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Irish Update



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NO MATTER HOW MANY YEARS

HAVE PASSED, YOU'RE INVITED

TO COME BACK TO BISHOP

McNAMARA TO CELEBRATE OUR

PAST AND LOOK TO OUR FUTURE

AS WE PREPARE FOR OUR

100TH YEAR CELEBRATION.

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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.

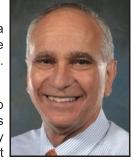
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FROM OUR PRESIDENT/PRINCIPAL Terry Granger '76

Bishop McNamara Alumni and Friends,

Ten years ago, I arrived "back home" to continue my ministry as a Catholic administrator. This is the phrase I used when I accepted the principal position ten years ago and it is the phrase I still use today... "I am back home!"

As alumni of St. Patrick High School, St. Patrick Central, Bishop McNamara High School, or Bishop McNamara Catholic School, this has been home for 100 years! Just like any other home, when we say Bishop McNamara is home, it continues to be a work in progress. It



is a project in which we are continually upgrading, improving, and modifying. Home is much more than a building, or a piece of soil, it is part of who we are and a part of our very being. Home is truly the place where we become ourselves, we become who we are!

As we embark on our 100th Year Celebration, we invite you to come back home. No matter how many years that have passed, you are forever welcome to come back to celebrate our past and witness our future.

Please refer to the center pages of this edition of the Irish Update for specific details. As a simple reference, these are the major events planned for our 100th Year Celebration:

- Opening Mass and Reception Sunday, July 31, 2022
- Homecoming Week September 12 through 17, 2022
- 100th Anniversary Gala Saturday, November 12, 2022
- · Madcaps Friday, April 14th and Saturday, April 15th 2023

I whole-heartedly hope you will attend as many of these events as you can. I am very much looking forward to seeing you and celebrating together!

God's blessing to all of you and Go Irish!

Terry Granger '76

President/Principal
Bishop McNamara Catholic School

INTRODUCING OUR NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD PRESIDENT **Todd Arseneau '86**



The Irish Alumni Association is pleased to welcome Todd Arseneau as our new Alumni Association Board President. Todd and his wife Tricia reside in Bourbonnais and have three children; Tyler '11 (Katelin), Taylor '15 and Tara '24. Todd is hopeful that his first grandson, Wells, will be a future Irish Alum, class of 2042. He has been a State Farm Agent for over 20 years with an office in Bourbonnais. Todd has served on the Irish Alumni Board for many years, this is his second term as Board President.

Todd is looking forward to the coming year and says, "I am excited for the 2022-2023 school year as it will be a big year for Bishop

McNamara, with us celebrating 100 years of the school. We have a lot of events coming up in the future. Please see the additional details in this edition of the Irish Update regarding the major events we are planning for our 100th Year Celebration. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for as many of these as possible as we celebrate 100 Years of Irish Tradition... Go Irish!"

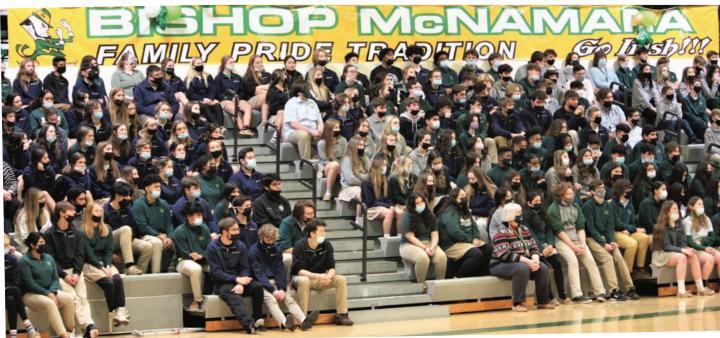
Please join us in welcoming him to this important role that will ensure that the many alumni events continue to grow and thrive!





On January 31, 2022 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. Mass was celebrated by Fr. John Horan (BMCS Chaplain/teacher), concelebrating were Fr. Matt Pratscher (St. John Paul II), Fr. John Peeters, C.S.V. (St. Patrick's, Kankakee) and Fr. Moises Mesh, C.S.V. (Maternity BVM).





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Coach Rich Zinanni

Kathy Jordan, Coach Rich Zinanni '65 and wife Jane Zinnani



Coach Zinanni with granddaughter Natalie Jordan



Coach Zinanni, Jim Frogge '68

legendary career.

Gerth '80, Lisa Azzarelli '80 Gerth, Dr. Karl Keller '74



Edwin Darr '89, Kurt Belisle '94, **Brenden Paquette '16**



Kobe Shutter '16, Coach Zinanni, Al



Jane Zinanni, Coach Zinanni, Jim



Ryan O'Connor '86, John Kennedy '77, Rory

The End of an ER

lives of hundreds of students at Bishop McNamara.

