

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

# Irish Update



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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 **Terry Granger '76**

Bishop McNamara Alumni,

This past August the Bishop McNamara faculty and staff came together for our opening liturgy and orientation for the 2018-19 academic year. The day was centered around Four Core Principles that we as a faculty and staff must demonstrate daily in our ministry as Catholic educators.

These Core Principles are:

- We must be "Champions for Our Students"
- We must "Expect Excellence" not only of our students, but of one another
- We must "Carry the Banner"
- We must be "Merchants of Hope"

Little did I know at the time that one in particular would catch on and really become our mantra for this year, and that principle is, "Carry the Banner!" I have asked our faculty and staff to "Carry the Banner" for our school with a positive voice. We should all be proud to say we are members of the Bishop McNamara faculty and staff, student body, parent community, or school board! Our banner, since the inception of St. Patrick High School in 1922, has always been one of pride and tradition. This banner has been carried time and time again by all of you, the thousands of proud alumni of Bishop McNamara, through your consistent commitment and dedication to our school and, most importantly, to our students.

We also need to "Carry the Banner" as Catholics in these troubling times in our Church. Many ask, *what can we do?* While we feel powerless to do anything about this wide and horrific situation, the one thing we can do is live a life of integrity both today, tomorrow, and into the future. As Catholic educators and supporters of Catholic education, we can put the students of Bishop McNamara Catholic School first and embrace our calling in this ministry.

Once again, on behalf of the students of Bishop McNamara Catholic School, I say thank you for "Carrying the Banner" in the past, present, and future. May the Irish Pride live on for many years to come!

Carrying the Banner,

**Terry Granger '76**

President

Bishop McNamara Catholic School



## FROM OUR ALUMNI PRESIDENT **Nick Elliott '06**

Dear Bishop McNamara Alumni,

The Irish Alumni Association Board was thrilled to once again connect with many of our alumni at this year's homecoming celebration at the football game in late September. It is always so wonderful to watch former classmates catch up with one another at the game and at the reception at Brookmont Bowl thereafter. For many, it is the first time in years that they have seen a long, lost friend or felt the pride that comes along with being a part of the Fightin' Irish. This is, quite simply, the magic of homecoming.

I often overhear many alumni comment at homecoming, "We should do this more often." Homecoming does not just have to be a Friday night in the fall, every 10-20 years. One of the best things about our great alma mater is that there are plenty of opportunities to reconnect. Bishop McNamara Catholic School hosts several events that bring people together. In November there is the newest event, ShamROCK Fest. In February, there continues to be the always entertaining, Las Vegas Night. Of course, in May, there is the much beloved Spring Auction. Don't forget, the Fightin' Irish 5K Ken Klipp Classic that is held on Memorial Day, and, the Irish Golf Classic, hosted by the Irish Alumni Association Board, is held in July and is always a very popular event!

I urge all of you to take advantage of the many events that Bishop McNamara hosts throughout the year. Use these fun events to reconnect with the friends you used to spend countless hours with and the school that brought them to you. Make homecoming a rejuvenating state of mind that you experience 3-4 times a year.

I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the year and wishing you at those times, a "Happy Homecoming!"

Thank you and GO IRISH!

**Nick Elliott '06**

Irish Alumni Association Board President

# Welcome!

## Faculty & Staff

### Curtis Crossley '99



Bishop McNamara Catholic School was pleased to announce the appointment of Curtis Crossley '99 as the Assistant Principal and Dean of Students for our 7th – 12th grade students

beginning this fall. Curtis earned his Bachelor of Science degree in communications from Northern Illinois University in 2004 and went to graduate school at Olivet Nazarene University, earning an MBA.

At Bishop McNamara, Curtis is involved in implementing and leading the new Law Club, helping with campus ministries, coaching football, and coaching girls' basketball.

Curtis' history with the school gives him a perspective of tradition and family that Bishop McNamara is all about. He says, "It's a dream come true for me to be back at my alma mater to mentor and teach these students. Graduating from Bishop McNamara was a defining moment for me. It catapulted me to many other opportunities educationally, athletically, and professionally. Throughout my life I have learned to be a leader. Bishop McNamara helped me discover beliefs and values that I would later utilize as a leader, teacher, coach, and a Division 1 college student-athlete. My teachers at Bishop McNamara established a foundation for me to be a lifelong learner, take on challenges, and realize many of my dreams and goals. I am extremely blessed and fortunate to have this opportunity to return to Bishop McNamara. I would like to thank all my former teachers and coaches who helped inspire me to become an educator. It meant the world to me as a young person to learn lessons in the classroom as well as have my track race critiqued by Coach Klipp, hear shouts of encouragement from Coach Frogge, receive a pat on the helmet from Coach Zinanni. My life was truly impacted by all of the great people at Bishop McNamara."

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### Alan Rood '98



Alan Rood '98 joined our faculty this fall and is teaching 7th - 12th grade physical education and freshman health education. He is the activities director for the Metro Suburban

Conference which consists of overseeing band, choir, scholastic bowl, math competitions, and art festivals. Alan is also coaching football and track and is the house head for Killarney.

After graduating from Bishop McNamara, Alan went to Northern Illinois University on a full football scholarship. He earned a bachelor's degree in education to teach health, physical education, and driver's education. In addition, he earned a graduate degree from Northcentral University in continuing education with an emphasis on athletic coaching.

Alan has been teaching and coaching for many years. He says, "Bishop McNamara gave me the best opportunity to understand how to succeed in school and on the football field. It has been a dream to come back to the school that assisted in preparing me for life. It is important to be a part of a family-oriented community. Being able to come back with my wife and son where they can be a part of the same community that I grew up in was the best decision for our future. While at Bishop McNamara, I was not the best student in my class but the teachers and coaches helped me believe that I could succeed in school and not just on the football field. I was very fortunate to have teachers who would provide the extra assistance I needed so that I could continue my education by going to college. Bishop McNamara prepared me for college with an excellent education and a solid work ethic. Coach Zinanni, along with all my coaches and teammates, taught me to be the best team leader I could be. I strive to continue to do that to this day. Because of all the positive teaching and coaching I received as a student, I wanted to give back to adolescents in a school environment. As a teacher, I love helping young minds become stronger academically.

As a coach, I love helping young athletes become stronger mentally and physically while crafting their sport. Football gave me my best opportunity to continue becoming a better leader and to earn a degree in education and to coach student athletes. I am blessed and honored to be back at Bishop McNamara Catholic School so that I can help continue to instill the strong Catholic family environment, traditions, and culture that have positively affected so many people over all these years."

### Jessica Clodi '11



Jessica Clodi '11 has joined the faculty at Bishop McNamara teaching high school English I, English II, and American literature. She is also teaching two courses designed to provide

additional grammar and reading support to students in the mornings before the school day begins. In addition to teaching, she is also acting as one of the junior class faculty moderators. After graduating from Bishop McNamara, Jessica earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English language and literature with a minor in secondary education (6th-12th) from Benedictine University.

