

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1945 - 70th Reunion

Date: September 12, 2015, 12:30 p.m.
Location: St. Mary Catholic High School
Contact Sue Simonsen at 722-7796 ext 853
or ssimonsen@smcatholicsschools.org

Class of 1955 – 60th Reunion

Date: September 18-19, 2015
Location: Bridgewood Conference Center, Neenah
Contact Donna Schultz at 920-734-2473 or
Drs1813bbr@aol.com

Class of 1965 - 50th Reunion

Date: September 11 & 12, 2015
Location: Bridgewood Conference Center, Neenah
Contact Rick Simon at 920-739-0636 or
jsimon3@new.rr.com, or Georgia Juneau
at gj194@aol.com

Class of 1995 - 20th Reunion

Date: September 19, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Ground Round
Contact Kelly Beisenstein-Weiss at
beisenst@uwosh.edu

HOMECOMING 2015

Sunday, September 27

- Homecoming Mass/Pep Rally 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 2

- Distinguished Service Award Presentation
- Homecoming Parade 4:45 p.m.
- Game 7:00 p.m.
- Pre-Game Alumni Social following the parade
- VEX Robotics Reunion 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 3

- Soccer Alumni Game 11:00 a.m.

Would you like to receive our alumni email updates? If so, please send an email to Alumni Relations Coordinator Sue Simonsen at ssimonsen@smcatholicsschools.org!

FLEET OF FOOT AND FLIGHTS OF FANCY: FORMER CLASSMATES EXPLORE THE WORLD IN DIFFERENT WAYS

A MILLION MILES

Jodi Mueller '90, a Chicago resident and seasoned quality- and operational-shared services executive, does not let the grass grow too long under her feet. It all started when she was a child traveling back to Wisconsin from Canada and Jodi's family stopped at a grocery to purchase provisions for a picnic lunch. It was there that the five-year old Jodi noticed that the Canadian currency and glass milk container were different than those in the United States. The minor difference in the shape of the glass container and the foreign currency piqued her interest. At that tender age, she recognized that cultures vary and started her lifelong quest to understand more.



During her junior year at SMC, Jodi was selected to be a Rotary exchange student in Japan. After graduating from St. Norbert College, she returned to Japan to teach English conversation and work as a consultant. Through her cultural experiences she gained an even greater appreciation and love for travel. "As I found my sense of adventure," Jodi reflects, "I

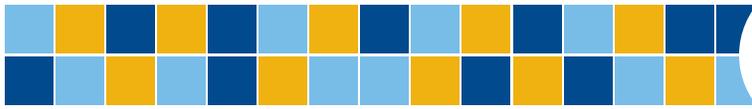


(began working toward) a goal I had set—of visiting 30 countries by the age of 30. In the process of achieving my goal I also managed to visit six continents and combined it with a favorite pastime—running. Years ago, after training for 18 weeks, I completed my first full marathon in Chicago. That propelled me to set a goal of running a marathon on each of the seven continents."

And run she did! In achieving that goal, her Antarctica marathon brought her face to face with icebergs, penguins, seals and whales while exploring the most pristine corner of the planet. On Easter Island, Jodi ran the distance with more than 800 imposing stone statues punctuating the landscape. "One of my most memorable marathons was a course on dirt roads through a wild game preserve in Kenya. I saw zebra, antelope and eland, and an elephant crossed about 30 feet behind me. I also saw cape buffalo, giraffes and ostriches. While lions were noticeably lurking about, security was taken very seriously to prevent any predator mishaps."

Currently, Jodi is preparing to move to Naples, Florida for a new job with Hertz Corporation as a senior director of finance transformation. Once settled, she will travel to Asia for leisure and then to France for a marathon routed through 59 vineyards.

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Zephyr Legacies

GENERATIONS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

In September 2015, our middle school students will begin learning in a state-of-the-art facility. St. Mary Catholic Middle School offers a strong academic and spiritual foundation in an environment designed for collaborative, technology-based instruction. Built with the generous support of the parishes of Neenah and Menasha, key donors, alumni, parents and school system supporters, the new middle school is truly the result of community effort.