The final game of the 2021 football season for our Irish and the end of a legendary career for Coach Rich Zinanni '65 took place on November 12, 2021. Rich's coaching career spanned over five decades at Bishop McNamara where his teams earned 5 state football championships and he impacted the

On December 5, 2021 many former players, coaches, friends and family gathered at the Knights of Columbus to honor and celebrate Coach Z's

Class of 1979 teammates pictured with Coach Zinanni are Ron Young, Dr. Edward Piatt, Mark Cox, Dr. Kelly O'Connor and Rory O'Connor



David Zinanni '82, Coach



Mark Devine '76, Coach Zinanni, Ray Schmidt '75, Mike Rude (Former Coach)

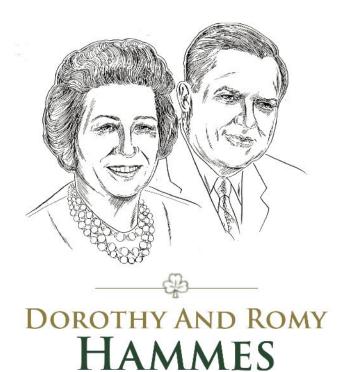


Francis '60 and Jean Smith, Sondra and Mike Vickery '65



Chuck Cassidy '66, Kevin Cassidy '87, Coach Zinanni, Kurt Cassidy '87





2021 Inductions

BISHOP MCNAMARA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HALL OF HONOR

On October 17, 2021, five members were inducted into the Dorothy and Romy Hammes Hall of Honor at Bishop McNamara Catholic School. The induction ceremony was attended by nearly two hundred friends and family of the inductees. After the invocation by Rev. John Horan, the colors were posted by the Kankakee County Marine Corps League Detachment 1253. Bishop McNamara student Chase Provost '22 sang the National Anthem. Induction was by The Irish Alumni Association Board and a reception followed in the BMCS cafeteria.



Scan the QR code for full biographies.



Patrick Martin '78, Dr. Karl Keller '74, Dolores Kilbride '54 Arseneau , David Raiche '65, Rev. Anthony Nugent '63



Mose AND Dolores ARSENEAU

Dolores Kilbride Arseneau and her late husband Mose Arseneau, both 1954 graduates of St. Patrick High School, have been staunch supporters of Bishop

McNamara Catholic School for over half a century. They have given countless volunteer hours to further the mission and values of the school. Mose and Dolores have five children, all of whom attended Bishop McNamara.





Tony Nugent graduated from St. Patrick Central High School in 1963. He went on to study Philosophy at Immaculate Conception Seminary, followed by a

Master's degree in Divinity at St. Meinrad School of Theology. In 1972 Father Anthony Nugent was ordained into the Catholic Priesthood by Bishop Raymond Vonesh. With ministry and faith at his core, Fr. Tony has served Bishop McNamara faithfully for many years.





Karl "Doc" Keller is a 1974 graduate of Bishop McNamara High School. After attending Notre Dame University and

Northwestern University Dental School, Karl returned to the area, opening a dental office in Manteno where he practices to this day. Karl and his late wife, Jackie Martin '75 Keller, have three children who all attended Bishop McNamara. Karl's involvement at Bishop McNamara has taken a multitude of forms throughout the years; however, the salient memory for most is his 13-year tenure as the Bishop McNamara Boys Head Golf Coach.





Dave Raiche graduated from Bishop McNamara High School in 1965. Always involved, he was a member of several clubs

and organizations. In 1973, Dave was hired as a teacher at Bishop McNamara. For nearly 40 years Dave epitomized the McNamara difference, serving in a multitude of roles while always placing others, especially his students, above himself. Dave never failed to prioritize the interest of the Bishop McNamara family when making decisions, always serving as a paragon of integrity, compassion, and faith.



PATRICK MARTIN

Pat Martin is a 1978 graduate of Bishop McNamara High School. During his high school days, Pat was involved with several school clubs along with being a

key member of the Fightin' Irish Basketball and Golf Teams. From his senior year in 1978 to today, Pat has epitomized the McNamara mission statement, maximizing the potential of all around him spiritually, morally, and intellectually via the stewardship of faith-based community and service to others.

Irish Alumni Association Board members induct the 2021 members into the Dorothy and Romy Hall of Honor.

Below: Pictured left to right

Andy Purcell '92 with Dolores Kilbride '54 Arseneau

Nick Elliott '06 with Dr. Karl Keller '74

Liz Marczak '77 Madsen with Pat Martin '78

Sandy LaMotte '82 Malpasuto with Rev. Tony Nugent '63

Sharon Soucie '56 Jackson with Dave Raiche '65













The 38th Annual Dinner Auction, A Million Dreams, was held on Friday, November 5, 2021. This annual event brings people from near and far together to celebrate with an evening of food, fun, laughter, auction bidding and music.

A huge thank you to our chairpersons, Dr. Scott and Mrs. Jenny Keigher '90 Fogel and our honorary chairperson, Reverend Daniel Belanger, C.S.V. Scott and Jenny have three children; Hannah, Molly (Class of 2022) and Teddy (Class of 2026) both are at the Kankakee site. Their children represent a third generation of Irish Alums. Fr. Dan has been the pastor at St. George Parish since 2009 and on Thursdays you can find him in the Holy Grounds Café which is located at the Kankakee site.

On behalf of the students, faculty, and administration, the BMCS Annual Dinner Auction Steering Committee would like to thank the guests, BMCS major sponsors, Annual Dinner Auction program sponsors, Item donors, Progressive Raffle team, and volunteers. It was a huge success!

AUCTION CHAIRPERSONS Dr. Scott and Mrs. Jenny Keigher '90 Fogel





HONORARY CHAIRPERSON Fr. Dan Belanger, CSV











Verne and Lori (BMCS Staff) LaMore, Frank Damiano, Liz Marczak '77 Madsen (BMCS Staff), Jeff '83 and Cindy Mullinex, Wendy Marczak '80 and Chris



Shelly and Phil (BMCS Staff) Taylor

SAVE THE DATE! Annual Dinner Auction 2022



The tradition of the Bishop McNamara Annual Dinner Auction continues in its 39th year on Saturday, November 12, 2022. The Annual Dinner 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 connect and celebrate Bishop McNamara.