Jessica says, "I am very excited to be back teaching the next generation of the Bishop McNamara family and to help prepare them for that next step. During my time as a student I had many teachers that helped mold and shape me into who I am today. One of the most notable teachers for me was Joan Klonowski. She was my sophomore science teacher. Mrs. Klonowski cultivated a community of learning in her class by encouraging students to always ask questions, and it was through helping my classmates with their studies and asking questions that I really came to find that my true calling was teaching. Mrs. Klonowski passed away my senior year but will forever remain a huge part of why I chose teaching as my profession. I feel incredibly honored to be teaching my students in the "Klonowski" room where she fostered my love of learning. I hope that this year I can foster a love of learning in my students as well."

## LOCATING OUR ALUMNI

### WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP US IN UPDATING OUR ALUMNI ADDRESSES?

Many young alumni are still listed under their parents' address in our database. We would love to send the Irish Update to their current home. Please provide us with updated address information by emailing us at [smalpasuto@bmcss.org](mailto:smalpasuto@bmcss.org) or by calling the Advancement Office at (815) 933-7620 with updated information.

# Best Wishes On Your Retirement!

## Paula Keigher '84 Curwick



Paula Keigher '84 Curwick began her teaching career at Maternity BVM in 2002, as the 1st grade teacher with her dear friend, the late Jackie Keller as her assistant. She spent six years

teaching 1st grade and says she loved every minute! As the student body grew, there was a need to increase resources for the students, so she took a resource position. Having a degree in special education, she found this position to be very rewarding. Paula spent four years supporting students in K-8 before moving on as the principal of MBVM for three years. She enjoyed her time as principal but missed working directly with the students. She returned to her passion and went back on staff at MBVM as a resource teacher. The following year she felt blessed to become the junior high resource teacher at the Kankakee site of the newly formed Bishop McNamara Catholic School. Paula says, "This was an exciting time for us as a staff, we were meeting new teachers, students, and parents. I spent two years in this position and made the decision to retire after the 2017-18 school year. Instead of using the word retirement, I prefer to say I am moving on to another chapter of my life. What do I miss most about teaching? The answer is simple... the MBVM then BMCS family! We worked hard together, laughed and cried together, had fun together, but most importantly prayed together. I am currently keeping busy with my new Airbnb business located in Manteno. I am enjoying the extra time to spend with family and friends. I am proud to say I have two daughters who graduated from Bishop McNamara, Kaitlynn Curwick '11 and Kelsey Curwick '13 McGrath."



## Patt Harmon



Patt Harmon began her career in Catholic education in 1976 at Maternity BVM School. Spanning 42 years, she also taught grade school at St. Joseph, St. Patrick, St. Teresa, Sts. Patrick and Teresa, and high school at Bishop McNamara. When asked to summarize her years as a Catholic school educator, Patt responded, "It was a joy! There are so many treasured memories of so many wonderful students, co-workers, administration and staff. I was grateful to work with wonderful educators; what we did, we did really well, and that success was evident in the lives of our students. Looking back at my career, I can honestly say, I wouldn't change a thing!" Patt's daughter, Avery, was a 2000 graduate of Bishop McNamara, and her son Andrew, a 2005 graduate.

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## Sr. Charmaine Kribs '53

After 25 years of combined dedication to our Catholic schools in Kankakee county at St. Joseph Bradley and the Bishop McNamara Bradley site, Sister Mary Charmaine Kribs '53 retired in June of 2018, joining her community of Dominican Sisters in Springfield, Illinois.



Sr. Charmaine (middle) with students Ashton (left) and Walt (right)

Sister Charmaine was a parishioner at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley where she enjoyed many friendships, and the same can be said about the families and colleagues she influenced each and every day within the school. Working at Bishop McNamara was a "full circle" moment for Sister as she is a 1953 graduate of St. Patrick High School. She continues her connection (and always will) with the many alumni whom she calls family and will forever remain as someone who has made an imprint on our lives!

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# Bishop McNamara Graduation 2018

On Sunday, May 20th, the Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Exercises were held for the Class of 2018.

We welcome all our Bishop McNamara Catholic School graduates into the Irish Alumni Association! Go out and make a difference in the world!

Isaac Andrade  
 Orion Bergstresser  
 Tyrick Berry  
 Peyton Bovie  
 Abraham Calderon  
 Moncerrat Calderon  
 Kadie Cotton  
 Benjamin Demack  
 Shelby Dilday  
 Zeffrey Duffield  
 Alyssa Dunn  
 Tonya Faulkner  
 Allison Fay  
 Guadalupe Fernandez  
 Jarred Fulford  
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 Riley Lade  
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 Aura Karina Rodriguez  
 Blake Ryan  
 Hannah Salzman  
 Mason Sauseda  
 Katlyn Schmidt  
 Griffin Smith  
 Colton Smith  
 Riley Spenard  
 Jonathon Storer  
 Kaylee Suprenant  
 Dominique Vazquez  
 William Washington, Jr.  
 Cameron Wells, Jr.  
 Makenna Woolman  
 Nathan Yartz



Class of 2018 Co-Valedictorians are (Left to Right): Sam O'Connor, Michael Kurzejka, Jonathon Storer



Class of 2018 Salutatorian, Alyssa Dunn



Celebrant at Mass was (far left) The Most Reverend John Belmonte, S.J., PH.D., Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Joliet. Concelebrants were pastors of the area Catholic parishes (continuing left to right) Fr. Albert Heidecke, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Manteno; Fr. Tony Nugent '63, St. Joseph Church, Bradley; Fr. Richard Pighini, Maternity BVM; Fr. Dan Belanger, St. George Catholic Church; Fr. John Peeters, St. Patrick Church; altar servers were Krista Surprenant '23, Grant Wheeler '22, Sean Storer '23; sacristan was Broghan O'Connor '19.

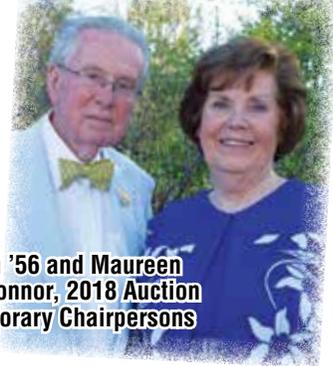
Excitement was in the air at Bishop McNamara's 34th Annual Dinner Auction, "A Night at the Races," which was held on Friday, May 4th at CD & ME, in Frankfort, Illinois. A great time was had by all with wonderful food, fun, laughter, and of course lots of live and silent auction items up for bid!