Catholic education is a multigenerational event for many area families. For example, sisters Mary Lou and Joan Zelinski,



Tessa, Anna and Lacey



Mary Lou Zelinski '50 Murphy and Joan Zelinski '46

both alumni of St. Mary High School in Menasha were on hand to celebrate the opening of the new middle school on May 28, 2015. The ladies' great nieces, Tessa Long, daughter of **Trudy Zelinski '87 Long** and Tom Long, Anna Zelinski and Lacey Murphy will attend the new middle school.

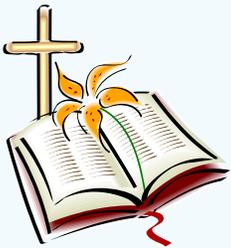
FOUR GENERATIONS OF ZEPHYRS!

As a member of the Class of 2015, recent graduate Emily DeKleyne had the distinction of being the youngest of four generations of alumni on her father's side to graduate from the high school. Her brother, **Adam DeKleyne '08**, also graduated from SMC seven years ago.



Front: Loretta Schrage '46 DeKleyne and Ted DeKleyne Back: Jean, Adam '08, Emily '15 and Richard DeKleyne '76

Adam's and Emily's great, great grandfather and great, great grandmother were founding members of St. Mary Church in Menasha in the 1800s, and their great grandfather, **Ray Schrage '21**, began the multigenerational legacy of involvement in the parish and schools. His daughter and grandson, **Loretta '46 and Richard '76**, respectively, instilled in their families an appreciation of Catholic education, and numerous aunts, uncles and relatives have also graduated from our schools. What a wonderful legacy!



May They Rest In Peace

In a Mass of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at 10:39 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at St. Mary Catholic High School the following alumni and friends who passed away between November 1, 2014 and mid-August 2015 will be remembered. If you know of an alumnus or friend of SMCHS who should be included, please contact Sue Simonsen at 920-722-7796 ext 853 or ssimonsen@smcatholicschools.org.

Elaine M. Schaefer	1935	Darwin Schmalz	1947	Ann Rogers Young	1957
Gertrude Ciske Koslowski	1935	Elizabeth Schlitz Clark	1948	Patricia Terrio Handrich	1958
Lorain Mottl Lingofski	1941	Joan Rappert Schatz	1948	Gail Petersen Sanderfoot	1960
Dorothy Otto Kampo	1942	Elizabeth Wolf Steffes	1948	Mary Willes Pakalski	1960
Thomas Loescher	1942	Laverne Petznick Beltrone	1950	Marianne Draheim Beuhring	1962
Velma Reimer Roemer	1942	Nelda Beaudou Kolosso	1953	Terry Derfus	1965
Margaret Johnson Voelker	1942	John Riese	1954	Kevin Shelley	1975
Donald Quinn	1943	Rose Marie Diedrich Van Erem	1954	Timothy Garvey	1994
Helen Day Leverance	1944	Mary Ann Swiecichowski Dautre	1955	Fred Engel	Friend/SMC Coach
Dorothy Ann Adrian Koszalinski	1945	Gary Quigley	1955	Robert Nackers	Friend
Elaine Schultz Smith	1945	Robert Dorzweiler	1956		
Elizabeth Schuller Weinstein	1945	Roseamond Schreiber Nett	1956		
JoAnn Kuhn	1946	Joan C. Bevers Siebers	1956		
Evelyn Parker Parker	1947	Mary Kay Schwalen Kees	1957		

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AN ARTIST'S JOURNEY

Cori Derfus '90 Bartz is one busy lady! After graduating from UW-Oshkosh with a bachelor of fine arts degree in 2009, she continued exploring several venues in the world of art. Employed as a library assistant at two elementary schools in Neenah, Cori continues to enjoy artistic endeavors in her spare time.



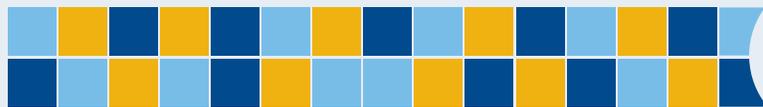
In recent years, Cori has been featured in an annual solo or two-person show at The Hang Up Gallery of Fine Art in Neenah. In July 2013, she had a two-person show with her daughter, Reyna, who produces her own work, as well as assisting Cori. Cori has been the featured artist at the Wild Apple Gallery in downtown Menasha and a participant in Heart of the Valley Plein Air art exhibit at The Hang Up Gallery. Cori, along with eight other artists, displayed paintings that were produced in the "plein air" fashion, working outdoors to complete paintings of the landscape. Cori also recently won the "Purchase Award" at the annual Secura Art Show held at the Trout Museum in downtown Appleton.

