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on the cover

Front Cover: Members of the Saint Mary's College Class of 2011 include (front row left to right): Megan Weinandy, Sarah Foley, Caroline Arness, Jamie Thorsen, Kara Joseph, and Lizziey Brown; (back row from left): Lizzie Laughman and Nicole Taylor.
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Back Cover: The academic procession at Commencement 2011 with Le Mans Hall in background.
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In Celebration of Learning

By President Carol Ann Mooney '72

This issue of *Courier* is dedicated to the College's core value of Learning. That value was front and center on March 26, 2011, when we celebrated the education of women in science. To say that Saint Mary's has a long history of educating women in the sciences is an understatement—we have been doing so since before the Civil War. In fact, the Sisters of the Holy Cross, our sponsors, responded to the call for nurses that was sent out by President Lincoln. Chemistry, botany, geography, and astronomy were listed in the first Saint Mary's catalogue in 1863. We were among the first institutions to prepare women for the study of medicine and our physics department served as the receiving station for the nation's first wireless message, sent from the University of Notre Dame in 1898.

The reason for our celebration was the largest single private donation ever given to the College. Clayton L. Mathile, former CEO and owner of The Iams Company and Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of The Mathile Institute for the Advancement of Human Nutrition, and his wife MaryAnn, donated \$9 million to the College. Their daughter, Jennifer Mathile Prikkel '95, then a member of the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees, gave Saint Mary's an additional \$1 million. The combined \$10 million gift will be used to renovate our Science Hall. This transformational gift will provide facilities that match the caliber of our students and faculty. The Mathile family believes in the power of Catholic women's education and they invested in Saint Mary's College to support our Mission in the area of science education.

On May 21, our academic year officially ended with the 164th Commencement exercises. As our graduates crossed the stage in front of Le Mans Hall and received their treasured reward—a Saint Mary's diploma—their proud families shared their joy and sense of accomplishment. Everyone listened with rapt attention to our Commencement speaker, Therese Johnson Borchard '93, as she shared the story of her life after Saint Mary's.

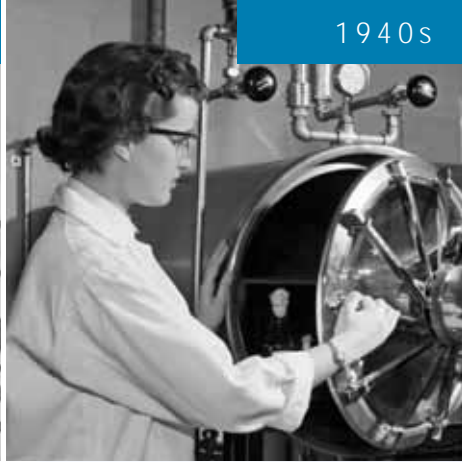
In this issue of *Courier* you will read more about our wonderful Commencement 2011 as well as the details of our day celebrating the education of women in science. I am confident that after reading these stories you will feel a little closer to your alma mater, and more proud of the fine work we continue here in the tradition of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

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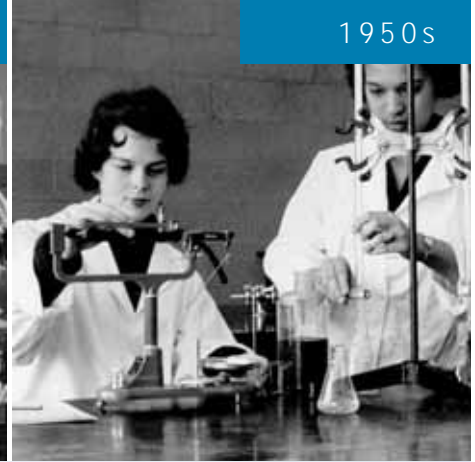
A chemistry lab in Holy Cross Hall where science classes were taught until the mid-20th Century (circa 1903)

1940s



A Saint Mary's biology student sterilizes equipment in an autoclave (circa 1940s)

1950s



Saint Mary's chemistry students conducting experiments in the classroom (circa 1950s)

Building ON OUR Heritage

IN THE CLASSROOM AND BEYOND

Through the years, science education has stretched beyond the microscope, beyond the beaker, and often, into the real world where Saint Mary's students are making notable contributions to actual scientific research—in places here and afar. More than ever before, women, particularly as Saint Mary's science graduates, have unlimited opportunities to launch exciting and lucrative careers in applied sciences.

"International learning is like a gigantic 3-D classroom where you are surrounded by opportunities to grow and become more enlightened," says biology Professor Thomas Fogle, PhD. His Special Topics in Biology (490): Environments of Ecuador class travels biennially for a few weeks to Ecuador, one of the most environmentally diverse countries in the world. There, his students delve into population dynamics, interactions among organisms, the impact and consequence of human presence, and local efforts at conservation.

Visit saintmarys.edu/fogle-ecuador for the full story.



Photo courtesy of biology major Mona Rodriguez '12



Celebrating the Education of Women in Science

HIGH EXPECTATIONS, HIGHER ACHIEVEMENTS

In mid-February, chemistry/physics Chair Christopher Dunlap and biology Chair Nancy Nekvasil received a curious request: They were asked to help pull together a community event called Celebrating the Education of Women in Science, and they had only a month to do it. Ever dedicated, and always eager to showcase the work

of their science students, Dunlap and Nekvasil led science faculty in efforts to pull off the event, which was being planned by College Relations staff.

Meanwhile, President Carol Ann Mooney '72 and a few other College administrators and faculty were keeping a secret—a historic secret—to be revealed during the celebration.

On March 26, the day of the event, guests entered Science Hall under banners declaring: “Celebrating the Education of Women in Science. High Expectations, Higher Achievement.” Inside, science students stood in the hallways before posters that summarized the hard work that had gone into their senior comprehensive projects. Area residents, prospective students and their parents, alumnae, and friends of the College filled the hallways, stopping to speak with the young scientists and to look over the impressive posters.

That afternoon, before a standing-room-only crowd in Carroll Auditorium, President Mooney revealed her secret: Clayton and MaryAnn Mathile '06 *HC* had donated \$9 million toward Science Hall renovations, the single largest private gift in the College’s 167-year history. Their daughter, Jennifer Mathile Prikkel '95, then a member of the Saint Mary’s College Board of Trustees, generously donated an additional \$1 million toward the renovations.

The crowd went wild.

The Mathiles and Prikkel had been enjoying the science celebration that day, mingling with the students and learning about their projects, reinforcing their momentous decision to share so generously with the College.

“I believe that Saint Mary’s College brings truth to the world, not only through science and the mind, but also through the heart,” Prikkel says.

The following pages confirm this philosophy that Prikkel, her parents, and Saint Mary’s College hold so dear.

ABOVE: Biology Assistant Professor Cassie Majetic, left, and Brittany Sinka '12 work in the greenhouse at Science Hall. Majetic and Sinka are researching how fertilizer affects the scent of *Phlox subulata*.

MATHILES HUMBLLED TO HELP EDUCATE FUTURE *Faith-filled* Scientists

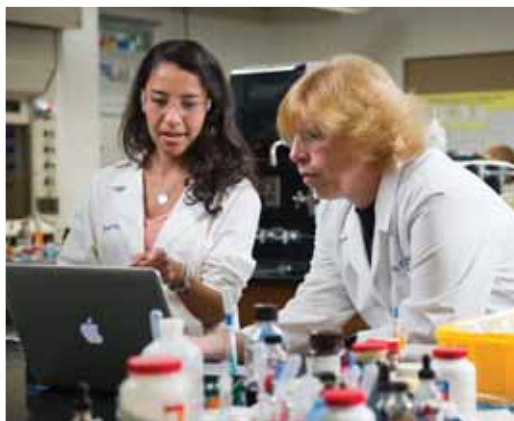
A tour of Science Hall two years ago ultimately led to the historic gifts by the Mathile family of Dayton, Ohio. As President Carol Ann Mooney '72 guided the tour for the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees, then-Trustee Jennifer Mathile Prikkel '95 was disheartened to see the building needed major renovations and new equipment.

Prikkel already understood the importance of educating women in science: When she was 14, her father, Clayton Mathile, hired pet nutrition scientist Diane A. Hirakawa, PhD, as a vice president at The Iams Company. The simple realization that women could be scientists made a strong impression on Prikkel.

With these things in mind, Prikkel made the commitment to initiate funding to turn Science Hall into a first-rate facility. "Saint Mary's produces scientists who are socially aware, who are making a difference in the world," she says.

Her parents supported her plan. "When Jen told us that she had pledged one million dollars of her funds to this project, Clay and I were inspired," says MaryAnn Mathile '06 *HC*, Prikkel's mother. "We were already impressed with Saint Mary's leadership team and the impact the College has made on Jen's life. So then, we prayed about it, and asked God to give us a feeling that our contribution would be in His service. Once we had our answer that was it."

Clayton Mathile is equally passionate. "At a time when the United States is losing its competitiveness as a leader in science and technology, the renovation of Science Hall will encourage more students to earn degrees in fields related to STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math)," he says. "We are also confident that Saint Mary's will continue to attract the best academic leaders to its exceptional faculty. For Mary and me, it is humbling to know that we are helping Saint Mary's prepare the next generation of faith-filled scientists."



ABOVE: MaryAnn and Clayton Mathile and their daughter, Jennifer Mathile Prikkel '95, gather at the Celebrating the Education of Women in Science event on March 26. Their donations will help transform Science Hall.

LEFT: Diana Vega Pantoja '13 and Saint Mary's chemistry Professor Toni Barstis perform research in Science Hall as part of the University of Notre Dame's Nano Undergraduate Research Fellowship. The goal of their project is to detect counterfeit pharmaceuticals.

An entrepreneur who built his success on the science of developing world-class pet food, Clayton Mathile sold Iams in 1999. Afterward, the Mathiles enhanced their philanthropic efforts, which stem from their belief in serving God by helping others. While Clayton Mathile is among *Forbes* 400 wealthiest Americans, he belongs to the more exclusive and significant list of *BusinessWeek's* 50 most generous philanthropists.

MaryAnn Mathile received an honorary doctorate of humanities from the College in 2006. Saint Mary's recognized her charitable work with The Mathile Family Foundation and her commitment to Catholic education.

The three Mathiles have a history of generosity to Saint Mary's and provided a leadership gift and challenge grant toward the construction of Spes Unica Hall, dedicated in 2008. Their gift inspired others to fund that academic building.

Their Crowning Achievement

THE SENIOR COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT

One of the best testaments to the caliber of a Saint Mary's education is the senior comprehensive project, or "senior comp," the independent research that each student completes before graduation. Their research takes months to develop, and in many cases, illuminates the course of many students' career paths. Here is a sample of the 2011 projects.

BIOLOGY



Mary Reilly '11

Mary Reilly '11 mapped a chromosome in "Annotation of a 50kb and a 60kb segment of the *Drosophila mojavensis* dot chromosome." She examined a segment of DNA from a species of fruit fly called *Drosophila mojavensis* with the goal of comparing its contents to those of a related species of fruit fly, *Drosophila melanogaster*. These two species diverged into separate species millions of years ago, yet still share many of the same genes.

She mapped certain genes found on the fourth chromosome of *mojavensis*, and compared their lengths and locations to those found in the genome of *melanogaster*. She found that one gene, responsible for the firing of neurons at neuromuscular junctions, was 97 percent identical in both species.

Her findings were sent to the Genome Institute at Washington University in St. Louis. The institute compares results from two or more students. If the findings are identical, the information is placed in the institute's database.

Reilly will participate in a six-month Disney College internship program before pursuing graduate studies. Disney College is a unique program that provides both education and work experience to select participants.

CHEMISTRY

Mary Kathleen Parsons '11 and Christina Robakowski '11 researched "The Quantitative Analysis of Diethyl Carbamazine Using Paper Analytical Devices."

In 2010, Parsons and Robakowski wanted to do a research project they could translate into a practical application. Though they never traveled to Haiti, they joined efforts at Saint Mary's and the University of Notre Dame to eliminate the undertreated disease lymphatic filariasis, also known as elephantiasis, a painful, disfiguring malady caused by mosquitoes.



Mary Kathleen Parsons '11



Christina Robakowski '11

To treat lymphatic filariasis, Haiti typically distributes mass quantities of the drug diethyl carbamazine that's sprayed on salt and taken orally. But the country doesn't have inexpensive ways to monitor and assess the concentration of the

drug and the effectiveness of the mass administration. Parsons and Robakowski researched the use of low-cost, low-tech paper analytic devices to determine the amount of diethyl carbamazine present on the salt that is distributed.

Parsons is enrolled in the Dual Degree in Engineering Program between Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame and expects to finish in 2012. Robakowski is studying forensic science at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

Scientific *Success*

THE AVENUE PAVED THE WAY TO THEIR FUTURES



From left: Julia Adams '05, Aubrey Szany-Shelton '05, Heather Muse White '05, and Megan M. Boyle '07 discuss their careers in science with biology Chair Nancy Nekvasil. Their panel discussion, *Life After Senior Comps*, was part of the *Celebrating the Education of Women in Science* event.

THE PANEL MEMBERS:

Julia Adams '05

Resident physician

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Medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine

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Lead chemist, quality control
Antech Diagnostics

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and quality compliance*
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Heather Muse White '05

Assistant professor of functional genomics

Department of Animal Science,
University of Connecticut

*Recently completed a postdoctoral research
Fellowship at Indiana University School of Medicine*

Megan M. Boyle '07

Doctoral student

Department of Chemistry, Northwestern University

Heather Muse White '05 recently accepted a position as assistant professor of functional genomics at the University of Connecticut's Department of Animal Science, a role that fulfills her desire to teach and do research. "When I stepped back to figure out what I wanted to do, in the back of my mind was always the faculty at Saint Mary's, how much they impacted my career choice, my path, and my undergraduate experience," she says.

White is one of four recent Saint Mary's alumnae who returned to campus to talk about their post-graduate endeavors and success as part of a panel at the science day celebration. They spoke about how their senior comps and the many student experiences they had at Saint Mary's helped prepare them for careers in science. And, not only were they ready to compete in the traditionally male science arena after graduation, they were prepared to lead. Biology Chair Nancy Nekvasil presided over the panel discussion called *Life After Senior Comps*.

Visit saintmarys.edu/women-in-science/science-alumnae-panelists to view the discussion.



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biology students have spent the summer on Little Corn working on senior comprehensive research that includes conducting studies on the drinking water; introducing water purification to the native population; and cataloging the fish species and the condition of the coral reef.

Go to saintmarys.edu/little-corn to learn more about Saint Mary's students' fascinating research on Little Corn Island in Nicaragua.

“Last summer, I spent two months

scuba

diving off the coast of Little Corn conducting fish and coral surveys. From day one, I knew it was a field I would be involved with the rest of my life.”

—Ashley Cook '11

What could Saint Mary's students

learn

from joining you in your work?



Vision *in Paradise*

Mary L. Burke '85 has a challenge for alumnae: Consider where you are in your life and how Saint Mary's students might benefit.

Maybe it's all the time Mary L. Burke '85, chair of the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees, spends on campus, but after purchasing a resort on Little Corn Island, Nicaragua, five years ago she wondered if in some way it might benefit Saint Mary's students.

"It may have been all of the flora and fauna," says Burke. "I thought there's a lot of stuff here that I know nothing about, but it could be a really cool place for students to conduct research for their senior comps. In addition, spending time on the island would expose them to a very different culture than that in Ireland or Italy or any of the other first-world or second-world countries."

Burke didn't major in biology; she earned a degree in humanistic studies at Saint Mary's College and an MBA from the University of Chicago. She is a savvy businesswoman and investor, and her success is largely based on the fact that she's a visionary.

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"I thought it could be a really cool place for students to conduct research for their senior comps."
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In this case, she took her vision of student research that could benefit the island and its natives to Shari Rodriguez, vice president for College Relations. "I said to Shari, 'I don't know what to do with this, but here's what I'm thinking.' I didn't have a specific plan in mind. She said there might be something here. Let's talk to a few biology professors to see what they think," Burke recalls.

That meeting led to five biology professors making an exploratory trip to Little Corn in 2007. "They came back and said, 'I think we can do this. Let's start with two students.'"

To date, 14 biology students have spent the summer on Little Corn working on senior comprehensive research that includes conducting studies on the drinking water; introducing



Mary L. Burke '85

water purification to the native population; and cataloging the fish species and the condition of the coral reef. The opportunity to do research on Little Corn Island is competitive (students have to apply) and it's not a free ride (students work at Burke's hotel or dive shop in exchange for room and board). The experience is truly life changing, say those who have benefited.

"Before going to Little Corn Island, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do after graduating," says Ashley Cook '11. "Last summer, I spent two months scuba diving off the coast of Little Corn conducting fish and coral surveys. From day one, I knew it was a field I would be involved with the rest of my life."

The experience is already paying dividends for Cook. She's volunteering this summer at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago and in September she's traveling to South Africa for a two-month internship studying great white sharks with Oceans Research. That organization facilitates research relevant to the conservation of marine life. Cook plans to earn a PhD in marine biology and become a researcher and college professor.

Burke has a challenge for alumnae: Consider where you are in your life and how Saint Mary's students might benefit. Maybe you work for a nonprofit or edit a magazine or operate a dairy farm or own a community theater. What could Saint Mary's students learn from joining you in your work? "If you think you've got something—whether it's with the company you work for or the community you're involved in—bring it to Saint Mary's and they'll help you figure out if something is there."

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If you think you may have an internship or experiential learning opportunity for students, contact Maureen Baska, assistant director of the Career Crossings Office, at mbaska@saintmarys.edu or (574) 284-4775.



The Making of a Scientist

SHARON NORTON WENT FROM HOGS TO DOGS, AND EVENTUALLY, FIGHTING WORLD HUNGER

Applause erupted at Sharon Norton's introduction, and she matched that energy in her keynote speech about her life in science. "Wow, now I know how a rock star feels!" she told the crowd in Carroll Auditorium as part of the science day celebration. Shattering a scientist stereotype she loathes—"the cold and disinterested seeker wearing a lab coat"—Norton delivered like an entertainer. Captivating her audience, she described her "trip around the barnyard," a career in animal nutrition and pet food that led her to address worldwide hunger as director of development for the Mathile Institute for the Advancement of Human Nutrition.

Norton's interest in science started in second grade as she chewed on wheat and learned the process of turning it into bread. It led her to a rusty filing cabinet in a guidance counselor's office where the only science career information for girls was a folder about veterinarians shoved in the back of a drawer. It looked perfect to Norton.

During her junior year at Virginia Tech, she took her first animal nutrition class. "I loved balancing rations, and [learning] how to make an animal healthier and stronger," Norton says. She went on to earn a master's degree in animal nutrition at Virginia Tech, researching vitamin and mineral requirements of ewes and lambs. During that time, she learned independence and self-motivation when her professor left her in charge of the lab while he golfed.



ABOVE: Sharing a laugh at the Celebrating the Education of Women in Science reception are (left to right) Nancy P. Nekvasil, PhD, biology chair and professor; Sharon Norton, PhD, Mathile Institute director of development; and Linda S. Paskiewicz, PhD, CNM, RN, professor and director of nursing. RIGHT: Sharon Norton

Norton went on to earn a doctorate at Oklahoma State University, focusing on pig nutrition. She found a job in Chicago, happily working as a swine research nutrition manager in charge of a baby pigs project.

She took a job in research and development with The Iams Company, a pet food company, in 1994. "So off I went from the hogs to the dogs," she says.

At Iams, Norton eventually became a liaison between product development, advertising, and marketing. She later applied the knowledge she had gained from that role to what she calls her higher calling: helping to eliminate malnutrition among the world's children.

Her current job at the Mathile Institute has emphasized the importance of scientists staying connected to the beneficiaries of their work. "Empathy and objectivity can work together," she says. "Empathy will help you gain an understanding of what you need to do, and how your results can be fully applied."

In closing, Norton drew science and faith together as she addressed future scientists: "Emulate our Blessed Mother Mary, the patron saint of Saint Mary's College, and use every ounce of your scientific skill, vision, courage, stewardship, passion, and empathy to intercede for others as she intercedes for us."

Visit saintmarys.edu/women-in-science/keynote-speech to view Norton's entire speech.



News

TRAVELS FAST

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

Alumnae, you know how you benefited from your Saint Mary's education and experience. At Reunion, alumnae club events, and other College gatherings, you often talk about the impact of the College on your lives—how it prepared you for whatever life brought your way and how you forged lifelong friendships and connections. We want young women today to know about that Saint Mary's experience. One way to do that is to get College events and stories into the news.

The Celebrating Women in Science event was one of those opportunities to get Saint Mary's noticed beyond The Avenue. Perhaps you saw coverage in *Today's Catholic*, the *Chicago Tribune*, MSNBC.com, WABC-New York, or some other outlet in your area. This coverage gave us an opportunity to increase awareness of Saint Mary's and inform others about our heritage and our excellence in educating women in the sciences.

You can help us spread the word about Saint Mary's to make others aware of our exceptional students, extraordinary faculty, and you, our accomplished alumnae. The College generates big news more often than you might think. Do you work for the media or know someone who does? If you do, please send that contact information to Gwen O'Brien, director of media relations, at gobrien@saintmarys.edu. Saint Mary's deserves headline news, and with your assistance, we can continue to make that happen.



Keep Tabs

Visit saintmarys.edu/news-events to keep regular tabs on news coverage about the College, as well as current events and headlines.

Exceptional SENIORS 2011

The founders of Saint Mary's College knew a liberal arts education could take a student in any direction possible. There's no better proof than this year's exceptional seniors: a Fulbright fellow, two science researchers, a future orthopedic surgeon, and a Harvard University graduate student. Just as impressive are the students' tremendous courage, compassion, and faith, attributes that will continue to serve them and the world they hope to change.

Taking Checca's advice to branch out from traditional studies, Chesley studied in the Rome Program the fall of her sophomore year. Then, she immediately jumped at a chance to become the first Saint Mary's student to join a new study abroad program at Ewha, the largest women's university in the world.

Chesley also will be remembered for causing a sensation when she won the election for student body president, her first experience holding an elected position. Along with running mate and friend, Laura Smith '11, she canvassed the College with the promise of working for stronger networking ties between students and alumnae, increased participation, and more fluent communication among Saint Mary's clubs.



RACHAEL CHESLEY
New Lenox, Illinois
Business Administration

In early summer, Rachael Chesley learned she was selected for the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship program. After training in Washington, D.C., she'll start in January as a teaching assistant for a year in a school in Malaysia.

Chesley's Saint Mary's experience prepared her for this international award. She spent a significant amount of time at Saint Mary's College off campus, creating historic connections between Saint Mary's and Ewha Women's University in Seoul, South Korea.

"She's a wonderful, unique young woman who always greets you with a smile," Italian Assistant Professor Peter Checca says.



BRYNN THOMAS
Cleveland, Ohio
Psychology

For Brynn Thomas, finding solutions to communication disorders is personal. She chose to earn a degree in psychology with a minor in communicative disorders because her younger sister, Hannah, has a form of high-functioning autism.

Inspired by Hannah's therapist, Thomas entered Saint Mary's with the incentive to find better ways to communicate with children who are diagnosed with broad-spectrum autism. Thomas also has a passion to develop therapies that will break through the communication difficulties inherent in the disorder.

This fall, Thomas will be a research assistant for two years at Northwestern University, working with a professor who researches both the genetics and the distinctive language features in people with autism. Thomas plans to attend graduate school in two years to study autism therapy.

Last summer, Thomas was awarded along with Susan Latham, assistant professor of psychology, a Maryjeanne R. Burke and Daughters Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) grant. For her part of the grant, Thomas worked with the University of Notre Dame's F.U.N. (For Understanding Neurodevelopment) lab. She collaborated on research, studying how robots help untangle the complicated social cues that bewilder persons with autism.

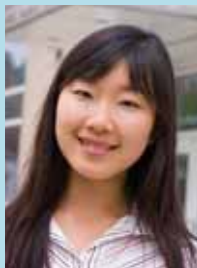


KARA JOSEPH
Youngstown, Ohio
Chemistry

As a child, Kara Joseph never minded waiting to see an orthopedic surgeon for occasional soccer injuries. It gave her time to study the wall charts showing ligaments and tendons. She ultimately decided to become an orthopedic surgeon and will study at the Boonshoft School of Medicine at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio.

Joseph's scientific gifts prompted Isabel Larraza, former assistant professor of chemistry at Saint Mary's, to invite Joseph as a sophomore to conduct research usually reserved for juniors. Their project, "Hexabromoacetone: A Novel Green Path to Drug Intermediates," resulted in a paper published by a peer-reviewed journal and a presentation at the 2010 American Chemical Society National Meeting.

Volunteering in a hospital emergency department helped Joseph understand the true spirit of medicine. One winter day, two friends brought in a young woman who eventually was diagnosed with a fatal brain aneurysm. The medical team asked Joseph if she wanted to help with the patient's care, but she realized she could do nothing for the patient. Instead, she stayed with the two friends in the waiting room. "Her friends had been holding her hand throughout the ordeal," says Joseph. "The experience struck a deep chord with me. I knew then that I wanted that connection with people."



JINGQIU GUAN
Chengdu, China
Economics and French

Jingqiu Guan's talents, academic successes, and humanitarian contributions are astonishing. "I have taught at Saint Mary's since 1983, and we have many talented, accomplished students," says economics Associate Professor Richard Measell, "but Jingqiu is a 'once-in-a-lifetime' student."

Guan established a Model United Nations (UN) at Saint Mary's, which she had dreamed of doing in China. At a Model

UN conference at the University of California, Berkeley, Guan delivered a presentation on economics and trading in Costa Rica. During the 2008 presidential campaign, she and another student compared the candidates' economic policies for an audience of students and faculty. She promoted China through many activities, including interpreting when the College's Women's Choir toured in spring 2011.

Already a pianist, Guan began studying ballet at Saint Mary's and became skilled enough for acceptance into the University of Iowa's graduate dance program. In fact, Guan was accepted at every graduate school to which she applied: Stanford University, the University of Notre Dame, and Harvard University's Graduate School of Education to study international education policy, which she ultimately chose. She hopes to work for the UN to advance women's education and dreams of establishing a nonprofit organization to use the arts to promote social peace and justice.



ELIZABETH BAJEMA
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Chemistry and Religious Studies

Described as a Renaissance woman by her professors, Elizabeth Bajema started her first year chemistry major in advanced classes. She added a major in religious studies after studying abroad in the Rome Program. Successful in both, she was accepted into Yale University's master's program in religious studies, but instead decided to enroll in Northwestern University's doctoral program in chemistry.