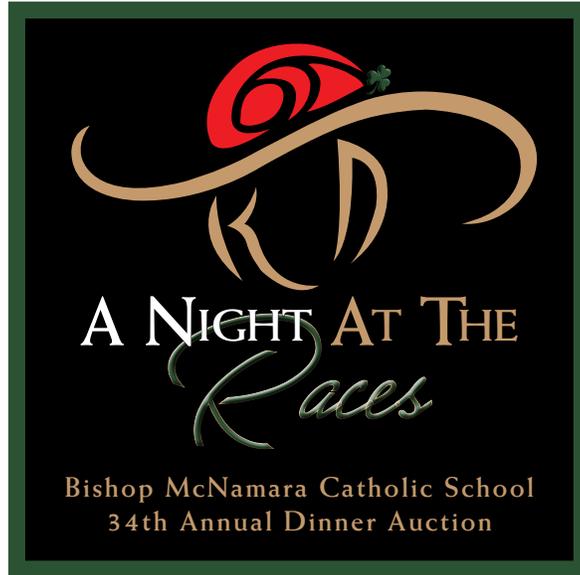
**Mark and Kim Crotty '87 McDermott, 2018 Auction Chairpersons**



**Rich '72 and Anita Girard**



**Tom '56 and Maureen O'Connor, 2018 Auction Honorary Chairpersons**



**Neil '98 and Courtney Piggush**



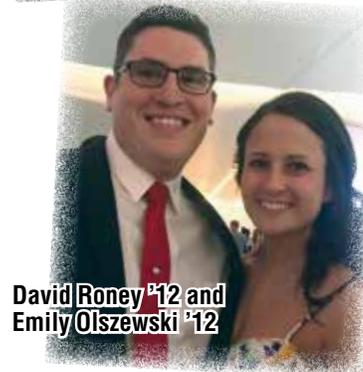
**Fred and Linda Walsh '68 Mancuso**



**Sherri and Andy '91 Cryer, Mike '83 and Areca VanMill**



**Dar '63 and Carol Provost**



**David Roney '12 and Emily Olszewski '12**



**Kyle and Dawn Huot '85 Vaubel, Ron '82 and Sally Coy '88 O'Connor**



**Max '01 and Sarah Williams**



**Micah Dorn '06 and KL Koss**



**Mike Vickery '85, Dana and Steve '85 Berg, Sondra Vickery**



**Taylor Bennett '06 and Peggy Baldwin '02 Heck**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**The Fightin' Irish 5K Ken Klipp Classic**  
**Monday, May 27, 2019**  
**(Memorial Day)**

## Ryan Beaupre Memorial Tree Was Planted At The Fightin' Irish 5K Ken Klipp Classic On Memorial Day, May 28, 2018

Ryan Beaupre graduated from Bishop McNamara High School in 1991. While a student here, he excelled both in the classroom and on the athletic field. He was an Illinois State Scholar and an Illinois State Champion. He ran on two state qualifying cross-country teams and qualified for the State Track Meet in four events. As a junior, he led off the 3200 meter relay team that placed 4th overall and set the school record which still stands today. As a senior, he qualified for the state meet in three events. He anchored the 3200 meter relay, coming from 30 yards back to earn the final medal and carry his team to the awards stand. A few hours later, he led off the 1600 meter relay team that went on to win the state title. That team of Ryan Beaupre '91, Tyrone Noble '92, Chad Nugent '92 and Keith Nugent '93, still holds the school record.

After graduating from Bishop McNamara, Ryan attended Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, earning a business degree. After a short business career, he entered the Marine Corps in order to serve his country and fulfill his dream of becoming a pilot. He earned his wings as a helicopter pilot and rose to the rank of captain.

In the opening hours of the war in Iraq,



**Photographed standing in front of the tree that was dedicated to Ryan Beaupre are (Left to Right): Chris Beaupre '99, Brandy Beaupre, Mark Beaupre, Nikki Beaupre, Collin Beaupre, Terry Granger '76, Lauren Leisure '21, Kari Beaupre '93 Leisure, Matt Leisure, Brooke Leisure '21, Ken Klipp.**

Captain Beaupre was piloting a Marine Sea Knight helicopter on a mission that, in the words of his commanding general, was "critical to the early success of our war effort." In a letter to Ryan's parents, the general stated that only the most seasoned and skilled pilots had been hand-picked and trained specifically for this assignment. While carrying out this mission, Captain Beaupre's helicopter crashed, and all on board were lost.

Ryan was the first American casualty of the Iraq war.

March 21, 2018, marked the 15th anniversary of Ryan's death.

Ryan has been remembered by family and friends as a man of outstanding character, integrity, courage, and compassion. Throughout his life, he was a role model for his peers and an exemplary leader. He wanted the baton first, whether it was in a state championship relay or in the opening battle of a war.

On Monday, May 28, 2018 (Memorial Day), at the Fightin' Irish 5K Ken Klipp Classic, a tree was planted in Ryan's memory near the track at Bishop McNamara's Memorial Field. A group of 160+ runners participated in the event on this day, showing their support for Ryan and for the community of Bishop McNamara Catholic School.

Ryan has been dearly missed, but he will never be forgotten.



# Bishop McNamara Catholic School

*invites you to join us for ...*

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ROCK  
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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ON NOVEMBER 16, 2018**



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**IRISH  
ALUMNI**

# Golf Classic

**FOR MEN AND WOMEN**  
*Proceeds Support the Irish Alumni Association Board*

The 32nd Irish Golf Classic was held on Friday, July 6th at Oak Springs Golf Course in St. Anne. It was a perfect day for golf and as you can see, classmates, friends and families were reunited for a day filled with lots of fun!



**Eric Vollmer '02, Luke Benoit '97, Kyle Benoit '04, Adam Benoit '95**



**Mike Magruder, Neil Magruder '02**



**The Class of '58 - Dick Stack, Dave Ayers, Lee Guimond, Joe Martino**



**Tyler Provost '99 Pallissard, Annie Provost '07 Rorabaugh, Abbie Rogers '07 Kenny, Blair Bennett '03, Brandi Bennett '00 Kaner**



**Corky Johnson '62, Bill Poole '69, Becky Poole '93 Wilson, Kenny Johnson '65**



**Jason Jarvis '89, Mike Jarvis, Austin Provost '90, Michael Rainbolt**



Joe Armenise, Doug Thompson '98, Tom St. Peter '98, Eric Mayo '98

Tyler Boerschig '09 lining up his putt!



Photo at left: Class of '07 - Zak Perkins, Patrick O'Brien, Chris Roney, Luke Wiley

Al Longtin '78 is pretty happy about a shot he just made!



Mark your calendars for the  
**33RD ANNUAL  
 IRISH GOLF CLASSIC**  
 which will be held on Friday, July 5, 2019  
 at Oak Springs Golf Course in St. Anne

## Holy Grounds Café Dedication

On Friday, August 17th after the Irish Alumni Association Board sponsored Mass prior to the fall scrimmages, the new Holy Grounds Café was dedicated to Bishop McNamara Catholic School President, Terry Granger. Fr. Dan Belanger, Chaplain of BMCS spearheaded this project. Fr. Dan says, "Three years ago, upon the creation of Bishop McNamara Catholic School, I approached Mr. Granger with my dream of opening up a coffee shop at the Kankakee site. After several discussions and some "convincing," I began my research and a dialogue with the Catholic community which included: the Viatorians; Michelle Barrie, Catholic Ministry Coordinator; a group of alumni; and, parents of all three BMCS sites (Kankakee, Bradley, Bourbonnais). I explained that the Holy Grounds Café would be a student-run business within the Kankakee site which would allow students the opportunity to build business and interpersonal skills. In addition, the space will be utilized as a location for various student related functions and as a gathering space for meetings." During the summer months, a team of volunteers worked tirelessly to create the Holy Grounds Café and Fr. Dan's dream came to fruition.