This year's auction will be chaired by Nick '06 and Meghan Billadeau '06 Elliott. They have two children, Nora attends Bishop McNamara Catholic School in PreK4 at our Bourbonnais site and Charlie.

We look forward to seeing you during our 100th Year Celebration!



Mike '85 and Danielle Arseneau



Amy Hanson and Val LaMore '92 Nugent



Areca Van Mill (BMCS Staff) Lynn Whalen '66 Pearce and **Andrea Lemenager**



Jim '68 and Maggie Hansen '68 Frogge



Tracy Rohr (BMCS Staff) and April Heinrich (BMCS Staff)



Peggy Purcell '90 Mayer (BMCS Staff) and Andy Purcell '92



Terry Granger '76 (BMCS President/Principal), John Olendorf, Rev. Richard Pighini, C.S.V Rev. Jason Nesbit, C.S.V, Mary Finks, Rev. Moises Mesh, C.S.V, Rev. Pat Render, C.S.V Br. John Eustice, Rev. Dan Belanger, C.S.V, and Rev. Don Wehnert, C.S.V

PROCRESSIVE RAFFLE

WINNERS

IST DRAWING



\$25,000 WINNER Stephanie LaRoche

\$5,000 WINNERS

Makenna Woolman

Jim Dole

\$1,000 WINNERS

Cassie Larner

Mark Capriotti

Galloway Group Ticket:

H. Johnson, S. Mickler, J. Ashcraft, M. McClure

M. Costanza, A. LaLuna, J. Adams, R. LaLuna

\$500 WINNERS

Chad Pommier

Barb Schafer

Russ LaMore

Becky Collins

2ND DRAWING



\$75,000 WINNER

Dave Weber

\$5,000 WINNERS

Chris & Lauren Reese

Chris Masterson

Group Ticket:

Amanda Schultz

Brittany Blaise

Kristin Bessette

\$1,000 WINNERS

Wade Tutt Jessica Inman Bradley Zurek Darren LaPenna

rek Liz Madsen enna Elizabeth Kubal Courtney Pigaus

Amy Erickson Victor Rosales Courtney Piggush Rachel Klasey Bonnie Lewis Brad Memenga

Group Ticket:

Lisa Gerth

Stacie Knefelkamp Tyler Pallissard

Chris Breault

\$500 WINNERS

Mary Johnson Tiffany Lanoue Kelly Berry Dave Taylor Tim Bessette

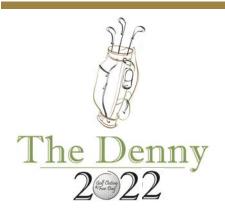
Tonna Winks

Carmen Costales
Nick & Meghan Elliott

Jillian Rojas Tim Schmidt Jerry & Jackie Robinson Mike & Shirley

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Additional Summer Golf Events



The Denny Golf Outing and Fun Day sponsored by The Dennis J. Smith Legacy Foundation is scheduled for Monday, July 25th at the Kankakee Country Club. A vast amount of the proceeds from The Denny fund provides scholarships for Bishop McNamara students who demonstrate their commitment to community service and leadership. Contact Mike O'Brien '92 at mobrien@midlandsb.com to learn more about The Denny!



The Jackie Keller Memorial Golf outing is being planned for Friday, August 5th at Shamrock Golf Course in St. Anne. The golf outing is named after Bishop McNamara's beloved Alumna, the late Jackie Martin '75 Keller. Jackie's dedication to her family, students, fellow colleagues, Bishop McNamara and her faith was unwavering. Honoring Jackie's memory at this event makes it a very special day for all. For more information about this golf outing, please contact the advancement office at (815) 933-7620 or email Peggy Purcell '90 Mayer at pmayer@bmcss.org.



The St. George Church Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, June 5th at Aspen Ridge Golf Course in Bourbonnais. Event cost is \$100 and includes greens fee, cart, and lunch. Proceeds provide scholarships to Bishop McNamara students.

Please contact Bobby Lampley at roblampley@gmail.com or (815) 955-2497 with any questions or for additional information.





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BISHOP MCNAMARA KANKAKEE SITE, 550 W. BROOKMONT BLVD.

THE 5K RUN AND 2 MILE WALK BEGINS AT BISHOP MENAMARA AND RUNS THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF BRADLEY.

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PRE-RACE WELCOME: 7:45	
	Prizes for 5K age group winners
RACE BEGINS: 8:00AM	Prizes for top five 2 mile walkers
	Post-race Leprechaun Dash (ages 9 and under: no fee, no registration required)
QUESTIONS? CALL 815-933-7620	Post-race awards presentation
REGISTER ONLINE BISHOPMAC.COM/5K	Or complete the form and mail with payment to: ATION Bishop McNamara Catholic School C/O 5K 550 W. Brookmont Blvd., Kankakee, IL 60901
5K REGISTRATION FORM	One entry form per person must be completed. \$25 Registration Fee
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Course Choice: 5K Run 2	2 Mile Walk Virtual 5K Run Virtual 2 Mile Walk
Bishop McNamara Catholic School, and Its em	pp Classic, I understand and assume the potential risk for injury. I hereby release ployees, volunteers, and sponsors from any and all liability and I waive any potential alf for any potential injury I might suffer as a result of my voluntary participation.
Signature: Date	Shirt Size: OYXS OYS OYM OYL
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(if under 18 years of age)	MANUS PUNNING SPORT





Meghan Martin '82 Downey Beth Harris '82 Ludwig, Patty Clancy '82 and Dawn Huot '85 Vaubel

Start your 4th of July Weekend Celebration at the 36th Anniversary of the Irish Golf Classic!