Cori is also part of a group called Strange Dreams Surreal Art Collective. Her pieces in this particular art form include her big-eyed girls and fantasy-type pieces. Visit www.facebook.com/StrangeDreamsSurrealArtCollective to learn more about the group's inaugural show, coming this fall with exhibits held monthly. Rounding out Cori's upcoming schedule will be a two-person show at The Hang Up Galley of Fine Art in December and January.



Another emphasis of her current medium is creating coloring books designed to help people of all ages combat stress or promote mindfulness--a unique way to relax. More on this project can be found at www.etsy.com/shop/PagesForAllAges.

Cori is married to fellow SMC classmate and alumnus, **Matt Bartz**. They reside in Neenah with their two children Seamus (22) and Reyna (20).



Alumni Awards

Leadership Day at St. Mary Central High School was the setting for honoring two alumni. The 2015 **Alumni Achievement Award** recipient is **Liz Baird '88 Hurley**. The SMCHS Alumni Achievement Award, established



Anne Mortel, Liz Baird '88 Hurley and Dan Baird

in 1984, is presented to an alumnus who has displayed strong leadership, achieved distinction in his/her community and or/or field of expertise and who continues to live out the Christian values established by family and St. Mary Catholic High School. Liz Hurley has beaten breast cancer, continues her work prosecuting major crimes, and, most recently, was appointed as a trial judge in the criminal division of the St. Joseph Superior Court of South Bend, Indiana. She presides over domestic relations cases and focuses on young crime victims. Liz received her Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame Law School. She resides in South Bend with husband Charles and their four children.

The 2015 recipient of the **Alumni Catholic Christian Service Award** is **Deacon Jerry Cross '71**. This award, established in

2009, honors an alumnus who has demonstrated faithful service in vocational ministry or in an educational leadership position by exhibiting beyond the expectations of service to others. Deacon Jerry's educational journey after high school included UW-Fox Valley where he earned an associate degree in business, Silver Lake College where he earned a degree in theology and psychology and St. Norbert College where he earned his MA in theological studies. Bishop Robert Banks ordained Jerry as a deacon on May 9, 1998, and Jerry's service to the diocese has been an integral part of religious education and parish life. He currently serves five parishes in Laona, Goodman, Armstrong Creek, Long Lake and Newald as their pastoral leader. This dedication to the church and its parish communities is the foundation for his recognition as the recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Catholic Christian Service Award.

Gary Kruger, long time boys and girls soccer coach at St. Mary Catholic, was recognized on May 30 at graduation as the **2015 Honorary Alumnus**.



Coach Gary Kruger and graduating soccer players

Alumni Updates

Tim Miller '75 was recently honored with the 2015 Blue Legacy Award for Producers in Water Conservation in a statewide recognition of qualified farmers. The Texas Water Development Board recognized his lifetime commitment to water conservation. Tim owns Millberg Farm, a certified organic farm, in Kyle, Texas, and for the past 25 years, his farm has never pumped any aquifer water for production.

Eric Robinson '98 is responsible for a collection of interactive displays, called City Pulse, on the 100th floor at One World Observatory in New York City. The displays are comprised of interactive rings that allow guests to view landmarks and neighborhoods from above. The observatory atop of the 104-story One World Trade Center opened to the public on May 29, 2015. Eric is also the founder of Face Off Unlimited, an improvisational comedy production company specializing in immersive, improvisational entertainment and creative content development.

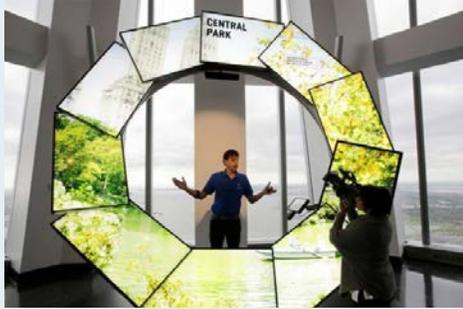


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Amanda Van Lankvelt '98 Walter and husband Travis just welcomed their first child, a son, Miles Travis Walter, born February 19, 2015. Amanda is currently employed as an emergency department clinical nurse specialist in the Atlanta area.

