason Smith, Ernestine Washington, Kelly Bishop Sanders, Jill Williams Pope, Eddie Shafer, Dawn Rood Knapper, Stacie Styck, Lyle Turro;

2nd Row (L to R) Chris Daily, Terry Bates, Diane Barber, Dara MacDonald, Jason Palmateer, Jodi Hiles Dorfler, Nicole Bissonnette, Billy Orban, Eric Olsen, Bobbie Young Murokh, Tony Yaniz, Kellie Taylor Lafavor, Mary Kilbride, Kenna Beaupre Rathai; **Attended but not photographed -** Kurt Quick, Edwin Darr.

CLASS OF 1999

The Class of 1999 celebrated their 20th reunion on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at the home of classmates Bill and Jenna Dupuis Jamros and was planned by the committee of Amanda LaLuna Chorak, Jenna Dupuis Jamros, Erika Dietrich Schultz, Sarah Blake Lamie, Monica Uribe, and Rachel Kraft Beaver.

1st Row (L to R) Erika Dietrich Schultz, Sarah Blake Lamie, Jenna Dupuis Jamros, Jenn Lottinville Jenkins, Deannah Shepherd, Cynthia Tholen; **2nd Row (L to R)** Shulunda Bell, Charlene Edmund Hudson, Rachel Kraft Beaver, Ryan Magruder,



Katherine Gullickson Jones, Alison Wilbur Balthazor, Margaret Bass, Kari Dilday Laird, Elicia Riordan McClurg, Katherine Hodak Bean, Stephanie Welch Bertrand, Connolly Keigher; **3rd Row (L to R)** Nick Bufford, Bill Jamros, Nick Grant, Gavin Aprile, Greg Bufford, Anthony Balthazor, Terry Sutherland, Jack Ryan.

CLASS OF 2009

The Class of 2009 gathered for their 10 Year Reunion over Homecoming weekend. On Friday, September 27, 2019 classmates celebrated at Brookmont Bowl. On the 28th, they reunited at Rigo's Place in Kankakee.

Front Row (Kneeling) Grant Deam, Stephanie Tyson Hauer, Jen Storer;

2nd & 3rd Rows (L to R) Alex Boyd, Eric Conway, Tyler Boerschig, Jacob Stauffenberg, Ashlyn Warmoth Jemar, Emily Turner, Mallory Hoge, Megan O'Connor, Anjel Salgado, Jon Young, Mary St. Aubin, Cassie LeBeau Latham, Trevor Wilson, Olivia Bauer, Annie Glazar Long, Stefanie Rocknowski Munro, Ashley Collins Ahrens, Pat Norton, Matt Lambert, Garrett Kohl, Cameron Gerth, Joe Williams, Christine Foster, Jake LaMore, Brittany Lundell, Jeanine Sims.



Upcoming Reunions

If your graduation year ends in '0 or '5 then 2020 is a reunion year for you!

CLASS OF 1970



The Class of 1970 will be celebrating their 50th Reunion over homecoming weekend with a dinner and party on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at the Knights of Columbus, Kankakee. Save the date! More details to come. Contact Chris Raymond '70 Stankewicz at, raymond.c5255@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1995



The Class of 1995 will be celebrating their 25th Reunion over homecoming weekend, September 25, 2020. Save the date as planning has begun! More specific details will be coming your way! Contact Rhonda Belluso '95 Bambrick at, rhondabelluso@gmail.com.

For up-to-date class reunion information, please visit bishopmac.com/alumni/reunions. If your reunion is being planned, let us know! We will help spread the word through our website and social media.

Please join us for the
Homecoming
Celebration
of Alumni
on Friday, September 25th



5:30 – 6:30 PM

Join us inside the school for a tour.

6:30 – 9:00 PM

Visit the "Alumni Tent" at the south end of the football field.

9:00 – MIDNIGHT

Head to Brookmont Bowl for the "Alumni & Friends Post-Game Gathering" with music

The varsity football game is at 7:00 PM with the announcement of the homecoming queen and her court at halftime.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

MOSE ARSENEAU '54 HONOR FLIGHT



Mose Arseneau '54 getting ready for the Honor Flight

In September 2019 Mose Arseneau '54 took the Honor Flight from Chicago to Washington, DC. Honor Flight Chicago (HFC) was founded in 2008 to recognize America's senior war veterans by flying them to Washington, D.C. to tour the memorials built in their honor. The one-day, all-expense paid trip is filled with appreciation, tributes, memories and gratitude. Each honor flight day begins long before sunrise. Veterans arrive at 4 AM to Chicago's Midway International Airport, and for the next sixteen+ hours, they are treated as heroes everywhere they go.