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2022

Oak Springs Golf Course

10:00am: Lunch and Registration

11:00am: Shotgun Start

All golfers must be pre-registered with payment by June 17th.



Jeff Bennett, Kim Bovie '76 Bennett Taylor Bennett '06 Renz and Chad Renz

Best ball scramble

\$100 per person package includes: lunch, greens fee, cart, beverages, prizes and post-golf dining

Golfers must be at least 21 years of age

Back by popular demand...margaritas at the half-way stop!

Proceeds from the irish Golf Classic support all of the Irish Alumni Association Board initiatives throughout the year:

Sr. LaMarre freshmen student scholarships

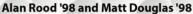
Parting gifts for each senior student at graduation

An appreciation lunch for our faculty and staff

The Irish Update magazine: production and postage each spring and fall

The alumni tent and post-game gathering at homecoming

Sponsorship of the biennial Hall of Honor induction ceremony and reception







Registration and Sponsorship Form

Please fill out form and put a check by your sponsorship level. \$100 GOLF REGISTRATION FEE \$500 BEVERAGE SPONSOR Includes Green Fees, Cart, Lunch, Post-Golf Beer, Pop, Water Cart Dining, Beverages of Beer, Pop and Water Includes business or family name on a (maximum 132 golfers; all golfers must be sign placed on a beverage cart. pre-registered with payment by June 17th) \$750 LUNCH SPONSOR Fuel Up Before Teeing-Off \$100 HOLE SPONSOR Includes golf registration fee for 1 Get Your Business or Family golfer and business or family name on Name on a Hole Sign a banner by the clubhouse. \$250 TEE PRIZE SPONSOR \$1000 POST-GOLF DINING SPONSOR Tee Prizes for all Registered Golfers Eat, Relax, Reminisce Includes business or family name on a Includes golf registration fee for 2 golfers hole sign. and business or family name on a banner by the clubhouse. \$300 MARGARITA SPONSOR Margaritas, Chips, Salsa at The Half-Way Stop Sr. LaMarre Scholarship Includes business or family name on a sign See below to make a donation of placed at the margarita stop. any size toward the alumni sponsored Sr. LaMarre Scholarship. All sponsors business or family names will appear on an event hand-out the day of the outing, on the alumni page on the school website, and in the fall edition of the Irish Update. Reserve your spot by June 17, 2022. All golfers must be pre-registered with payment. Register online at bishopmac.com/alumni/irish-golf-classic or, make checks payable to Bishop McNamara and mail to: Bishop McNamara - Attn: Irish Golf Classic 500 W Brookmont Blvd, Kankakee, IL 60901 Any questions, contact Liz Madsen at (815) 933-7620 x132 or Imadsen@bmcss.org 36th Irish Alumni Golf Classic \$100 Per Golfer Registration Fee Sponsor Level I would like to donate \$ for the alumni sponsored Sr. LaMarre Scholarship. Total Amount Enclosed: \$ Name: Email: **Primary Phone Number:** Put me in a foursome with: 1.

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STAY IN TOUCH
Update your info so you don't miss out!

A YEAR FULL OF CELEBRATIONS

During the 2022-2023 academic year, Bishop McNamara Catholic School will celebrate its 100th anniversary! From 1922 as St. Patrick High School, in 1956 as St. Patrick Central High School, in 1965 as Bishop McNamara High School, to present day Bishop McNamara Catholic School, we have been the Irish!

We're giving you a special pre-launch sneak peek of what's to come so that you can make plans to attend! Stay tuned for more information about many more events and efforts throughout the celebratory year.

OPENING MASS & RECEPTION

JULY 31, 2022

Mass at St. Patrick Church, Kankakee (2PM)
Reception Following at Bishop McNamara, Kankakee
Rededication of the SPH Cornerstone

HOMECOMING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

Happy Hour at Brookmont Bowl & School Bonfire (Time TBD)

SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

Homecoming Parade (Mid-Morning)
Pre-Game Tailgate at Brookmont Bowl (4PM – 6PM)
Football Game (6:30PM)
Post-Game Celebration at Half Paddy, St. Patrick Parish, Kankakee

SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

Alumni Soc Hop, Knights of Columbus, Kankakee (8PM)

100[™] YEAR GALA

NOVEMBER 12, 2022

(Please note new date.)

Join us for a special evening of dinner, dancing, and bidding as we celebrate this exciting year!

MADCAPS

APRIL 14-15 2023

Vintage fun returns for a reprised version of the iconic Madcaps event to wrap up the 100th Year Celebration!

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SHAPING THE CELEBRATION

Planning for the 100th Year Celebration began two years ago when a room full of faculty, friends, and alumni gathered to brainstorm ideas for this momentous occasion. Since then, a leadership committee was formed and planning has been ongoing in order to shape an exciting year full of celebrations for alumni, students, faculty, friends, and our community as we recognize our past, highlight our present, and look to the future.

The leadership committee is made up of six teams that shape the entire celebratory year.

COMMUNITY

OVERVIEW

We've always strived to have a positive impact on our community through service and involvement. During the 100th Year Celebration, we will continue our outreach in order to share the Bishop McNamara mission with our community.

EXPERIENTIAL LEADER
Dawn Huot '85 Vaubel

ALUMNI

OVERVIEW

Connecting with all alumni from the past 100 years is a key effort during the 100th Year Celebration. As a school and alumni family, we invite you to be a part of the many events and efforts happening throughout the year in order to reconnect and reminisce about our time as the Irish!