Meredith Zolnowski '03 is living in Australia and working as a consultant and analyst for Google. After two years in Boston, she was transferred to the Sydney, Australia office which requires travel around Asia. She is pictured with sister **Marianne Zolnowski '07**, just after skydiving in New Zealand.



Meredith Zolnowski '03 and Marianne Zolnowski '07 in New Zealand

Callista Kearney '01 Buchen is married to fellow SMC classmate **Noah Buchen '01**, and they have a daughter, Audrey (four years old), and a son, Fred (almost one year old). Callista earned an MA in English from the University of Oregon, an MFA in creative writing from Bowling Green State University, and most recently completed a PhD in English and Creative Writing from the University of Kansas.



25th Class Reunion took place on June 20, 2015 at The Stone Toad in Menasha. Members of the class of 1990 enjoying the evening were:

Front Row (left to right): Char Tews, Cori (Derfus) Bartz, Scott Hupf, Margaret (Abb) Gardner, Julie (Heroux) Wysocky, Jill Stumpf, Laura Swiecichowski, Angela Dresen, Scott Kloiber
Back Row (left to right): Matt Bartz, Kristin (Hildebrand) Pierron, Dan Mincheff, Pam (Hodkiewicz) Pillar, Lloyd Delveaux, Daniel Scanlon, Chad Brecke, Tom Quinn, Lance Tardiff



35th Class Reunion was held at Greene's Pour House in Neenah. A large group from the Class of 1980 enjoyed the festivities!



40th Class Reunion took place on July 18, 2015 and a large group assembled at the Stone Toad in Menasha. More photos of the 1975 reunion and dates for future reunions can be found on the alumni page of our website at smcatholicschools.org.



David Michalkiewicz '01 is the new athletic director for Fond du Lac High School. For the past nine years, David has been the athletic director for the high school in Belmont, Wisconsin. He and wife Tiffany have two sons.

Christopher Hoheisel '04 married Melissa Blank on Saturday, June 26, 2015. **Zach Hoheisel '14, Brian O'Connell '09** and **Mark Hoheisel '78** gathered with other guests at The Cobblestone in Brillion to celebrate with the newlyweds.



Christopher Hoheisel '04

Caleb '10 and Emily Kuplack '09 Wallace recently welcomed their second child, William, to their family. William joins big sister Ariel.

Clare Michelle Englebert '09 become the bride of James Stefanich on June 20, 2015 at St. Mary Church, Menasha. Clare will join the English Department at St. Mary Catholic High School in September.

Heidi Loper '11 was the recipient of Marquette University's International Business Student of the Year award. Heidi graduated

from Marquette in May 2015 with a degree in finance, and is employed at Johnson Controls.

Maggie Todryk '04 became the bride of Charles Osborn on May 25, 2015 in Appleton. Maggie's sister, **Valerie Todryk '02 Krebs**, served as maid of honor.



Classmates Kali Houselog Sawyer, Sarah Schmidt, Maggie Todryk Osborn, Becky Chicoine and Allison Becker Kellett

Madeline Loper '13 received the Lisbeth Pisk Award for overall excellence in German Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madeline is finishing her last year studying political science and German at the UW, working as a legislative aid for Governor Walker and Speaker Vos of the State Assembly, and is currently the events director for Badger Catholic, a group that seeks to inspire great discussion about spirituality and faith on the UW-Madison campus.

Jordan Michalkiewicz '05 and Karen Dischler were married at Sacred Heart Church in Sun Prairie on August 8, 2015. The newlyweds will live in Madison.

It's Reunion Season!

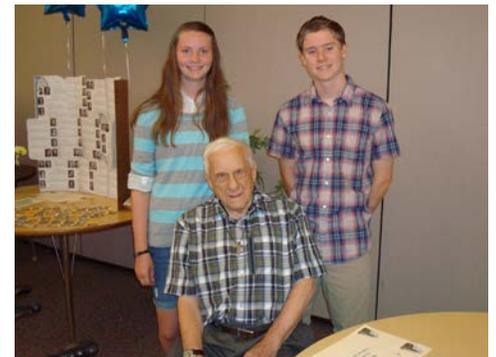
Alumni reunions have been taking place this summer and early fall. If you haven't already announced your class's date for 2015, it's not too late to get organized. Contact Sue Simonsen at ssimonsen@smcatholicschools.org for tips on how to get started.