The Granger Family (Left to Right): Casey Granger '08, Ali Granger '16, Terry Granger '76, Jackie Devine '79 Granger, Adam Granger '06, Jordan Rink '06 Granger

# AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

## BILL SALKELD '48 - HONOR FLIGHT



WWII and Korean War Veterans headed from Chicago's Midway Airport to Washington D.C. on an Honor Flight to visit the National Memorial. This opportunity is conducted by non-profit organizations dedicated to transporting as many U.S. military veterans as possible to see the memorials of the respective war they fought, at no cost to the veterans. Bill Salkeld '48, a radio operator on a B-29 in the Korean War, attended this event August 8th. Each veteran was assigned a guide to attend to all their needs. The fun

began with singing and dancing with the "Andrews Sisters" along with breakfast. The flight left Chicago at 6:15 a.m. Once in Washington D.C. they were greeted at each memorial with hugs and cheers. The trip home was loaded with emotion. Not only were they overwhelmed with the memories of the trip, there was a Mail Call where they received unexpected letters from family, friends, and various organizations thanking them for their service to our country. When they arrived back in Chicago, they were greeted by family with a band playing patriotic songs as they paraded to the exit.

## REGINA PROVOST '91 HOSKINS LIBRARIAN/TEACHER



Regina Provost '91 Hoskins was named an Impact Award recipient by Southern Hills Middle School in Boulder, Colorado. It was stated that "Regina has provided the SHMS community with innovation and collaboration that embodies 21st century learning and opportunity. She is constantly developing her program and looking for ways to impact students, staff, and the community in thoughtful ways. She is a model of lifelong learning for our community and shares her learning with others so

that they too can grow and better their practice." After graduating from Bishop McNamara, Regina earned her Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education (English) as well as a Master of Arts degree in Curriculum & Instruction (reading). In addition, she earned another master's degree at the University of Colorado Denver in information and learning technologies (school library). She is currently the Teacher Librarian at Southern Hills Middle School in Boulder, Colorado. She teaches 6th, 7th, and 8th grades and collaborates with teachers to design and teach lessons around things such as research skills, digital citizenship, literacy, and integrating technology in authentic ways.

## JIM LAMOTTE '58 COMMUNITY AWARD

On August 9th at the Global Leadership Summit held in Mombasa, Kenya, Jim LaMotte '58 was one of two award recipients sponsored by Van Drunen Farms. Jim was honored as a distinguished leader from the Mombasa area. He was recognized for his 38 years as a member of the Mombasa Fire Protection District, having served 21 years as Fire Chief. Jim is still active on their Board of Trustees. He was also recognized for his service to Good Shepherd



**Ted Peterson, Corporate Community Liaison - VanDrunen Farms, Jim LaMotte '58**

Manor where he began volunteering in 1971 when the facility opened. He served 22 years as their Chairman of the Board. In 1980 he developed a work program for the residents of the Manor giving them a better quality of life through the pride of work. Jim was co-founder of Custom Farm Seed in Mombasa. His career gave him the opportunity to build his life through agriculture where they specialized in seed corn research, development, and production.

## KYLEIGH PAYNE '14 - SOFTBALL



Kyleigh Payne '14, graduated from Purdue Northwest, Hammond, Indiana in May and earned her degree in sociology. Kyleigh was a star softball player during her time at PNW and became the first Purdue Northwest athlete to earn a Player of the Year Award from the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference (GLIAC). In addition, during her senior year, she was named to the 3rd Team All-American, 1st Team NFCA Midwest Region and 1st Team All-Conference. Her team made it to the

GLIAC conference tournament for their first-year transitioning into Division II and beat the no. 9 nationally ranked team the first weekend of play. During her junior year at PNW, her team advanced to the conference tournament, and, individually, she earned 1st Team All-Conference and 1st Team NFCA Midwest Region. Prior to Purdue Northwest, Kyleigh attended Kankakee Community College. During her freshman year, the softball team was the NJCAA D2 National Champions. Her sophomore year, the team finished 3rd at Nationals. In addition, she was on

the 2nd Team All-American, All-Region and All-Tournament Teams, and a NJCAA Marucci Elite Hitter. Kyleigh says, "I would not be where I am today without my Bishop McNamara coach, Laura Harms. I loved being able to learn from the best, right there at home. She not only makes you a better player, but a better person. She pushes you because she has faith in you. I was blessed with numerous opportunities during my years at Bishop McNamara. Many memories were made inside and outside of the classroom that I still cherish to this day." Her advice, "Never give up on your dreams. If you stay focused on your goals, you can accomplish them. Surround yourself with a positive environment and always be positive yourself." Kyleigh isn't quite finished with college yet. She is currently attending Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, West Virginia. She is a graduate assistant for the softball team. She will be coaching and earning her MBA over the next two years.

## PATRICK KEIGHER SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Patrick Keigher of Manteno received the Senior Citizen of the Year Award on Thursday, September 27th at the 15th Annual Senior Fair, sponsored by the Daily Journal which was held at the First Church of the Nazarene in Kankakee. Pat has donated his \$100 award to Bishop McNamara Catholic School. Pat

is married to Jeanne Breault '56 Keigher and their three children are Bishop McNamara graduates: Julianne Keigher '81 Lange, Terry Keigher '90, and Connolly Keigher '99. Patrick has served as a business leader in the Manteno community. In 1965, he was one of the founding board members of the Manteno Chamber of Commerce. He served on the Kankakee County Board of Review (including time as Chairman of the Board), the Manteno Public Library Board (including three years as President of the Board), and the Board of Education of Manteno School District. In addition, Patrick has devoted significant time to other organizations including Bishop McNamara High School, the Kankakee County Board of Realtors, St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Kankakee County Democratic Central Committee, Manteno Little League, and Manteno Youth Soccer.

## KAY JURICA SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

Kay Jurica, owner of Home Helpers of Bourbonnais, was honored to accept her business' Senior Citizen Service Provider of the Year award on September 27th at the 15th Annual Senior Fair, sponsored by the Daily Journal which was held at the First Church of the Nazarene in Kankakee. Kay's three daughters are Bishop McNamara graduates; Meghan Snyder '05, Allison Snyder '08, and Jillian Snyder '11. Kay and her husband, Dr. John Jurica were the Bishop McNamara spring auction chairpersons in 2011 which was themed, "A Sojourn to Egypt." Her business, Home Helpers, offers in-home care services for seniors. They offer care when and where it's needed, whether it's at home or in a retirement community, assisted living, or skilled nursing facility.



They also help those recovering from surgery or injury, coping with a long-term illness, or managing an ongoing medical condition such as Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's, or ALS.

Her team of 50 employees provide services such as bathing, dressing, cooking, feeding, and transportation, to name a few. Their goal is to provide services with compassionate care so that seniors can stay in their homes for as long as they can.