Bajema participated in chemistry research during her senior year, working to detect counterfeit antimalaria drugs. This research led her to travel to Monrovia, Liberia, to collect drug samples and information. Her work focused on creating a counterfeit detection tool to unmask counterfeit drugs, allowing consumers to test products before purchasing. "I saw a great need in Liberia, which strengthened my resolve to use my skills in chemistry to alleviate the worldwide need," Bajema says.

Bajema worked with Saint Mary's chemistry Professor Toni Barstis on her research. "Liz took her scientific findings and placed them in a social context that raises her work to a new, higher level," Barstis says.

Commencement 2011

MAY 21, 2011



"We are all called to something greater than ourselves."

—PRESIDENT CAROL ANN MOONEY '72





As the Class of 2011 assembled for the last time as Saint Mary's students,

President Carol Ann Mooney '72 urged them to a life of action, saying, "If you have learned only one thing from your time at Saint Mary's, I hope it is that we are all called to something greater than ourselves; we have an obligation to use the talents given to us by God."

Author and blogger Therese Johnson Borchard '93 delivered the Commencement address, the only Lumen Christi Award winner ever to do so. "You women are so unbelievably lucky," she told the graduates. "Students across America graduate today with skill sets they will use in their first jobs or as graduate students somewhere. However, you, Saint Mary's graduates, leave here with a skill set for life. . . . You have also been enlightened on matters of the heart and soul that extend far beyond the professional world."

Colleen Barrett, former president of Southwest Airlines, had these words for the grads: "I hope that you will go with love, spread love, and be loved while you are loving others."

Visit saintmarys.edu/2011 to experience Commencement 2011 through photos, conversations, and videos.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Graduates toss their caps into the air after Commencement; students wait for the program to begin; Maria Kenney '11 smiles after receiving her diploma; Nicole Taylor '11 shares a group hug with her father, Henry, mother, Nancy, and sister, Holley; President Carol Ann Mooney '72 enjoys the ceremony.

Commencement 2011

In May, an array of campus events honored the accomplishments of our graduates in celebration of their bright futures.

May 8 2011 HONORS CONVOCATION



At the opening event of the graduation season, 84 seniors were honored for academic excellence. The day started with departmental hooding ceremonies in which professors placed a hood on each graduate's shoulders, signifying her completion of an undergraduate degree.

During the Honors Convocation at O'Laughlin Auditorium, President Carol Ann Mooney '72

LEFT: Kendall Davis '11 celebrates after Honors Convocation. RIGHT: Vicente Berdayes, then-chair of the Department of the Communication Studies, Dance, and Theatre, places a hood over Maria Chipman's '11 shoulders during the department's hooding ceremony.

presented three of the College's most prestigious honors. Laura Glaub '12, a communication studies major, received the Saint Catherine Medal; biology Chair Nancy Nekvasil received the Spes Unica Award; and political science Chair Patrick Pierce received the Maria Pieta Award.

May 8 2011 MULTIETHNIC COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION

Congresswoman Donna (Christian) Christensen '66, a Democrat from the U.S. Virgin Islands, delivered an inspiring address at the fourth annual event, hosted by the Multicultural Services and Student Programs office. "It is Saint Mary's that made the difference in my life and the course it would take, more than anything or any place else," says the physician and House representative. "We Saint Mary's women of color have a special role to play. Our mission must be to transform this country and world into ones that are equitable and just."

Visit saintmarys.edu/headline/christensen-speech to read Christensen's speech.



TOP, left to right: Casandra Williams '11, Mara Martinez '11, Ni La '11, and Jingqiu Guan '11 smile before the start of the celebration. BOTTOM: Congresswoman Donna (Christian) Christensen '66 of the U.S. Virgin Islands talks about her days at Saint Mary's and her life of service after graduation.

May 8 2011 POST-GRADUATE SERVICE BLESSING

With songs, prayers, and medals of Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, 26 seniors were honored in the Regina Hall Chapel as they prepare to serve others as near as Chicago and as far away as Ghana. It was the first year for the ceremony, sponsored by Campus Ministry and the Office for Civic and Social Engagement.



LEFT, from left: Mary Miller '11 and Maria Kenney '11 hold candles with other seniors who are performing service work after graduating. RIGHT: Caroline Arness '11 hugs Catherine Salyer '11 during the blessing.

May 16 2011 ALUMNAE-SENIOR CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH



The Saint Mary's College Alumnae Association welcomed the Class of 2011 as its newest members at the increasingly popular event. President Carol Ann Mooney '72 kicked off the celebration with a toast to the class. Molly Gorszczyk '11 and Colleen



Lowry '11 presented the class gift—a clock for the lounge in Spes Unica Hall. Emma Hoffman '11, a biology major, received the Outstanding Senior Award. Toward the end of the program, Katherine Kohler '11 performed "Hello Instead," a song she wrote about Saint Mary's and the difficulty of saying goodbye.

TOP LEFT: Abby Van Vlerah '04, left, presented Emma Hoffman '11 with the Alumnae Association's Outstanding Senior Award. Top right: Seniors raise their glasses after the annual toast by President Carol Ann Mooney '72. Bottom: Katherine Kohler '11 sings a song about Saint Mary's that she wrote as a gift to her classmates.

May 20 2011 BACCALAUREATE LITURGY

Students, loved ones, and College representatives gathered in Angela Athletic Facility as the Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, led the prayerful service, telling the new graduates, "May the blessed Virgin Mary always accompany you on your life's journey." The event was coordinated by the Office of Campus Ministry.



LEFT: Graduates received prayers and blessings at the annual Baccalaureate Liturgy at the Angela Athletic Facility. RIGHT: Colette Bradley '11 adjusts the hood of Erin Black '11.

AWARDS *and* HONORS

LUMEN CHRISTI AWARD *Jingqiu Guan '11*



Jingqiu Guan of Chengdu, China, received the College's highest student honor, which recognizes an outstanding Christian woman whose excellence in leadership and loyalty to Saint Mary's creates a profound presence in the College community. A double-major in economics and French, Guan quickly became known for her infectious enthusiasm, embracing each

new opportunity. One of her faculty nominators says, "A visit from her to your office makes the day more special." A mission trip helped Guan choose her career path. As she worked in the poorest state in India, she felt God telling her to use all of her talents. Because of this, Guan plans to study international education policy at Harvard University with the ultimate goal of using her education and gifts to serve those in need.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD *Emma Hoffman '11*



Emma Hoffman, a biology major from Oak Forest, Illinois, was honored for embodying the "heart" of Saint Mary's by her spirit, values, scholarship, and faith. Emma graciously lent her time to the efforts of Campus Ministry, serving as Liturgical and peer minister. She also served as a class officer and mission commissioner for student government, and was a student member of the

College's Board of Trustees. She studied abroad in the Rome Program and also conducted research on Little Corn Island, Nicaragua, an experience that changed her mind about pursuing a career in medicine. "I realized my Christian responsibility is to be a steward of Earth's resources," she says. "The project demonstrated a way to combine my love of biology with my desire to serve others."

Go to saintmarys.edu/awards-and-honors-2011 for more information on our wonderful award winners and honorees.

SAINT CATHERINE MEDAL *Laura Glaub '12*



A communication studies major from Okemos, Michigan, Laura Glaub '12 was recognized for demonstrating high standards of personal excellence and scholarship and for contributing to the College community in the spirit of Christian leadership.

Glaub created Love Your Body Week and is involved with Student Government Association, Residence

Hall Association, Dance Marathon, Belles Against Violence, Student Advisory Committee, Student Activities Board, Rebuilding Together, and tutoring. "She shows us of what we are capable when we integrate heart and mind," President Carol Ann Mooney '72 says.

MARIA PIETA AWARD *Professor Patrick Pierce*



Professor Patrick Pierce, chair of the Department of Political Science, was lauded for excellence in teaching. "He not only demands the best from his students, he also goes out of his way to help them meet that demand," says President Carol Ann Mooney '72. "His teaching is characterized by a passion that students find infectious."

Pierce stays in contact with alumnae and helps current students make connections with them. He serves as the academic advisor for the Saint Mary's basketball program, showing how academic life and athletic life can complement each other. Pierce joined the political science department in 1981.

SPES UNICA AWARD *Professor Nancy Nekvasil*



Biology Chair Nancy Nekvasil received the Spes Unica Award for eminent service. "Professor Nekvasil models selfless devotion to the College and exudes boundless enthusiasm for teaching and scholarship," President Carol Ann Mooney '72 says.

Nekvasil has worked on numerous committees, mentored faculty, served as co-director of the College's writing program, and filled in as an advisor for the Academic Affairs Office. Currently, Nekvasil advises two student clubs and counsels students pursuing advanced degrees in health care. She led the Department of Biology through an external review and is now leading in curricular revision. She joined the College as an assistant professor in 1985.

HONORARY DEGREES

Saint Mary's College conferred honorary doctorate of humanities degrees on author and blogger Therese Johnson Borchard '93 and businesswoman Colleen Barrett in recognition of their outstanding contributions and achievements.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Therese Johnson Borchard '93



Delivering the Saint Mary's Commencement address was a dream come true for Therese Johnson Borchard '93. "Not even winning a Pulitzer Prize would mean more to me," she says. The author of more than 20 books and an award-winning blogger, Borchard has become a top expert in pop psychology. Her work has been cited in the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, Time.com, and CNN.com among other

media. She has been featured in *Psychology Today*, *Parenting*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, and the *Washington Post*. The associate editor of PsychCentral.com, Borchard contributes to the site's *The World of Psychology* blog. On Beliefnet.com, she writes the daily blog *Beyond Blue*. Her book *Beyond Blue: Surviving Depression & Anxiety and Making the Most of Bad Genes* garnered rave reviews. Borchard majored in religious studies at Saint Mary's and earned a master's degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame. When she was presented with the Lumen Christi Award in 1993, the citation read, "Service has become a synonym for who she is." The description still holds true.

Colleen Barrett



Colleen Barrett consistently has been recognized as one of the most powerful businesswomen in America. A pioneer, Barrett was the highest-ranking woman in the airline industry. She started with Southwest Airlines at its inception in 1971 and became the primary architect of its people-friendly culture. Working her way up the ranks, she retired as company president in 2008 after receiving the

Horatio Alger Award for Distinguished Americans in 2005 and being named to the *Forbes* list of 100 most powerful women and the *Business Week* list of best managers. When asked what advice she would give to a young woman graduating, Barrett says, "Be true to yourself. Never be afraid to take the initiative. Know what you want and want it with a passion."

2011 CLASS VALENTORIAN Samantha Wieczorek Wassel '11



It isn't enough to focus on Samantha Wieczorek Wassel's athletic accomplishments, grade point average of 3.987, or that she finished classes a semester early.

The English writing major has a sense of humor cheeky enough to rouse a cross country team at 6 a.m.; a willingness to drop everything to help a friend with homework in any subject; a team spirit that never wavered even when she sat out

injured for her entire sophomore year; and a visceral need to write that drives her to pick perfect words and craft precise sentences.

When cross country Coach Jackie Bauters presented Wassel with the 2011 Academic and Athletic Achievement Award, she put it this way: "Sometimes you meet an athlete and you just know they are going to be different, they have that extra ounce of pixie dust to make them magical."

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"Education of the whole person is a hallmark of Saint Mary's, and our athletes excel in the classroom."

— President Carol Ann Mooney '72, *Courier*, Summer 2006
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Indeed, Wassel performed magically for the cross country team: bringing home an individual title her freshman year with a 19:39 in the 5-kilometer race; landing a spot in the regional meet her junior year, and finishing the 6-kilometer course with a 25:19; and, in her senior year, scoring for her team in five of six races, and competing at the regional meet again.

And Wassel's recovery from a serious fracture her sophomore year was just as impressive. "Sam fought tirelessly," says Bauters. "She did all of the rehab exercises, and continued to ask for more exercises, anything she could do to help make improvements. She is one of the finest women I've ever had the honor of coaching."

English Professor Max Westler said Wassel's dedication to writing is just as relentless. He cited the English department's top writing honor, which Wassel shared with Kathryn Lynch '11. "The award is given by the department as a whole, and Sam was our unanimous choice," he says. "What makes Sam a writer is not just her talent or ambition, but how much she cares about getting the words on the page exactly right. That means putting up with a high degree of frustration, but Sam has always been patient. And you can feel her focus, her intensity, and her sense of purpose in every sentence she writes."

A native of New Carlisle, Indiana, Wassel plans to go to graduate school and ultimately make a career of writing.

No matter what, she has no plans to quit running. In fact, she's raised the stakes: "I ran my first marathon in January 2011, and I would love to continue to compete," she says.

No doubt, she'll do so vigorously.



From bottom: Sisters Mary Kate Boyce '11, Annie Boyce '10, Eileen Boyce '07, Bridget Boyce Schreiber '06, and Katie Boyce '05 of Oak Lawn, Illinois, all graduated from Saint Mary's College with the support of their mother, Catherine Boyce (top), and father, Daniel Boyce, who is not shown.

Five Sisters, One College

SAINT MARY'S STRENGTHENED
A FAMILY'S BOND

The 2011 Saint Mary's College Commencement exercises saw one particular era come to an end; one that has spanned the last decade. It is one that has seen each of five sisters from Oak Lawn, Illinois, leave her mark on the College as she completed her degree.

In the fall of 2001, Kathleen "Katie" Boyce stepped onto the campus as a first year student and went on to graduate with the Class of 2005. Bridget Boyce Schreiber '06 and Eileen Boyce '07 soon followed. Annie Boyce '10 began her collegiate experience in the fall of 2006, and one year later, Mary Kate Boyce '11 became the fifth sister to choose Saint Mary's.

Katie explained the impact of all five sisters attending Saint Mary's. "It gave us a common ground and helped us to strengthen the Catholic values our parents had already instilled in us," she says. "We understood each other's experiences and it allowed our family to grow closer. With each graduation it has been so much fun to return to Saint Mary's and see how the campus has changed, but how the fundamental tradition of the school has remained the same."

While some of the sisters' experiences mirrored one another, each sister forged her own path at Saint Mary's. Katie and Bridget found a home on the hardwood of Angela Athletic Facility on the Belles basketball team. Mary Kate excelled on the links with the golf team. Katie, Eileen, and Annie all studied education. Bridget and Mary Kate earned degrees in business administration. All five sisters worked in various capacities for the athletic department during their years at Saint Mary's. From the basketball courts and fairways of competitive athletics to the classrooms and student-teaching experiences, each Boyce left a unique imprint on the College as each Saint Mary's woman does.

"I chose Saint Mary's because I really could not imagine myself anywhere else," says Mary Kate. "Each of my sisters loved Saint Mary's for so many different reasons. I was confident that I could find my own place."

"Being able to attend the same college together has made an excellent educational and personal experience that much better."

—Eileen Boyce '07

As many who graduate from Saint Mary's can attest, their fellow students become extensions of their family. For the Boyce sisters, that sentiment may have an even greater meaning. It is that notion of family that led each sister here, and it is that sense of family that has led them to enhance the Saint Mary's experience for those around them. Their support of each other and their gratitude for the support of the College's faculty, staff, and classmates helped the sisters forge new traditions with each other while embracing and continuing many of the traditions of the College.

"Being able to attend the same college together has made an excellent educational and personal experience that much better," says Eileen. "We each have individual qualities that Saint Mary's was able to cultivate and inspire. We've grown closer to each other, our parents, friends, and professors through our own and one another's memories and experiences."

Women's Choir Tours China during Spring Break



The Saint Mary's College Women's Choir spent spring break in China, singing at colleges and universities in the cities of Shanghai, Nanjing, and Suzhou. Though the choir has traveled internationally to Vancouver and Toronto, the trip to China was its farthest destination to date. Music Professor and Choral Director Nancy Menk led the tour of 33 choir members, and music Chair Laurel Thomas, accompanist Allison Secaur, trumpet player Bethany Ledyard '13, and Jingqiu Guan '11 of Chengdu, China, who translated for the group and danced for performances.

Menk arranged the tour through connections that Saint Mary's has with Chinese foundations and arts organizations. Those relationships have blossomed since 2008 when the College started the China Summer Program, a three-week study abroad opportunity. One such relationship is with the Nanjing Arts Institute. The Women's Choir performed a concert at the institute with the Meng Girls' Choir, directed by conductor Dixian Teng.

Dance Marathon Efforts Recognized by Riley Hospital for Children



In February, Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis dedicated a patient care room in honor of the Saint Mary's College Dance Marathon. A permanent sign reading "A gift from the Saint Mary's College Dance Marathon" hangs outside Room W8118 in the west tower of the new Simon Family Tower.

"It really is an honor to know that a room is named for our Dance Marathon," says Katie Fadden '11, president of the 2011 Dance Marathon. "Dance Marathon was started at the College

six years ago by students who saw a need to help a children's hospital better meet the needs of sick kids."

Since the annual fundraiser started in 2006, it has raised \$380,000 for Riley Hospital. This year's event on March 5 attracted more than 500 students from Saint Mary's College, Holy Cross College, and the University of Notre Dame, raising \$63,500 for the hospital. As in previous years, Saint Mary's students organized the publicity, logistics, and 12 hours of music and dance at Angela Athletic Facility.

Saint Mary's Alumnae Help Notre Dame Engineering Program Make History

Six Saint Mary's graduates were among a record 74 women receiving engineering degrees this year at the University of Notre Dame. For the six Saint Mary's women, the engineering degrees marked the completion of the five-year, Dual Degree in Engineering Program between the institutions.

Mary Zahm '10, Barbie Shaw '10, Jenny Hellyer '10, Jane Fleming '10, Ali Donahue '10, and Jackie Corey '10 now hold separate degrees from each institution. Students in the Dual Degree in Engineering Program fulfill mathematics, chemistry, and physics pre-engineering requirements at Saint Mary's and then transfer to Notre Dame for a fifth year to receive engineering degrees. The program is mutually beneficial because Saint Mary's does not offer an engineering degree, and because Notre Dame seeks to attract more women engineering students. The arrangement for the program has existed since 1977, but was not formalized until 2006.

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Published and Presented

Kurt Buhning, associate professor, Department of Religious Studies, presented "Religious Responses to the Great Depression: Dorothy Day and Reinhold Niebuhr." Midwest American Academy for Religion Annual Conference, Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., April 1–2, 2011.

Michael Waddell, assistant professor and the Edna and George McMahon Aquinas Chair, Department of Philosophy, presented "Should We Tell Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders that They Have Autism? A Question for Disputation." Symposium on Disability, Civic Responsibility, and Community Friendship, University of Mississippi (Oxford), February 25–26, 2011.

Robert L. Williams, Jr., assistant professor, Department of Business Administration and Economics; lead author of "Sourcing or Selling—The Value Flame at the Base of the Pyramid," *Marketing Intelligence & Planning*, March 2011.

Robert L. Williams, Jr., presented "The Principles of Renaming a Higher Education Institution within the CEF Brand Equity Model," Annual International Conference of Higher Education Marketing at the American University, Cairo, Egypt, April 18–21, 2011.

Courier 2011 Readership Survey Results

Saint Mary's women are articulate, forthcoming, and engaged. We sincerely thank the more than 1,600 of you who responded to our request for feedback on the *Courier*. The online readership survey conducted by the College's Department of Institutional Research was sent to alumnae whose email addresses are on record with the College. Alumnae from the classes of 1941–2010 responded with thought-provoking ideas and helpful comments that will assist us in guiding future plans for the publication.

As promised, here are some highlights of what you told us:

- 82 percent are satisfied/very satisfied with the *Courier*
- 71 percent of all respondents indicated "Class News" was the most important section of the magazine with 93 percent saying it was the section they most often read
- Less than 10 percent of you regularly read online magazines

No matter what your class year, the annual Reunion section with alumnae photos ranked high among the most memorable issues of the year.

Most of you were not in favor of implementing a paid subscription model for the *Courier*. Many of you graciously offered possible solutions for dealing with rising production and mailing costs. While the majority of you did not read the *Courier* online, additional comments indicated that online communication is a good way to provide information and updates about the College.

"The Courier I receive in the mail is my best link to Saint Mary's College."

—Survey Respondent

So, what's next? The *Courier* staff and the Office of Alumnae Relations will be reviewing your feedback along with other research and information on publication trends in higher education to identify ways to improve the *Courier*. We also will focus on publication efficiencies to assure we are good stewards of the College's resources. We'll share our findings with you in an upcoming issue of *Courier*.

We asked, you responded, and your valuable feedback will assure the *Courier* stays true to its mission to keep alumnae and friends in touch with the College and each other.

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And it's stronger than ever. "The Dual Degree in Engineering Program has grown such that one-third to one-half of our mathematics and chemistry majors are pursuing engineering," says chemistry Professor Toni Barstis, the program's advisor.

The Saint Mary's degree and Notre Dame degree received by each of the six students are as follows: Zahm, mathematics and mechanical engineering with honors; Corey, mathematics and civil engineering, structural; Hellyer, mathematics and civil engineering, structural; Shaw, chemistry and chemical engineering; Donahue, chemistry and chemical engineering; and Fleming, chemistry and chemical engineering.

WEI Introduces Entrepreneurship Program



Martha Smith

The Saint Mary's College Women's Entrepreneurship Initiative (WEI), the go-to place for Michiana's female entrepreneurs, conducted an 11-week entrepreneurship training program called SPARK. The training program, which took place between May and August at the College, is aimed at under-resourced, high-potential women entrepreneurs. Its intent is to assist women in "sparking" or launching successful businesses.

"Through its comprehensive entrepreneurship training program and subsequent follow up support, the community action group behind SPARK hopes to assist low-income, high-potential women with the opportunity to create jobs for themselves and others and ultimately increase their economic self-sufficiency," says Martha Smith, WEI's project director.

WEI is a joint endeavor between the College's Department of Business Administration and Economics and the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership. Through WEI, the College partners with community businesses, non-profits, and organizations to provide a number of financial and business education services to women entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial experiences for Saint Mary's students.

History of Catholic Sisters in America on Exhibit

The Center for History in South Bend, Indiana, hosts Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America from September 2 to December 31, 2011. Recently on view at the Smithsonian Institution, the traveling exhibit chronicles the history of Catholic Sisters in America. Women & Spirit is cosponsored by the Saint Mary's College Center for Spirituality and the University of Notre Dame.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Sandra Schneiders of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will deliver a lecture titled "The Future of Religious Life" on September 24. Schneiders is a leading authority on Catholic women's religious life and contributor to *National Catholic Reporter*. The free event starts at 11:30 a.m. in the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's College. Visit saintmarys.edu/spirituality for more information.

Scholarly Journal for Women's Leadership



Julie A. Storme

Catherine Pittman

The Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) introduced the *Journal of Women's Intercultural Leadership (JWIL)* this year as another tool in its mission to empower women in leadership roles. "The journal keeps conversations going that

start here at conferences and special events," says Elaine Meyer-Lee, director of CWIL. "It is our hope that the journal will become a nationally known resource for those who seek to bring intercultural perspectives and practices to their classes, research, programs, or institutions."

Catherine Pittman, associate professor of psychology, and Julie A. Storme, professor of French, serve as co-editors.

Published in the spring and fall, *JWIL*, an online journal, focuses on the intersections of intercultural education, leadership development, and women's studies to share ideas and best practices. The peer-reviewed journal contains articles, discussion

forums, and book reviews. In the first issue, the lead article examines the role of mothers as advocates for change in their children's schools; a forum considers the meaning of women's intercultural leadership; and a book review focuses on a burgeoning women's movement in the Sudan peace process.

Visit centerforwomeninleadership.org/jwil/ to read the new publication.

The Students' Voice: Catherine "Cat" Michels Cleary '12



Catherine "Cat" Michels Cleary '12

As the College's newest student member appointed to the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees, Catherine "Cat" Michels Cleary '12 holds the strongest student leadership role among many available to the College's bright future leaders. She has full-voting privileges as the board's only student member. When Cleary graduates next spring, her resume will be filled with that and several other leadership, volunteer, and internship opportunities in which she has participated as a student. Go to saintmarys.edu/cat-cleary to read the full story on this dynamic individual.



Welcome Home Alumnae

The Alumnae Board of Directors invites you and your family to attend an on-campus pre-game Tailgater!

Saturday, September 17th
Notre Dame vs Michigan State
Dalloway's Clubhouse*
10am - Noon

Gather with old friends, professors, meet current students, and enjoy a bowl of chili before crossing the street to Notre Dame. Park at Saint Mary's for only \$20 to benefit our varsity athletic teams. There is an on-campus shuttle available to and from the Notre Dame Bookstore.

An encore performance by Bellacappella, the exquisite voices of Saint Mary's own a cappella group!

*Dalloway's Clubhouse is just south of Madeleva Hall facing the parking fields.

Remember,
You're Saint Mary's!

In Memoriam

Mrs. Stella Molinari, mother of Giuseppe Molinari, owner of the Hotel Tiziano in Rome, March 9, 2011. She was well known by the Rome Program students.

Alumnae Deaths

Rita Cooksey '39, September 13, 2010.

Anna McNicholas Downey '43, February 23, 2011.

Patricia Richardson Buziak '45, February 13, 2011.

Mary Cecilia Couch Bauters '47, grandmother of Jacqueline Frances Bauters-Conn '04, February 13, 2011.

Betty Helen Burger Bolen '48, March 18, 2011.

Luanne Rheinberger Funke '50, February 9, 2011.

Katherine Nolan Calacci '55, mother of Mary Clare Calacci Kraig '84, Mary Helen Calacci Ascher '85 and

Mary Margaret Calacci Edwards '87, grandmother of Elizabeth Kraig '13, sister of Elizabeth A. Nolan '50, Barbara Nolan Wagner '52 and Mary Frances Nolan Kensinger '69, aunt of Frances Nolan '85, Patricia Mary Nolan '89, Margaret Kensinger-Klopfer '99 and Kirsten L. Kensinger '07, February 22, 2011.

Victoria Bapst Henzy '59, sister of Christine Bapst Leuck '67, sister-in-law of Suzanne Brown Bapst '59, aunt of Meredith Ruth Leuck '93 and Gretchen Victoria Leuck '03, March 12, 2011.

Sister Maria Carmencita (Agnes Kyle Bateman), CSC '61, February 18, 2011.

Rose Ancaroni Tomlinson '61, October 22, 2009.

Virginia Woulfe '63, mother of E. Halyce Woulfe Pierson '91, sister of Maureen Woulfe Lane '56, and Frances Woulfe Floeter '62, aunt of Molly A. Woulfe '81 and Kathleen Woulfe Weil '90, passed away on June 24, 2007.

Barbara Smith Masset '66, sister of Patricia Smith Watkins '72, March 2, 2010.

Dolores L. Ontivers '66, February 3, 2011.