Mose enlisted in the Air Force and left for service in June of 1954. He was sent to Sampson AFB for twelve weeks which was located on the eastern shore of Lake Seneca in the Finger Lakes region of Geneva, New York. He then went to Shepherd AFB for three months in Wichita Falls, Texas where he went to school to be a jet mechanic. He then moved on to Langley AFB in Hampton Roads, Virginia which was his home base for two and a half years. While there, whenever a jet mechanic was needed, he was flown to that destination which included Greenland and Canada. In addition, Seymour Johnson AFB in Goldsboro N.C. was being reactivated and they needed an experienced mechanic. He was the first one on base and spent one year there. Mose spent time in the service until December 15th, 1957.

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Family members celebrating Mose after his return Honor Flight are: 1st Row (L to R) Stacie Streicher, Tara Arseneau '24, Lauren Arseneau, Mose Arseneau '54, Jenna Arseneau '16, Dolores Kilbride '54 Arseneau, Debby Arseneau, Megan Arseneau, Renee Arseneau '80 Streicher; 2nd Row (L to R) Sean Streicher, Nick Streicher, Mike Arseneau '85, Todd Arseneau '86, Lucas Arseneau '14, Jeff Arseneau '83, Tricia Arseneau, Jeff Arseneau, Harold Streicher, Tyler Arseneau '11, Monica Benoit '55 Ruder, Roger Kilbride '68, Glendal Kilbride.

CLAIRE CHAPLINSKI '02 ATHENA YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD



Claire Chaplinski '02 was the recipient of the local Athena Young Professional award on November 11, 2019. This award is presented to an individual under the age of 40 honored as an emerging leader who demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in their profession. Athena awards are presented in 500 communities across the U.S. and around the world. More than 7,000 have been awarded since 1982. The first Athena Leadership Award was presented in Kankakee County in 1982.

The Leading Ladies luncheon was hosted by the Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce and its Women in Networking committee. The event was presented by CSL Behring and was held at the Kankakee Country Club.

Claire is an attorney in private practice in Kankakee. In addition, she serves on the KC-CASA board and the Hospice of Kankakee Valley board, is the Kankakee County Bar Association vice president, and serves as the legal counsel for Kankakee Community College and the Village of Essex. Claire is involved in the Riverside Medical Center PULSE Young Professionals Board. She is actively involved in Law Day and Society of Women in Law and helps raise money for scholarships for young women wanting to further their education in law or as a paralegal. Claire was appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court's Third District Committee on Character and Fitness on January 1, 2020.

Claire and her husband, Mike Saineghi, have two children, Vera and Lila, who are currently in the PreK4 and PreK3 programs at Bishop McNamara Catholic School.

KIM OSENGA '01 PIGGUSCH AND ERIKA DIETRICH '99 SCHULTZ WOMEN IN BUSINESS AWARDS

The Daily Journal's Lifestyles of Kankakee County Magazine honored six local women with Women in Business Awards. Two of those selected were Kim Osenga '01 Piggusch and Erika Dietrich '99 Schultz. The winners were recognized and celebrated at a luncheon on August 22, 2019 at the Kankakee Country Club. The guest speaker at this occasion was Jeanne Malnati, co-owner of Malnati's Pizzeria, a nationally recognized and award-winning family business.

Kim and Erika were selected from hundreds of nominations. The six women chosen are acknowledged as some of the area's "most successful, influential and inspirational business owners and leaders." This was the first-ever Women in Business Awards to be presented in Kankakee County.



**Kim Osenga '01
Piggusch**

Kim Osenga '01 Piggusch is the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of SA Piggusch Financial Consultants in Manteno. Kim and husband, Scott '01, opened the business in December 2015 with Scott as financial advisor and Kim as COO. Kim earned her bachelor's degree in business psychology and a master's degree in human resources development, both from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Kim is a two-time cancer survivor. In 2012, Kim was diagnosed with stage 3B colon cancer, at the age of 28. After two years of being cancer-free, she was diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer.