ALUMNI LEADER Nick Elliott '06

REQUESTS

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If you were a Homecoming queen, please plan on attending the Homecoming football game on September 16, 2022, as we will announce you at halftime.

All state football championship and undefeated football teams will be announced and asked to take the field before the start of the Homecoming football game on September 16, 2022. Football teams from 1957, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1987, 2015 will be included.

High school graduation years ending in "2" and "7" are official reunion years in 2022. If you or one of your classmates plans on leading your class reunion, please reach out to our Coordinator of Alumni Relations, Liz Marczak '77 Madsen, at Imadsen@bmcss.org.

FAITH

OVERVIEW

Faith formation has, is, and always will be a core element of life at Bishop McNamara. Faith-filled events and efforts such as Masses, praying the Rosary as a community, a Kairos alumni reunion, and more will take place throughout the 100th Year Celebration.

FAITH LEADER Donna Worth

REQUESTS

Alumni priests and deacons who would like to concelebrate at the Opening Mass on July 31, 2022, please email Fr. John Horan at Bishop McNamara frhoran@bmcss.org.

HISTORY

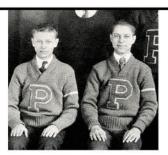
OVERVIEW

Understanding where we've come from and how traditions that are still present today were formed is an important aspect of celebrating our 100th year. Our history will be brought to life in various ways throughout the 100th Year Celebration in order to share stories and special moments with all.

HISTORY LEADER Andy Purcell '92

REQUESTS

We are looking for artifacts, fun items, and photos that represent the history of St. Patrick High School, St. Patrick Central High School, and Bishop McNamara High School. Do you have an old band uniform, megaphone, letterman's sweater/jacket, pennant, play prop, photos or other artifacts that we can use on loan or possibly photograph to exhibit at the 100th Year Celebration events? Please consider sharing items from your high school years! Contact Andy Purcell '92 at ajp10@comcast.net.



EXPERIENTIAL

OVERVIEW

Events give us an opportunity to come together as a family and community to celebrate our history, present, and future! Everyone is invited to join us at our many events throughout the 100th Year Celebration.

EXPERIENTIAL LEADERS Cathy Crotty '89 Kaner Peggy Purcell '90 Mayer Olivia Sproul '14 Sara Vaubel '15

REQUESTS

We are looking for alumni who want to relive their high school acting days for Madcaps that will take place on April 14-15, 2023. If you are interested in sponsoring, hosting, planning, or putting on a show – let us know. Email Peggy Purcell '90 Mayer at pmayer@bmcss.org.

STUDENT LIFE

OVERVIEW

Our current student body made up of students in PreK-12th grade are a big part of the celebration as they are currently living the Bishop McNamara mission every day. Unique celebrations will come to life for all students throughout the 2022-2023 academic year.

STUDENT LIFE LEADERS Dana Berg Sue Goselin

Bradie Vaubel '13 Ryan

GRAND REUNION

Irish Alumni through the Class of 1955

The "Grand Reunion" for Irish Alumni through the Class of 1955 will hold their combined reunion on Sunday, September 11, 2022. They will begin with 10:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick Church in Kankakee, followed by a luncheon at the Kankakee Country Club. Invitations with more specific details will be mailed closer to the reunion date. If you have any questions please contact Liz Madsen at Imadsen@bmcss.org or call 815-933-7620 x132.

CLASS OF 1972

50 Year Reunion

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The Class of 1972 is planning their 50th Class Reunion over Homecoming weekend, September 15-17, 2022. Reunion contacts are Stephanie Mochalski Daniels Lopez at danielslopez@gmail.com, Nancy Azzarelli Delgado at delnan@mac.com, and Anne Hogan Keegan at ahogankeegan@yahoo.com.

CLASS OF 1977

45 Year Reunion

The Class of 1977 is planning their 45th Class Reunion over Homecoming weekend, September 15-17, 2022. Reunion contacts are Liz Marczak Madsen at Imadsen@bmcss.org and Jeanne Azzarelli Savoie at jamesfam5@comcast.net. Contact either for more information or to get involved.

CLASS OF 1982

40 Year Reunion

The Class of 1982 is planning their 40th Class Reunion over Homecoming weekend, September 15-17, 2022. Plans are underway, for more information contact Suzanne Memenga Boudreau at smboudreau64@gmail.com, Diane Sypult Marcotte at tankerdave379@hotmail.com, Sandy LaMotte Malpasuto at smalpasuto@bmcss.org, Veronica Ramirez Smith at vsmith@vandrunen.com, Patty Clancy at paac37@msn.com or Ron O'Connor at ronoconnor7@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1990

30 Year (rescheduled from 2020) Reunion

The Class of 1990 is planning their "30th Class Reunion - Take 2" over Homecoming weekend, September 15-17, 2022. For more information, contact Jenny Keigher Fogel sjfogel@comcast.net or Caroline Ramirez Viglia carolineviglia@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1997

25 Year Reunion

The Class of 1997 is planning their 25th Class Reunion over Homecoming weekend, September 15-17, 2022. For more information, contact Laura Breault Andersen at laurabreault1979@msn.com or visit the class Facebook page at Bishop Mac Class of 1997.

CLASS OF 2002

20 Year Reunion

The Class of 2002 is planning their 20th Class Reunion to take place on Saturday, July 30, 2022 at Merchant Street Music Fest. There will be a reserved space in the "reunion tent" at the fest. Contact Claire Chaplinski at claire.chaplinski@gmail.com or Dave Baron at dave.baron.8@gmail.com for more information.