Rosanna Drury McGovern '69, sister of Mary Drury Kray '74, March 28, 2011.

Janice Allen Whitney '80, August 23, 2010.

Family Deaths

Edward J. Bellock Sr., father of Donna Bellock Callen '81, February 21, 2011.

Nancy Hellinghausen Brown, daughter of Marjorie Fiehrer Hellinghausen '53, granddaughter of the late Marjorie Vaughan Fiehrer '29, sister of Mary Hellinghausen Schlecht '77 and Ann Hellinghausen Rusnak '79, niece of Mathilde Fiehrer Pfeiffer '72, sister-in-law of Linda S. Kawecky '79 and cousin of Anne Fiehrer Flaig '88 and Elaine Fiehrer Luers '89, March 31, 2011.

Thomas D. Ciminillo, father of Nicole Ciminillo Scott '03, January 7, 2010.

Donald K. Fletcher, father of Elizabeth Fletcher Grady '93, October 17, 2010.

Francis J. Gisch, father of Mary Fran Gisch Kitz '86, Margaret A. Gisch '87, Elizabeth Catherine Gisch '91, and Kathleen Gisch Ogilvie '95, March 2, 2011.

Dr. John A. Grima, father of Jo Ann Grima MacKenzie '69 and Kathleen Grima '71, March 17, 2011.

Robert L. Hanahan, father of Patricia Hanahan Sigmier '81, November of 2010.

M. R. Hoehn, father of Susan Hoehn Sullivan '63, March 21, 2011.

Brian W. Howald, father of Marianne Howald Purzycki '76, Barbara A. Howald '77 and Leslie Howald Frazer '81, December 20, 2010.

Sandra Laub, mother of Angela Laub Ferguson '86, February 22, 2011.

Concetta Lipomi, mother of Marlene Lipomi Worthley '66 and Antoinette Lipomi Rich '76, June 13, 2010.

Robert J. Luter, grandfather of Erin Luter '07, August 2010.

Brad T. Moberg, father of Emily Moberg Mogren '02, December 6, 2010.

Margaret "Mardy" O'Hagan, mother of Margaret O'Hagan McGill '82, Eileen O'Hagan Stotzer '84 and Kathryn O'Hagan Furry '87, February 25, 2011.

Lester J. Premo Jr., father of Catherine Premo Shrum '88, April 7, 2011.

Sheila M. Ramsey, mother of Megan Patricia Ramsey '04, November 5, 2009.

Gerald "Jerry" Ryan, father of Julie Ryan '91 and Erin Ryan Nash '95, January 29, 2011.

Daniel Lawrence Smith, son of Barbara Beemsterboer Claire '63, May 13, 2010.

Stephen William Stoll Jr., husband of Mary Dolehide Stoll '84, father of Madeleine Stoll '12, March 25, 2011.

Patricia A. Swain, mother of Patti Swain Stark '89, February 24, 2011.

Jeanne Marie Tondreau, mother of Maria Tondreau Ftergiotis '84, March 1, 2011.

Kathleen Donovan Walker, mother-in-law of Kathleen D. Walker '70, February 21, 2011.

John A. "Jack" Weiss, father of Bessie L. Weiss '83, February 19, 2011.

Births and Adoptions

Melissa Phillips Allen '91 and Martin: Thomas Martin Allen, July 28, 2010.

Beth Pollak Meleski '91 and Brant: Margaret Claire, December 25, 2009.

Krista Heubusch Schreffler '91 and Keith: Alexander, April 23, 2009.

Carla Prando Domenici '92 and Pete: Audrey Laura, January 19, 2011.

Tara Belden Bell '95 and David, Scarlett Elizabeth, December 2, 2010.

Allison Obuchowski Larys '95 and Chris: Katherine Renee, October 20, 2010.

Meredith Dodge Melinder '95 and Jeff: Ingrid Jane, February 21, 2011.

Clare Heekin Lynch '96 and Tomas: Conall, March 15, 2010.

Christina Lemker Reigh '96 and Clint: August Reigh, February 16, 2009.

Stacey Polito Sperow '96 and William: Twins, Tyler L. and Rosemary F., May 19, 2010.

Lisa Bonk Roth '98 and Ron: Brooklynn Marie, February 14, 2011.

Ellen Boudette Flanigan '99 and John: Josalyn Claire, October 29, 2009.

Kathryn Suwalski Hartnett '99 and Lawrence: Lucas William, July 27, 2010.

Carolyn Lateulere Kane '99 and Brian ND '00: Lilah Veronica, January 29, 2011.

Carah Smith Tabar '99 and Matthew: Holden Joseph, August 26, 2010.

Krista Morrissey Gipson '00 and Matt ND '99: Andrew Michael, February 24, 2011.

Allison Webb DeMong '01 and Ben: Mabel Ellen, December 28, 2010.

Mary Sweeney Gates '01 and Chris: Stefania "Stella" Marie, October 30, 2010.

Sarah Merrick Granger '01 and James: Rebecca Ann, December 20, 2010.

Cassie Carrigan Kelleher '01 and Matt: Charles Matthew, March 12, 2010.

Julia Scheib Martin '01 and Scott: Tanner Gerard, September 21, 2010.

Laurie Berrett Tillberry '01 and Aaron: Sean Patrick, September 8, 2010.

Molly Kleinhenz Wicklander '01 and Ray ND '00: Frederick Raymond, September 1, 2010.

Kathleen Zigler Anderson '03 and Barry: Ellie Kathleen, January 12, 2011.

Amanda Sula Goman '03 and Tim: Andrew Peter, February 18, 2011.

Kelly Long Jackson '03 and Chris: Hadley Sophia, September 15, 2010.

Aimee Martin Whipple '03 and Jake ND '01: Twins, Nora Hamilton and Shea Elizabeth, November 19, 2010.

Francesca Albright Morgan '04 and Phillip: Gia Clare, November 2010.

Sheila Egts LaMaster '05 and Chris: Cecilia Elaine, December 2010.

Taryn Posthuma Schneider '05 and Joshua: Quistis Holland Schneider, December 13, 2010.

Lauren Rosenbach Host '06 and Joshua: Charles Thomas, December 24, 2010.

Lauren Falvey Bonadies '07 and Timothy: Cecilia Anne, March 26, 2011.

Marriages

Vanessa Indriolo Vreeland '99 and Jonathan, December 31, 2010.

Emily Patterson Salamon '01 and Andrew, August 29, 2009.

Teri Neer Meucci '03 and Claudio, July 26, 2010.

Heather Crowley Marris '04 and Thomas, December 31, 2010.

Desiree Brose Jacobson '05 and Nolan, September 25, 2010.

Sarah Kathryn Brown '05 and Kevin Baker, October 10, 2010.

Melissa Chandler Wright '07 and Craig, February 12, 2011.

Michelle Michalak Vicari '08 and Brian ND '08, December 18, 2010.

Alabama

The local ND Women Connect group in Birmingham, Alabama has invited Saint Mary's women and others with connections to either school to join in. Our first joint venture serving dinner at a women's shelter in downtown Birmingham in March. The majority of the volunteers were Saint Mary's alums and we plan to have an active role in this group. We call it the Notre Dame, Indiana Women Connect group and welcome any other Saint Mary's women to join us at our future activities. We are planning at least four activities a year and hope this will be an opportunity for the Saint Mary's group to revitalize and reconnect here in Alabama. Anyone interested is welcome to contact me at kharring@uab.edu

Chicago East

The Chicago East Club continues to organize service events, monthly Book Club, the Legal Group, Wine Club, Mom's Club and has added three new programs to the club: The Business Group, The Chicago Class Representatives, and The Chicago East Mentor Program. As you can see, we are a very active club in the area and we are always looking for new board members and new ideas to carry the title of the largest and most active Saint Mary's Alumnae Club. We have an excellent monthly newsletter, please contact Francesca Casaccio Rabchuk '02 if you would like to be on our distribution list: francescac1118@hotmail.com.

Thursday, April 28th was our annual Scholarship Spring Tea for the Chicago East Club. Our hostess, Gertrude Landsfield Lyons '87, welcomed over 40 alumnae to her beautiful historic home in Andersonville. Guests were served traditional tea, delicious tea sandwiches, tea cakes and desserts, and wine by Lisa Berens '89, an alumna and owner of Picadilly Tea, www.picadillytea.com. We were honored by a future 2011 graduate, Katherine Brown, who spoke of her student life, and hopes for the future which included becoming a Chicago East Alumnae Club member! Thanks to our incredible donors and our hard working Spring Tea Committee, the event's silent auction brought in \$1500 alone that will be applied to the Chicago Endowed Scholarship for 2011. Thank you to all who attended and participated in this lovely event!

Many thanks again to our hostess, Gertrude Landsfield Lyons '87, and the Spring Tea Committee members: Karyn Clark '99, Katie Comeford '09, Becky Novak '98, Rachel Garko Pasquini '04, April Thomas '05, Maricarol Williams Phipps '06 and Kate Treder '07 for yet another successful event that raised scholarship funds for our Chicago students.

A most heartfelt thank you again to all who attended and to the following alumnae donors to the Silent Auction and to the event: Mary Margaret Abood '92, Mary Burke '85, Lisa Berens '89 and Picadilly Tea, Jeff Carlevato, Margie Carroll Flynn '64, Chris Olsen Hodak '74, Gertrude Landsfield Lyons '87, Becky Novak '98, Barbara O'Toole '59, Joan Rossi '54, Mandy Soderstrom '02 and the Four Seasons Hotel, The Inn at Saint Mary's, Sue Suchy '89, Elise Torczynski '55.

Thank you for making a difference in the life of a Chicago Saint Mary's College student!

Cleveland

The Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 4, at the home of Cheri Petride Miller '79. In addition, members discussed the book, *The History of Love*. The discussion was led by Linda Holtcamp McVoy '74 and Katie McVoy '03.

We took in a Cleveland Indians baseball game with the Cleveland Notre Dame Club and also took another



Members of the Cleveland Club gathered in April for a spring luncheon and to celebrate being named the Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of the Year for 2010. On hand to present the award was Director of Alumnae Relations, Kara O'Leary '89.

trip to a local spa for enjoyment and rejuvenation during the summer.

The Club is always open to suggestions for events. If you are not receiving the Club's e-mails or would like further information about the Club please contact Cheri Petride Miller '79 at smcosu@earthlink.net.

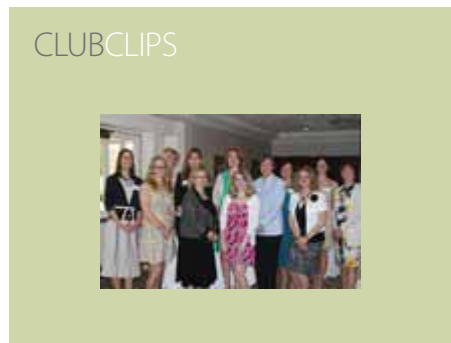
Colorado



Members of the Colorado Club gathered at the home of Chris Newland Ketterhagen '72, in Colorado Springs to prepare finals care packages for current Colorado students.

The Alumnae Club of Colorado held a care package party on Saturday, April 30th at the home of Chris Newland Ketterhagen '72, in Colorado Springs. We assembled goody bags for the 12 current Saint Mary's students that are from all over our state, and then, with a beautiful view of Pike's Peak, we enjoyed a great lunch and lively conversation. A good time was had by all.

Columbus



Members of the Columbus Alumnae Club had a wonderful spring luncheon to honor the exceptional women in their lives. Guest speaker Kara O'Leary '89, Director of Alumnae Relations, updated club members on the many exciting things that happened on campus year.

May 1st we held a brunch to honor the Women in our Lives. Kara O'Leary '89, Director of Alumnae Relations, was our guest speaker. The Club was extremely excited to host Kara and we are happy that she was able to spend time with the Club Members and update us on all of the new happenings on campus! At the brunch, we also held a Diaper Drive for CHOICE, which is a local organization in Columbus and is wom-

an-focused. We collected hundreds of diapers and it was such a success!

May 24th the Book Club met to discuss *The Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali over dinner. The book we will next be reading and discussing *Water for Elephants* and then *To Kill a Mockingbird*. If you are interested in further details please contact Christina Orsinelli '96 at corsinelli@yahoo.com.

June 7th we hosted a Happy Hour for both Club Members, new Saint Mary's graduates and current Saint Mary's students to mix and mingle!

August 7th Julie Wagner Feasel '89 opened her beautiful home to host the New Student Send Off.

Please visit the Club's Facebook Page for recent Club updates and pictures!

Dallas/Fort Worth

We joined the Notre Dame club to run together in the Katy Trail 5k in May. For book club we recently read *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall. If you'd like to join our club, send an email to smcdfwclub@gmail.com.

Detroit

The Detroit Belles are looking forward to another great year. We started our year with the annual Spring Luncheon. Maureen Sullivan '55, Sally Teppert '58, Amy Gentile '92, Meghan Flick Schmelzer '05, Megan Mahoney '99, and Lisa Walton Roelle '05 gathered at St. Thomas More Church for Mass and then dined at Kruse and Muer in Troy. What a great morning, catching up and celebrating God. Upcoming events include the Tigers Game on June 26 in Detroit. We plan to have a small tailgate prior to the game so stay tuned for more details. Visit us on Facebook: search Saint Mary's College Detroit Alumnae Club. Please email smcdac@gmail.com for more information regarding club participation, upcoming events and community works.

Georgia

The Saint Mary's Alumnae Club of Georgia has been staying busy and active with several different events. The club recently participated in a service event at the Atlanta Hospitality House where we cooked dinner for the guests and visited with them. The AHH is a home away from home to outpatients and relatives of patients hospitalized in Atlanta area hospitals. The Club participated in the Saint Mary's One Book, One Saint Mary's by reading *The History of Love*. Anyone interested in participating in the Book Club should contact Liz Gerard Mann '04 at lizzie0422@yahoo.com

As always, keep an eye out for upcoming events with the Club. Be sure to join our group on Facebook

(Saint Mary's College Georgia Alumnae Club) or email us directly at smcalumsga@gmail.com.

New Jersey

We continue to build a stronger regional presence here in the Northeast! Our collaborative networking event in NYC on May 4th was a big success. Thank you Gwyneth Murray-Nolan '99 – our NJ panelist – for stepping up to take a lead role in this event. In cooperation with the Notre Dame Alumni Club of North Jersey, we have a tall ship dockside reception

scheduled for Saturday, June 25th at Liberty Landing Marina in Jersey City. Hoboken-based alumna, Chelsea Iversen '08, has started a regional young alumnae initiative. If you graduated between the years 1996 – 2011, please contact Chelsea at chelsea.iversen@gmail.com to get involved. Thank you everyone for your feedback, increased participation in programming and your paid annual dues. As always, \$25 annual dues are always due! Please send to: Dawn Parker Santamaria '81, SMCNJ Club, 2 Gravel Hill Road, Asbury, NJ 08802

Gwyneth Murray-Nolan '99.

Thank you very much to the four executive alumnae who shared their crooked path to success after Saint Mary's. The event concluded with many wonderful door prizes that were raffled off. Thanks to Sally Georgen Archer '83 of the Fairfield County Club for coordinating the raffle.

Save the Date for our next event on the Tall Ship on Tuesday, June 28th. More information will be distributed shortly about time, place and cost.

Thank you everyone for your feedback, increased participation in programming and your paid annual dues. As always, \$25 annual dues are always due! Please send to: Carey O'Neill '99, NYC SMC Alumnae Club, 114 West 86th Street Apt 17A, New York, NY 10024

If you are not receiving our regional email updates, please forward your email contact information to carey.oneill@gmail.com. Also please sign up for news on our Facebook group page at Saint Mary's Alumnae Club of NYC

Enjoy your summer.



The Alumnae Clubs of New York City, New Jersey and Fairfield/Westchester hosted a Regional Networking Event on May 4th in New York City. Seated are our alumnae panelists who shared their crooked path to success after Saint Mary's: Joann Vanek '63, Jill Fahey Birkett '74, Gwyneth Murray-Nolan '99 and Marguerite Schropp Lucarelli '93. Standing from left to right: Dawn Parker Santamaria '81, Carey O'Neill '99, Brook Hughes '01, Megan Wetekamp Fanoe '08, Meghan Maloney O'Sullivan '96, Melissa Novock '96, Cathy Martin Baiardi '71, Mary Ellen Stoltz Bianco '72, Pat Helgesen McAlpine '73, Stephanie Capparelli '77, Stephanie Dolik '10, Rosanne Pecora McManus '78 and Chelsea Iversen '08. Taking the photograph is Fairfield/Westchester Club President, Sally Georgen Archer '83.

If you are not receiving our regional email updates, please forward your email contact information to dawn@sistersundersail.org. Enjoy your summer.

New York

On Wednesday, May 4th the NYC Club along with Fairfield County and New Jersey Clubs put on an alumnae networking event at the Sport's Illustrated Office in Midtown Manhattan. We had a fantastic turnout as twenty-five women attended to network and learn about four wonderful alumnae's career paths since graduating. Panelists included Joann Vanek '63, Jill Fahey Birkett '74, Marguerite Schropp Lucarelli '93 and

Twin Cities

The Twin Cities Club is revamping! Colleen Dolphin '01 (President), Alison Ashley Johnson '02 (Vice President), and Beth McGie Robertson '92 (Treasurer) are meeting in May to come up with exciting new plans for next year to inspire the local alums to meet and connect. After the past year we have a better sense of what Twin Cities Saint Mary's alums are interested in so please stay tuned for the upcoming newsletter.

Also, if you have any ideas you'd like to add, please email them to Colleen Dolphin '01 at colleen@dolphinography.com. You can also email them to the general club email address at smctalumnaeclub@gmail.com. Thank you!



Dublin, Ireland - September 1, 2012

Saint Mary's College Alumnae are invited to join the **Fighting Irish™**, for this *once in a lifetime* opportunity to visit Ireland.

If you'd like to travel with other Saint Mary's Alumnae, you can do so by choosing the **Sights and Sounds** (Kerry, Dublin and Galway) 4-star travel package. A Saint Mary's representative will join you on this trip that will take you to three amazing Irish cities over eight days. All Saint Mary's alumnae who register by *August 31, 2011*, will be guaranteed lodging at the same hotel.

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When making your reservations, be sure to select the 4 star option and enter the code **SM2012** in the Group Code Box.



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Many thanks to **Shirley Krause Brennan '50** for sending me information about **Ruth Knapp Slowey**, whose death I wrote about in a previous column. A copy of the lovely yearbook picture of Ruth triggered immediate memories of the tall, beautiful blond nurse who not only attended to our needs, but who took classes at Saint Mary's, additionally putting in a 40-hour-work week at St. Joseph's Hospital in South Bend, Ind. Ruth had served in the Nursing Cadet Corp in World War II before coming to Saint Mary's.

A note from the Alumnae Relations Office tells of the death of **Joan Kroth Lackey** on January 3, 2011, in Venice, Fla. The note from Carol Lackey Maher, Joan's daughter, said that Joan and all of her sisters had attended Saint Mary's and that her mother always had so many wonderful stories to tell about her days there. Joan was preceded in death by her husband, J. Robert, a Notre Dame graduate. Joan also leaves a son. If anyone wishes to contact Carol L. Maher, she lives at 1708 Shoreland Drive, Sarasota, FL 34239, (941) 554-8727, sailorgal@msn.com.

I spoke with **Lorraine Milewski Fredlake** the other day. She and Jack moved to Chandler, Ariz., many years ago. They are about to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary and keep busy with bridge, golf, and visiting 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

I missed our Chicago group's fall luncheon at the University Club because of a bad fall that resulted in a ripped-up leg. My souvenir was a beautiful card of Lake Marian at Saint Mary's College, which was signed by those in attendance, including **Mary Ann McDonnell McTigue**; **Jean Murphy Westland** (in via the South Shore Train from South Bend); **Claire Dal-ey Archibald**; **Bernie Socha Fitzsimmons**; **Mary Ann Fellingner Ryan**; **Marian Cannon Clark**; **Mary Ellen Deibler Gleason**; **Sr. Mary Eileen Scully, OP**; **Sis Murnane Walsh**; and **Sue Wagner Broeren**.

I managed to get to my daughter Liz's for Christmas, where the dog (who is seeing a dog behaviorist) bit me. This was a terrible blow to my ego because the dog and I had previously been very close.

Florence Mundi DiPiazza reports that her house has not sold one year after she moved out, but she loves her new condo. She is awaiting the birth of her ninth great-grandchild.

Sally Tiedebohl Billingsley's Christmas letter said that she and Bob would celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in February. Granddaughter Kathryn, a freshman at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, is ranked number four on the golf team, which enjoyed a very successful season.

I talked with **Mary Ellen Deibler Gleason** the other day. She had just returned from two weeks in Naples, Fla., where daughter Ann had bought a condo at Pelican Bay.

A Christmas card from **Marylou Manion Gatens** came very early this year as she wanted to share with me news of her whirlwind, 12-day tour in November: a week in St. Thomas with her Iowa family—into Chicago for Thanksgiving with her Texas family—a drive to Evansville, Ind., for her brother, Charlie's, 80th birthday party—on to Dallas to her son's home—and then, on to Florida on the 28th to her condo. One can only surmise that Marylou is in top-notch

shape to manage such a marathon at her age.

Bernie Socha Fitzsimmons had a whirlwind summer. Attending a San Francisco wedding, she was invited to a spectacular Japanese tea ceremony.

Lois Tripeny Shickich reports that Joe is in rapidly declining health, so please remember them in your prayers. Their grandson is to be married next summer in Colorado Springs, Colo., so Lois is hoping to make that. She received a Christmas card from **June Mulvihill Williams**, but no news. How about it, June?

Please contact me, ladies. God Bless you.

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Dear Classmates: This coming June, our class will celebrate our 60th Reunion. I am hoping that we will all be there—actually or in spirit.

I received a newsy Christmas letter from **Virginia Vallee Delaney**. Ginny and Jim live in Salt Lake City, Utah. They live an active and interesting life, traveling to see the sights such as the Fremont Indian State Park and the Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City, Utah, with their children and seven grandchildren.

Hope to see you in June.

'53

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Greenwich had record snowfall between Christmas and now (end of February) this year, and I tried to call many of you. I found phone service often discontinued, answering machines that never returned calls, and unanswered phones. Tell me, have you all turned into snowbirds and fled south? Sounds like a good idea, but it compounds my problem. I am obliged to mail this report to the College by March 1, and they don't change the deadline because of the weather. I have offered suggestions on how to see your name in print: call me, send me a Christmas card, or email me. All the information you need to contact me is listed at the top of this column.

Now that I have finished complaining, let me tell you the most wonderful thing that happened to me. Jack and I were watching the nightly news a couple of weeks ago when **Pat Kerper Moriarty** phoned me and we visited. Ladies, phone contact works. Try it, you might like it; I certainly will. Sadly, Pat had some bad news, but that happens all the time with women of our vintage. **Joan Crawford Easley** died in February, in Florida, and the funeral was going to be the next Wednesday, in Indianapolis.

Pat told me that they have a granddaughter getting married in July, who is presently doing clinical work in Honduras. **Pat McCarthy Bush** had called to tell her that she had just been to Dubai. The Adlers are doing well at the moment. **Jodie Biddle Adler** had heart valve surgery at Northwestern and she is doing remarkably well in Florida.

Things have changed in **Marge Harrington Ryan's** life. Her husband died last year at this time, and her brother-in-law died recently. Marge's son has been in

Russia for the last three years, but he has retired young so he can return to be here with his family. They all connect with family at neighboring summer cottages in Michigan's Upper Peninsula (UP). Marge is using a walker for back pain at the present, but still gets around well enough to serve communion at Mass. This all strikes a chord with me, because when I was a little girl my family went fishing in the UP, and my brother still does. But all of my family are "Easterners."

I talked to **Jackie Harle Etling**, who has a granddaughter who is a junior at Saint Mary's College, but who had no news for me. She was thinking of taking a five-hour, round-trip drive to visit her daughter.

I called **Muriel Flanagan Cullen** at her home in Hilton Head, S.C. Muriel should have my job, because she knows everything that is going on, and writes and calls. Muriel lives in Hilton Head, Buffalo, N.Y., her old home in Victoria, Tex., and I don't know where else. She wrote that she is enjoying learning to play golf—it is fun because her husband plays daily, and they have a good time. She told me that she had had three par holes. But she also said that Ralph works a couple weeks a month, too. Muriel sees **Judy Schwartz Reuter** and **Jo Ann Lyden Soch** when she is in Buffalo, where Ralph works (I think.) Muriel met **Joni Hoffman DeCrane**, **Nancy Barker Peterson**, and **Pat Doyle Mulligan** for lunch one day. I asked Muriel about **Marge Fiehrer Hellinghausen** because I cannot raise her on the telephone. She said Marge is fine, and she had talked with her recently.

There is a letter from **Madi Millar Steffens'** daughter telling us about her mother. Kathleen Berry, Madi's youngest daughter, writes that Madi had a few health issues over the past four or so months. She severely injured her back in the beginning of November, and it was deemed inoperable. Madi has moved to an assisted living facility in Boise, Idaho, to be near her daughter, Maribeth. Madi's new address is Madi Steffens, Grace Assisted Living, 1960 North Lakes Place, Meridian, ID 83642. Kathleen is sure Madi would like to hear from you.

Peggy Curtin Hutchinson said she hasn't seen anyone lately. She gave me **Jo Lyden Soch's** phone number in Florida, but we never connected. Peggy told me her youngest son took over the family business some time ago, and we talked a little about Madi. Peggy says things are good with her, and that is always good news.

This isn't much news for the amount of time and number of calls I made, for which I'm sorry. I am going to fill up the space with something I want to share with you. These can be lonely days for some of us. Our children are living their own lives, our friends are moving away, and our own good health comes and goes. Not to mention our ultimate destiny, as in the catechism—God made us to be happy with Him in the next world. But I have noticed with my phoning that a sad and dejected voice sometimes answers my call, but five or ten minutes of chat about life and women from our past and a shared joke, really brings a lift to the voice on the other end. So I am asking you to phone a classmate, talk to an old friend, and please call me.