Today, she provides others with one-on-one help through their cancer journey. Kim has been invited to speak at various local events to share her story, including the Women's United Conference through United Way and the local American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Her mission is to bring cancer awareness to the younger generation.

Kim is highly involved on various committees at Bishop McNamara Catholic School and is a parishioner at Maternity BVM Catholic Church in Bourbonnais.

Kim resides with her family in Bourbonnais. She and her husband, Scott, have two daughters. Sophia is 8 years old and in 3rd grade at Bishop McNamara Catholic School's Bourbonnais Site, and Faith is 1 1/2 years old.

Erika Dietrich '99 Schultz is the Riverside Senior Life Communities marketing coordinator. She attended Kankakee Community College and Olivet Nazarene University, earning a degree in fashion merchandising with a double minor in marketing and business.

Erika's husband, Darrin, operates a crop insurance agency and is a local farmer. On April 4, 2012 her husband was involved in a farming accident and was trapped under a corn planter. He was airlifted to Advocate Christ Medical Center and spent a month in the hospital, undergoing five reconstructive surgeries. Just eight months later, Erika was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. She is cancer-free today but still undergoes regular annual monitoring and testing.

Erika is a Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, an active member of Gathering Point Church in Bourbonnais, a volunteer on the United Way allocations panel, and was active in the St. Anne Pumpkin Festival Little Princess Pageant.

Erika resides in Limestone. She and Darrin have three children, Landon, 15, Lydia, 12 and Liliana, 9.

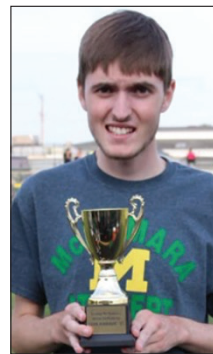
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**Erika Dietrich '99
Schultz**

EVAN JURKOVIC '17 SUPER FAN



When it comes to school spirit, Evan Jurkovic '17 shows the best of the best. On August 30, 2019 Evan was presented with an Irish Super Fan award in recognition of his unwavering support of the Fightin' Irish no

matter which sporting team he watches. After graduating, Evan volunteered at Bishop McNamara for two years. He recently moved to Bonita Springs, Florida with his parents, Ed and Laura Jurkovic. Evan remains in touch with fellow classmates and friends and continues to be a super fan!

ERIK SCHULTZ '96 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

In our fall 2019 edition of the Irish Update, an error was made in regard to the biography of Erik Schultz '96. We should have indicated that he had been promoted

to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force Reserve. To recap, Erik is the Chief of Training, Exercises, and Evaluations for the NRO's operations center. He is responsible for coordinating all the various exercise and training events across the agency throughout the year, ensuring that the exercises accomplish the agency's operational training objectives while minimizing resource commitments. The NRO is the U.S. Government agency in charge of designing, building, launching, and maintaining America's intelligence satellites. Erik resides in Virginia with his wife, Stacey, and two daughters, Olivia and Sophia.



**Erik Schultz
'96 Lieutenant
Colonel, United
States Air Force
Reserve**

MEMORIES *Milestones and* MAGNIFICENT MOMENTS

Illini Game

Mark Paschke '82 enjoyed his 5th annual reunion with longtime friends and Bishop McNamara alums. He enjoyed a rare Illini blowout win and sharing the many fond memories he has of Bishop McNamara with friends.



(L to R) Marty O'Gorman '82, Karen O'Gorman, Jeanine LaFontaine '82 Paschke, Mark Paschke '82, Paul Gubbins '82, Pam Franklin, Joe Franklin '82, Jennifer O'Gorman, John O'Gorman '81

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Alums in France

After two years of planning, fellow alums joined Fr. Dan Belanger, Pastor at St. George Church in Bourbonnais, on the "Year of Mary Pilgrimage" in France. Together, they traveled to Lourdes, Nevers, Tours, Caen, Normandy, and Paris.



Photograph taken at Mont Saint-Michel in Normandy, France. Front Row (L to R) Theresa Guimond '69 Henderson, Mary Ann Bouchard '68 Kingsnorth, Rita Walsh '67 Mroz, Carol Boudreau '67 Meredith; Judy Blanchette '78 Peerbolte; Back Row (L to R) Marsha Worby '75 Saathoff, Larry Blanchette '64; Mike Lambert '78; John Mroz '65; Mark Walsh '73, Fr. Dan Belanger.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Irish Alumni Association unites more than 9500 alumni of St. Patrick, St. Patrick Central, Bishop McNamara High School, and Bishop McNamara Catholic 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 School.