## JOE ZINANNI SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME



David Zinanni '82 (right) is proud to share a moment with his dad, Joe Zinanni (left), as he was honored in April at the Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame Banquet. Joe was a Kankakee Kardinal first baseman and top RBI man. He was first team all-state in 1968 and 1974. He retired with a lifetime batting average of .318, and led his team

in RBI's every year between 1967-1974. Joe and wife, Sue, had two sons who graduated from Bishop McNamara, David '82 and Darren '86, along with numerous grandchildren.

## It's Time To Get Your Ceile Calendar With Daily Cash Raffles

Ceile Calendars went on sale October 16th!

You may order one online at [bishopmac.com/support/ceile-calendar/purchase-ceile-calendar](http://bishopmac.com/support/ceile-calendar/purchase-ceile-calendar), contact a student who attends Bishop McNamara, or call the Advancement Office at (815) 933-7620.

*This school fundraiser is 35 years in the making and still going strong!*

# Saint Patrick Parish and Schools

Historians often date the foundation of what would become the City of Kankakee to around 1855, when the Illinois Central Railroad reached this area. In that same year, Saint Rose of Lima Parish was established to serve French-speaking Catholics in and around Kankakee. By 1874, the German Catholics had become numerous enough to establish Immaculate Conception Parish.



Over the ensuing years, as the Illinois Central pushed further and further south, thanks to the industrious work of many Irish immigrants, many of whom decided to put down roots in Kankakee, there was a growing desire for an Irish Parish.

Historical records show that, in June of 1892, an "Irish" priest – Father J.J. Darcy – was assigned to Saint Patrick Parish and that he celebrated the parish's first Mass in the G.A.R. Hall on East Court Street on July 2, 1892. By the summer of 1894, Mass was being offered in the newly constructed parish church.

A memorable event for the people of Saint Patrick Parish was the laying of the cornerstone of Saint Patrick Grade School in 1913, with the accompanying remarks being solemnly delivered in the form of a sermon by Father J.P. O'Mahoney, C.S.V., President of Saint Viator College. The Sisters of Loretto would administer and teach in the parish grade school.

With the continuing interest of Saint Patrick parishioners in the education of their children, the next logical step was the establishment of Saint Patrick High School, which entailed the construction, beginning in 1921, of a new school building as well as a new convent. Father Henry Shea, the pastor, officially opened Saint Patrick High School in the fall of 1922, even though some classes had to be held in rooms in the grade school.

The Sisters of Loretto accepted the additional task of administering and teaching in Saint Patrick High School for the first ten years of its existence. When the Clerics of Saint Viator were given responsibility for Saint Patrick Parish in 1931, they joined the Sisters in forming the administration and teaching corps of Saint Patrick High School. Over the years, many Sisters of Loretto and Viatorian Fathers and Brothers taught thousands of students at Saint Patrick High School.

The last class graduated from the downtown Saint Patrick High School 14 Irish Update

on June 3, 1955. The next class, after completing their first semester in the building at Indiana Avenue and Hickory Street, moved to a brand-new building on Brookmont Boulevard in January of 1956. Thus, the Class of 1956 was the first to graduate from the new Saint Patrick Central High School, which would eventually become Bishop McNamara High School. The building on Indiana Avenue then became the home to the grade school students of Saint Patrick, Saints Patrick

and Teresa, and Aquinas Catholic Academy (ACA).

Now, in the fall of 2018, as the old high school building and adjoining convent, after suffering damage in a recent fire, are being razed, we can mutually pause and remember and give thanks to the Lord for all that happened there – for the sisters, brothers, and priests who devoted their lives to educating young people from Saint Patrick Parish and, indeed, from throughout Kankakee County and for the students, whose Catholic education hopefully helped them to be good Christian men and women and citizens of our country wherever their future studies and careers may have taken them. May many wonderful memories remain always in our hearts.

*Father John Peeters, C.S.V.  
Pastor - Saint Patrick Parish  
September 27, 2018*



**All of the family members named here are proud products of Catholic education. All are graduates of, or, will become graduates of high school at Bishop McNamara. The Purcell family was in town to celebrate the life of their uncle, Francis "Mickey" Boudreau, St. Patrick High School Class of 1944, who recently died at the age of 91. The family was photographed together at the school building on Indiana Avenue.**

**Back Row: (in the middle, dressed in blue): Shirley Boudreau Purcell (wife of the late John "Jack" Purcell, first generation graduate of St. Patrick Grade School 1948 and High School 1952); Second Generation - Third Row (Left to Right): St. Patrick Grade School: Karen Purcell '75 Mann, David Purcell '77, Judy Purcell Todnem '78, Diane Purcell '80 Boyd, Linda Purcell '81 Deagan, Dan Purcell '83, Patty Purcell '85 Goldstein, Chris Purcell '88, Peggy Purcell '90 Mayer, Andy Purcell '92 (Sts. Patrick & Teresa graduate); Third Generation - Second Row (Left to Right): Austin Boyd (Sts. Patrick & Teresa graduate), Riley Mayer '22 (ACA), Grace Purcell '23 (ACA), Morgan Mayer '24 (ACA), Abby Purcell '25 (ACA), Jack Purcell '27 (ACA); Fourth Generation - Front Row (Left to Right): Colleen Boyd '26 (ACA), Sean Boyd '28 (ACA); Not pictured: Matt Boyd '07, Alex Boyd '09, Sts. Patrick & Teresa graduates**

**Graduation years above, indicate the year they graduated or will graduate from high school at Bishop McNamara.**

# Reunions

## CLASS OF 1953

The St. Patrick High School Class of 1953 recently held a two-day affair to celebrate their 65th reunion. A ladies' luncheon was held at Oliver's, in Bradley, on Friday, June 22nd, with six in attendance. On Saturday, June 23rd, classmates gathered at Beef O'Brady's, in Bourbonnais, for a luncheon. The mini class reunion also served as a farewell party for Sr. Charmaine Kribs who has been reassigned to reside with her Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois. The party may have been small in numbers, but St. Pat's spirits were high!

**Standing (Left to Right): Sharon Draude, Steve Serve, Paul Cardosi, Josie Agatone Leone, Larry Skelly, Tom McVey, Jim Meyer; Seated (Left to Right): Nancy Potter Born, Sr. Charmaine Kribs, Lee Britt Bielawa, Pat Paris Cheffer, Jean Sells Hartman.**



## CLASS OF 1958

The St. Patrick Central Class of 1958 celebrated their 60th Reunion the weekend of September 14th, 15th and 16th. On Friday, there was a casual gathering at Smitty's Tavern in Kankakee. On Saturday morning some played golf at Oak Springs Golf Course in St. Anne while others took a tour of the B. Harley Bradley House, a Frank Lloyd Wright designed home in Kankakee. On Saturday evening, a reunion dinner was held at the Quality Inn in Bradley. On Sunday, a breakfast in the morning was also held at the Quality Inn. A great weekend was had by all!