45th Class Reunion was held on June 27, 2015 at the The Riverwalk Hotel in Neenah. Members of the Class of 1970 enjoying the evening were **Ann Freund Buss, Tom Funk, John Nemick** and **Michael Kuskowski**.



On Sunday, August 8, 2015 three members of the **Class of 1940** gathered for Mass at St. Mary Church in Menasha. Family members then hosted a reception in honor of their **75th class reunion**. Celebrating were **Paul Gartzke, Virginia Bayer Pozolinski** and **Gordy Meier**. Also present were two of Gordy Meier's grandchildren and future SMCHS alumni Ruth Meier '19 and Erik Meier '18.





SMC Hall of Fame Inductees

On Saturday, July 18, 2015, the newest members of the **St. Mary Catholic High School Athletic Hall of Fame** were inducted. Three individuals and one team were honored at the celebration, which was held in the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center.



Angie Chew Klipp, Jeff Chew and Colleen Hubley Kedinger

Colleen Hubley-Kedinger, who was a 1984 SMC graduate and a three-sport athlete, excelled in volleyball, basketball and track. She was a member of the 1982 state volleyball championship team and was named player of the year her senior year. As an all-conference player in both volleyball and basketball, Colleen also competed at the state level in track. Colleen played volleyball at Lewis University where she received the most improved player award in 1984. Colleen is married to husband, Bill, and they have three children. Professionally, Colleen serves as a school counselor in the Brillion School District.

Angela Chew Klipp, Class of 2002, was a four-year letter winner in both volleyball and basketball, earning second-team conference honors in both sports as a sophomore and junior, and first-team all-conference as a senior in basketball. Angela is the third-leading scorer in SMC girls basketball history. She also played softball for two years, during which she pitched a no-hitter. Angela attended Lakeland College where she participated in womens basketball. Angela is

married to husband, Brad '02, and they reside in Appleton with their infant son, McCoy Jeffrey.

Coach **Jeff Chew**, who was also a football and baseball coach, was most notably successful in coaching the girls basketball program from 1994-2010. Chew led the Zephyrs to seven conference championships, two state titles (1998-WISAA and 2004-WIAA), was honored twice as a WBCA State All-Star coach and was the recipient of a local Red Smith Award. A 1977 graduate of Lawrence University, Chew participated in Viking football and baseball. He is currently the girls varsity basketball coach at Hortonville High School.

Also inducted was the **1954 Baseball State Catholic Champions**, coached by Ralph McClone. The team opened tournament play with a 1-0 victory over Beloit Catholic, beat Little Chute-St. John in the semi-final and then defeated defending champions Waukesha Catholic Memorial 5-4



(L to R) Jim Kersten, Tom Shandonay, Jim Destiche, Pete Petersen, Gene Schulz, John Mueller, Don Gosz and John DeYoung

in the championship game. Team members included **Jim Kersten '56, Don Gosz '55, Jim Destiche '55, Gene Schulz '55, Dave Huhn '56, Tom Shandonay '56, John Mueller '55, Matt Minten '55, Ron Dibelius '56, Robert Dorzweiler, Pete Peterson '55, John DeYoung '55, Ken Konkol '56, Arnie Sewall '54, Leo Murphy '56 and manager Jim Kraus '55.**



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SAVE THE DATE!



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2015

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St. Mary Catholic High School Alumni Awards Nomination Form

Please help us honor individuals who have distinguished themselves in the finest tradition of St. Mary Catholic High School.