Accomplishments & Achievements

KYLE BENOIT '04



In September of 2019, Riverside Healthcare announced the promotion of Kyle Benoit '04, MHA, to the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. In this role, Kyle is responsible for providing strategic leadership and oversight to Riverside Healthcare's operations. Reporting to Benoit will be the newly created role of Vice President of Clinical Services as well as the Vice President of Riverside Medical Group and the Vice President of Institutional Advancement. Additionally, the Directors of Cardiac Services, Facilities and Engineering and Riverside Medical Group Cardiology, Orthopedics, Neurosciences and Surgical Services will continue to report to him. "In his time with Riverside, Kyle has shown tremendous leadership," said Phil Kambic, Riverside President and CEO. "Kyle has demonstrated a strong ability to fine tune operational areas to create maximum efficiency and ultimately have a very positive impact on the patient experience."

Kyle has worked at Riverside for over five years in various leadership positions. Most recently he has been serving as the Vice President of Operations. Prior to his current role, he held various leadership positions such as Vice President of Surgical Services and Interventional Services and Vice President of Clinical Services. He holds a master's degree in Healthcare Administration as well as a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Kyle serves as chairman of the board for United Way of Kankakee and Iroquois County. He is very active at Bishop McNamara Catholic School where he serves as president of the school board. He is also a youth soccer coach for Dynamo Soccer.

Kyle and his wife, Danielle Vollmer '04 Benoit, live in Bourbonnais and have four children. Landon (4th Grade), Ava (2nd Grade), Carter (PreK4) are students at Bishop McNamara's Bourbonnais site and Harlow is three years old.

LARUE FITCH '01



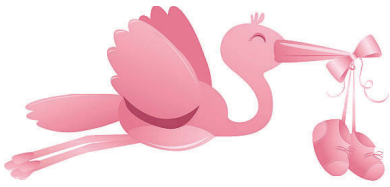
Larue Fitch '01 began his professional journey as an educator at an elementary school teacher working with students in grades 4 through 8 teaching science, literacy, and math. As leadership opportunities opened up within his school, he became the Science Lead Teacher. In that role, his collaboration led to some positive changes in the school's teaching practices along with an established alliance between teachers and administration.

Seven years later, Larue became the Assistant Principal and Resident Principal in Chicago Public Schools where he was in charge of Restorative Justice and the Data-Driven Instructional Cycle. Through the implementation of Restorative Justice practices, the percentage of out-of-school suspensions decreased by 31 percent for African-American children.

Currently, Larue is an Administrator in Illinois in which he works collaboratively with teachers, scholars, and families and recently wrote and published his book, "Breaking the Education Code."

"Breaking the Education Code" is comprised of some of the best practices and strategies that Larue implemented as an instructional leader. He focuses on the need for diversity in education and how curriculum should reflect the different styles of learning that happens in classrooms while embracing the diversity that is occurring in various forms in America. Creating a learning environment that reflects the belief that all scholars can learn and be successful will truly give scholars the opportunity to become college-and career-ready.

After graduating from Bishop McNamara, Larue continued his education as follows: B.S., Elementary Education, Saint Xavier University, Chicago, IL - 2007; M.A., Educational Leadership and Administration, Chicago State University, Chicago, IL - 2013; Ed.D., Educational Leadership, Chicago State University, Chicago, IL - 2018 - Present.



I'm an Irish fan!

WE'VE GOT SOME CUTE BABY COUSINS!

These 7 babies are the grandchildren of 4 of the "Devine" sisters, Lynn Devine '72 Piggush, the late Lisa Devine '75 Kick, Deb Devine '73 Rorabaugh and Amy Devine '81 Hansen.



(L to R) Brooks Piggush born August 21, 2018 - Parents are Neil '98 and Courtney Piggush, Evelyn Harsha born May 3, 2019 - Parents are Derek '08 and Nina Kick '08 Harsha, Will Bieniasz born November 25, 2019 - Parents are Eric and Jenna Kick '04 Bienasz, Faith Piggush born August 27, 2018 - Parents are Scott '01 and Kim Osenga '01 Piggush, Dean Rorabaugh born August 23, 2019 - Parents are Doug '05 and Annie Provost '07 Rorabaugh, twins Cayden and Emma Powell born September 26, 2019 - Parents are Ryan '02 and Kelly Powell.