**Front Row (Left to Right): Bob Ostrowski, Joyce Lagesse Ferris, Sue Collins, Madonna Dionne Lane, Lee Guimond, Rose Fortin Hedger, Itzy Rivard Matthews, Barbara Smith May; Back/Middle Row (Left to Right): Dennis Deany, Martin Devere, Dave Ayers, Don Granger, Donna Marnell Brosseau, Helen Dunn, Theresa Quigley O'Connor, Paul Konrath, Tom Yates, Paul Keigher, Tom Draude, Joe Martino, Pat Hanrahan Wagner, Jim Burns, Carol Raisch Calderon, Beverly Baron Cooper, Jim LaMotte, Dick Stack.**

# Upcoming Reunion CLASS OF 1979

The class of '79 is planning their 40th reunion which will happen on July 26 and 27, 2019. A casual gathering is being planned for Friday the 26th with specific details to follow. On Saturday, the 27th, plans are being made as follows: Walk and school tour at Bishop McNamara from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.; Tasting and tour at Brickstone Brewery in Bourbonnais from noon - 3:00 p.m.; Cocktail party at Rigo's in Kankakee from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.; Attend the Merchant Street Music Festival in downtown Kankakee after 6:00 p.m. Classmates are encouraged to join the class Facebook page to receive updated information at "Bishop McNamara Class of 1979 40th Class Reunion Group."

**IF YOU GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN A YEAR ENDING IN "4" OR "9" THEN 2019 IS A REUNION YEAR FOR YOU!**

Contact Sandy LaMotte '82 Malpasuto at [smalpasuto@bmcss.org](mailto:smalpasuto@bmcss.org) to get your class lists for your reunion planning.

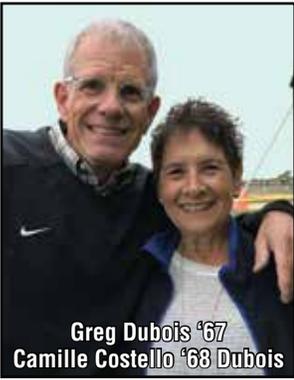
We will also add your reunion details to the alumni page on the school website.

# Homecoming 2018

**Homecoming Week 2018 was filled with lots of excitement!**

During the week, our students celebrated with Mass, service projects, theme days, games day, the bonfire, and a parade. On Friday, September 28th, the "Bishop McNamara family" gathered at the game and the post-game gathering at Brookmont Bowl. In addition, the classes of 1968 (50 Year), 1978 (40 Year), 1988 (30 Year), 1998 (20 Year), and 2008 (10 Year) enjoyed getting together with classmates at their reunions!





Greg Dubois '67  
Camille Costello '68 Dubois



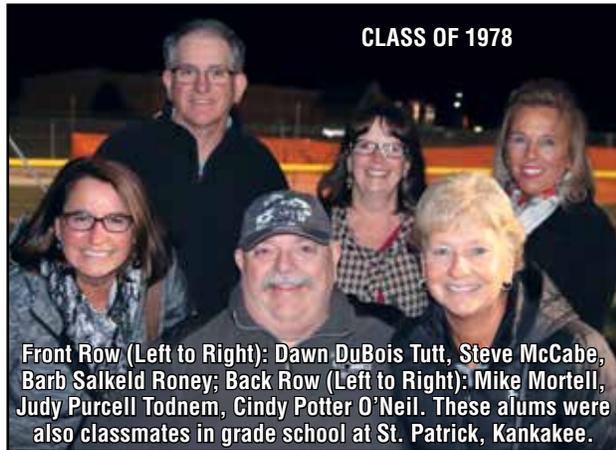
**CLASS OF 2008**  
Kevin Lovell, Casey Granger, Brandi Branka, Katie Jacobsen,  
Tyler Wheeler, Ross Milton



Sharon Cox '78 Trudeau  
Kathy Klodnycky '78 Mastny



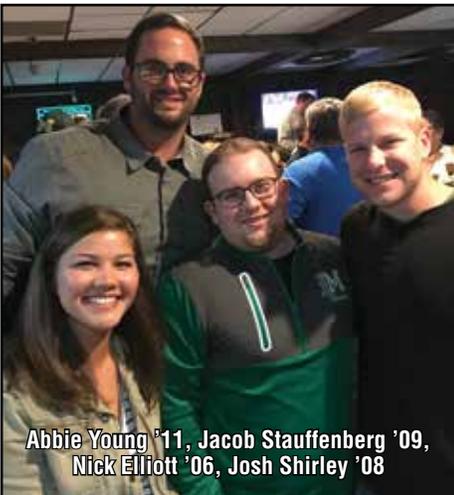
Pat Martin '78, Natalie Nugent '88 Netherton,  
Abbie Netherton '15, Sheila Martin



**CLASS OF 1978**  
Front Row (Left to Right): Dawn DuBois Tutt, Steve McCabe,  
Barb Salkeld Roney; Back Row (Left to Right): Mike Mortell,  
Judy Purcell Todnem, Cindy Potter O'Neil. These alums were  
also classmates in grade school at St. Patrick, Kankakee.



Brandon Peterson '98  
Betsy Yohnka '98 Benoit



Abbie Young '11, Jacob Stauffenberg '09,  
Nick Elliott '06, Josh Shirley '08



Fr. Dan Hebert '68, Bonnie Brule '68 Kunder, Jim Kunder



Jill Powers '78 Ambrose  
Jan Powers '78 Glazar



**The Johnsons**  
Heather, Luke '98, Amelia, Eden



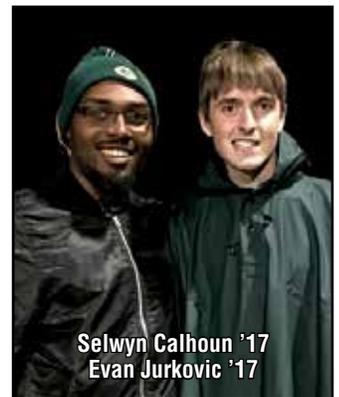
**CLASS OF 1988**  
Justin Painter, Todd Marcotte, Dan Frey



Valerie Kirsh '78 Goldfain  
Amy Chamness '78 Lawler



**CLASS OF 1998**  
Jamie Sargeant Freedlund, Julie Urban Rotz, Mandy Downs



Selwyn Calhoun '17  
Evan Jurkovic '17

# MEMORIES *Milestones and* MAGNIFICENT MOMENTS

Happy Birthday Sharon! In July, friends helped Sharon Soucie '56 Jackson celebrate her 80th birthday at Tucci's in Bradley.

**Seated (Left to Right):** George Arocha '74, Sharon, Lisa Azzarelli '80 Gerth; **Standing (Left to Right):** Elizabeth Arocha, Liz Marczak '77 Madsen, Tricia Arseneau, Todd Arseneau '86, Jim Gerth '80



Friends gathered for dinner at the B. Harley Bradley House, a Frank Lloyd Wright home, in Kankakee. They put the "winning bid" on this fabulous dinner at the spring auction!