I would like to nominate:

Nominated by:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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ALUMNI AWARDS

- Outstanding Catholic Christian Service Award:** The Outstanding Catholic Christian Service Award honors an alumnus who has demonstrated faithful service to the Lord in vocational ministry, Christian service or a church leadership position, and through his or her continued support of St. Mary Catholic High School. The nominee exhibits a self-sacrificing way of life by going beyond expectations in service to others.
- Alumni Distinguished Service Award:** The Alumni Distinguished Service Award recognizes an alumnus who has given his or her time, energy and resources to enhance St. Mary Catholic High School and the community. He or she exhibits a high degree of leadership, character and integrity. This person's loyalty and service support St. Mary Catholic High School and the community in moving forward.
- Alumni Achievement Award:** The Alumni Achievement Award is presented to an alumnus who displayed strong leadership while a student at SMCHS, who has achieved distinction in his/her community and/or field of expertise, who continues to support St. Mary Catholic High School and/or Catholic education, and who lives out Christian values. The nominee must have graduated from SMC at least 10 years ago.
- Athletic Hall of Fame:** The nomination for induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame requires that the individual brought recognition to SMCHS through athletic / coaching accomplishments, is currently respected in his/her community and models Christian values. An alumni nominee must have graduated from St. Mary Catholic High School at least 10 years ago.

SMCHS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Awards are presented at the St. Mary Catholic High School Commencement Ceremony

- SMCHS SPIRIT --Volunteer Service Award:** The SMCHS SPIRIT—Volunteer Service Award is presented to a school parent or volunteer to honor their extraordinary commitment and service to St. Mary Catholic High School. This person continually goes above and beyond without the expectation of recognition.
- SMCHS Honorary Alumnus Designation:** The Honorary Alumnus Award is presented to non-graduates of St. Mary Catholic High School who have had a significant impact through their volunteer commitment to our school. This individual selflessly shares his or her time and talents with the school and consistently represents St. Mary Catholic High School in a positive manner throughout all his/her volunteer efforts.

Please tell us about the nominee and the characteristics that you feel make him/her an outstanding nominee:

Return to SMCHS Alumni Relations Coordinator
St. Mary Catholic High School, 1050 Zephyr Drive Neenah, WI 54956

A Chance to Give Back

Did you attend St. Mary or St. Mary Central High School with a bit of financial assistance? Today more than ever, our students' families often need a boost to make a Catholic education affordable. We have a wonderful opportunity from a donor through the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region who has offered a matching grant for dollars donated by graduates *who themselves received tuition assistance* while students at SMC. This is a wonderful opportunity for graduates to "pay it forward" by giving the gift of Catholic education. Even a few dollars will help, as the total we receive from any qualified donors will be matched!

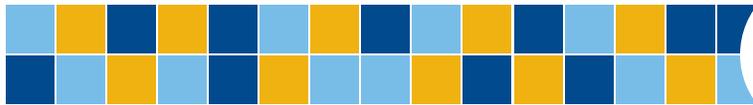
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SMC Notes

ALUMNI ENJOYED ZEPHYRFEST

Zephyrfest 2015 was held at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in May and attended by many alumni and guests. Among them were Justin Klatt, **Leigh Englebert '99 Klatt**, Betsy Rachubinski and **Ben Rachubinski '99**.



SHE'S GOT GAME!

Several Zephyr alumni womens teams were entered in this summer's Neenah Streetball 3-on-3 tournament. In an early round, two former Zephyr girls basketball teams faced off against each other.



Grace Dejno '14, Jenny Horn '01 Zart, Andrea Arenz '14, Kelanie Simonsen '01 Davis, Molly Britt '14, Erin Verbrick '01 Roth, Jenna Thelen '14 and Kristen Fink '01 (partially hidden)

LOOK WHO STOPPED BY

Vernon Fahrenkrug '46, while visiting family and friends in the Menasha area, stopped by to tour the main campus of St. Mary Catholic High School. He found one familiar face, Msgr. Becker, whose portrait hangs in the main entry way of the high school. Vernon, a member of the SMC Athletic Hall of Fame, resides in Detroit, Michigan.



Vernon Fahrenkrug '46

A BLESSED DONATION

Two St. Mary High School alumni, **George Mueller '79** and **Mark Hoheisel '78** recently gave back to their alma mater by designing, building and funding a new altar for the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center. The new altar eliminates having to move the school's chapel altar each time Mass is celebrated in the auditorium. Easily stored off the stage, the altar fits beautifully with the color scheme in the new fine arts facility. Bishop David Ricken blessed the altar prior to celebrating the first Mass in the new St. Mary Catholic Middle School on the SMCS campus.