(L to R) Patrick Fisher born on December 27, 2018 with mom, Emily Fisher, dad is George Fisher '03; Ava Gentry born on May 10, 2019 with mom, Emily Fisher '01 Gentry, dad is Matt Gentry; Theodore Sanders born on July 5, 2019 with mom, Claire Fisher '07 Sanders, dad is Ty Sanders; Chloe Jost born on October 19, 2019 with mom, Rose Fisher '05 Jost, dad is Joe Jost.



Quinn O'Brien born on December 31, 2019, Parents are Kolin '08 and Cristi O'Brien; Evelyn O'Brien born on December 5, 2019, Parents are Patrick '07 and Bridget O'Brien.





ZACHARY & DELANIE
Lewis

Sgt. Zachary Lewis '11 and Delanie Spector were married on June 2, 2019 in Silverado, California at the Giracci Vineyards and Farms. They took a honeymoon to Barbados. Zach is currently a Sargent in the USMC and is stationed at MCRD-San Diego, 29 Palms, Camp Pendleton. He enlisted with the USMC on June 26, 2016. Delanie is the assistant cheer coach at Dana Hills High School. Zach and Delanie currently reside in Murrieta, California.



CASEY & NIKITA
Granger

Casey Granger '08 and Nikita Brown were married on November 16, 2019. The wedding ceremony took place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee and a reception was held at Tuscany Falls in Mokena. Parents of the groom are Terry '76 and Jackie Devine '79 Granger. Parents of the bride are Ron and Lydia Brown. Casey received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Olivet Nazarene University. Nikita earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Illinois Wesleyan University. Casey and Nikita are both registered nurses at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana and currently reside in Champaign, Illinois.



MATTHEW & BLAKELY
Van Mill

Matthew Van Mill '05 and Blakely Winstead were married on July 12, 2019 at the Cook County Courthouse in Chicago. The couple hosted a reception at The Herbarium at Bad Hunter in Chicago on July 13, 2019. Matthew is the son of Michael '83 (Areca) Van Mill of Bourbonnais, and Debi (Adam) Cleeland '86 Lamore of Palos Heights, Illinois. Blakely is the daughter of Barry and Barbara Winstead of Boerne, Texas. Matthew earned a degree in elementary education with a minor in physical education from Saint Xavier University. Blakely graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering and The University of Chicago Booth School of Business with a master's in business administration. Matthew is a middle school physical education teacher, assistant coach for Saint Xavier University's baseball team, and a member of the grounds crew for the Chicago Cubs. Blakely is a Global Analytical Lead at Microsoft. They currently reside in Chicago, Illinois.



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MaryLou Small Orth	1948	Monica Benoit Ruder.....	1955	Kevin Nugent	1966
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Dennis Savoie.....	1950	Kathy Schmidt Burge	1960	Paul Brocksmith	1973
George McCormick	1951	Donald Mackey	1960	Cynthia McKenna Traver	1973
Sharon Draude	1953	Ronald Euchner	1961	Patrick Martin	1978
Richard Gagnon	1953	Ralph Lambert.....	1965	Teresa Poskus	1979
Mose & Dolores Kilbride Arseneau...	1954	Michael Ohrt.....	1965	Louise Schults	1980



MEMORIALS



Memorials were established for Bishop McNamara Catholic School for these deceased alums and friends. We are truly grateful for all gifts received in honor of these wonderful people. Monies received directly benefit the students of Bishop McNamara.

Marilyn Yonke '50 Hodak

Thomas O'Connor '56

Mary Krisko, Friend

We love
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together!



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We want to keep our alumni connected to their alma mater and the Irish Update is our best tool to do so!

*Rest In
Peace*



Joan Kraus Gohring	1945	James Trost.....	1961
Marilyn Yonke Hodak	1950	Michael LaGesse	1962
Thomas Mills.....	1950	Nancy Betourne Ketchum	1963
Robert LaFontaine.....	1951	Rodney Whittington.....	1965
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