CLASS OF 2012

10 Year Reunion

The Class of 2012 is planning their 10th Class Reunion over Homecoming weekend, September 15-17, 2022. For more information contact Aly Regas at azowens2021@gmail.com.

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CLASS OF 1970

The 50th Class Reunion Take 2 kicked off their Homecoming celebration with many classmates gathering at the Alumni Tent during the Homecoming game Friday, September 24, 2021. Following the game

several classmates enjoyed catching up at Brookmont Bowl. On Saturday classmates gathered at the Knights of Columbus for drinks and dinner. Everyone is looking forward to the next reunion which will be hosted by Bill '70 and Cathy Herr, Joe '70 and Connie Barnhill '72 Legris, and Tom '70 and Vicki McKay.



Front row - left to right: Debbie Marcotte Castongia, Linda Lovell Jones, Alice Schnell Heldt, Debbie Hayes Gard, Kathy Walsh Szurek, Chris Raymond, Janet Martin Vaughn, Kathy Kennedy Shepherd, Lynn Grasser Eldred. Back row - left to right: Bill Herr, Joe Legris, Tom McKay, Rick Mackin, Larry Klobutcher, Tom Longtin, Kyle Hoke, Ron Cheffer and Kevin Shea.

CLASS OF 1976

The Class of '76 sponsored two days of activities for our Reunion/Homecoming celebration. They started the weekend with some class members meeting at the school on Friday morning to watch the Homecoming parade. They had a pregame meet-up at Eddies on Station Street in Kankakee, cheered on the Fightin' Irish

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at the football game, and a few night owls headed to Brookmont Bowl for drinks post-game. Chris Klodnycky Olivero hosted a hike at the Perry Farm on Saturday morning, Roberta Dupuis-Devlin hosted a tour of the Bradley House Saturday afternoon, and Sue Gianotti Hodak arranged for a seating area for classmates at the St. Pat's

4:00 PM Mass on Saturday. That evening, they enjoyed a reception and dinner for the Class of '76 at the Manteno Golf Club. After dinner, Principal Terry Granger '76 updated his classmates on the plans for the 100th Year Celebration, and we had a Zoom call for classmates unable to attend the dinner in person.



Front row - left to right: Steve Koerner, Bill Baker, Christine Klodnyky Olivero, Jody Memenga Thompson, Liz Safiran-O'Connor, Kim Allen Edwards, Val Collins Jaenicke, Christine Belluso Duff, Colleen O'Connor Jackson, Sue Salkeld Flott, Tom Kwak. Back row - left to right: Roberta Dupuis-Devlin, Mike Tetter, Denise Hedger Brausam, Mark Devine, Mary Jo Norman DeSelm, Twilla Garner Westbrooks, Kathy Kleist Coglianese, Dave Gordon, Karen Voss Jennings, David Gregoire, Sherry Lemenager Miller, Sue Gianotti Hodak, Margaret Rose Dupuis Sula, Terry Granger, Sandy Capriotti, Laurie Wojnowski Coleman, Rosemary Lochner Mallaney, Jennifer Martin Broadway, Marla Barnard, Bill Ketcik, Donna Mortell Ketcik, Mimi Meade LaFleur, Jon Drum Pagano.

CLASS OF 1986

The Class of 1986 celebrated their 35th Reunion over Homecoming weekend, September 24 and 25, 2021. Friday activities included: a school tour, Alumni Tent at the Homecoming game, post-game at Brookmont Bowl. Saturday began at Aspen Ridge Golf Course, and ending the weekend, classmates gathered at Hoppy Pig.



Back row - left to right: Chris Moore, Shawn Witt, Greg Rapp, Bill Powers, Denise Zahrobsky, David Faber, Valerie Jackson Weber, Doug Glenzinski, Todd Ruder, Kelly St. Aubin, Dan Benoit, Desiree Denoyer, Joyce Sanchez, Brian Hassett, Arnold Bernardino. Front row - left to right: Jackie Ciaccio, Jennifer Aubry, Renee Story Warmoth, Debbie Clodi Lynch, Becky Witt, Jack Littrell.

CLASS OF 2011

The Class of 2011 celebrated their 10th Reunion at Homecoming weekend September 24 and 25, 2021. The weekend began with classmates gathering at the Alumni Tent during the Homecoming game then postgame fun at Brookmont Bowl. Saturday everyone enjoyed an evening out on the patio at Ryan's Pier in Aroma Park.



Chris Norton, Edu Calderon, Tyler Wilson, Jackson Zirkle, Joey Dunleavy, Andrew Froning, Andrew Berens, Tatiana Kuykendall, Ben Bauer, Dillon Kane, Gabe Paquette, James Slavin, Nicole Coglianese, Melissa LaReau, Lauren Berghouse, Mike Paquette, Jake Paquette, Tricia Powell Ruch, Allison Noel Buttle, Sam Memenga, Kara Hogan, Riley Gill, Dan Laurent.



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Legacy Coin

On January 16, members of the Bishop McNamara 1978 state finalist football team honored Coach Zinanni with a commemorative legacy coin. Pictured are: (front row, from left) Todd Panozzo '80, Coach Zinanni '65; Dr. Kelly O'Connor '79; (second row, from left) Kyle Bovie '80, Ron Young '79, Dr. Edward Piatt '79; (third row, from left) Alan Rood '98, Jim Gerth '80, Keith Wonowski '79, Coach Jerry Krieg, and Rory O'Connor '79.