**Photographed (Left to Right):** Corine and Jerry Krieg, Don and Donna Douglas, Jim '68 and Maggie Hansen '68 Frogge, Dave '65 and Madonna Raiche

Joel Pallissard '88, and member of the '85, '86, '87 Bishop McNamara 3A State Football title teams is having continued success in football in both his personal and professional arenas. Last November, as assistant head football coach for Lincoln Way East, Joel won another Illinois state championship in Class 8A. What made this season and championship special was the team's starting tight end was his son, Turner Pallissard. Turner has continued his football career as a preferred walk on at University of Iowa in Iowa City and is seeing some playing time. In addition to rooting on the Hawkeyes, Joel and his wife, Beth, will be cheering on their second son Maguire, who is a current member of the Lincoln Way East football team.

**Photographed are:** Tyler Provost '99 Pallissard, Andy Pallissard '92, Dylan Elizabeth Pallissard '29, Turner Pallissard, Beth Pallissard, Maguire Pallissard, Joel Pallissard '88, Wyatt Pallissard '28, in the stroller are Wade and Lane Pallissard '34



Mark '82 and Jeanine LaFontaine '82 Paschke enjoyed an Illini win with long-time friends! **Photographed Standing (Left to Right):** Jeanine LaFontaine '82 Paschke, Mark Paschke '82, Pam Franklin, Karen O'Gorman, Paul Gubbins '82, Jennifer O'Gorman, John O'Gorman '81; **(Kneeling) Joe Franklin '82, Marty O'Gorman '82**



In January of 2018, a group from St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis embarked on a weeklong trip to their mission parish of St. Michael the Archangel in Baie de Henne, Haiti. While on the trip two of the travelers realized they had more in common than just their home parish. It was during a conversation about their backgrounds that David Baker '65 and Eric Yates '97 discovered they were from the Kankakee area and were alumni of St. Patrick Central and Bishop McNamara High School.



The trip to Haiti was difficult, but **David Baker '65 and Eric Yates '97** see the improvements to the parish and its school since the mission began in early 2016. The mission was able to repair wells at the church and its school, install the first water purification system in the village, supplement teacher salaries at the school, provide daily lunch to the school children, and rebuild a chapel destroyed during Hurricane Matthew in 2017. Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere and there are many parishes seeking relationships with parishes in the United States. If you would like to learn more about how you can connect with a parish in Haiti, contact Eric Yates at [eric Yates38@gmail.com](mailto:eric Yates38@gmail.com).



School children in Haiti

# A I U M N I

## News & Notes

### 2004



Jeff Ashcraft '04, began his career as Executive Director for the Knights of Columbus, Kankakee, on February 8th. Ashcraft manages a staff of one full-time and about a dozen part-time employees. As Executive Director, Jeff oversees the day-to-day operation of the facility at the corner of South Indiana Avenue and East Merchant Street. He also helps schedule and coordinate banquets at the location. Prior to coming to the Knights of Columbus, he was the general manager of the Arby's restaurant inside the Love's Travel Stop & Country Store in south Kankakee.

He worked there for about seven years. Jeff also attended the former Sts. Patrick and Teresa Grade School in Kankakee. Ashcraft is married to wife, Tricia, and has 3 children - Ella (9), Gracelyn (3), and Liam (1). Ashcraft has been a member of the Knights since he was about 18 years old.

### 2014



McKinley Robbins '14 will graduate with a degree in elementary education in December from Fontbonne University in

St. Louis after she finishes her student teaching. She is the director of after school care at the St. Michael School of Clayton. While in college, she was president of Dance Marathon. Miracle Network Dance Marathon is a movement benefitting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, a non-profit organization that raises funds and awareness for more than 170 pediatric hospitals across North America. Upon graduation, she plans to stay living and teaching in St. Louis.

### 2016

Madyson Robbins '16 completed cosmetology and aesthetician school. She works at the Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology and at Savvy Salon in Peotone. During



her schooling, she was an intern at True U in downtown Chicago for one of the top aestheticians in the United States. She currently resides in Wilmington.



## DOROTHY AND ROMY HAMMES

### FALL OF 2019 HALL OF HONOR

### Hall of Honor Nominations

The Irish Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the Dorothy and Romy Hammes Hall of Honor at Bishop McNamara. Nominations must be received in the Advancement Office by June 1, 2019. Nomination forms are available on our website at [bishopmac.com/alumni/hammes-hall-of-honor](http://bishopmac.com/alumni/hammes-hall-of-honor). You may also call the Advancement Office at (815) 933-7620 and they will email, mail, or fax you a copy.

Eligibility Criteria includes – Alumni, Faculty/Staff, Administrators, Parents, and/or Friends who have:

- Performed outstanding service to our school
- Achieved an outstanding accomplishment or achievement in their profession
- Significantly contributed to society, education, or public service
- Must be/have a positive role model of Catholic/Christian faith and values
- Maintained an ongoing relationship with our school



**Dr. Gregory Macagba '10 and  
Dr. Emily Fisher '01 Gentry**

After graduating from Bishop McNamara in 2001, Dr. Emily Fisher-Gentry attended the University of Notre Dame and graduated in 2005. She then ventured west to pursue her optometry career at the University of California, Berkeley. While attending Berkeley, Dr. Emily served as Optometry Student Body President and completed an internship at the internationally renowned Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, Florida. In 2010, after receiving her optometry degree, Dr. Emily returned to the area to practice with her father, local ophthalmologist, Dr. Marc Fisher, founder of Fisher-Swale Nicholson Eye Center in Bourbonnais. This experience further prepared her to treat and manage ocular disease as well as co-manage surgical patients. Fisher-Gentry Eye Care was established in 2013 and has been growing ever since. Dr. Emily and her husband Matthew Gentry live in Manteno with their 3 children, Luca, Ryan, and Ellie. Dr. Emily is also a Major for the U.S. Air Force as she reports to Air National Guard in Springfield, Illinois once a month. She is a member of the Manteno Chamber of Commerce, serves on the Village Planning Committee, and is on the Riverside Hospital's PULSE board.

This summer, Fisher-Gentry Eye Care warmly welcomed Dr. Gregory Macagba '10. Dr. Macagba joined Fisher-Gentry Eye Care after earning his optometry degree at Illinois College of Optometry in May of 2018. He is board certified by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry. In 2014, he graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in community health with a minor in chemistry. While attending ICO, he completed externships in Chicago, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Austin, Texas as well as Wenzhou, China. While in China, he had the opportunity to train with several of China's leading specialists in retina and refractive surgery at one of China's top medical hospitals, Wenzhou Medical College Eye Hospital. Dr. Macagba is passionate about optometry and is excited to establish his career in his hometown community.