'57

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On this winter day, I have the happy task of again enjoying the wonderful Christmas cards, emails, and notes I have received from many of you. I wish we were together, especially so that you could see the pictures. Sam and **Rosemary Knope Trippe's** photo showed them on their boat near their Maryland home. Ray and **Julie Dittoe Schmidlin's** greetings depict their whole family relaxing at a lakeshore. John and **Carole Nordengren Suttner** enclosed three pictures: one with the two of them and their eight children, another of them with their 19 grandchildren, and the third, as Carole put it, of "the whole gang." Carole and others refer to happy celebrations of our "significant" birthdays (hard to believe). **Pat Peterson Huber** shared a great collage of family pictures, including one of Pat and Dan at the party Dan gave for her on Kentucky Derby Day. "All the ladies outdid themselves wearing gorgeous hats," she says. What a clever idea. John and **Peggy Maher Engler's** card featured a beautiful, woodland scene painted by Peggy, and told of their recent move to a large co-op in Charlotte after 38 years in the home they built. They were able to avoid the mess of renovation by retreating to their mountain home during the process. **Jaquie Buckley Hobbs** reports that she and John now have 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. **Liz McCorkle Groden's** letter tells of the family of which she's justifiably proud, but the card's picture is of her beloved dog, Honeybun. Bob and **Jody Donohoe McGoldrick's** pictures were from the "best vacation of the year," as they put it. They went for Jody's steering committee meeting of the Madeleva Society, and shared two Notre Dame football games with family. They also worked in a visit to Kenyon College in Ohio, where their oldest grandson is a freshman. While at Saint Mary's, they ran into John and **Regina Crane Gschwind**.

Pat Bauervic Leonard's card sadly told that her husband, Jim, had a stroke in November. He is recuperating at a Traverse City, Mich., nursing home and could use our prayers. Prior to that, **Mary Lou Ahern Colfer** and **Janet O'Connell McCue** drove to visit Pat and celebrated her birthday at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Mich. **Dee Kiley LeFevour** was kind enough to share a wonderful letter she received from **Mary Camblin Crean**. Mary sold her "big old house" and moved to an apartment that is surrounded by a forest that runs down to the White River. On the other side of the river is the Indianapolis Art Museum, "a great place to spend rainy Sunday afternoons," she says. It sounds perfect. Mary enjoys periodic telephone calls with **Maureen Butler O'Malley** and **Julie Dittoe Schmidlin**. Mary's children are "scattered across the country," she says. I wish space allowed sharing of their occupations, but Mary says "conversations with adult children are so much more interesting than were the conversations with the same people as teenagers." Dee, **Josie Murphy Vorda**, **Mimi Scanlon Ryan**, and I did get to see **Marge Smith Broucek** in the Fall when she and George came for a visit. **Pat Smith Parish** is continuing to use her writing talent, currently doing ghost writing for an online magazine.

John and **Irene O'Leary Van Beckum's** Christmas photo featured themselves, their grandchildren, and their adult children. Another granddaughter is considering Saint Mary's (her sister, **Meghan Cassidy '06**, graduated in '06) and Irene wondered how many of us have granddaughters who are alumnae or current or prospective students. It's an interesting idea. I know **Peg Kearin Carey's** granddaughter, **Shannon Hansen**, graduated in '09, but it would be fun to know who else has this special connection. As Irene noted,

it's another good reason to contribute to the Class of 1957 Endowed Scholarship Fund. **Jeannie Haenn Rainey** is looking forward to having grandchildren at Saint Mary's summer camps in a few years. During a Thanksgiving visit that she and Bob made to their daughter and family in Wilmette, Ill., Jeannie worked in lunch with **Mary Lou Ahern Colfer** and **Janet O'Connell McCue**. I sent out some random emails in January to gather more news for this column and I am grateful for Jeannie's response.

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The passing of our classmate, **Pat Carey**, on June 22, 2010, was announced in the Fall issue of *Courier*. Pat, who never married, received her master's degree from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. She taught Advanced Placement English at Bethel Park Senior High School for 40 years. Donations to the American Diabetes Association were requested in her honor by the family. Sadly, I was just notified of the death of **Rosie Holland Sweeney**. She passed away January 11, 2011, and leaves her husband, Leo, two daughters, and five grandchildren. Please remember Pat and Rosie and their families in your prayers.

Vicki Bapst Henzy suffered serious heart problems in September 2010, and was practically at death's door when she had a miraculous recovery and was transferred back to the rehabilitation hospital. **Editor's Note: Vicki Bapst Henzy** sadly passed away on March 12.

Gerry and I flew to Milwaukee last September and while we were in the security line at the airport, a young lady in front of me recognized my Saint Mary's gold necklace, of which she said her uncle had been involved with its design. We were so busy talking about Saint Mary's that I barely realized I was undergoing a full-body scan at the time. Gerry and I were on our way to meet **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy** and Tom before heading to the Notre Dame-Michigan game. We met up with **Carol Podesta Foley**, **Betsy Finneran Kennedy**, **Mary Hughes Enright**, **Katie Hall Kilcullen**, and **Carol Lucas Dunne** and each of their husbands at Lake Michigan, and we had a wonderful time. **Gerry Dunn Leinenweber** joined us for some of the festivities. Driving back to Milwaukee on Sunday, Sarah complained of a stomachache, but soon rallied, and we followed up with our plans to meet some of her children for an anniversary dinner that night. We coincidentally bumped into **Sally Porth Brown**, who was in town for her high school reunion. Sadly, Tom and Sarah's daughter-in-law, Jane Mulcahy, 44, passed away from cancer just before the Christmas holidays, leaving their son widowed with three small sons.

Sally Porth Brown sent me an email following our serendipitous meeting. She writes: "What a surprise to see you in Milwaukee at Pandl's, a favorite spot for all of us over the years. We had a great Whitefish Bay High School reunion weekend. Five of us stayed over to visit tourist spots we missed while growing up there. Some of our group had gone to school together since morning kindergarten. **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy's** brother-in-law, Chas, was a classmate of mine and active in the reunion plans. Sally had a get-together with **Rosemary Zirille**

and **Liz Mahler Keenan** and their husbands at her home in Virginia over the summer, and joined **Connie Roller Curtin** and **Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon** in October at Connie's time-share in Sedona, Ariz.

Mary Hughes Enright emails that she heard from **Sue Dwyer Johnson**. Mary writes: "I had written my home phone number on a napkin at a restaurant in Hawaii, and gave it to a friend of her brother, Bob, to let Sue know we were wondering where she was and wanted to be in touch. This must have been three or four years ago. She is living in Portland, Ore., and has three kids, all off doing interesting stuff. Unfortunately, as she said, 'The Pall Malls have finally caught up with me,' and she needs oxygen often." Mary and Bud spent Thanksgiving in Los Angeles with their son, Buddy, and family.

Katie Hall Kilcullen and **Judy O'Donnell Newton**, high school classmates from Waterloo, Iowa, attended their 55th reunion in November. **Jeanne Pflaum Gnuse** and Tom enjoyed an 18-day cruise on the Danube, from Romania to Vienna, in September. **Jackie Baumer Berg** and Tom cruised the Adriatic for two weeks in February, enjoying the coastline with amazing Roman ruins in cities like Split, Hvar, and Dubrovnik. They just had their 25th grandchild (not counting four bonus ones by marriage), so I think they win the grandbaby count hands down.

Peg Stratton Burleigh and Chuck enjoyed a visit with **Mary Sue Sheets Klinkose**, who was in Winston Salem, N.C., for the October furniture market. She dined with them in their new home and they had a great time reminiscing about life at Saint Mary's and our 50th Reunion.

Pat Wilson Fastiggi and Dick motored around the Dalmatian Coast in a friend's boat for a week in September, rented a car, and went on to Zagreb, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, then back to Croatia. When not traveling, they split their time between Texas and Vermont.

Since her husband's death, **Rosie Mudd Nicodemus**, has rejoined some of her activities such as the Saginaw Valley University Concert Choir, and planned to travel with the choir to Paris in March. She says her new life consists of singing and reading: "Not really bad choices," she says. **Jayne Colgan Sullivan** sent a beautiful Christmas card photo of her family taken at their 50th wedding anniversary celebrated February 13, 2010, at the Los Angeles Country Club. "We have one daughter who lives in Hong Kong, one in Sacramento, and our son, who lives in Portland, Maine. They all came back for the celebration," Jane says. As I recall, Gerry and I and Jayne and Roger were married the same day: February 20, 1960.

Quoting from an email received from **Anne Rody Cooney**: "So, we went to the Sun Bowl. There was no sun. On Thursday, it rained and snowed and blew. At game time at noon on New Year's Eve in El Paso, the temperature was 37 degrees. I guess I am a fair-weather fan. I left early in the third quarter. Of course, it was a great victory for the Irish. All in all, we had a good time." I received a thank you email from **Ruth Bischof Werger**, who writes: "How do I thank **Rose 'Cass' Cassmeyer Hutches** for starting the ball rolling in contacting the Class of '59? I tell you, it has been a very humbling experience. I am 'whelmed right over' by your generous response. It has been a rough seven months, but still good in so many ways. I go into Wildwood twice a week, and am still asked 'How are you doing?' and 'What do you need?' I tell them, I need a toilet, a 22-single shot, a sewing machine, carpet scraps, or whatever. And there is seldom a time I don't bring

home something given to us. We still have a freezer and a fridge to haul and some furniture—it just goes on and on.”

Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon and Bob joined **Margo Heineman Daniels** and Pera for a Mediterranean cruise last fall. They met in Venice in St. Mark's Square, and shared a wonderful 12-day cruise, traveling mostly in Italy and Greece. Colleen and Bob also joined **Rosemary Zirille Spalding** and Dave at their lake home in Union Pier, Mich., and took in a Cubs versus Cardinal baseball game at Wrigley Field in Chicago. Colleen also spent time with **Mary Moran Smith** when she was in Arizona following the Sedona reunion. She is happy to report that her routine oncology check-ups are all good, and she is scheduled to have her port removed.

Nancy Bumen Swift and husband Tom celebrated their 50th anniversary in May. The five Swift siblings, their spouses, and nine grandchildren took part in the anniversary Mass. **Leah Hyslop Riband** and husband Herb were among the guests.

Joined **Sharon McGee Sitton Bradshaw** at a Balboa Ladies' Christmas lunch in December, and she was delighted to announce that she would soon be a great-grandmother. Emme Grace arrived February 25, 2011.

Gerry and I have just made flight reservations to Florida the first week of April to visit my sister, **Betty Benford Belfiore**, and Jack at their home in Venice. While we're there, we plan to visit the Mulcahys at their condo on Gasparilla Island. Over spring break, Gerry will take two of our grandsons to tour the campus at Notre Dame. My life consists of tennis and Pilates and all the activities indigenous to a retirement community. Hope to see some of you at the Michigan State versus Notre Dame game in September.

My next deadline for class news is September 1, 2011. I need to hear from you at least a week before that date to include your news.

From the Courier: “The family of **Rosemary Holland Sweeney '59** and **Elizabeth Sweeney Rykaczewski '89** would like to thank those who attended Rosemary's funeral and sent condolences upon her passing on January 18, 2011. She will be remembered for her love of family, friends, cooking, Saint Mary's College, and the University of Notre Dame. She is survived by many Saint Mary's alumnae and Notre Dame alumni, including her husband, Leo M. Sweeney Jr. ND'59 '60; daughters **Elizabeth Sweeney Rykaczewski '89** and Margaret Sweeney Nelligan ND'93, and son-in-law Brendan Nelligan ND'93; sisters **Priscilla Holland Trunk '60** and **Bertina Holland Demling '67**; nieces **Mary Trunk Sommisse '87** and Christina Demling Barnes ND'92; cousins William Milon ND'88, **Anne Donovan-Brady '90**, and **Deirdre Milon Ralph '90**. Rosemary's five grandchildren: Mary Rose, Nicholas, Michael, James, and Mark miss their beloved 'MiMi.' We are grateful for your prayers and the good memories so many have shared with us.”

will have celebrated our 50th Reunion. Those fortunate enough to have been there will have gained wonderful, lasting memories.

Mary Cotter Fee and **Marilyn Wolter Laboe** send a thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our 50th Reunion. A special thank you is expressed by Mary to those who served on the Reunion Gift Committee. “The overwhelming response from all of our classmates in contributing to the Endowment Gift Campaign and the percentage of participation in the Campaign will ensure that many young women will receive that special gift of a Saint Mary's education for years to come,” says Marilyn. “The members of the Program Committee were fantastic to work with and our program was special from the Retreat on Thursday, through the final goodbyes on Sunday. Everyone worked to ensure our 50th Reunion was one for the record books. The experience of working with the members of the Gift Committee and Program Committee reinforced what we have always known: our class is blessed with outstanding women.” Mary and Marilyn also thanked **Kara O'Leary '89**, director of the College's Alumnae Relations Office, and **Jo Ann Grima MacKenzie '69** and her staff in the Planned and Special Gifts Office for their help in planning our reunion. “Most of all, we thank our classmates for coming back to campus to celebrate time past and time present.”

News from **Susan Eyerly Pichler** in Cincinnati, Ohio, told of her retiring from 20-plus years as a volunteer school librarian at an inner-city Catholic grade school and several board positions. She remains on the board of the Catholic Inner-City Education Fund, which supports the eight most-needy Catholic schools in her Archdiocese. Her spare time is spent pursuing drawing and watercolor classes, volunteer tutoring in a Catholic urban high school, and enjoying life with her husband, Joe, as well as keeping up with their children and 11 grandchildren.

Congratulations to **Susan Fitzgerald Rice** who was honored by the League of Women Voters with a Leadership Award and dinner in March 2011 in Los Angeles.

Mary Ellen Norris Durbin writes from Lisle, Ill., saying that after retiring in July 2010 as executive director of the People's Resource Center, serving people in poverty in the western suburbs of Chicago, she has been so busy, she doesn't know how she found time to work. She and her husband, Ron, are on two diocesan social justice and peace committees promoting the JustFaith programs in the Joliet Diocese. She is very involved with a ministry serving people with AIDS in Kenya, Upendo Village, helping raise funds to build needed facilities, in addition to being on several boards and committees. Mary Ellen and Ron continue to coordinate DAYBREAK of Lisle, a transitional housing program for homeless families with children.

A proud and excited **Peggy Hill** sent word that her son, Nicholas, is producing a play on Broadway, a revival of Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*. The play opened March 17.

Katie Herbstritt McMahon emails from Carbon-dale, Colo., that she is trying to adjust to their business failure in 2010, but is enjoying good health and their 11 grandchildren. Katie was looking forward to a Medjugorje pilgrimage scheduled in April 2011.

From Romeo, Mich., **Carolyn Wolf Anthony** wrote of the record snowfalls during February, which was a little like being in jail despite the sometimes beauty of the glittery white stuff. She keeps busy knitting and sometimes selling her creations at local art centers. Her most recent project was a mother and child hedgehog, which she thought nobody really needed, but which were darn cute. She and her husband, Gary,

visited with their children in Port Austin the summer of 2010 and had quality beach time, along with kayaking and fishing. Carolyn said she has a few metal and rubber parts to her, but still has her own shoulders, knees, and hips. Gary continues to do well considering he has been dealing with MS for the past 33 years.

Joan Schaefer Haviland emails from Honeoye Falls, N.Y., saying she retired from teaching high school English and now is a director of a nonprofit organization called Friends of Borgne, Inc., which helps with education in the small town of Borgne, Haiti, (friendsofborgne.org). She and her husband have five children and six grandchildren, are enjoying life, taking it one day at a time.

From Greensboro, Ga., **Susan Metzger Tully** writes that she has enjoyed reuniting with **Mimi Clark Bradley** in their golfing community when Mimi is in Georgia.

Madonna Leen reports from Oak Park, Ill., that she is a member of the Family Mass Community, a 200-family, lay-based community under the umbrella of St. Giles Parish. They are celebrating their 40th anniversary and are one of 30 communities surviving with the values of Vatican II.

From Hayward, Calif., **Jean Lucey Easterly** reports that she made a pilgrimage to El Salvador in November 2010 to observe the work of the Maryknoll Lay Missioners.

Sandy Graham Bartlett in Ridgewood, N.J., emails the most interesting story of taking in and helping a homeless Vietnam vet suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder who uses a walker. They had found him sleeping in their church's 24-hour Adoration Chapel. Without an address, he was unable to get any help. With no birth certificate, he was unable to get a picture ID. Without a picture ID, he was unable to get a birth certificate. Sandy found that, for a fee, there was a way to obtain one. Since he couldn't open a bank account, he was walking around with thousands of dollars in his pocket. This was after she found his lost disability checks and helped establish his social security and pension payments. You never know what the world is really like until you walk in someone else's shoes.

An email from **Ruth Zimmerer Bailey** in Noblesville, Ind., sends greetings to classmates. She and her husband, Bill, are enjoying retirement, and their two children and two grandchildren. Medical adventures of the past year have renewed their appreciation of good health.

B. J. Sitzberger Gorman in Clarendon Hills, Ill., sent news of their getting away this last winter to Florida and Maui, Hawaii. She continues to practice Feng Shui through consultations for home and business and she does presentations. B. J. also does yoga three-to-four times a week and hulas. She is a “hulagan.” She and her husband, Earl, enjoyed attending an early 50th wedding anniversary celebration for **Nancy Higgins Keenan** and her husband, Bill, hosted by their children.

From Clarendon Hills, Ill., **Connie Finn Devine** writes that she and her husband, James, enjoyed traveling to Moscow, St. Petersburg, Estonia, and Finland during the summer of 2010. It was amazing for them to see the Kremlin and walk in Red Square.

News from **Karen Crotty** in Chicago, Ill., tells of her traveling adventures in the fall of 2010. She visited Istanbul, Athens, and cruised the Greek Islands. It was a wonderful experience.

Anne McGovern Gerard in Sister Bay, Wis., writes that she was looking forward to returning as a broker associate to a Door County realty, and also

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Greetings from the north woods of Minnesota. It's been a cold, snowy winter. (I got what I asked for.) However, the days are getting longer and the sun a little warmer. By the time this article is printed, we

to the improvement of the real estate market. They welcomed their 12th grandchild in November, 2010.

An email from **Barbara Lafferty Rasmussen** in Fullerton, Calif., shares that she did not feel old enough to have a 41-year-old son and grandchildren ages 18 and 21. They were enjoying sunny California and not missing the snow and cold. If they want snow, they just drive an hour and a half to the mountains.

Claudia Cronin Waller writes from Alexandria, Va., telling of their amazing adventure in Tuscany, Italy, with the entire family. Mark Waller ND'85 and **Paula Ballantine Waller '86** and their three daughters are stationed in Naples. Joining them in a villa in the wine country were John Waller ND'86, **Kelly Aisthorpe Waller '86**, and their three sons and daughter, and Brian and Diana Waller and their three daughters. The food and scenery were outstanding.

From Saint Joseph, Minn., **Jeanne Chastang Hoodecheck** writes that she would be unable to attend our reunion since they will be showing and selling their home of 46 years at that time. Her husband, Don, has been diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy and can no longer negotiate the stairs in their three-story home. Jeanne attended Saint Mary's for two years and then transferred to the College of St. Benedict where Don teaches human relations and ethics. A highlight at their recent 50th wedding anniversary was finding signatures from some of the Class of 1961 in their wedding book.

Louise Sutton Porter emails from Severna Park, Md., that she was sorry to miss our reunion, due to her having to remain at home to care for her husband, John, who was diagnosed with Primary Progressive Aphasia (dementia) six years ago. He has had several trips to the emergency room this year with mini strokes or seizures. Louise received her master's degree in publications design at the University of Baltimore in the '80s, and taught at Towson University and the local community college before resigning to provide daycare for their grandchildren. Their two-year-old granddaughter and her granddad have their own special language.

News from **Mary Ellen Carroll Convery** in Sun City Center, Fla., tells of successfully resolved medical issues and their continuing work transporting dogs for Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida. She and husband Tom also volunteer at the Southeastern Guide Dog Complex, socializing new puppies and exercising dogs in training to help the blind or for Paws for Patriots. With fishing and weekend trips, life is good, and Advil helps to keep it that way.

I truly appreciate hearing from all who answered my request for news. My next deadline is September 1, 2011. I also ask that you keep me updated on any changes in your email address and let me know of email addresses of classmates I may not have in my listing.

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Good news from **Peg Hess-Fennell**. To celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary, she and Dan (the same guy she met at a mixer our freshman year) spent a "peace-filled week at an oceanside cottage," right on the water in Kailua, Hawaii, Peg says. Obviously, she's doing well, "chemo brain" and all, and enjoying five grandchildren with hopes to see more.

Judy Gibney Jurgenson is "happily retired, loving my digs, view of the lake" in Chicago, she says.

A serious photographer, she offers her website with photos from five grandsons and Chicago views at judyjurgensonphotography.com. Beautiful. It's worth your time to look. **Diana Castaldi Scheeler**

has "two beautiful new babies" among her fourteen grandchildren, all of whom are under 13 years of age. **Irene Canny Lange** and **Mary Rainey** brag of an upcoming reunion of Florida-based classmates to celebrate their 70th birthdays. Glad the rest of us aren't that old. On a more serious note, **Barbara**

Beemsterboer Claire lost her 42-year-old son last May, one of her 10 children who've given her 14 grandchildren. She continues her work with families of children with Autism. Her bucket list includes a symbolic tattoo on her leg (already accomplished), a tour to the Greek Islands, writing a book, and finding the love of her remaining life. You go, girl. **Diane**

Shalala Fritel is "still teaching grades seven-12 English, I am secondary principal, and do the one-act play, speech team, yearbook, and newspaper," she reports. She's been working with GED students for 20 years, but says she is "not burnt-out yet. Bob is still farming." Diane sent a lovely picture of their four kids and eight grandchildren. Seems the idyllic life, Diane, even though you're eight miles from a paved road, and Bob had to buy you a truck to get to work in the winter. **Betts O'Brien Clippinger** is still teaching—adding accounting again after 15 years, and her senior services courses, plus her part-time accounting job. She looks forward to another year working, and has no retirement plans. **Carol Conrad Rafferty** has received her AA in General Studies and is working on her BA in Human Services. She works full time as a job coach for the South Bend Community School Corporation, following and mentoring students in various placements throughout the city, at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. I am impressed with all of you still-working 70-year-olds. **Virgie Burke Gannon** is obviously impressed with her grandson, Liam, who is preparing "to perform again in the spring at the Lyric Opera's continued production of *Carmen*." She looks forward to the "Chicago group's" quarterly luncheons.

Janet Slone Johnson has "moved past lumpectomy and radiation and seem to be doing very well," she reports. Thank you, Lord—again. I asked you all to brag—and **Virginia (Jinny) Benton Morris** did. Last year, she built her very first computer. Now she's "dreaming up upgrades," she says. She's also tutoring in a GED preparation program, and working with the math class at a homeless shelter. Jinny also mentions her "discovery of the world of online games." Again, that is beyond my capabilities. **Rosemary Mason Hopkins** writes of four grandchildren living nearby, and spending much time on quilting and fiber art. Her lovely work can be found on rothquilter.blogspot.com. It is also worth your time to check it out. **Terry Abbatemarco Comiskey** is "still working as a DRE at St. Catherine of Sienna in Martinez, Calif. Very involved with Soroptimist International, a woman's volunteer organization (120 countries) improving the lives of women and girls," she says. She would like to hear from fellow members. **Barbara Hankins Douyon** and her husband, Andre, are "both retired educators traveling as much as possible." She teaches ESL classes at a local community college, and volunteers at their grandson's school for children with Autism—helping them publish an online newsletter. God bless you, Barbara, and him, too. **Catherine Streine Hartford** has spent most of the past year

with multiple surgeries on her right hip, and related hospitalizations and rehab. Now, believe it or not, she and her partner are enjoying hang-gliding over their beautiful California landscape. She speaks highly of **Carry Troxler O'Grady** who, with her husband, came all the way to California for the memorial service for Catherine's mom, **Myrtle Kramer Streine '28**, who lived for 104 years. May we all do as well. **Barb Bernhard** is hoping to "take some drama classes and be a character actress in some local play if I can find a theatre to accept me," Barb says. She reminds me that she was a drama major her freshman year. **Mary Clemens Becker** has become a grandmother for the first time to "a sweet little girl, Tallulah." She and her husband visit with **Julie Hedges Whitney**. **Kathleen Branagan Saxton** and husband are retiring to their island home on Block Island, R.I. She has worked as a family nurse practitioner and in real estate sales, and enjoys visiting their six children and 14 grandchildren. Kathy's mother, **Alice Tobin Branagan '31**, is still with us, having sung and taught voice until she was 99 (another long-living Saint Mary's girl). **Josephine Welder Miller** writes from Gregory, Tex., of having recently reunited with her freshman roommate, **Beth Birkholtz Buttina**, and having a wonderful time revisiting those early days. Josie left Saint Mary's after that first year for the University of Texas. She writes of a good life since. **Cathy Ryan Condon** understandably brags about her 11-year-old granddaughter, Kayla, who attends school with some homeless children whose plight during this cold weather tugged at the young girl's heart. So she organized bake sales, instituted a trash-carrying service, put on a bingo night, made plenty of money, and was taken by her teacher to buy warm clothing for 10 fellow students. Saint Mary's will need that child in about six years, Cath.

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CLASSCLIPS



On February 21, 2011, several members of the class of 1964 met in Naples, Florida. It was a Florida gathering for Trinity High School in River Forest, Illinois. Pictured left to right: Mary Ann Curnes Fuller, Nancy Fagan Hardin, Ellen Brown McBride, Rosemary Andrew '58, Maureen Andrew Latimer, Nancy Drew Sheehan, and Sis Reynolds McBride.

advisory board of a school for special needs kids," she says, adding that she still has "plenty of time for tennis and golf." She and Tom enjoy their "two grandsons who live here and our new grandson, Brooklyn." She writes of great visits with **Jane McClelland Sawtell**, **Gail Donovan**, and of course, her cousin, **Susie Duncan Lawler**. You still claiming her, Dona? Speaking of Susie, **Joan Mousaw McGuire** writes of "the 22nd annual tradition of meeting for the joke-telling competition between Susie and Dan Lawler and Joan and John McGuire. A good time was had by all even though the interest of one of the group to rent a Segway was quelled. Riding a Segway in Chicago in December? No way. No how." I think Suz would give the Segway a whole lot of class, Joan. **Mary Beth Miller** and Dick enjoy playing with their eight grandchildren, volunteer work, and the opera and theater. They socialize often with **Mary Jo Connelly Martin** and Paul, and Mary Beth is looking forward to a fall mini-reunion with her old roommates, **Pat Brennan Szafran**, **Diana Castaldi Scheeler**, **Mary Anne Dambach Hermann**, **Lorie Cox Bloom**, and **Barbara Claire Beemsterboer**. **Kathy Owen** asks that all of you stay healthy and happy and do all you can for our brothers and sisters in this Body of Christ.