Cheering Section

Members of the Bennett family cheer on Nolan Czako (Class of 2022) at a recent basketball game.



A Lifetime of Friendships

Classmates from the class of 1976 gather monthly for lunch to share past and present stories and memories. Pictured at the March get together are (left to right); Sue Gianotti Hodak, Lorna Suprenant Osbourn, Cheryl Daily Smith, Val Collins Jaenicke Kathy Kliest Coglianese, Sue Salkeld Flott, Jody Memenga Thompson and Shelly Franco.



Mary Dailey '75 Brown - SOWHOPE



Mary Dailey '75 Brown is the president of a nonprofit called SowHope which she and her husband, Doug, co-founded in 2006. Their office is in Grand Rapids, MI.

The mission of SowHope is to in-

spire impoverished women around the world by promoting wellness, education, and economic opportunities.

SowHope raises funds and then partners with local leaders solving local problems using local solutions to do sustainable development projects. Mary says, "That means our funding is used for projects which help women have a longer-lasting outcome than normal charity. The health projects are those that can go on after the initial funding such as a small birthing clinic in a village that charges enough to cover the salaries and maintenance of the clinic, so it is selfsustainable. In the educational projects women are taught literacy or a vocation (i.e., seamstress) and are then sold the initial tools (at an affordable cost) to do

the trade they have learned, making them self-sustainable. The economic projects are largely micro-finance groups which provide loans to women so they can start small businesses and become financially independent. SowHope provides the seed money as a grant and the groups can grow their own successful funds from there."

Mary spends part of the time promoting and raising funds for SowHope, part of the time traveling to meet partners and evaluate projects in the developing world, and the rest of the time doing whatever else is necessary to help keep organized.

Many have asked Mary, "Why women?" She adds, "I was traveling around the developing world and saw the plight of women, which was dire. I made the decision to spend my energy on this group as it appeared to be the largest most oppressed group in the world. I searched for a job at a global organization but could not find one that was dedicated to helping women. Eventually, my husband and I decided to start SowHope for that purpose."

Since they started in 2006, they have impacted over 110,000 women through 289 projects, in 23 developing countries

in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Central America.

Mary earned her BA from Southern IL University with a double major in photography and psychology and an MPA from Grand Valley State University (GVSU) in public administration - nonprofit leadership and management.

In addition to SowHope, Mary has led over 1,000 people on 138 volunteer service trips to help the poor in 39 nations. One of her favorite volunteer experiences was coaching her son's basketball team for 6 years. She is a mentor for one GVSU student each year through the Cook Leadership Academy. She is an adjunct professor at GVSU teaching International NGO Management to graduate students. She has been a lecturer at annual leadership conferences in the Middle East for recent college graduates since 2004.

Mary and her husband reside in Rockford, MI. She also spends more than half of her time in Daytona Beach, FL working remotely and sharing the caregiving of her 90-year-old mother-in-law.

Visit sowhope.org to learn more about Mary's 15 years of empowering women.

Samantha Rocknowski '06 - Community Outreach Coordinator

In November 2021, Samantha Rocknowski '06 began as the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Economic and Community Development Agency with the City of Kankakee. Their office administers



several housing programs to aid Kankakee residents in sustaining their homes and encourages businesses to join the Kankakee community while supporting those who are already here. Samantha says, "My role includes finding multiple avenues to reach the community not only to share our resources, but to listen to residents' needs. This includes social media outreach, planning events with numerous organizations throughout our community, and hosting workshops. One of my favorite outreach activities is our Neighborhood Walks Initiative. Each week, weather permitting, we choose a neighborhood and knock on resident doors. Other local organizations that provide social services to the area are invited and often join us. The purpose is to share information about programs and services available to residents, upcoming events, and listen to questions and concerns. Discovering opportunities to connect one-on-one with people is something I enjoy doing as I believe it is an incredibly effective way to engage people and helping them see how they can be part of the positive change they'd like to see in their own community. That is something I am very passionate about — being part of the solution to whatever issue is making you unhappy."

Samantha attended Western Illinois University. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history, minor in Spanish, and Professional Educator License in 2011. In addition to her studies, she served as a board member in the African American History Studies Department Club, Associated Students of History, and Campus Greens (an environmental club).

Samantha adds, "I did not have a picturesque transition from college to employment as many students are led to believe they will have. Although, if I

had the opportunity to do so, I wouldn't change a thing! My involvement with the Campus Greens specifically helped me secure temporary, but meaningful and impactful positions as a Petitioning Coordinator for a presidential candidate and, later, Campaign Manager for a congressional candidate in southern Illinois. Following the elections, I moved back to the Kankakee area and eagerly accepted employment at Kankakee High School where I taught African American History and American Government for 5 years. While doing so, I also sponsored the high school's student environmental club, Green Team, and supported the theatre productions as Assistant Director."

Samantha spends time outside of work being an active member of the Kankakee County Branch of the NAACP, volunteering with the Kankakee County Humane Foundation, and reading. She currently lives in Bourbonnais with her four cats (Johnson, Figaro, Flynn Rider, and J.C.) She plans to move to Kankakee this year.

Joel Littrell '90 – Recently Retired, Kankakee County Sheriff's Deputy

Joel studied law enforcement at Kankakee Community College (KCC). While attending KCC he was hired by the Kankakee County Sheriff's Department as a 911 Telecommunicator. In February of 1995, he was hired as a Kankakee County Sheriff's Deputy and graduated from University of Illinois - Police Training Institute, Class 1077.