## alumni SPOTLIGHT

Paul O. Gubbins '82, recently achieved a career milestone by serving as an editor of the textbook "Drug Interactions in Infectious Diseases, Volumes I and II." This textbook is the leading resource for drug interactions involving antibiotics. First published in 2001, it is now in its fourth edition. Prior to serving as an editor, Gubbins authored the chapter regarding drug interactions involving medicines that fight infections caused by fungi (antifungal medicines). After graduating from Bishop McNamara High School, Paul earned his Doctorate in Pharmacy from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy in 1988. He completed his post-doctorate residency at the University of Kentucky in 1990 and an infectious diseases pharmacology research fellowship at his alma mater in 1992. There he developed his interest in studying the pharmacology of antifungal medicines. In 1992, he joined the faculty at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Pharmacy, where he spent the first 21 years of his career. Five years ago, he left UAMS to become the Associate Dean in charge of starting a branch site of the University of Missouri Kansas School of Pharmacy in Springfield, Missouri. "When I first started out back in the early 90's, measuring blood levels of antifungal medicines in patients being treated for life-threatening fungal infections was tough. I developed an

easier, chemistry-based way to measure blood levels of a particular antifungal medicine, which created many research opportunities for me," said Gubbins. Based on his research, he was invited to write the chapter on drug interactions involving antifungals for

the first three editions of the textbook. "In 2016, a founding editor retired, and the other editors asked me to join them to publish the fourth edition. Never having been an editor, I jumped at the chance, and enjoyed the whole experience. It did not occur to me that it was such a career milestone until I saw the book's front cover," said Gubbins. "In 2017, I celebrated the class of '82's thirty-fifth class reunion and reconnected with my classmates, many who I had not seen in a long time. It was a blast! It also gave me an opportunity to reflect on my years at Bishop McNamara and wonder, well how did I get here? Coming from a public-school background to Bishop McNamara was a huge adjustment; I had to start developing new friendships all over again. I was not a stellar student by any stretch of the imagination. I did ok in English, writing, and literature classes, but did not excel in chemistry, math, or any of the other science courses for that matter. My CCD education in no way prepared me for religion classes taught by real nuns like Sisters Galvan and Cote! Looking back, my experiences at Bishop McNamara led me to the starting line of a rewarding career path. They provided challenges to grow from and draw upon, memories to cherish, and lifelong friends with which to enjoy the ride to such career milestones. For that, I am forever grateful to Bishop McNamara High School!"





AVERY  
&  
AARON  
*DeGroot*

Aaron DeGroot '11 and Avery Bourne were married on April 28, 2018. Parents of the bride are Rod and Kim Bourne. Parents of the groom are Paul and Cindy DeGroot. The wedding took place at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Springfield, Illinois and the reception was held at The Landing Barn in Taylorville. Avery earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in American studies with minors in history, political science, and legal studies from Columbia College of Columbia, Missouri. She is a State Representative, Illinois 95th House District. Aaron earned his Bachelor of Science degree in economics from George Mason University of Fairfax, Virginia. He is the Communications Director of Citizens for Erika Harold, Republican candidate for Attorney General. Aaron and Avery currently reside in Raymond, Illinois.



LINDSEY  
&  
MICHAEL  
*Kolwelter*

Michael Kolwelter '08 and Lindsey Johnson were married on December 23, 2017. Parents of the bride are Jeff and Kim Johnston. Parents of the groom are Lonnie Kolwelter and Bonnie Boicken. The wedding and reception took place at the Majestic Theatre in Kankakee. Lindsey graduated from Olivet Nazarene University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice. She earned her master's in social work from St. Francis University. She is employed as a juvenile detention officer at River Valley Juvenile Detention Center. Michael graduated from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice. He is employed as a critical response team member at River Valley Juvenile Detention Center. Michael and Lindsey currently reside in Channahon, Illinois.

*Just Married*



ANDREA  
&  
DOUG  
*Rorabaugh*

Andrea (Annie) Provost '07 and Doug Rorabaugh '05 were married on September 1, 2018. Parents of the bride are Karl '75 and Beth Olsen '75 Provost. Parents of the groom are Greg and Deb Devine '73 Rorabaugh. The wedding ceremony took place in the backyard of the home of Karl and Beth Provost. The reception was held at X-Line Sportsmans Club. Annie earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Lakeview College of Nursing. She is employed as a pediatric intensive care registered nurse at Advocate Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn. Doug is a union electrician for Local 176. Doug and Annie currently reside in Bourbonnais.

STEPHANIE  
&  
TYLER  
*Hauer*



Stephanie Tyson '09 and Tyler Hauer were married on May 25, 2018. Parents of the bride are David and Gigi Tyson. Parents of the groom are Harvey and Jody Hauer. The wedding and reception took place at Carnivale Restaurant on Fulton Street in Chicago. Stephanie attended Bradley University, earning a bachelor's degree in psychology. She currently works as a sales representative where she sells spine, CMF (craniomaxillofacial), and navigation instruments and implants in the Greater Toronto Area. Tyler went to Lake Forest College earning a bachelor's degree in biology. He then attended medical school at the University of Toronto and is in his first year of his orthopedic surgery residency. Stephanie and Tyler currently live in Toronto, Canada.

KELSEY  
&  
ETHAN  
*McGrath*



Kelsey Curwick '13 and Ethan McGrath were married on September 1, 2018 at Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Bourbonnais. The reception was held at the Majestic Theatre in Kankakee. Parents of the bride are Jerry and Paula Keigher '84 Curwick. Parents of the groom are Tim and Stephanie McGrath. Kelsey earned her bachelor's degree in communications from Olivet Nazarene University. She currently works as a communications coordinator at the Kankakee County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Ethan earned an associates degree in accounting from Kankakee Community College. He is current co-owner of ServiceMaster Clean in Kankakee. Ethan and Kelsey currently reside in Manteno.

CLAIRE  
&  
TY  
*Sanders*



Claire Fisher '07 and Ty Sanders were married on September 2, 2018 at Our Lady of Sorrows in Kansas City, Missouri and the reception was held at the Feasts of Fancy. Parents of the bride are Marc and Kris Fisher. Parents of the groom are Clint and Karen Sanders. Claire earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Notre Dame and her graduate degree in optometry from the Illinois College of Optometry. She is currently employed as an optometrist at Kansas City Eye Clinic in Overland Park, Kansas. Ty earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees in biology from Missouri State University. He is currently enrolled in a one year accelerated bachelor's program at Research College of Nursing and will graduate in December 2018. Ty and Claire currently live in Overland Park, Kansas.

# Rest In Peace



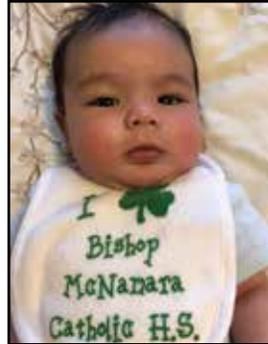
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- Jean Rogers O'Connell ..... 1948
- Robert Clodi..... 1951
- William Yonke..... 1953
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- Mike Kueffer..... 1968
- Stephen Powles..... 1968
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**Amelia Jean Johnson**  
Born July 25, 2017  
Parents are Luke '98 and Heather Johnson

**Samuel Mason Boyer**  
Born on January 29, 2018  
Parents are Michael '07 and Sophia Hizon '08 Boyer



**Yaro Wolf Jacob Jackson**  
Born April 2, 2018  
Parents are Eddie '87 and Amy Jackson



A special baptism took place on June 25, 2018, where Fr. Jason Nesbit of Maternity BVM Church in Bourbonnais presided. Proud parents are Ish and Chris Roney '07, with daughter, Harper (born August 24, 2017) and Scott and Jenna Frazier '07 Schafer, with daughter, Ainsley (born March 14, 2018).

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