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Last November, I drove to **E. J. Caluwaert McFadden's** beautiful home in Glen Ellyn, Ill. I went for a review of the book *Galway Bay* by Mary Pat Kelly. Mary Pat gave a wonderful review and did a signing. She is a close childhood friend of **Barb Leahy Sutton**. Barb was there, as was **Mary Delaney Willer**. The book is excellent. I learned so much about "the Great Starvation," which is how my Kelly family came to be here. Guess what? I learned that I am actually related to Mary Pat, the author. We are both Kellys from this little town by Galway Bay called Bellaghaderreen. (I've done a bit of ancestry sleuthing.) It is incredible to find a relative in such a serendipitous

way. Mary Pat is leading a trip to Galway next fall and specifically going to visit our little town and I'm going along. So is **Judy Piers Locher** and **Elise Meyer**. Judy's mother's relatives were from Galway. The book is now out in paperback.

On a sad note, as many of you may know, **Pat Devine McCarthy** passed away on the morning of December 2, 2010. **Sheila Flynn Boone** and Michael flew to Boston for the funeral. Sheila and Pat were dear friends and former roommates. Pat endured her illness with courage and grace. We are grateful for the gift of her friendship. Sheila says that "the celebration of Pat's life culminated at the cemetery with a recording of *The Bells of Saint Mary's*, which

was very fitting since she dearly loved Saint Mary's College and all her Saint Mary's sisters."

More from Sheila, who says: "We spent a great Christmas at Copper Mountain with all the 'kids' and grandkids home for the holidays. It was very fun to see three generations on the ski slopes for the first time."

A card to Lil from **Paulette Couere Gamard** in New Orleans mentions that she has two granddaughters that are driving. She is still teaching second grade—34 years now.

Janis McCale O'Neill spent Christmas in Charlotte, N.C. All their boys were there along with their two daughters-in-law and six grandchildren. Everyone had a great time.

Marilyn Petroff Connor lives in Juno, Fla., and is public relations manager for Neiman Marcus in Palm Beach. "I'm working from home right now as I slipped and fell on Jan 27 following a fashion show I produced at a private home in Palm Beach," she says. "I'm restricted to 6–8 weeks of no weight bearing. Suddenly, my mantra for so many years in the theatre—"Break a leg"—isn't so funny. But I am following all the doctor's orders as Mike and I have a trip planned in June to Rome for my childhood, grades one through 12, dear friend who will be celebrating her 50th jubilee as a nun. I have so many happy memories of Saint Mary's College."

Junie Miller Smith sent me a picture of her grandson, Spencer, age eight, who just earned his Brown Belt in Twai Kwon Do. He's a sweetie.

Pat Farrell Wareham writes: "Our daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren, Brendan 14, Riley, 12, and Kiernan, spent nine days with us over Christmas. He is in the Air Force and was just given his orders to go to the Pentagon this summer and be the legal person on the Secretary of Defense, Gates' team. They are excited to be leaving Phoenix and moving to Virginia."

I received a nice email from **Marianne Spalding Schiavone** in Oak Park, Ill., not long ago. She writes: "Vanguard took over West Suburban Medical Center (where I had been a board member for many years) last August, and the new CEO, Jack Cleary, organized a new board for the hospital. I was elected chairperson of this board last fall and am working hard to do a good job in this post. After my mother's (**Dorothy Reed Spalding '38**) mishap last May (nearly choked to death; the reason why I missed the reunion last June), my brothers and I moved her from Indianap-

olis to a retirement home nearby in Oak Park, Ill. It cannot be easy to pick up and leave the city one has lived in all one's life and start making friends anew in another state, but at 95, Mom is doing it gracefully."

Margo Lawrence Ludwig has a brand new great-granddaughter, Olivia Grace, who arrived on Veteran's Day (November 12). "She was born in Indianapolis so all could visit with her. Then we got together again at Thanksgiving, and again, at Christmas. She also writes: "Jerry and I leave for Cabo next Sunday. **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo** will be joining us. We so look forward to warm weather. I guarantee we will have lots of laughs."

From Cille, concerning her son, Joe Bucolo. Son Joe writes, "Back when my article on *Great Expectations* was accepted for publication, my boss suggested that I email Oprah because she had just selected *Great Expectations* as her book club selection. So I did, and I never heard back—until 20 minutes ago. So tomorrow, I will be in the audience of the Oprah Winfrey Show for the book club discussion of *Great Expectations*."

I received an email from **Sara Johnson Walz** and Nick. They are enjoying their first winter away from the cold and staying in Palm Desert, Calif. They had dinner twice with **Sue Casey D'Amico** and Dick. Sue and Dick have been a great assist in helping Sara and Nick get acquainted with the area. Soon, the D'Amico's are off to South America, Iguassu Falls, and on a cruise from Rio to Santiago and many points in between. Sara will see **DeeDee Hayes Spalla** when she is visiting her daughter in Palm Desert. She is retired and living in Minnesota, so she will be glad for a chance to visit away from the cold.

Happy New Year news from **Beverly Senda De-foe**. "As for news, Cameron and I are going to Seattle at the end of February to celebrate our late Christmas with our sons. Then I am going on to Phoenix to visit with my sisters and lots of relatives. In April, Cameron and I are looking forward to a relaxing Danube River cruise from Budapest to Munich. I'm still reflecting on our 45th Reunion. It was so much fun," Beverly says.

I hear from **Diane Morse Schmidt** occasionally. She is a 10-year survivor of breast cancer and plays a mean game of tennis.

Theresa LaPenta Silio and Chuck were in Milwaukee for the wedding of their son, Tom Silio ND'03 on January 15. They had forgotten how ready the Midwest is for snow in January, so they were quite happy when snow did fall and nothing got cancelled.

Sue Komasinski Schneider and **Carolyn Carton Turek** and her sister, Elizabeth Carton, went to Paris in October of 2009. **Janice Hambach Adams** is retired from GE, lives in Burnt Hills, N.Y., and she and her husband summer at Moosehead Lake in Maine. **Anne Locher Knudten** and Herb are in Grinnell, Iowa. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

I had such a lovely invitation from **Carolyn Clark Foster**. I was bemoaning the brutal Midwest winter and sub-zero wind chills to her and she very kindly invited me to come and visit. She said, "I'm not kidding about the visit; you really are welcome any time. It's not the easiest place in the world to get to, but real live airplanes do fly into Wilmington (25 miles) and Myrtle Beach (45 miles). What a really thoughtful offer, and what a gal."

Mary Delaney Willer and Ed spend some winter months in Sarasota, Fla. "I am a docent at Historic Spanish Point, which was the winter home of Bertha Palmer, and that meshes with my Chicago tours with the Architecture Foundation. Ed has been taking watercolor classes and does a lot of painting. I know I can't complain—our white stuff is not snow, but sand."

Sally Kintzele Ankony who lives in Indiana, graduated from Valparaiso Law School, and in 1995,

was appointed as magistrate for the five courts in LaPorte County. She served until 2008, when she retired, and she continues to serve as mediator/facilitator for the Circuit Court's Family Court. She and her husband, Mike, have two children and six grandchildren. Her sister, **Sister Susan Kintzele CSC '64**, is currently living at Augusta Hall at Saint Mary's and teaches at nearby Indiana University South Bend.

I've had some email chats with our classmate, **Sister Kathleen A. Reilly CSC**, who writes: "I want you to know how much I appreciate the improved quality of the *Courier*. I hope it is sent to high school counselors and that they make it available to students choosing their college. It is very attractive and presents the College accurately. As a member of the Board of Trustees, I know it has integrity in telling our story. There is no 'false advertising' in the *Courier*. I would expect nothing less than the best from Saint Mary's and I think the *Courier* meets that standard. At age 71, I am still full-time as vice president for Mission at Saint John's Health System in Anderson, Indiana. As long as I can continue in that ministry, I am pleased to do so. Saint John's is a wonderful Catholic hospital, thanks to all who have gone before us in building a sense and culture of mission in the associates. Our Saint Mary's education prepared us for all kinds of wonderful life experiences, didn't it?," she asks. Sister Kathleen celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a Sister of the Holy Cross.

Sadly, **Theresa (Teffy) Lyons Brosnan** lost her beloved husband, Jack, on December 2, after a long post-surgery struggle. Teffy is secure in the knowledge that he is in a much better place. We send our condolences to Teffy and her family. There were many prayers and comforting notes from our classmates. With 120 class alumnae on my Saint Mary's email list, I am always happy to send out requests for prayers.

I've had a number of gals email and ask if we have ever considered a Facebook page for our Class of '65. Any thoughts, ladies? Would you believe that we are already getting ideas together for our 50th Reunion. The 45th was so enjoyable that we thought we would get a jump on things. Plus, we all know how quickly five years can pass.

Some recommended books from our reunion questionnaire include: *Three Cups of Tea*, *Terrestrial Energy*, *The Painted Drum*, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*, *Bounce-Living the Resilient Life*, *The Book of Solitude*, *A Lineage of Grace*, and *Galway Bay*.

Some songs that spark a Saint Mary's memory include: *I Want to Hold Your Hand*, *Moon River*, *A Summer Place*, *Girls in White Dresses*, *Try to Remember*, and various show tunes in the "Rec" as **Carla Aderente** played the piano.

Once again, the recipient of the Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship is **Caroline Baumgartner '11**. She is in her final year at Saint Mary's and notes that her years at the College were filled with "sweet memories." Caroline was elected Lambda Pi Eta (LPI) Vice President. LPI is an honor society in the Communications Department. Following graduation, she plans to enter the world of public relations, hopefully in Chicago.

Lil Chard Beshel's Class of 1965 Birthday Club has been so enjoyable. Getting your own special poem from Lil on your day is just the best. The birthday poems are sent to every classmate via email. Then follow the good wishes to the birthday girl from old friends in our class. If you have not included your birthday on the birthday club list, please consider doing so by emailing Lil at lbeshel2007@comcast.net if you want that treat.

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From Maureen: Patt Vanderkarr Von Bergen writes that husband Gordon is still in active farming and commercial real estate. Patt is adjusting to retirement, and still substitute teaches, but her favorite time is babysitting grandchildren as a backup to their usual routine. Lately, she is getting more involved with church-related activities.

Patt and Gordon have traveled, visiting the western national parks and the family of their son, Brian, a college football coach in Montana. Daughters Christine and Suzanne and their families live within an hour in northern Illinois. In summer 2010, **Penny Haller Hyman** and Jim were traveling in their RV from Michigan back to their home in Georgia. Since Illinois was "on their way," they stopped to see the VonBergens for a terrific visit. Patt has been in touch with **Mary Lou Bleeg** who lives near Chicago, too. She is a social worker who helps transition people from their hospital stays. **Kathy McGrath Russo** recently retired from teaching on New York's Long Island, but also substitutes. She's enjoying her grandkids a lot.

Judie Gabler Tidwell in Kingwood, Tex., is a retired school librarian, returning several times to help out, but so far this year, she has stayed retired. Judie is training for her sixth MS150 bike ride from Houston to Austin, Tex., to raise awareness and funds for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Last fall, Judie and husband Kenny spent their annual football weekend with John and **Mary Mortimer Meany** at the Notre Dame versus Pittsburgh game. While out to dinner in Chicago with the Meany's, they ran into Hank and **Barbara Neuhoft Schlachter** and Mike and **Mary Kean Coffey**. The Schlachters were in town to see their daughter run the Chicago Marathon. On a sad note, for those of you who did not see it in a previous *Courier*, Judie's roommate all four of our years at the College, **Annette LeClaire Dehner**, lost her eight-year battle with breast cancer on October 30, 2009.

Mary Nell Hoolihan Reif has had the pleasure of reuniting with some classmates. The last reunion sparked a number of visits in Chicago and Wausau, Wis. (where the Reif's lived for nearly 40 years), with **Mary Eiff Coyle**, **Karen Haskins**, and **Barbara Phelan**. On Mary Nell's trip to Spain in May 2010, **Judi Heinig** served as a wonderful tour guide to Madrid. Judi and Mary Nell were roommates when they studied with the New York University Program at the University of Madrid during our junior year. Judi has lived in Spain since graduation and has a daughter and three grandchildren in Madrid, and a son who lives in New York. Mary Nell retired from teaching Spanish and her husband is semi-retired. Their two sons live and work for the family business in Wausau and another son lives in Madison, Wis. "We are fortunate to have our five grandchildren in the area so we can participate in their very active lives," Mary Nell says.

Jane Tiernan Meyer reports that winter 2010-11 was a fantastic ski season up at Caberfae Peaks near their home in Cadillac, Mich. Jane's youngest granddaughter, age two, even put on the skis this winter. Son, Pete, has taken over the management of the ski

area. "Life seems to be always busy with four children and 10 grandchildren and all their activities," Jane says. She volunteers at the Catholic grade school and carves out time for skiing, yoga, walking, golf, and playing Mahjong with friends once a week.

Pat Waldeck writes, "I am still working as a union-side labor attorney in Los Angeles and enjoying it, but am only working about halftime, and definitely enjoying that. I was in Europe twice last year, including one wonderful trip with our church choir, which was invited to sing in seven of England's cathedrals (including Westminster Abbey, Oxford, and Canterbury). It was a wondrous trip. As should be apparent from that bit of news, I am now a well-settled Episcopalian, after years of being an uninspired Catholic. I feel like I have definitely made a rite of passage, as I now am eligible for, and enjoying, Medicare and Social Security benefits. I also am an equestrian and still enjoy jumping over fences along with a group of teenagers, and a couple of 20- and 30-something-year olds. I garden and cook. Given that my 95-year-old father is still alive and kicking, I suppose I'm good for a fair few years yet."

Betsy Robertshaw Umhofer and Don live in San Luis Obispo, Calif., have a son with family in South Pasadena and two married children in the Washington, D.C.-area, totaling seven grandchildren, including their daughter's four-year-old triplets. "We visit three to four times a year, usually in April, August, and December. We call them 'working vacations' because we never stop moving. This year, everyone is coming to California in late July/early August because we are taking everyone to family camp," she says. Don and Betsy are both working and have rather flexible schedules. They have yet to decide where to celebrate 45 years of wedded bliss this year.

Alyne Ricker says she is still working in the clinic with children and young adults with Type 1 Diabetes. Alyne and husband Maury met up with **Sharon Wilchar** in August 2010 in Santa Fe, N.M., for Indian Market, "local touring, guacamole, and fun," she says. Daughter Cate finished her Ph.D. in archeology at Oxford University at the end of 2010. Formal graduation, all in Latin, will be in November. Alyne, like most of us, got her Medicare card recently, about which she comments, "Now, that's weird."

Loreli Trippel continues to volunteer with SCORE, providing free counseling for entrepreneurs starting a business or small businesses seeking help in solving business issues or growing their businesses. She is now the district director with SCORE and responsible for the five chapters in the San Francisco Bay Area. Last year's travels took her to Ashland, Ore., for the Shakespeare Festival as well as Idaho, Oregon, and Washington in a driving vacation, followed by 10 days in the Lakes District in England. Loreli also hiked in the high country in Yosemite for two weeks, staying at the High Sierra Camps in the park. During ski season, she frequents the Tahoe ski resorts, mostly Sugar Bowl and Squaw Valley.

Joan Marie Steigmeyer, CSC graduated with our class, and in July 2010, celebrated her 60th Jubilee as a Sister of Holy Cross at Saint Mary's. She says, "In 1987, I made a sabbatical at the College of Mt. Joseph. I fell in love with Cincinnati because of the cultural opportunities, the river, opera, symphony, pops, plays, ballet, and so on. I was a chaplain in the jail from 1997-2005 here in Cincinnati. At the same time, I was (and continue) to work at Adult Probation as a probation officer investigator. For me, it is, and has been, another way of working with the poor. Another involvement is the prison work I have done since 1995—writing and helping those who are imprisoned. I love what I do. They give to me as well through their letters telling

how much they appreciate what is done and given to them. Previous to these challenges, I was a teacher in several different grade schools from 1950–68, and a director of religious education in two different parishes in Illinois and Michigan from 1968–87.”

Carol Virkler reports, “Retirement is fun. I am taking bridge, doing water aerobics, and Zumba Gold. A fall 2010 trip to Costa Rica was beautiful. The flora and fauna were so interesting and we got to see the baby turtles hatch and walk to the sea. In January, two friends and I traveled to Puerto Vallarta and spent a week working on our tans and eating at fine restaurants. It was tough to take.” Carol typically plays bridge three times a week. All this is after two earlier attempts to retire when she found she truly was not ready.

Gracie Batista Nearing returned to Key Biscayne, Fla., with husband Michael from a trip to Paris for Valentine’s Day 2011, and to celebrate her 65th birthday. “It was a refreshing and fun trip to energize us,” she says. This year, Gracie went to a conference in Leipzig, Germany, where she presented a poster of the psychosocial support program she started with mothers and babies in the hospital’s neonatal intensive care unit. In March 2011, her research article describing how helpful (and successful) the program has been, was published in the *Journal of Maternal-Fetal and Neonatal Medicine*, online.

Maureen O’Brien Doyle gives thanks for her son, Captain-USMC Chris Doyle’s, safe return in January from an Afghanistan deployment. “Larry and I retired in late 2009 to Williamsburg, Va., to be close enough to Chris’s family two hours north in Alexandria, to help out in his absence, which we did with great pleasure,” she says. In addition to more time to enjoy six grandchildren, Maureen’s favorite pastime has been genealogy. Working on the O’Brien family tree helped Maureen to reconnect with two second cousins she did not know until arriving at Saint Mary’s in 1963—**Marianne Voglewede McLaughlin ’66** and **Carol McCarthy** in our class. Both women are daughters of Maureen’s father’s cousins. They are helping to fill in some missing family details. Phone calls to **Julie Franden Fitzgerald ’59** are clearing up information on another branch of the family, which includes Margaret Gleeson (Mother M. Compassion CSC), their mutual great-great aunt.

From Gloria: Sue Bendel Collins writes: Since my graduation from Saint Mary’s, I have acquired three other degrees: a master’s in education, a bachelor’s in nutrition, and just recently, a master’s in nutrition. I am a licensed and registered dietitian. I teach medical terminology, basic nutrition, and clinical nutrition at a local, two-year college. I have two wonderful daughters who are beautiful inside and out. Meri-Margaret is vice president of the National Wildlife Foundation, and Kris has recently joined SalesForce.Com as vice president. I have three adorable grandsons that live in the Washington, D.C., area.”

I also had another wonderful note from **Patty Dalton Caolo** who says she doesn’t do email. However, Patty writes: “My daughter, Caroline, and I own an upscale baby boutique, Haute Baby, in Dallas. I still see **Patty Jo Haggart Turner**, **Barbara Neuhoﬀ Schlachter**, and **Maureen Broderick Kuntz** all the time.” Thanks for the recharge.

Robin Knight Karr has three grown children and eight grandchildren ages five to 16. “I’m still working as a medical technologist and instructor for Kaiser Permanente. We live in Maryland, the same house for the last 30-plus years, and I have been married to David for 43 years,” she says.

Sandy Albright says, “It will be fun to catch up via

the *Courier*. Thanks for taking on the task. I am still in Boston and after a long career in non-profit social services agencies (a.k.a. social work clinician and agency director), I entered state government. I am now serving as undersecretary of elder affairs for Massachusetts under Governor Deval Patrick, a lot of very interesting policy work, especially given the complexity of the older adult world these days. My partner, Anita, and I continue to be active in skiing (her) and golf (me) and enjoy lots of time with grandchildren, Fiona (10) and Ava (7). Haven’t gotten back to South Bend in years, but will have to visit soon.”

Sister Maureen Dorr, OSF continues her ministry with the poor, homeless, and incarcerated, greatly encouraged by the articles in *Courier* in the winter 2010 issue. She says “It’s a great way to remain in touch.”

I really urge all of you to send Maureen or me any news you would like to share with your classmates. I have a lot of positive feedback from all of you regarding the notes you send in. As we approach the *big anniversary*, it’s hard to believe it’s been 50 years since graduation, but so many of us are still in touch, or would like to be. *Courier* has printed an incorrect email address for me. My corrected email address is: gmcgiveran@aol.com. Please drop me a line. We would love to hear from each and every one of you.

Jay and I have enjoyed avoiding the bad Chicago weather by spending the coldest months in Florida. We do travel to California frequently to see our son in San Francisco, and this fall are going to spend a few extra days with him before we visit Australia and New Zealand.

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From Joyce: Hi, classmates. It was wonderful receiving your news updates. Several of you generously and quickly responded to my S.O.S. for news as my March 1 deadline approached, and so I am going to jump right into the reporting with this brief affirmation of you—for you. I think I speak for everyone when I say how glad we are to hear of one another’s lives and to continue our connection to our college. Occasionally, I get a response that seems almost apologetic: “not much going on,” “nothing earth-shaking,” and the like, but trust me, I get so many notes of gratitude for this column. Sharing any and all news is a blessing. Let us continue to celebrate one another in the good times and hold up one another in prayer during the tough times.

Vicki Caponigri Stephan sent her news from California, where she still lives in Corona, marking 30 years there. She writes: “I am a consultant in non-profit management and administer a family directed non-profit agency, The Stephan Center (thestephancenter.org). One son and his wife live in Maine, and one son and his wife and my granddaughter (and soon to be grandson), live in Denmark. I spent a wonderful Christmas vacation in Denmark playing with my two-year-old granddaughter, Philippa, named after her grandfather (my husband, who died in 1995, Notre Dame graduate of ’64 and ’65). I still go to South Bend

every few years for a Notre Dame game. Love to see anyone out in sunny Southern Cal.”

Catherine Coates is still working as an investigator for the Army Inspector General and is located at the Pentagon. Cathy writes, “My daughter just turned 12; it’s great to be an older parent. She keeps me young and hopping for sure.”

Kudos to **Mabel Embie Benjamin** who sent an inspiring, faith-filled update. Originally from New Orleans, Embie has lived in Walker, La., since 2006, resettling there after Hurricane Katrina. She writes, “The only damage I really suffered from the hurricane was the loss of my home and some precious family pictures together with two items of furniture that had been in the family since before the Civil War. I was in New York with **Pat Moran Fagan** while Katrina was bearing down on the coast, but thanks to some calls from friends, I was able to fly home, get my three cats and a dog, pick up the box, and evacuate to Lafayette, La., with four days’ worth of clothes. I was not expecting the calamity that followed, *but God is Good*. I’m alive and well to tell the story. Walker is nothing like New Orleans; it’s small and quiet and suits this retired teacher who likes to read and garden with three cats (Magic, Pinksley, and Shelly) and a dog (Miss Molly). I go into New Orleans from time to time to see shows, visit with friends, and eat. The food in Baton Rouge and Walker is not the same as in New Orleans. Who would have thought there was such a difference between Creole and Cajun and cooking? **Pat Moran Fagan**, **Linda Herrington**, **Phyllis Pajakowski Largey**, and I keep in touch via telephone. **JoAnn Grima MacKenzie**, **Angela Mead Marvin**, and I email and I get the family news from **Mary Ann Sheeran Flynn**. I had such a good time with them at reunion; big fun. I’m so looking forward to the next one.”

Back in Columbus, Ohio, **Margaret Roberts Richards** shares news that she is now tutoring people to get their GED and one woman who just arrived from Somalia. Margaret also mentioned that she met **Cathy Kearney Buser** for lunch and enjoyed much conversation. Sadly, Margaret commented on the loss of mothers of several of our classmates within six weeks of one another. We send our love and prayers to the families of **Mary Alice Herod Lajoie**, **Ann Hollander Sedlacek**, and **Helen Sherry**.

When I contacted Ann, she said I could share the note she’d sent to some of our classmates when her mom died, which reads: “My mom passed away this afternoon. She had a massive stroke last Friday, and we have been providing Hospice Care at Janet’s home for the last week. It was wonderful to be all together in Janet’s living room with the fireplace, Christmas tree, the kids coming home, and mom’s favorite classical music playing. We had put on a CD of the *Messiah*, and as she passed, the Hallelujah chorus was playing. Thank you for your prayers and love. We will truly have a Christmas of love and family togetherness.” What a testament of faith, hope, and love.

Roz Castrogiovanni Hill continues to enjoy Houston. “I am still serving as the director of development for the Archdioceses of Galveston-Houston. I love the job, its challenges, and the rewards of serving the church. I find time is precious, and having five grandchildren is wonderful. All live here in Houston, which is great. So, life is good. I traveled to the Holy Land in October, which was great. It was one of the places I wanted to see, and I am thrilled that I had the opportunity to go,” Roz says.

Retirement plans are in the making for **Maureen Cefalu Gannon** and her husband. They are looking at a two-year plan, which she said has been eye-opening and freeing. She writes: “We have been taking short

trips to get practice being together all day. The next trip is to Jamaica. We renewed our marriage vows last week celebrating 40 years. I work with another Saint Mary's alumna, **Kristin Swanson Valentin '91**, in Wheeling." When I wrote back to Maureen and asked a bit more about her retirement plans, she responded, "I still live in Park Ridge. My husband and I decided we would spruce up our house and stay there for our retirement. The idea is to be able to travel, so we had a landscape designer do the lawn and build a wooden playhouse for my grandchild who calls me 'Eema.' It is the greatest of jobs; I do a lot of babysitting. We also fixed the downstairs bathroom and laundry room. What a difference. I have decided to buy a charm bracelet to have a marker for all the places to which we travel."

Our far-away friend and classmate, **K. T. Cannon-Eger**, checked in from Hawaii where she and Bill live. K. T. remembers that Saint Mary's asked a month or so ago for some winter memories through a Facebook message. "Then the big storm of 2011 hit the Midwest and reminded me of the big one back in 1967." K.T. writes about a photo that was taken from the vantage point of the third-floor triple she shared with **Barb Schleck** and **Mary Ann Taverty** during junior year. "One night, a bunch of us were returning to Le Mans Hall and a couple of us jumped off the sidewalk and shuffled through the snow to create this large peace sign in the front lawn of Le Mans. I think the photo showed up in one of the yearbooks. So much is happening in the world these days that reminds me of the peace action of our time. Meanwhile, our son is just home from Afghanistan, and we are doing the happy dance. He is career Army," K. T. writes.

JoAnn Leonard Scharf sent us a beautiful Christmas card/photo and news of a family wedding for JoAnn and Dan's ND'69, son Gene, and his bride, Michelle, at Riverside Church in Manhattan in November 2010. Both of them are third-year medical students at Columbia in New York City. "Our daughter, Jenny, is teaching math in Scottsdale, Ariz., at the community college level, and also working on her Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering at Arizona State. Dan Jr. is our rocket scientist son who works at JPL (Jet Propulsion Lab) in Pasadena, Calif. I am teaching biology at John Marshall Metropolitan High School, Chicago 'West Side,' and Dan is flying the Falcon 900 jet. We are just two boomers not quite ready to retire. We rent a place in Chicago and are trying to downsize by selling our place in Rockford," she says.