During his time as a Deputy, Joel served as a Field Training Officer, Master Firearms Instructor, Certified Sniper, Certified Armorer for FN, Glock, Remington and Mossberg. He was also assigned to the Marine Unit (River Patrol) the Tri-County Autotheft Task Force and was a member of the Emergency Response Team/SWAT for 18 years.

In 2004, he was promoted to Corporal and served as Patrol Supervisor until February 2022, when he retired with 31 years of service. Joel's purpose of being able to help people when they needed it most remained consistent during his career.

Now that Joel is retired, he plans on doing more hunting and fishing and hopes to travel to new areas in search of a second home. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and, also serves as a board



member for Whitetails Unlimited.

Joel currently resides in St. Anne, with his wife Jackie Breault '93. They have one daughter, Sarah, who graduated in '20.

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Daisy Abigail Craque



Daisy Abigail Crague was born December 31, 2021 at Northwest Health in Valparaiso, IN. Parents are Aaron and Stephanie Storer '06 Crague. They reside in Valparaiso, IN along with big brother, Levi and big sisters, Lucy and Alice.

Zander Gary Duffield



Zander Gary Duffield was born January 31, 2022 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL. Parents are Zane '14 and Lauren Jurkovic '13 Duffield. They reside in Bourbonnais, IL.

Braelynn Rae

Kulach



Braelynn Rae Kulach was born March 1, 2022 at Amita St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee, IL. Parents are Shawn and Jordan Nugent '09 Kulach. They reside in Bourbonnais, IL.

Lawson Smith Shirley

Lawson Smith Shirley was born November 7, 2021 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL. Parents are Justin '06 and Haley Shirley. They reside in Bradley, IL along with big brother, Tatum.





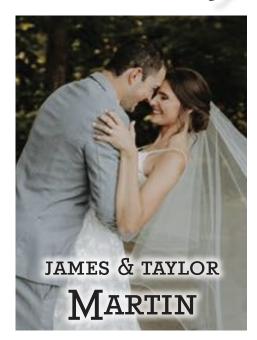
Elora Jo Lovell

Elora Jo Lovell was born December 7, 2021 in Bloomington, IL. Parents are Kevin '08 and Elyse Lovell. They reside in Bloomington, IL.

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Just Married



James Martin '13 and Taylor McThenia '13 were married on August 14, 2021 at St. John Paul II in Kankakee, IL. Parents of the bride are Tim and Patti McThenia. Parents of the groom are Tom '77 and Cindy Azzarelli '79 Martin. James and Taylor both graduated from Illinois State University in 2017, Taylor with a Health Information Management Degree is a Substitute Teacher at Bishop McNamara Catholic School and James with a Human Resource Management Degree is an Information Desk Technician for ComEd. James and Taylor reside in Bradley, IL.



Dale Klose, Jr. and Katie Calvert '13 were married on June 13, 2021 at The Abbott in Kansas City, MO. Parents of the bride are Ron and Staci Calvert. Parents of the groom are Dale and Gwen Klose. Dale and Katie both graduated from Purdue University; Katie with a degree in Organizational Leadership is an Operations Manager at Midland Loan Services (a division of PNC Bank) and Dale has a Degree in Electrical Engineering and works at Black and Veatch as an Electrical Engineer. Dale and Katie reside in Prairie Village, KS.



Michael Higgins and Lyndsay Thomas '07 were married on September 26, 2020, at Blackhawk Country Club in Madison, WI. Parents of the bride are Tammy Theesfeld Thomas and Herb Thomas. Parents of the groom are Don and Virginia Higgins. Lyndsay is the Director of Membership and Communication at Blackhawk Country Club. Michael is the Head Golf Professional at Lake Wisconsin Country Club. Lyndsay and Michael reside in Madison, WI.



No matter where I am, I am an Irish fan.

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Kelsey Curwick '13 McGrath our Social Media coordinator, and Liz Marczak '77 Madsen our Coordinator of Alumni Relations have been collecting photos and bios of Alumni to share on our Alumni Facebook page for "Feature Friday."

Do you have a current headshot that you could send us? Include a short bio with the year you graduated, a favorite high school memory, kids who are also alums, and information about your career.

Email to Kelsey McGrath at kmcgrath@bmcss.org or Liz Madsen at lmadsen@bmcss.org

THE SHINING

Bishop McNamara's Week of Giving was kicked off by the annual Phonathon supporting our annual giving program, now branded as The Irish Fund. On the evening of March 14th, our students, alumni, parents, and faculty joined together smiling and dialing raising support for Bishop McNamara. Through their incredible efforts and the generous support of the entire Bishop McNamara community, we raised \$100,000 in one week! Irish Pride has never been stronger.

If you missed the opportunity to make a gift during this special week, you can still make an impact on our students and school. This year's Irish Fund closes out on June 30, 2022.













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Alumni Staying in touch...

With the upcoming 100th Year Celebrations during the 2022-23 school year, we want to be able to communicate with as many Irish alums as possible.

There are several ways you can help us keep up-to-date with your information. Additionally, if you know of any alums who currently do not receive the Irish Update or alumni communications, please feel free to direct them to the following:

- 1. You may visit bishopmac.com/alumni/stay-in-touch and update your information online.
- 2. You may email Liz Marczak '77 Madsen, our Coordinator of Alumni Relations at Imadsen@bmcss.org or, Lisa Azzarelli '80 Gerth, our Advancement Associate at Igerth@bmcss.org to provide them with updates to your address, email, and phone number, etc.

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