Bibbie Conole Withers raves about the wedding of **Kathy Carey Moore's** daughter in Chicago last August. "Believe it or not, Kathy's daughter, Molly, married a young man whose parents live on the same street we do here in Atlanta, about a mile away, what a small world," she says. "The wedding was absolutely beautiful." Naturally, I had to then contact Kathy to get more news. Kathy responded that their son, Carey, and his wife, Amy, who live only a couple of miles away, gave them their first grandchild on January 30. "His name is Emmett Thomas Moore, and of course, we're in love," Kathy says. "Our daughter, Molly, got married in July, and Bibbie and Dennis flew up for the wedding, and left at the crack of dawn the next day for California to see their newest grandchild. I'm in a book club with seven south side girls, including **Mary Beth Barry Hogan**, **Mary Ragen O'Rourke**, and **Patty Reynolds Walsh**. I treasure their friendship more and more each year. Patty Walsh recently invited me to have lunch at Misericordia with five Saint Mary's gals from the Class of '67: **Barb Phelan '67**, **Mary Geddes Boehler '67**, **Mary Eiff Coyle '67**, **Joan Garvey Hermes '67**, and **Sarah Flecker Nash '67**. **Mary Boehler Coyle '67** and **Barb Phelan '67** vol-

unteer at Misericordia, which is a residential home for adults with mental disabilities. It was great to see them; they are a pretty fun bunch of gals. **Mary Ragen O'Rourke** and I visited **Janice Williams** in Gary, Ind., in December, and I'm heading there again this week. Janice is having some pretty rough complications from last year's hip replacement surgery and isn't getting around like she'd like, but she's a great source for good new books as well as updates on Saint Mary's girls. **Mary Ragen O'Rourke** had a chance encounter in Jackson, Wyo., at a restaurant with **Helena Schnaus Cottingham**. Mary and John's daughter lives there, and I guess Helen and her husband have lived there for many years."

From the Washington, D.C. area, **Cheryl Corsaro** reports: "I enjoyed reconnecting with **Barb Dowd Arkedis** at my high school reunion in Cleveland last June. Barb moved back to Atlanta from France recently. I had a great time visiting **Mary Graf Demetrio** at her lakeside summer home in northern Wisconsin for a week in August. We had a very relaxing week and filled our days kayaking, swimming, talking, and reading by the lake. **Laura Berkshire** and I celebrated our birthdays together in November by taking each other out to dinner, something we have done many times before. We agreed that neither of us has changed one bit since our Saint Mary's days. I spent a delightful Christmas holiday in Omaha with my sisters, **Cindy Corsaro '74** and **Dianne Corsaro Moore '68**, at the home of Diane's daughter, Annebeth. Annebeth's husband is a chef, so we had fantastic meals each night. The highlight of our trip was getting to visit with Annebeth's son, Ethan, who is an extremely active two-year old. He is fascinated with anything that has buttons to push: cameras, cell phones, laptops, and his favorite words seem to be 'mine' and 'no.'"

Finally, a brief note about my family: Roy and I traveled to California in late October and early November with our daughter, Christine, for two and a half weeks. We were in Palm Desert, Calif., for several days, and then in Carlsbad for the rest of our trip. We made day-trips to San Diego, Hollywood, and Beverly Hills. Our daughter, Katie, and son-in-law, Kelly, joined us for five days during our Carlsbad stay, which was an added bonus. They flew out from northern Virginia where they live and work. Christine was job hunting at the time, following her graduation from East Carolina University, and moving back home with us. She has since found a job and apartment in Raleigh, so Roy and I are again round-two empty nesters. Thank you so much for sending me your news to share. God bless.

'71

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Greetings from the snowy, icy, windy Midwest.

CLASSCLIPS



A mini SMC reunion occurred recently, nestled in the beautiful setting of the McDowell mountains in Scottsdale, AZ. **Mary Beth Deneffe Anderson '73** hosted friends over an early March weekend. "Our getaway reminded us all how much we still have in common and how much we treasure the friendships begun at Saint Mary's." In attendance were **Debby Lavin White ND '73**, **Marianne Horak Gick ND '73**, **Kathy Kane Balthrop '73** and **Bridget O'Rourke Hubbard '72**. We also joined **Anne O'Brien Morrissey '71** for pre-dinner beverages at her beautiful home in Scottsdale.

Those of you who are trying to get through these crazy winter weather patterns, I do believe there is life on the other side of this.

Hurray, we have some class news. **Toni Aversa Sturm** is determined to pull some Saint Mary's friends together in Atlanta, her home city. She and

Mark Sturm ND'70 live there and want us to gather at their mountain home they built themselves. Toni has worked hard trying to pull this event together; however, children's weddings, arrivals of grandbabies, and aging parents have made finding a time that works for all of us a challenge. Perhaps it will happen in fall 2011. Thank goodness Toni does not give up.

I received a newsy email from **Anne McGowan Wolfe** and will recap it as best I can. She and her husband, Christopher Wolfe ND'71, have led a very interesting, full life. Early on, Anne started out working at the U.S. Mint, and then moved to Boston where she and Chris started their married life. Initially, Anne worked as an economic researcher for a Boston College professor while Chris got his Ph.D. He recently completed a 30-year-long teaching career in American Government and Constitutional Law at Assumption College, then at Marquette University. Meanwhile, Anne studied journalism, management, and art. She serves as a catechist and free-lance speaker on family issues and home schooling. Now, here is the surprise: Anne and Chris have raised 10 children who now range in age between 20 and 37. Anne and Chris travel from the east coast to Hawaii and the Midwest to Texas visiting their adult children. I get a sense that Anne enjoys life as she reported having taken hula classes in Hawaii. You can connect with Anne at chrisandannewolfe@att.net.

I'd like to introduce an option of reporting your news. My idea is to submit a word or experience that has meant much to you and why. It would be a way of connecting and inspiring each other.

My word that I have come to cherish is *gratitude*. Having recently completed a rigorous course of chemotherapy, radiation, and surgeries, I am more grateful for the acts of kindness of others and the small, wonderful things in daily life that I likely did not notice before diagnosis. What's your word or experience?

Hopefully many of you can come to the reunion in June 2011. Look for me, as I hope to chat with you and

give a boost to our class news. (I'll be the one with the new hair that is now silver, short, and curly.)

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From Mary: Very quiet in the way of news for our class. Condolences are due to **Liz Weiss**, who writes the sad news that her father-in-law, Ted Lamoreaux Sr., passed away on February 14.

I touched base with three of my favorites from the Class of '76: **Donna Cavi Sussman '76**, **Mary Egan**, and **Kate Henderson Kresse**. But it was a busy time. In December, I played the characters of Nanny and Mrs. Willoughby in Christopher Durang's *Baby With the Bathwater* in a theater down in Chelsea (Manhattan) and had a blast doing it. I've been running around town dodging blizzards and writing dance reviews for the blog, *Life Upon the Sacred Stage*, and marketing my book about George Balanchine, *Quest of the Sleeping Princess*. I'm very much looking forward to reunion this year.

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From Beth: Dear all: Please feel free to search my name, **Beth Daugherty**, or **Deb Reale** on Facebook. It's a wonderful tool to find us graduates from '77. I have left some messages with as many graduates that I can find. Please let us know if you'd like to contribute via Facebook for the upcoming Class News submissions. Looking forward to "seeing" you. Blessings, Beth.

Ann Moriarty lives in Virginia Beach and cares for her grandmother—who is 103—fulltime. Ann earned an MBA from ODU and a teacher's license in 2007 and currently teaches religious education to 7th graders at St. John Apostle. She has also helped undertake the formation of a group called Christ Renew His Parish. Ann is interested in starting a SEVA club for Saint Mary's women. If interested, please contact Ann via Facebook for more information.

Mary Jane Anderson Woodward has lived in Kildeer, Ill., since 1996. She and her husband, Jeff, have three children: Tyler, 24, Ashleigh, 23, and Caroline, 18. Mary Jane continues to coach figure skating, and Jeff owns Wheels of Chicagoland, a used car brokerage in Northbrook. Mary Jane made it to a Notre Dame game this past fall for the Western Michigan game and met up with another classmate:

Beth Marzano Fleming (who was in Chicago visiting her new grandchild). Before Christmas, she met up with **Cheryl Klein Fischer**, **Sue Bax Manning**, and **Sue Divita-Langefeld** for dinner. Feel free to reconnect with Mary Jane who can be found as Mary-Jane Woodward on Facebook.

Shevawn O'Connor has been married since 1977 to Anchise Ghiselli (whom she met during her year in Rome). Her family includes two kids: Stefano, 21, Lara, 18, and one dog, Briciola. Stefano is in Atlanta this year on a Rotary Scholarship. Shevawn and family went there to check up on him in January and took advantage of being in that part of the country to visit **Amy Johnston** in Washington, D.C., and some other friends on the Atlantic Coast. (Very tasty shrimp in the Carolinas and Georgia.) She has lived in Viareggio, Italy, since 1982 and has taught English as a Foreign Language at the University of Pisa since 1986. Shevawn has been a LeLeche League leader since 1993, has taught Catechism in her parish for three years, and now leads a Youth Group for 12- and 13-year olds. Her health is holding out, but she says menopause was a piece of cake compared to puberty. Her email address is for any and all interested in writing or passing through Tuscany. It is shevawnconnor@yahoo.it. Ciao.

By the way, Shevawn had lunch with an old friend some of the girls from the Rome Program may remember, **Joan Lewis '62** (our RA). Joan was working at the Vatican Information Service for 15 years, but now has a weekend radio show called "Vatican Insider" and a daily blog called *Joan's Rome*. Please visit her site for more information.

Amy Johnston works at the U.S. State Department and heads one of their training groups, teaches management, and travels overseas as a diplomat. Her assignments have taken her to 24 countries and she especially enjoys her work in the developing countries. She hosts training videos and live DVC courses that are seen worldwide. She is also an adjunct professor of management at the University of Maryland, occasionally working as an interpreter. She has made a couple of award-winning short films and is an avid gardener. She has a niece, **Elizabeth Busam '11**, who is majoring in business at Saint Mary's.

Sue Maude continues her friendships that she made during her first year at Saint Mary's. The "gang" gathers every three-to-four years. Last July (2010), they met in Ketchum, Idaho. The classmates that assembled were: **Monica Knowles Reding**, Mt. Prospect, Ill., and **Susan Maude** Ames, Iowa, as well as some former classmates: **Patrice Biel Pollock**, Atlanta, Ga., **Kathy Mercer McLarty**, Clearwater, Fla., **Eileen Barbera Melvin**, Pennsylvania, and **Mary Lynn Vaughan**, Texas. They call themselves the "Team SMC Chicks" and although their paths have gone in various directions since they met those first fall days in 1973, they have continued to get together and relive their days at Saint Mary's.

Sue's former roommate from junior and senior year, **Elly Heil Driggers**, has been a special education teacher for most of her career in Georgia and Montana. She has worked with the State Department and national efforts. Her kindergarteners especially reap her knowledge and skills, and most importantly, her energy.

Sue still keeps in touch with **Patsy Jones Mullin**, **Pat Bauchman VanderVorst** and **Nancy Bauchman**, and **Denice Derbes**—all buddies from their first year at Saint Mary's.

'81

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Mary McCloskey Digan writes: my husband, Bob Digan ND'79, and I will be celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary on May 23, 2011, by spending two weeks in Europe. We have five children, Katie (28), Laura (26), Robert (24), Zach (15), and Sammi (14) and we live in Scottsdale, Ariz. Bob oversees the business office for ASU's College of Nursing and I am a Research Associate at Covance, which does early-stage testing of new pharmaceuticals. Although our children have attended ASU, we still root for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

While visiting family in Minnesota in February, **Martha Maggio Merizon** took time to connect with **Ann Kiley Schneider**. "We had a nice lunch, got caught up on all sorts of things and spent a little time shopping the famous Mall of America. It was a short but sweet visit," Martha says.

From **Beth McPherson**: "My work in SJHS has expanded to include an international piece, which includes "overnighting" in Houston en route to El Salvador (November) and Guatemala (February). This provides the opportunity to gather with **Kathy Kane Kegg** and **Kathy Keegan** and catch up. We just completed the first cycle, and it is amazing to see each other more regularly and simply share how life is unfolding. **Kathy Kane Kegg** has two children at Texas A & M and two still at home. She traveled to the Middle East with Halliburton regularly as well as many other vacation destinations. The work of accompanying groups on an immersion experience in Central America is sacred work. Many walk among the very poor for the first time and as the journey unfolds, life takes on some different meanings. People return having a richer experience of Catholic Social Teaching, of dignity, solidarity and common good," Beth reports.

Kathryn Martin Miller writes: "I recently began working full time as a college advisory consultant after my fourth daughter left for college. Hopefully, I'll be able to send some Kentucky girls up to Saint Mary's."

From **Kitty Kelly Vautier**: "We now have two college graduates and our baby is a junior at DePaul University. She studied abroad in Madrid Spain last Semester and we got a chance to spend 10 days visiting her in November. We do get back to South Bend for an occasional football game, but have lost touch with most classmates except Ann T. Maiers, my freshman year, next door neighbor in Regina. She left after junior year as an early acceptance into I.U. Optometry School, however, we talk/see each other regularly. I hope everyone has at least one Saint Mary's friend that is for life."

'83

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Greetings to all in the Class of 1983, and for most of you, Happy 50th Birthday year. Our class does a fantastic job of sending in news for the *Courier*, and practically every person who writes to me with her news tells me how much she enjoys reading updates about

our classmates. Even though many classmates send in news, there are still more of us out there with more news to report. If you fall into the category of someone who wants to send in news, while it's fresh in your mind, why don't you take a minute to email me a note about what's going in your life. It doesn't take long to jot a quick blurb, and you'll make the day of literally dozens of women when your news is included in the *Courier*. On behalf of the Class of 1983, we're looking forward to hearing from you.

Maria Groff Reynolds lives in Houston and writes that she married Fisher Reynolds ND'82 in 1989. They have four children: Fisher, a junior at Marquette; Stephen, who starts college this fall; Carmen, a high school senior; and Virginia, a sophomore in high school. Maria is a religion teacher for elementary grade levels, as well as a sacristan, liturgy/prayer service coordinator, and chair of her school's "formation" committee. Her husband works on the space shuttle and international space station at NASA. Maria writes that her family is praying that God and Congress continue to look favorably on NASA and NASA's future.

By the time you read this news, it will have been close to a year since my two Saint Mary's roommates, **Jill Daley-Gibson** and **Mary Laue Iberle**, and I got together for a "It's been 10 years since the three of us were together" late-summer day in Boston. Even though it's been over 30 years since the three of us met in McCandless Hall our freshman year, whenever we get together, it feels like time has stood still. We had a fantastic day catching up, laughing a lot, talking about our lives (oh, and of course taking pictures). It is a profound blessing to have two such lifelong friends.

'85

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Greetings classmates. There are still many reunion updates, both from the update sheets you returned, and from those who were at the event. There's not room for them all, but I'm trying.

Lisa Lauerman Harvey wrote in from Grand Blanc, Mich. She has three kids, and is very excited that her daughter, Chandler Harvey, is attending Saint Mary's as part of the Class of 2014. **Susan Veda Smith** writes from Summit, N.J. She has three kids as well, and her son, Ryan, has just started at Notre Dame this year. **Eileen Copeland Marks** was not able to attend the reunion, but wrote with some news. Her oldest of four, Erin, started at Saint Mary's this year and enjoyed being a member of the Women's Choir, Bellacappella, and Notre Dame's Opera. Her daughter, Haley, keeps Eileen and family busy with the challenges faced by having Down Syndrome. Haley's witty, happy, and healthy. Eileen's two sons, Ryan and Sean, are involved with football, basketball, and baseball. Congrats to Eileen and Roger on the celebration of their 21st wedding anniversary.

Jean DeVita Schultz wrote in from Carmel, Ind. She has three kids and was unable to attend reunion because her son, Joseph, graduated from high school on reunion weekend. **Kim Kirasich McDermott** also had a graduation to attend for her niece in Texas. Kim has three kids and lives in Burr Ridge, Ill.

Kassy Welsh Helme lives in Western Springs, Ill., with husband Joe and four kids. Her oldest, Kady, is a sophomore at Fairfield University, Conn., and was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at five years old. Kady

is friends with the daughters of other Saint Mary's Class of '85 members: **Mary Joy Hogan Cox**, **Norreen Callahan Pulte**, and **Beth Muller Hahn**.

Making the trek to the reunion were former roommates and lifelong friends, **Joanie Giblin McCabe**, **Meg Rowley**, **Beth Murphy McNish**, and **Trisha Glomb Ladner**. Joanie writes from Boston to share that she could not have been happier to have gone to reunion. "I'm usually out there for a football game with Jim and our three kids, and we rarely take the time to do more than drive through the Saint Mary's campus. Our reunion weekend gave me opportunities to see old friends, but also to talk with girls that I never really got to know while I was at Saint Mary's, and I am truly glad to have made those new connections. I'm hoping I can convince my daughter, Kelly, to go out for the Arts camp at school in the summer, and heard that some of our classmates send their kids to the camps there, too," Joanie writes.

As a caveat, when Joanie said "old" friends, I don't think that's *exactly* what she meant, but I completely agree that it's always a pleasure to meet new friends at the reunions.

The next *Courier* deadline is September 1. You'll certainly have more news to share by then. I'd love to report it. Your classmates will love to read it. Take care.

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From the Courier: Megan Martin Galgano writes: "I've been living in the Denver area for 13 years with my three kids (John, 17, Annalisa, 16, and Katie, 13) and husband of 21 years, Jeff Galgano. In addition to being the enrichment coordinator for gifted and talented students at All Souls Catholic School, my husband, Jeff, and I just bought the first U.S. franchise of Kidproof Safety, which offers child safety classes to kids ages four-14 as well as parent seminars. I love providing families with pertinent safety information on important topics such as Bully Proofing, Stranger Smarts, Cyber Safety, and more. My favorite class, A Girl's Way, prepares girls for the world of high school with topics on self-esteem and body image as well as dating and cliques. Check out our offerings at www.kidproofsafety.com."

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From Karen: It's hard to believe we're halfway through 2011. For **Julie Wagner Feasel**, that means her daughter is halfway through Saint Mary's. Julie enjoyed her visit with her daughter, Meghan Feasel '13, over Sophomore Parents Weekend last February. Meghan works in the Alumnae Relations Office with **Kara O'Leary**, director, and keeps the shot clock for Saint Mary's home basketball games when she's not studying to be a special education teacher. Julie's daughter, Brigid, is a sophomore in high school and so far only wants to consider colleges in South Bend, Ind., which considerably narrows other college visits. In January, Julie was elected to her third term as president of the Olentangy Local School District school board, where she's served since 2006. She is also vice president for the Delaware Area Career Center and has started her 12th year as vice president of communications for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. Let's just say Julie is busy. She keeps up with college classmates on Facebook and Twitter and keeps in close touch with **Kelly Glavin Zeh** and **Penny Falaschetti Dolan**.

More Ohio classmates met over a fourth-grade Christmas concert. **Katie Gugle's** daughter, Malina, is in the fourth grade at St. Paul's. Following the 2010 Christmas concert, Katie ran into **Jill Locey Grisdale**, whose son, Jack, came to St. Paul's this year, also a fourth grader. What a wonderful small world. In the past year, Katie has added mediation services to her law practice, and in February, she attended a professional ski instructor's update event to maintain her certification.

2010 was a big year for **Karen MacLennan Tierney**. She finished her master's degree in Library Information Science at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Congratulations, Karen. She works as a full-time librarian at Saint Timothy School in Chantilly, Va., and she taught Media for Adolescents (an 800-level course) at Catholic University last fall.

For the past year, the Jungenberg's have been living in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. **Martha Flick Jungenberg** is enjoying her job in American Citizen Services in the U.S. Embassy in Port of Spain, Trinidad. Last October, she began working as a consular assistant and then spent two months in Arlington, Va., at the Foreign Service Institute taking a consular course. She is now a consular associate where she processes passport applications and consular record of birth abroad, and helps Americans who are traveling to or living in Trinidad and Tobago with things like arrests, deaths, checking on children who were taken by one parent, and the like. She is anxiously awaiting a work reason to fly over to Tobago. During her time "up north," she had 10 days off during which she flew to South Bend, and stayed with her parents in nearby Niles, Mich., and was able to see her sisters, brother, nieces, and nephews. Martha also squeezed in a couple of days in Chicago. Now the family is anxiously waiting to find out where they will go next. They'll spend most of 2012 in Arlington, Va., learning a language for their next yet-unknown country.

For Irish football fans, it was an up-and-down inaugural football season for Coach Kelly—culminating with a fabulous win over U.S.C. and a convincing Sun Bowl victory over renewed-rival Miami. I was able to get to two games last fall—both in September. At the Michigan game, I caught up with most of my Notre Dame friends (and former flag football coaches) from Grace Hall. For Stanford, I drove out to Valparaiso, Ind., to stay with **Jackie Brody Tavitas '91**. We picked up **Katy Burns** at the train station on the way to South Bend and had a great, whirlwind weekend. Although I was sorry I didn't see **Karen Krok Hasler**, I was happy

to catch a few minutes on campus with her husband, Doug Halser ND'88, and their son, Oliver, 10.

A maintenance note: We have lots of broken email addresses on our class list. So, if you have changed your email address, please update it on the Belle Network through the Saint Mary's website or email it to me. Thanks.

From the Courier: "The family of **Rosemary Holland Sweeney '59** and **Elizabeth Sweeney Rykaczewski '89** would like to thank those who attended Rosemary's funeral and sent condolences upon her passing on January 18, 2011. She will be remembered for her love of family, friends, cooking, Saint Mary's College, and the University of Notre Dame. She is survived by many Saint Mary's alumnae and Notre Dame alumni, including her husband, Leo M. Sweeney Jr. ND'59 '60; daughters **Elizabeth Sweeney Rykaczewski '89** and Margaret Sweeney Nelligan ND'93, and son-in-law Brendan Nelligan ND'93; sisters **Priscilla Holland Trunck '60** and **Bertina Holland Demling '67**; nieces **Mary Trunck Sommise '87** and Christina Demling Barnes ND'92; cousins William Milon ND'88, **Anne Donovan-Brady '90**, and **Deirdre Milon Ralph '90**. Rosemary's five grandchildren: Mary Rose, Nicholas, Michael, James, and Mark miss their beloved 'MiMi.' We are grateful for your prayers and the good memories so many have shared with us."

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From Jennifer Jermano Miller: **Katherine Schenkelberg Huftalen** and her husband, Rich Huftalen ND'88, welcomed a daughter, Elizabeth Jane on September 9, 2009. She joins big brother Will, 10, and sisters Ella, seven, and Margaret, four. They live in Cazenovia, N.Y., and are busy raising their young family.

Vidya Ramsamoaj is still in New York City at Gilt Groupe. She recently traveled to Ethiopia to build homes with Habitat for Humanity. This is her second trip of this kind; she traveled to India in 2008.

Kim Didriksen Jowers and her husband, Chad, are living in Austin, Tex., and have two children, Rhys, three, and Sela, one.

Ellen Lanigan Callaghan writes, "My husband, Rob, and I along with our children Kevin, six; Liam, four; Jack, four; and Ella Rose, two, traveled to Phoenix to watch Rob complete the Ironman Arizona in 13 hours and 7 minutes. The race consisted of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile marathon run. It was such a wonderful day. We are so proud of our Ironman." After the race, they made a weekend trip to Disneyland in California with Ellen's sister, **Colleen Lanigan Bowen '95**.

Patricia "Tricia" Cody received her Ph.D. in August of 2007 from the University of Texas at Austin in social work. She is currently employed as a postdoctoral fellow and adjunct faculty at The University of Texas in Austin's School of Social Work. She married John R. Bartlett Jr. on October 30, 2010.

Mary Barger Dirksen and her husband reside in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area. They welcomed a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth Dirksen, on January 31, 2011. She joins big brother Benjamin, three.

Lisa Campione Mullen is doing well in Michigan as she is recovering from the snowstorms. She celebrated her 40th birthday by taking the kids to Disney. Lisa is still active in her business as a wellness coordinator for Juice Plus and has begun substitute teaching at her children's school. She writes that **Nicole Laux Sholly**, **Theresa Devoe**, **Celynn Krueger McClarrion '92**, **Katie Mulherin Longley '92**, and **Jennifer Hafner '92** are doing well with their families and careers. Other friends with whom she has been in contact include **Nancy Mikel Bulic**, who is busy raising her three children, and **Tina Carrara Mortillaro**, who just welcomed baby number four in 2010.

Jennifer Fahey McGill lives in the Chicago area and enjoys being a stay-at-home mom to her three kids. Amanda and Meghan are six, and Matthew is four. She has enjoyed long summer weekends with her extended family on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses while staying in Notre Dame's family alumna hall. Her kids have biked all over the campuses, swam at "the Rock," eaten at the dining halls, and played on the bridge at Lake Marian next to Le Mans Hall. She is very active in her local twins club where she serves as the state and national Representative for the club. She has run several half marathons in the past year, and most recently finished the Chicago Marathon on October 10, 2010. She has reconnected with Saint Mary's friends and looks forward to seeing them on Facebook.

Maria DeRosa-Bellahcen's third son, John Nello, just celebrated his first birthday on January 1, 2011. His older brothers, Joseph, 10, and Antony, six, are thrilled to have another "terror" in the house. She is still teaching adult Italian classes and tutoring home-schooled students in Spanish. She also does the bookkeeping for her husband's business, so she is able to be busy and also enjoy the kids. Her favorite 40th birthday gift in October was getting to see **Emily Kleine** for the first time since Saint Mary's graduation. It was a wonderful trip down memory lane. Maria says "Hi" to everyone and looks forward to reconnecting on Facebook.

Rachel Duchi writes, "2010, what a year. Work is wonderful and busy, but the best part of the year was organizing a reception and dinner that honored Coach Lou Holtz in New York City on November 18, 2010, at Cipriani Wall Street. What a memorable evening to say 'Thank You' to Coach Holtz. The evening brought together 500 family, friends, and supporters of Holtz from Notre Dame Alumni and Saint Mary's Alumnae, including William and **Karen Schaltz Goodyear '71**, and business community leaders from Credit Suisse; ESPN; Deutsche Bank; IMG; Bank of America; Entergy Corporation; NBC; and more. Ari Fleischer served as Master of

Ceremony. Regis Philbin gave a heartfelt champagne toast. U.S. Presidents George H. W. Bush and William Jefferson Clinton shared video greetings as did film director John Lee Hancock, coaches Steve Spurrier and Urban Meyer, and Barry Alvarez. Actor Vince Vaughn also greeted Holtz on video and narrated a special tribute video that featured testimonials from former Notre Dame Marching Band Member **Sharon Repik Zielinski '89**, Father Monk Malloy, Phil Purcell, Jimmy Dunne, Jim Rohr, and several other notable Notre Dame Trustees and Alumni. Keynote speakers for the evening included former players of Holtz: Rod West ND'89; Pete Najarian (of Fast Money, OptionMonster, played for Coach at Minnesota); Ned Bolcar ND'89; Ryan Leahy ND'94; and Heisman Trophy Winner Tim Brown ND'87.

"The Notre Dame Pep Band played the 'Lou Overture' as Holtz took the stage. The evening raised considerable funds that established a Notre Dame scholarship endowed in name of his Lou's Lads. An added bonus for me was reconnecting with friends Nick Farmer ND'90 and Luke Conway ND'93, both of whom work for the university; and with Kevin Keyes ND'90; Matt Boland ND MBA'95; Michael Rhattigan ND'91 (brother to **Colleen Rhattigan Henckels**); and his parents, Jerry and Janet Rhattigan; Martin Fitzpatrick ND'90 and Dan Lee ND'94; and sharing plans along the way with my good friend **Trish Ruth Erickson '89**."

'95

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Hello, Class of 1995. I have a brief update for us this time. Thank you to everyone who sent updates. My next deadline is September 1, 2011.

Tara Belden Bell and her husband welcomed their third daughter, Scarlett Elizabeth Bell, on December 2, 2010. Scarlett joins older sisters, Samantha and Sophia.

On February 21, 2011, **Meredith Dodge Melinder** and husband Jeff welcomed Ingrid Jane to their family. The Melinders live in Swansea, Ill. Ingrid is the sixth child for the Melinders. She follows older sisters Kirsten, Annika, Elise, Nora, and brother, Jackson.

Jennifer Failia writes, "We have officially split our residences between Austin, Tex., and Miami, Fla. I have been looking for the club and other Saint Mary's alumnae in Miami. I called the club leader, but not sure if the club is active. Anyway, we could not be happier in Florida and still enjoying Texas."

Allison Obuchowski Larys writes, "We lovingly welcomed Katherine Renee on October 20, 2010. Proud big brothers Matthew (nine), Timothy (seven), and Andrew (five) as well as my husband, Chris, and I are over the moon to welcome a pink bundle. I enjoy being a stay-at-home mom and helping in the kids' classrooms whenever I can. It has been fun catching up and staying in touch with friends on Facebook."

From the Courier: **Lisa Dominello Winde**, her husband Mark, and their four sons welcomed Bethany Christine Winde on Christmas Day 2010, possibly a future Saint Mary's grad.

'97

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Hello ladies from the Class of 1997 and greetings from Dallas. This is **Leigh Anne Hutchison Cipriano** bringing you your latest class news. We have had a change in the lineup for the reporter of this *Courier* edition, so I'm pinch hitting for Amy this time. It is so good to bring you a quick update of what our beloved class has been up to since our last column in the *Courier*. There is not much to report this time, but nonetheless, here it is—enjoy.

Megan Borchers Monahan writes that she has gone back to teaching after taking seven years off to be with her children, Timbo, seven; Mikey, six; Mary Claire, three; and Robby, two. She is teaching eighth grade Language Arts at the nearby Catholic school. She adds, "All my kiddos and my husband, Tim, are doing well and keeping me on my toes. We are still living in Chattanooga, Tenn. We've been here for nine years and love it."

Corrie Hanrahan Mieszcak reports that she and her husband, Mike, welcomed their first child, Natalie Therese, on January 19, 2011, at 1:35 a.m. She was 18-1/2 inches long and weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz.

Ellen Duggan Ariston writes, "My husband, Michael, and daughter Chloe, and I welcomed baby Dylan Mendoza on February 11, 2010. He's such a happy baby and has brought so much joy to all of our lives this past year. He and his big sis really love each other (so far). We live in St. Louis and I continue to work part-time for a marketing agency in account management on a few agricultural accounts."

Amy Brabeck shares that she had a wonderful fall semester and two-week stay in Illinois over the holidays. She also enjoyed catching up with **April Sass Johnson**. Amy says "the spring semester is the busiest I can remember and I am deeply grateful to **Leigh Anne Cipriano** for taking over this edition of our *Courier* updates." She is looking forward to some summer travels and will write about them in our next report.

As for me, I am still working as a speech-language pathologist, but have turned my efforts back to children as I am working for a pediatric home health agency. I love this population and enjoy working with the little ones and their families. I am also excited to share happy news of the birth of my second son, Nicholas Anthony, who was born on September 9, 2010, at 12:20 p.m. He was 18 inches long and weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz. My husband, Jerry, and I are very blessed to have two boys in our lives. Nicholas joins his big brother, Vincent, who recently turned three. Our fellow Saint Mary's alumna, **Margaret Ehlers**, came to Dallas to join in the fun for Vincent's birthday. It was so wonderful to catch up with her about life since we last saw each other.

Kristen DiNovo Maxwell writes, "2010 brought many blessings to the Maxwell Family. Our two children, Grace, eight, and Patrick, six, attend our parish school, Most Holy Redeemer in Evergreen Park, Ill. Grace made her First Holy Communion and Patrick started first grade. They are growing up very quickly. After teaching part-time and taking classes part-time for five and a half years, I finally graduated from Loyola University Chicago with my Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies over the summer. In September, I was hired at St. Cletus Parish in LaGrange as a full-time youth minister. I have been designing a new four-year program that includes catechesis, Kairos retreats, service opportunities, teen Masses, drop-ins, and mission trips. It is really exciting. Sean is still teaching math at Marist High School and is the varsity boys' and girls' soccer coach. I often think about my Saint Mary's College days and look forward to hopefully seeing many of you at our 15-year reunion in 2012."

Reunion 2012 will be here before we know it. Can you believe it's been nearly 15 years since we graduated?

Thanks for sending your updates Class of 1997. Keep them coming as always and Amy and I send you well wishes and hope you have a wonderful summer. Take care.

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From Jennifer: Kate Suwalski Hartnett and her husband, Larry, were blessed with their second son, Lucas William, on July 27, 2010. His big brother, Tyler, is three. Luke's Godparents are **Annette Miller Scollante**, and her father, Tom Miller ND'65.

Colleen Thomas Dewan and her husband, Kevin ND'99, welcomed their third child, Mary Margaret, on September 14, 2010. She joins her big brother Patrick, four, and her big sister, Gracie, two and a half.

Ellen Boudette Flanigan and her family welcomed a daughter, Josalyn Claire Flanigan, on October 29, 2009. The Flanigan Family lives in Albany, N.Y. Ellen is a stay-at-home mom.

Beth Schafer Coyne and her husband, Kevin, had a baby boy in September named Emmett. The Coynes live in Washington, D.C.

Carla Dominello Schlieske writes, "Tom Schlieske and I were married at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame on December 4, 2010. It was a cold, but beautiful day. Tom is a University of Illinois at Chicago graduate and earned his MSW at Loyola University, Chicago. He teaches sociology at Morton College and Moraine Valley Community College. I've been working as the office manager at an art consulting firm in Chicago for the past 11-1/2 years. Tom and I now reside in Oak Lawn, Ill., on the South Side of Chicago. My sister, **Andrea Dominello Remke '98**, was my matron of honor, my sister, **Lisa Dominello Winde '95**, was a bridesmaid, my sister, **Maria Dominello Pano-wicz '92**, did the first reading, and my Regina Hall roommate, **Stephanie Leichtle Laubacker '00**, brought up the gifts at our ceremony. Our reception took place at the South Bend Marriott Atrium, where we did our first dance to the Bee Gee's *More than a Woman*. It was a great time, that's for sure.

Carah Smith Tabar writes, "We had our third son, Holden Joseph, on August 26, 2010 (8 lbs., 15 oz, and 21-1/2 inches long), here in Virginia. He's the happiest baby we've ever met, and laughs all the time at his older brothers, Xander, three and a half, and Thatcher, two. We are also on the move this month to Monterey, Calif., for Matthew to study at Naval Postgraduate School. Any Saint Mary's chicks who want to get together and explore the West Coast in the California sunshine, are more than welcome at our house once we get set up."

Carolyn Lateulere Kane and her husband, Brian Kane ND '00 welcomed a daughter, Lilah Veronica, on January 29, 2010. They still live in Cleveland and Carolyn loves her job at Hyland Software.

Vanessa Indriolo married Jonathan Vreeland on December 31, 2010. **Angela Pompili Litvak** was a bridesmaid.

Kelly Fennewald Olszewski is preparing for another move. Her husband, Dave, has taken a new job so they are headed to McKinney, Tex., just outside of Dallas. They are looking forward to living near a big city and all of the home schooling opportunity there for David, six, Rachel, three, and Naomi, one.

Lisa Maxbauer Price and her husband, Matt, had a son, Dashiell Anthony, born on February 2, 2011, in Traverse City, Mich. Older brother, Jackson, is four.

From the Courier: Kate Tournoux writes: "I was recently promoted by International Paper Company to Senior Counsel-Environmental Litigation." **From the Courier: Rita Klein Taylor** writes, "My husband, Chris, and I are happy to announce that we have adopted a little boy from South Korea. Jason Gerald Nah Taylor was born on April 4, 2009. We brought him home May 28, 2010, and finalized his adoption November 5, 2010. We couldn't be happier to have this adorable little boy as our son. Pictures can be seen on our blog: chrisandrita.blogspot.com." **From the Courier: Emily Bailey Quiney** writes: "I gave birth to a boy, Gabriel Patrick on June 19, 2010. He was 11 lbs., 2 oz, and 23-1/2 inches long. We are hoping to have a future Notre Dame offensive lineman. I am still working in Grand Rapids as a nurse practitioner at Spectrum Health in the OB department. Colin and I are living in Spring Lake, Mich., with our daughters, Bailey, four, Lyla, three, and baby boy Gabe. I am also attending Grand Valley State University working on my Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. We have a busy household."

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From Alyson: Dearest 2001 classmates, by the time you receive this addition of the *Courier*, our reunion weekend will have passed. I hope you all had a lovely time and enjoyed catching up and making new memories.

Growing families and first-time Baby Belles are the big news item with our class, so congrats to all. **Allison Webb DeMong** writes, "On December 28, 2010, my husband, Ben, and I welcomed our daughter, Mabel Ellen. We are having fun watching her grow. We still live in Chicago and enjoy having many Saint Mary's friends nearby. I commute to the western suburbs where I work for Rasmussen Inc. as the director of financial planning and analysis." **Molly Kleinhenz Wicklander** reports, "Ray Wicklander ND'00 and I welcomed a son, Frederick Raymond, on September 1, 2010. He joins big sisters Callista, four, and Silvia, two." **Julie Scheib Martin** shares, "Scott and I welcomed our second son, Tanner Gerard Martin, on September 21, 2010. Griff loves his baby brother, most of the time. I returned to work in January and I cannot believe that this is my 10th year teaching high school social studies. I am enjoying the work/life balance, but some days are very hectic."

In more baby news, **Sarah Merrick Granger** writes, "James and I are doing great. We welcomed our daughter, Rebecca Ann, on December 20, 2010.

I am still working for the County of Los Angeles as a nursing instructor." **Cassie Carrigan Kelleher** reports, "I had a son, Charles Matthew Kelleher, on March 12, 2010. Charlie is a super-fun little dude, and we can hardly believe that he's almost a year old already. I'm still working in corporate communications for Pepper Construction in Chicago." **Mary Sweetney Gates** also has a new addition. She reports, "Chris and I welcomed a daughter, Stefania Marie (Stella), on October 30, 2010. Her three older brothers (Charlie, five, Andrew, three, and Lucas, two), are thrilled to have a sister and we feel very blessed."

In other Belle news, **Emily Koelsch Rebori** writes, "I am still working at a private pediatric practice in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. Recently, I started working one morning a week at a clinic in Brewster, N.Y., for an organization called Green Chimneys, which is a farm, school, and residential behavioral center for children and teenagers with emotional and developmental disorders. I just started there, but so far, it has been a rewarding experience personally and professionally. Will is already two years old, which doesn't seem possible, but he is a ton of fun. He is talking, running, climbing, and generally just being a really great toddler." **Colleen McCarthy Turrentine** shares, "After almost 10 years in the political fundraising arena, I have started my own fundraising consulting business focusing on Democratic candidates, causes, and some non-profit organizations. It's keeping me very busy, but is also giving me a nice balance between work and being a mom. Our son, Davis, is now 19 months old and is pure joy in our lives. We have decided to permanently settle in Washington, D.C. (for the foreseeable future), after buying our first home in late 2010 in the District."

Lastly, spring is just around the corner in Oregon, and I've begun training with my students for the fourth year of my after-school, half-marathon training program. I'm looking forward to summer vacation when I can ride my bike more, read more, and travel to Montana for a friend's wedding. Since I was unable to attend the reunion, I look forward to hearing more about it in the next *Courier*. Until next time, my best.

From Molly: Ladies, it is hard to believe it has been 10 years. I have lots of great updates to share.

Megan Jardina Anderson and her husband, Mark, welcomed their first child, Cole Anderson, on February, 6, 2010, in Chicago. Then, they moved to Colorado. Megan finished graduate school and is now practicing as a women's health nurse practitioner.

Kathleen Giel Alessi and husband Tom Alessi ND'03 welcomed Patrick Thomas Alessi on October 2, 2010, at 2:29 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz., and was 19-1/2 inches long. Kathleen is a literary facilitator at Reagan Elementary in Rogers, Ark., and enjoyed spending time with Patrick at home before heading back to school.

Shannon Ross Perrino, her husband Nick, big brother Jake, and big sister Allison, welcomed Matthew Joseph Perrino on February 15. Matthew weighed 8 lbs., and 8 oz. Allison and Jake love their new baby brother and the family is enjoying life as a party of five. **Colleen Carey Passolt**, her husband, Brian, and big brother, Will, welcomed Abigail Lynn Passolt on December 2. Abigail weighed in at 7 lbs., 13 oz., and was 20 inches long. Congratulations.

Jennifer Chamberlin Sowell reports: On May 15, 2009, "I graduated from the Regulatory Science Program at the University of Southern California. I now have a Master of Science Degree in Regulatory Science. I am still working at Amgen's Distribution Center in Louisville. In March 2010, I was promoted from quality assurance senior associate to quality assurance specialist. On December 2, 2010, my hus-

band, Shane, and I welcomed our first baby, a beautiful daughter, Alyssa Rose. She is truly a blessing and was the perfect Christmas gift."

Nicole Turnipseed married her high school sweetheart, Michael A. Durkin, in July 2005. She shares, "We have one daughter, Isabel Louise Durkin, three, and had a son, Michael David Durkin, on May 29, 2010. They are both tons of fun. I am currently taking some time off from PwC and hope to return when the right opportunity/flexible work arrangement comes along."

Colleen Dolphin reports, "Kyle Hanson and I got married on October 16, 2010, at the Fort Snelling Chapel in Minneapolis. We had our reception at the American Swedish Institute, also in Minneapolis, where my great grandfather had helped carve the woodwork many years ago." Many Saint Mary's alumnae attended the nuptials on a beautiful fall day, including **Shanae Tate Randolph, Kelly Koslow Dilling '02, Kathleen Kennedy, Julia Peterson Hannan, Melissa Corcoran Tynan, Page Warstler, Sarah Mullen Schwab '98, Liz Mullen (bridesmaid), Paula Fitzpatrick, Genevieve Yavello, Megan Jardina Anderson**, and her Aunt, Sister Kathleen Dolphin, PBVM, Ph.D., director for the Center for Spirituality at Saint Mary's. "It was a fabulous time," says Colleen.

Catherine Nolan graduated from the Second City Conservatory. It culminated in a 12-week run of shows on the e.t.c. Stage. She is also in the show *The Dinner Detective*, currently running on Saturday nights at the Knickerbocker Hotel. It is a fun improv/interactive show. *Brava*, Catherine.

Gretchen Trybus Batalis writes from Charleston, S.C. She is head of the Middle School, teaching middle and high school Spanish at an independent school. Gretchen and her husband, Nick, welcomed their first child, Dennis "Denny" Ike on January 6, 2011. They are settling in well to their new life as parents and loving every minute.

Congratulations on the many happenings, and looking forward to our 10-year reunion in the summer of 2011. God bless, Molly.

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From Amanda: Thanks to everyone who sent in their updates. I know this is the first section of the *Courier* many of us read. If you have not contributed lately, we want to hear from you.

Our class continues to have more baby news. **Becky Lindemann Miedema** and her husband, Marc, welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Jovie Claire, on June 22, 2010. **Lyndsey Brubaker Callan** and her husband, Tim Callan ND'03, welcomed Allison "Ally" Grace Callan on April 20, 2010. Big sister Emily, three, loves her new

baby sister. Lyndsey is enjoying staying home with the girls. Tim received his masters and school administrator license in May 2010, and is teaching junior high school in Elkhart, Ind. **Melanie R. Burke Cameron**, husband Mark Cameron, and daughter Esther welcomed John-paul Mark Cameron on March 22, 2010. Melanie is living in Fairfax, Va., and is president of a 501(c) organization, St. Anthony's Bridal, helping brides afford a beautiful wedding. She is also the owner of Renee de Burgh, writing, editing, and web design. Her website is <http://reneedeburgh.com>.

Emily Miller Klump and her husband, Brandon, are excited to share the news of their first child. Cute little Brogan Wayne was born on May 29, 2010. **Kate Zimmer Mattson** and husband Ari welcomed their second child, a little boy, Kai Immanuel Mattson, on May 28, 2010. They now live in Waukesha, Wis., where Ari is pastor at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church while Kate is the youth minister at Galilee Lutheran Church.

Jennifer Lombard Kibbon and her husband, Lucas, welcomed a baby boy, John "Jack" Lucas, on March 25, 2010. **Colleen Sobolewski McGuire** and her husband, Sean, welcomed a baby girl, Brynn Elizabeth, on June 3, 2010. Jennifer and Colleen were very excited to introduce Jack and Brynn to Notre Dame football at the home opener against Purdue this past fall.

Sarah Nestor married Brock Babcock on April 24, 2010, in Indianapolis, Ind. **Katie Bacone** and **Shannon Nelligan** were bridesmaids and other Belles in attendance were: **Kerry O'Reilly Hurley, Katie Roche, Christina Reitano, Amy Virzi, Erika Brito, Mary Campe**, and **Emma Melero Juarez**. Sarah and Brock currently reside in Milwaukee, Wis., while Sarah completes her Ph.D. in literature, and Brock completes his M.A. in computing at Marquette University.

Alison Joseph married William Small ND'03 on December 31, 2009, in Miami, Fla. Many Saint Mary's ladies were present. Alison's sister, **Kara Joseph '11**, was the maid of honor, and **Stephanie Pace** was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance were **Julie Richardson, Josie Bilas Gruver**, and **Katie-Nell Scanlon O'Connell**. Alison completed her residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in foot and ankle surgery in June 2010, and was hired as an attending podiatrist at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, where she is teaching and working with residents. Alison and her husband are now living in New York City.

Kate Bacone received her MLS in May 2010 from IUPUI in Indianapolis. **Mackenzie McGee** continues her radiation oncology residency at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich. Her husband recently started a job in Detroit working for Walsh Construction. They are finally living in the same city after having spent the first year and a half of residency apart.

Katie Vincer Sears wrote in with lots of news to share. **Ann Hoover Sinclair, Nicole Ciminillo Scott**, and **Corrine Negrelli Carlson** got together at Katie's house for a Fourth of July cookout in Columbus, Ohio. Ann is in Chicago with her husband, Euan, and her Chicago boutique, The Fig Tree, is doing fabulous. Nicole is living in Ann Arbor, Mich., with her husband, Pete, and is teaching chemistry at a local community college. Corrine lives in Columbus with her husband, Doug, and is a designer for the Abercrombie and Fitch Corp. Katie recently became president of the Saint Mary's Alumnae Club of Columbus, Ohio. Katie and her husband, Scott, celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary on August 29, in Mexico.

From Meganne: The best part about collecting updates from my fellow Belles is that I am constantly reminded of how proud I am to be part of this group of incredibly talented women. Here's to you, Class of 2003.

Bethany Schmidt is attending an online master's in education program through the University of Dayton, and is in the process of buying a house in Florida. On top of all that, she is still teaching full time as a fourth grade teacher.

Tara Blanchard Sabo reports in from Saint Joseph, Mich., where she is a certified personal trainer, fitness instructor, and freelance writer. Check out her amazingly inspirational and fun blog, *A Daily Dose of Fit*, at www.tarasabo.com. You can also visit her Facebook page to become a fan.

From Amy: Hello, friends. Happy spring to you all. It's been a busy year, as always, for our classmates.

In August, **Nicole Prezioso** and her husband, Jim, welcomed their third daughter, Rosemarie Kate, to their family. Nicky writes, "Romy is a sweet, happy baby and loved to pieces by her older sisters, Josephine and Genevieve."

On November 17, **Melissa Alvarez Stevens** and her husband, David ND'04 JD'07, welcomed their first child, Joseph David Stevens. Joseph weighed almost nine-and-a-half pounds at birth and is keeping Melissa busy as a happy, new mom.

Amber Taylor O'Rourke and her husband, Howie, are proud to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Caroline Elizabeth, born December 14, 2010. Amber writes, "She is absolutely beautiful, and we couldn't be more excited about our Christmas gift. Big brother Howie will turn three in February, and my husband will finish his residency in June, and then begin a one-year fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. We're so excited to see a light at the end of this very long journey to him becoming a radiologist. I am still a stay-at-home mom and couldn't imagine my life being any better right now."

Kendall Riedlinger Ymalay and Ramon Ymalay ND'03 adopted their first child, Zachariah Reyes, who was born on December 15, 2010. The Ymalay family is residing in Louisville, where Ramon is completing a fellowship in neonatology.

Deanne Czajkowski McKenna and husband Douglas McKenna ND'01 welcomed their first child, Colin James, on December 29. The McKennas are looking forward to taking Colin to his first Notre Dame game this fall.

Kristen Mowry Janiczek and her husband, Randall Janiczek ND'02, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Eve Victoria. Eve was born on January 6, 2011, and was welcomed by her proud big brother, Samuel. The happy family of four are doing great and still living in Grand Haven, Mich.

Congrats to all the new moms and dads.

Wedding bells also rang for several of our classmates. On Saturday, November 6, 2010, **Karen Schaff** married Cory Awe in Milwaukee, Wis. **Alisa Driscoll** was Karen's maid of honor. Also in attendance were: **Lauren Dasso Stalter**, **Katie McVoy**, **Renee Donovan Genetti**, **Kendall Riedlinger Ymalay**, **Candi McElligott Johnson**, and **Linda Holtcamp McVoy '74**. Karen and Cory are residing in Milwaukee and keeping busy working and traveling.

Jaime Kosonovich Perry married James Perry on December 31, 2010, in Winter Garden, Fla. The couple honeymooned in Punta Cana, and had beautiful weather during their trip. The Perrys are currently living in Clermont, Fla., where Jaime has been teaching kindergarten at the same school for the past six years.

Katie McVoy married Justin Cernansky ND'01 on February 26, 2011 in Cleveland, Ohio. **Dr. Molly McVoy '01** was Katie's maid of honor, and **Krystal Holtcamp '12** served as a bridesmaid. Mother of the bride, **Linda Holtcamp McVoy '74**, **Renee Dono-**

van Genetti, **Adrienne Dorbish Pietropaolo**, **Amy Greene Smith**, **Lauren Dasso Stalter**, **Merideth Pierce Sullivan**, and **Kendall Riedlinger Ymalay** were also in attendance. Katie and Justin married at Katie's hometown parish in Euclid, Ohio, and the reception was at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. The happy couple is living on the eastside of Cleveland, where Katie and Justin are both attorneys with the Jones Day law firm.

I also was happy to hear from one of our classmates who moved to my neck of the woods recently. **Megan Piazza** has much to share. She writes, "After graduation, I became a CPA and worked for public accounting firms in Chicago and Indianapolis. In 2007, I left public accounting to attend law school at Indiana University. I graduated in May, and passed the Indiana Bar in July. I am now working in the tax field for a public accounting firm in Cincinnati. I do keep in touch with few of the girls from Saint Mary's. **Kelly McGinnis Hager** came to visit me before I moved to Cincinnati. I met up with **Mary Greedan Heintzelman** and **Susan Almeda** over Christmas, and also will be attending **Emily Sheffield Koval's '04** baby shower soon." Congrats, Megan, on your many achievements and thanks to everyone for the updates.

Aimee Martin Whipple and her husband, Jake Whipple ND'01, welcomed twin girls, Nora Hamilton and Shea Elizabeth, on November 19, 2011. Aimee writes that they are "more joy than sleep."

Miranda Graham Lieburn lives in San Diego with her husband and daughter, who is turning two in March. Her sister, **Devon Graham '13**, is a sophomore at Saint Mary's and a biology major. Miranda writes that she attended the wedding of **Jenny Coffin Joseph**, who married Erick Joseph, this past November in a beautiful beach ceremony in Florida. Miranda also attended **Heather Crowley's '04** wedding. Heather married Thomas Marris on New Year's Eve in downtown Chicago. Both Jenny and Miranda were in Heather's wedding party.

Lauren Hofer writes in from Tyler, Tex., where she will be living for at least another year with her beau, Rich, and their new blue Great Dane named Mace. Lauren tells us that he is a giant handful and that their other dog, Lando, is good friends with Mace (at least when Mace isn't antagonizing him). Congratulations to Lauren on her new job as the staff pharmacist at Sam's Club.

Gabrielle Campo writes on behalf of **Kari Larkin Espel** and **Ann Bill Helmers**. Both recently gave birth to new baby boys. Kari and her husband are the proud parents of Luke while Ann and Kurt Helmers have welcomed Daniel into the world. Congrats to Kari and Ann and their families.

Teri Neer Meucci married Claudio Meucci in New York City on July 26, 2010. **Tami Kozlowski** and **Lisa Gill Grabowski** were there to celebrate with them. *Tantissimi auguri, Claudio e Teri.*

Kelly Long Jackson gave birth to Hadley Sophia Jackson on September 15, 2010. Kelly writes, "She has been such a joy; Truly an amazing baby, so happy, and a great sleeper." More congratulations are in order for Kelly, who was just promoted to senior consultant at Hitachi Consulting (way to go).

Katie Zigler Anderson and her husband, Barry, welcomed Ellie Kathleen Anderson on January 12, 2011. Katie writes, "We are totally smitten with her. She's perfect. It's been a whirlwind of events the last few months as I also left Bon Ton in October to join Kohl's as a merchandise planner in Basic Bath. Lots of changes, but loving them all, especially having Ellie."

Monica Cannon-Meeker is living in Cincinnati, Ohio, with her husband, Giacomo, and daughter Anna-

belle. Despite her husband's tough residency schedule, Monica is looking forward to winter being over and is busying herself with plans to build a new house. She is also enjoying staying home with Annabelle.

In my own news, I haven't let too much moss grow under my feet. I moved to Seattle, Wash., in late October 2010 and took a job in sales with the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA). I handle all of the sales for the NTRA in eight western states and two Canadian provinces. I still haven't recovered from the fact that I'm paid to visit horse farms and talk with horse people (what a dream come true). Let me know when your travels bring you to the beautiful Pacific Northwest. I have met with **Katie Riley '04**, who also lives here, but we are always looking for more Belles to join us in the Emerald City.

Keep those updates coming and we will hope to see each other at a football game this fall.

'05

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Hello, Class of 2005. Thanks again for sending in all of your updates. We always have a great response.

Heather Hoody recently moved to Hong Kong from Singapore with her boyfriend, Daniel, and they are loving it. She stepped away from working in property and took a marketing role with *Citi*. Her role is focused on managing our award and media tracking, submissions, and communications. She says it is quite different from her last job with Jones Lang LaSalle, but she is enjoying the change and opportunity.

Jill Roberts recently started a new job as a staff attorney in the Family Law and Housing Law projects at Cabrini Green Legal Aid in Chicago. She provides free legal services to income-challenged clients.

Michelle Powell Jadcak married Jeremy on October 16, 2010, in New Albany, Ind. **Teresa Nowakowski Tuck** and **Diana Harden** were bridesmaids. **Jodie Emerick**, **Sarah Despres**, and I all came to celebrate.

Diana Harden married Levi Oliver on November 12, 2010, in Austin, Tex. **Michelle Powell Jadcak**, **Teresa Nowakowski Tuck**, **Megan Schaeffer**, and **Eva Polizzi Duff** were bridesmaids.

Desiree Brose married Nolan Jacobson on September 25, 2010, on Gull Lake, Minn.

Michelle Stanforth Smith completed her master's in education at University of South Florida, in December. She is enjoying married life as Mrs. Smith and her continued job with the U.S. Navy as an ROTC instructor in Tampa, Fla. She is starting to look for math teaching jobs in the area for next fall.

Sarah K. Brown married Kevin Baker on October 10, 2010, in Charleston, W.Va. The ceremony took place in the West Virginia State Capitol, and Eric Lindell played at their reception. Lots of Belles helped them celebrate: **Mary Holland**, **Theresa Mills**, **Jill Roberts**, **Lindsay Downs Valencourt**, **Susan McIlduff '07**, and **Molly Ritter Monceaux '06**. They honeymooned in New Orleans and celebrated with lots of great food, drink, and music. Sarah also reports that after 16 months of practicing with Kevin at their own law practice (Baker & Brown, PLLC), she accepted a new position with Mountain State Justice, a non-profit law firm in Charleston, W.Va. She is enjoying the work and the steady paycheck.

Michelle Eggers Lagos is working as a marketing

manager for FME Architecture + Design in San Francisco. She is also enrolled in the University of San Francisco's MBA program and expects to graduate in the fall of 2013.

Taryn Posthuma Schneider and husband Josh welcomed daughter Quistis Holland on December 13, 2010.

Risa Zander Josias and her husband moved from Florida to Chicago in 2010. Risa accepted a position as an audit manager at Harris Bank in their Corporate Audit Division. She is enjoying being back in the Midwest.

Sheila Egts LaMaster and her husband, Chris, had their second child in December, Cecilia Elaine. Big brother Matthew will be two in June. Sheila and her husband also relocated from Greenville, S.C., to Indianapolis. She is happy to be back and looking forward to catching up with some Saint Mary's grads in the area.

Deirdre Nolan is currently working in special education and (math/science) tutoring at Region 16 School District (Grammar School Level) in Beacon Falls, Conn. Last year, she received a master's in education from the University Of Bridgeport. She also received her teacher certification from the State of Connecticut.

Angelique Ingabire is currently living in Indianapolis, working at Midwest ISO as a process controls analyst. She will be done with her MBA in December 2011. She says that the most exciting part of all is that she finally became a U.S. citizen. She can now easily travel to Europe to go see family more often. She says, "It is easier and cheaper to travel with an American passport."

Cynthia Rodriguez has been working for Parkland Health and Hospital System since August as a pediatric social worker, and she loves it.

Erin Krombach Groves graduated with her master's of education in curriculum and instruction with a minor in counseling from the University of North Texas in August 2010. She is currently the fourth-grade team leader at an elementary school in Plano, Tex.

Marti McDonnell Van Patten and her husband, Brad, had a little boy, Matthew, on September 1. Matthew was 7 lbs., 11 oz., and 19 inches long. The new family loves all the exciting times Matthew has brought into their lives. They are living in Charleston, S.C.

Meghan Flick Schmelzer started a position in May 2010 as a clinical therapist for Genesee County Community Mental Health in Flint, Mich. She works with kids and teenagers and loves it.

Stephanie Hamer Brown and her husband, Ben, have been working together on their own online marketing company and have just finished their first successful year in business.

Each time I hear from my fellow Class of 2007 Belles, I am humbled by how much we have accomplished in such a short amount of time. Congratulations to all who are continuing their education, and/or getting married and starting families. I am so happy for you all. I hope you all have a wonderful spring and summer (if this winter weather ever stopped), and keep sending me your updates. I hope you'll be in touch should you find yourself in the Circle City. Cheers.

Jamie Treash recently moved to Albany, N.Y., to pursue her master's in nurse anesthesia after spending the last three years as a critical care nurse at Memorial Hospital of South Bend, Ind. She will graduate in November 2012.

Jessica Binhack graduated from DePaul University in June 2010 with her master's in education. She is teaching special education at a Chicago public school in the Lakeview neighborhood of Chicago. She and **Meggie Wehmer**, who teaches first grade at a Chicago public school in the North Center neighborhood, live in North Wrigley. Jessica just ran a half marathon in Miami. and "ran into (pun intended)" **Maribeth Sarnecki**. Both Jessica and Maribeth finished the race.

In May 2010, **Rachel Stroude Kennedy** graduated from Marquette University Law School. She married her high school sweetheart, Eric Kennedy, on June 19, 2010. In attendance were **Kim LaVigne** and **Maura Rouse**. She and her husband are now living in Memphis, Tenn., where Rachel is pursuing her legal career. She writes that she would love to catch up with any nearby Belles or those just passing through.

Ashley Goudreau recently sat for the first section of the SEE exam to earn her enrolled agent license. She hopes to sit for the two remaining sessions this summer.

On September 25, 2010, **Kathleen Wallach** married Michael Schmiege. She is due to graduate in Summer 2012 with her master's in nursing from Rush University, and is in the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program.

Courtney Rusnack and Adam Patrick were married at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto on July 24, 2010. **Dana Dreher Schrader** was a bridesmaid.

Melissa K. Newland married Paul M. Miceli ND'06 on June 18, 2010, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the Notre Dame campus. Bridesmaids included **Heidi Goeppinger**, **Ardis Copenhaver**, and **Gina Skubick '05**. Melissa is finishing her PharmD at The Ohio State University.

Kristin Stransky Mallinger is pursuing her MFA in Electronic Media Arts at the University of Denver. She married John Mallinger ND'06 on October 25, 2008, in Cleveland. John Miller ND'06, **Andrea Hipskind Miller**, **Jessica Stoller-Conrad**, **Sandra Solloway**, **Ellen Rosselit '08**, and **Rebekah Rackar '05** were in attendance.

Meaghan Herbst Arzberger is currently working for a nonprofit program, Working Futures, where she helps find employment for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients. She and **Brooke Sheldon** may be running the Eastern States 20 Miler together, which starts in Maine, runs through New Hampshire, and ends in Massachusetts.

Kelly McDavitt writes that after she graduated from Saint Mary's, she started to work with her dad to learn the appliance industry. He helped her to start her own business, and now she is the president of Half Time Oven, Inc. She is selling and manufacturing high speed convection microwave ovens and frequently travels to China to look over the factory where the ovens are manufactured. She resides in Florida.

Congratulations to Certified Public Accountant **Katie Marr**.

Last May, **Chelsea Chalk** graduated from Purdue

University with her master's in organizational communication. She acquired a teaching position at Ancilla College in Indiana last fall, and is now a full time faculty member teaching introductory-level communications classes.

Amanda Trevino wed Brandon Popovich on August 16, 2008. The two welcomed their daughter, Isabelle Rose Popovich, on May 1, 2010. Amanda writes that she is currently in graduate school for her master's in applied behavior analysis. She expects to graduate this August, and has already accepted a position as a behavior therapist for ABA of Illinois.

McKenna M. Keenan is teaching preschool in Denver, Colo., at a Catholic school. Her daughter, Macy Michell, was born June 13, 2009.

Scarlett Robinson Wand writes: "I have recently received my K-12 French license and am working on completing my elementary education license and master's in teaching. I am working a reserve teacher until the upcoming birth of our second child in April."

A member of the Alumnae Board of Directors at Saint Mary's, **Angeline Johnson**, writes that she works at 1st Source Bank in business banking, specializing in online banking products. She has been with 1st Source since just after graduation. She and her fiancé, David Daley, recently purchased a house in South Bend, and have busy with renovations. After graduation, she and **Kimberly Hodges '08**, **Nikki Gonzalez '01**, and **Adriana Garces Petty '01** created a multicultural group. Please contact Angeline if you are interested in joining or learning more.

Michelle Coristin Wiechkoske and Andrew Wiechkoske ND'07 welcomed baby Mary Grace Katherine Wiechkoske on January 25, 2011.

Sarah Smith married Patrick Tramonte on May 24, 2008. She is working as a nurse at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Their daughter, Kara, was born on March 8, 2010. The Tramontes reside in Roswell, Ga.

Lauren Falvey Bonadies and her husband, Tim Bonadies ND'04, live in Brunswick, Ga., but will be moving to Izmir, Turkey, this summer. Lauren just completed all her coursework for her master's of arts in teaching with a concentration in elementary education. She is excited to begin her student teaching at an international school in Izmir in the fall.

Kelly Barnett graduated from Michigan State University in 2010 with a master's in crop and soil sciences. Her research evaluated weed control strategies in soybean and sugar beets. In May 2010, Kelly started her Ph.D. in plant, soil, and insects (weed science) at the University of Tennessee. She has been awarded the J. Wallace and Katie Dean Multi-Year Graduate Fellowship. Her research involves looking at current and future weed control technologies for management of glyphosate-resistant weeds in cotton. She continues to present her research to hundreds of growers a year and at many professional meetings throughout the year, including the Beltwide Cotton Conference, Southern Weed Science Society and Weed Science of America. She writes: "It's interesting now that I have chosen a career that is a male-dominated field. I often speak at growers meetings where I am literally the only female out of hundreds of people. I was certainly blessed to have the opportunity to attend a women's college where women are thoroughly prepared and encouraged to pursue their dreams. This has led to confidence and therefore, success in my field thus far."

Erin E Luter wrote that she will be graduating with her master's in social work from Indiana University in May 2011. She has been working for four years at the Center for the Homeless in South Bend, Ind. Sadly, her grandfather, Robert J. Luter, passed away this past August 2010.

'07

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What a crazy winter it has been, not only in the Midwest, but all over the country. Indiana has been experiencing a lot of ice and snow. It reminds me of winters in my home state of Michigan. I am still residing in Indianapolis, working in proprietary education at MedTech College, only now I am working at a different campus (in Greenwood, Ind.) as the business office manager. MedTech recently expanded and now includes 10 schools across the country, including four in the Midwest, four in the Southeast, and two in the Mid-Atlantic states. It's very exciting to see the changes and be part of shaping MedTech's promising future.

'09

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Greetings, Class of 2009. We're finally up and running with an official secretary for the *Courier*. First things first, how can you keep in touch with your class? You can send me an email at SMCBelles09@yahoo.com or find us on Twitter @SMCBelles09 or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/SMCclassof2009>.

Since graduation, I've been working as a public relations specialist at a software firm in Cincinnati. If you're ever in town, give me a call as I'd love to catch up.

Last October, I was able to join **Deanna Molosky, Emily Croft, Allison Buddie, Kristi Pellegrini, Angela Siler '10, Melissa Croft '10,** and bridesmaid **Katie Putz** in celebrating **Jessica Sobczyk Bulosan's** wedding to Jared Bulosan ND'08. We managed to recapture some Saint Mary's spirit by dancing to Backer classics and taking more Saint Mary's ring pictures than we can count with her mother, **Kae Bichimer Sobczyk '81,** and her grandmother, **Nancy Doersam Bichimer '55.** Jessie and Jared moved back to South Bend, where she works for the Salvation Army.

Katie received a master's of social work from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee last summer. She has worked at Hebron House of Hospitality, Inc. as an expediting SSI case manager since May 2010. Allison moved back to Pittsburgh after graduation. She's working at Westinghouse Electric Company. She recently moved into her own apartment and is taking graduate classes in nuclear engineering at the University of Pittsburgh. She is still deciding whether she wants to enroll in a master's program. Kristi moved back to South Bend to pursue a Ph.D. in civil engineering and geological sciences at Notre Dame.

There are a lot of graduate school scholars in our class: **Erin McClowry** is living and working in Los Ange-

les as part of a teaching-service program called PLACE Corps. She teaches fourth grade at Saint Anthony of Padua School in Gardena, Calif. She's working on her master's in child and adolescent literacy through Loyola Marymount University. **Theresa Klinkhammer** is also completing a teaching-service program and completing a master's in education through ACE in Mobile, Ala. **Betsy Baumann** is working on her master's in occupational therapy at Midwestern University in Downers Grove, Ill. She'll graduate in November. **Meghan Larsen** is completing a master's in teaching program the University of Portland, and is participating in the Pacific Alliance for Catholic Education in Fairbanks, Alaska. She reports that **Alicen Miller Teitgen** is enrolled in grad school for chemistry at Ball State while **Sarah Dalton** is enrolled in a counseling master's program at Duquesne University. **Kathleen Dudek** is teaching second grade in Draper, Utah, through the same program as Meghan and will complete her master's this summer. **Andrea D. Ortiz** is currently in the CMed program at Texas State University. She is living in San Antonio and earning her certificate for teaching elementary education. **Brianna Collins** is attending the School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University-Bloomington and will graduate with a master's in library science with a concentration in archival and records management this summer. **Jenn Bulmer** graduated with an MSW from St. Thomas University in May 2010. She lives in St. Paul, working as a school social worker with a level-four school district. **Nina Philippsen** completed her MSW at Washington University in St. Louis, where she specialized in medical social work.

One of our very own, **Katie Comeford,** is a class rep for the Saint Mary's College Chicago East Alumnae Board, and she's teaching for a Chicago public school.

Mary Hancock is living in Chicago and teaching seventh- and eighth-grade English and religion at Our Lady of Peace, a Catholic grade school in Darien, Ill.

Emily Perry Sims married Alec in May 2010. They welcomed their daughter, Mary Louise, on August 12, 2010, and are living in Chicago.

Caitlin Murphy recently joined the other Belles in

Chicago after spending a year working on the medical/oncology floor at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. She works at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. She is the infusion nurse for two leukemia physicians and three benign hematologists, administering chemotherapy in the outpatient setting. She says it's great to be back in Chicago in a thriving research practice.

Amanda Blackwell graduated with a master's of science in communication disorders from the University of Texas at Dallas, in December. She was hired as a full-time speech pathologist by a non-profit agency. She's also pursuing her Ph.D. in communication sciences and disorders with a research emphasis on the use of augmentative and alternative communication in early intervention for children with special needs.

Kelly Gasior Pittner is living in Enid, Okla., with her husband, Daniel Pittner ND'09, and their daughter, Anna Grace, born on April 25, 2010.

Kathleen Quinlan moved to Kansas City in November to work on the pediatric intensive care unit at Children's Mercy Hospital, and she loves her job.

Sarah King Politano spent a year doing service in Syracuse, N.Y., through the Francis Corps. She married Tim Politano ND'09 last fall at the Church of Loretto with many Belles present. They moved to Boston, Mass., where she is a first-year master of divinity student at Harvard Divinity School. She's also working at a nearby hospital as a pastoral care intern.

Ashley Recupito received permission to enter the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville, Tenn., this August, and is diligently working to pay off her college debt prior to her entrance there.

From the Courier: Arlene Forney Fair and Bryan William Fair ND'09 were married in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on June 19, 2009. On February 3, 2011, Isabelle Marie Fair was born to the couple at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in Saint Louis, Mo. Isabelle weighed 8 lbs., 11.6 oz., and was 20-1/2 inches long. Her baptism was at Seven Holy Founders Catholic Parish on February 13, 2011. **Jessica Sheehan** and David Wartko ND'09 are Isabelle's Godparents.

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Susan Fitzgerald Rice '61 was awarded the Founder's Award from the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles Education Fund. Since first joining in 1964, Susan has been a tireless League member in each of five cities, serving as president of the Santa Monica League, president of the California League and board member of the national League.

Dr. Jill Tiefenthaler '87, provost and professor of economics at Wake Forest University, will become Colorado College's 13th president. She began her duties as president on July 1, 2011. Jill joined Wake Forest University as provost and professor of economics in 2007. Under her leadership, Wake Forest established the Institute for Public Engagement, the Humanities Institute, and a number of interdisciplinary research centers. Prior to joining Wake Forest, she was a professor of economics at Colgate University, where she also held several administrative appointments. Her research interests include labor economics, economics of the family and the economics of higher education. She has published extensively, and has given hundreds of presentations at social science conferences, public policy symposia, and community and university forums.

Cindy Ann Coldiron '84 will have her first book published in the fall of 2011. Entitled *Sculpture and Design in Recycled Glass*, it is the first book to exclusively focus on this green topic.

Kathy Menzie Lesko's '64 book *Black Georgetown Remembered* (1991, Georgetown University Press) has gone reprint for the 5th time. This book chronicles the history of the Georgetown black community from the colonial period to the 1990s.

LeslieAnne Wade '85, the top public relations executive for CBS Sports, is leaving CBS to start her own media strategy and public relations firm. Wade joined CBS in 1993 and has served as the lead corporate and media relations executive for all business related to the network's coverage of the NFL, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship, the Olympic Winter Games (Lillehammer, Nagano), U.S. Open Tennis, the PGA Tour, the PGA Championship, the Masters, and the SEC on CBS, among other sports and specials.

Legacies 2011

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The Legacy Reception honoring alumnae mothers and grandmothers, and their graduating daughters is a traditional Commencement weekend event. The heritage of family connections at Saint Mary's has played an important role in enrollment through the years.



2011 LEGACIES

Elizabeth Adams, Melissa Rae Adams '06

Kendall Antekeier, AlexaRae Antekeier '08

Erin Babington, Kathleen Phalen Valenta '45, Elizabeth Valenta White '78, Frances Valenta Dwyer '79

Bridgette Balcerzak, Michele Finger Balcerzak '87

Caroline Baumgartner, Laura Anne Baumgartner '07

Mary Kate Boyce, Margaret Flavin Anderson '80, Nancy Flavin Tyrrell '82, Kathryn Goolsby Flavin '00, Kathleen B. Boyce '05, Bridget Boyce Schreiber '06, Eileen Celeste Boyce '07, Anne Colleen Boyce '10

Katherine Brown, Lisa Ann Bakiars-Brown '83

Eleanor Burns, Katharine Green Burns '00

Caitlin Buzaid, Elizabeth Colleran Buzaid '81

Catherine Campbell, Joan Miller Campbell '78

Megan Coleman, Sharon Lynn Coleman '06

Alison Costanzo, Marilyn Joughin Costanzo '53, Laura Costanzo Davies '77

Kathryn Cuda, Maria Lindsey Cuda '09

Meaghan Curliss, Erin C. Mullarkey-Curliss '87

Andrea Deja, Amanda Michelle Deja '10

Hannah DeShon, Sarah Marie DeShon '07

Teresa Dudding, Anne Dudding Dudley '04

Caitlin Duerinck, Marcia Imfeld Ellis '88

Claire Easby-Smith, Elizabeth Feeley Easby-Smith '77

Sharon Ehret, Ann-Nora Ehret '87, Elizabeth Ehret Bardwell '90, Mary April Ehret Sullivan '93

Kaitlin Feller, Barbara Couvreur Carlson '67, Karen Bossy Feller '83

Megan Flynn, Erin Catherine Flynn '05

Sarah Foley, Louise Foley Smith '88

Amanda Garrett, Rosemary Hagye Jamroz '62

Kathryn Gies, Susan Kaiser Gies '70, Claire Krathaus Singer '79, Nancy Singer Gies '81, Christine Singer Kasman '95

Molly Gorszcyk, Kathleen Mary Deane '77, Karen Koehn Deane '89, Eileen Marie Deane '93, Katherine Margaret Gorszcyk '10

Christina Grasso, Natalie Elizabeth Grasso '08

Mary "Molly" Haigh, Patricia Haigh Peterson '99

Megan Haigh, Patricia Haigh Peterson '99

Leah Hall, Angela Laub Ferguson '86

Courtney Helmer, Eileen Brake-Helmer '89, Margaret Schreck Brake '89

Frances Hermes, Joan Garvey Hermes '67, Martha R. McGinn '83, Mary Elizabeth Hermes '02

Ellen Huelsmann, Kathy Henken Huelsmann '83

Kara Joseph, Alison Joseph Small '03

Erin Kaplan, Jennifer Kaplan LoConte '94

Anna Kastelic, Mary Lanois Kastelic '77

Maria Kenney, Judith Leliaert Kenney '83

Lauren Konopacz, Catherine Sweeney Dunn '81, Julia Sweeney Konopacz '84

Megan Kraft, Mary Kraft Shanahan '74, Nancy Rix Kraft '77

Colleen Lake, Mary Pat Crnich Lake '80

Lindsay Leliaert, Judith Leliaert Kenney '83

Kelcey Lerner, Danielle Renee Lerner '06

Jenna Lewanski, Cynthia Louise Lewanski '76, Alyssa Joy Lewanski '09

Denise Lopez, Adriana Lopez '08

Jillian Lopina, Mary Ann Kramer Campbell '54, Kathleen Campbell Lorenz '80, Maureen Campbell Lopina '81

Kelly Lyons, Mary Catherine Clair '48, Geraldine Clair Gilboy '49, Joanne Clair Lyons '49

Rebecca Maughan, Kimberly Lea Maughan '02, Mikaela Maughan Rood '05

Kathleen Maus, Mary Kay Hanks Hogan '56, Judith Hanks Maus '57, Elizabeth A. Maus '81, Kelly Jane Maus '08, Casey June Maus '09

Mary McKeivitt, Elizabeth McKeivitt Knollman '08

Erin Melone, Margaret M. Melone '10

Kristen Metzger, Kathleen O'Brien Miller '75, Colleen O'Brien Scheidler '79, Maureen O'Brien Kohler '81, Eileen O'Brien Metzger '84, Christeen O'Brien Paulison '90, Charleen O'Brien Vierhile '91, Janeen O'Brien Park '93

Mary Miller, Katharine Miller Quinn '02

Megan Miller, Shirley O'Brien Creamer '57, Kathleen O'Brien Miller '75, Colleen O'Brien Scheidler '79, Maureen O'Brien Kohler '81, Eileen O'Brien Metzger '84, Christeen O'Brien Paulison '90, Charleen O'Brien Vierhile '91, Janeen O'Brien Park '93, Kathleen Rose Miller '04

Marie Naylor, Carol Gill Sutherland '53

Molly Nelson, Sharon Ames Nelson '73

Mary Niezer, Molly O'Hara Niezer '85

Katie Pariso, Maureen Fanning Brandes '79, Colleen Fanning Gallant '88

Mary Parsons, Virginia Jansen Parsons '59

Molly Pavela, Mary Beth Pavela Matenaer '07

Theresa Pierret, Diane M. Blanchfield '83, Maureen Blanchfield Pierret '86

Meghan Price, Theresa Marie Bridges Price '82, Molly Bridges Williams '91, Kaitlin Anne Price '06

Maire Ready, Anne M. Connolly '80

Elizabeth Reed, Jane Skelly Kinsella '78, Ann Skelly Beringer '79, Mary Skelly Malik '86, Bridgid Beringer Constance '89, Susan Beringer Dix '94

Melissa Rupright, Elise Rupright Bohl '05

Ashley Ryan, Alyssa Mae Ryan '09

Carly Sarachman, Shannon Sarachman Buchmann '01

Allison Savitsky, Julia Coash Savitsky '81

Claire Schaffner, Margaret Theresa Schaffner '05

Hannah Snyder, Mary Beth Dornback Snyder '80

Maura Sommers, Florence Lawless D'Agostino '52, Erin Marie Sommers '07

Alexis Sontag, Robin Clanin Minson '95

Emily Staley, Sarah Jo Staley '06, Megan Michelle Staley '08

Kara Tharpe, Mary Baker Nee '74, Suzanne Baker Cox '77

Molly Thompson, Mary Anne Frericks Grimes '76, Peggy Frericks Thompson '77, Megan Danielle Thompson '09

Colleen Trausch, Lisa Trzuskowski Hower '80

Kate Urhausen, Sarah Catherine Urhausen '09

Erin Valencia, Margaret Kessell Cannon '50, Casey K. Cannon '76, Colleen Cannon-Valencia '81, Cynthia Cannon '87

Natalie Valent, Camille Valent Parker '98, Catherine Valent Seiler '04

Meaghan Veselik, Mary Rose McMahon Veselik '85, Jennifer Veselik Bourjaily '88, Jamie Ann Veselik '04

Abby Vvable, Adele Lipari Cubbison '74

Elizabeth Wade, Mary Janecke Ostrowski '79, Jennifer Janecke Wade '82

Stephanie Waite, Laura Waite Demko '04

Margaret Williams, Margaret Kennedy Williams '49

Mary Willkom, Kathryn Willkom Stopczynski '01

Claire Yancy, Meagan Elizabeth Yancy '09

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: 1) Alyssa Lewanski '09, Jenna Lewanski '11, and Cynthia Spala Lewanski '76; 2) Jamie Veselik '04, Meaghan Veselik '11, and Mary Rose McMahon Veselik '85; 3) Patricia L. Haigh, Mary "Molly" Haigh '11, Megan Haigh '11, and Patrick Haigh (Patricia Haigh Peterson '99 is not pictured); 4) Molly Nelson '11 and Sharon Ames Nelson '73; 7) Lisa Bakiars-Brown '83 and Katherine Brown '11.

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