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I am soon drawing to a close three years with you -- most of it as "St. Vincent de Paul." Reflecting on the history of this important ministry in Pettis County, Sacred Heart Catholic School, causes me to think of the Gospel from the day I wrote this (Mt 5:43-48).

From its beginnings, SHS has been striving to help our students be "unusual!" Not some random, social, made-up, individual "unusual," but rather the "unusual for society" living in sacrificial imitation of Christ. In the humanity of it all, we've certainly had our "ups and downs" over the years in teaching and modeling to our students this very specific "unusual way of life." When we look back on our whole 140 year history (and I look back on just the last three years), I can see the many ways in which, by God's grace, we have been drawing nearer to Christ's imploring "be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect!"

In the midst of our appropriate pride in our accomplishments in academics, sports, arts, drama, and so much more, we most importantly continue to draw closer to the way of life of a steward who is a disciple of Christ. In our prayer and actions, we continue to deepen a love of following this "unusual" way of life in our students, faculty, and staff. I am confident that by cooperating with God's grace and being formed by His Word, that process will continue beautifully. While we are individually a part of that process, it is not directly about me, Fr. Joe, or Fr. Cesar, but rather about Jesus Christ. Deepening a relationship with Christ through Mass, the Armor of God, XLT Adoration, confession, prayer (and whatever new fruitful opportunities may be inspired by God's grace in the future!), the ministry of our Catholic School is more important than ever to help raise up new disciples and stewards, who embrace Jesus' call to "be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect," to live in a way that unbelievers might find "unusual." May we all be humbly open to His grace and cooperate with His promptings to do just that!

Peace, blessings, and assured prayers from me for you all,
Fr. Dave Veit



We were blessed to celebrate the 78th commencement exercises of Sacred Heart High School in May. On Friday of graduation weekend, we observed a couple of relatively new and meaningful SHS traditions. The Senior Awards luncheon, held at the Sedalia Country Club for graduates and their parents, is hosted by the SHS Foundation and Alumni Association. Student scholarships and awards are announced, and graduates are celebrated as the newest class in the SHS Alumni Association. This special event is followed by a return to the school for the Senior Walk, where the seniors make their last tour of the hallways as SHS students. Watching them make this walk while the younger students, faculty, staff, and parents support them with congratulatory cheers is heartwarming.

Later that evening is the time-honored tradition of the Baccalaureate Mass. Baccalaureate is the culmination of 13 years of faith development. Mass is vital to our graduation celebration because we know God is interested in the WHOLE person: physical, emotional, intellectual, AND spiritual!

The seniors served as the hands of Christ on a successful mission trip to Springfield and Branson, where they supported the good work of Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri. Some additional faith-based initiatives conducted by our school family included:

- A Thanksgiving food drive for Open Door that accounted for 10,828 lbs of food donated - over 5 tons!
- The National Honor Society Christmas Eve dinner, where more than 600 meals were served to the homeless, elderly, and others in need.
- The National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, where 12 of our high school students joined thousands of teenagers from across the country for a four-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment.
- The elementary students earned \$10,865 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital in the annual Math-a-thon.

Add this to weekly Mass attendance, regular XLT Eucharistic Adoration, and Armor of God ceremonies. It becomes easy to see why we are not a private school but a parochial one. Indeed, a **Catholic school!**

We have so much to be thankful for, and I continue to be very proud to be a Gremlin. We give praise and thanksgiving to our triune God for the willingness of this school community to do whatever is necessary to make sure an Extraordinary Catholic Education, Through Christ, For All continues to be a reality in west-central Missouri.

"Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take." Proverbs 3:6

In His Service,

Dr. Mark Register
President
Sacred Heart School Class of 1975



2022 Hall of Fame Inductees



All Hall of Fame inductees and their biographies are available online on the Alumni page at www.gogremlins.com.



Scan the QR code to watch the Hall of Fame Inductee video tributes.

Sacred Heart School honored its fifth class of inductees into the Sacred Heart School Hall of Fame on April 23, 2022. Festivities began with Mass at St. Patrick Chapel with Fr. David Veit presiding. Guests were then invited to Sacred Heart School for a reception and school tours, followed by dinner and the official induction ceremony.

The 2022 Hall of Fame class is represented by Theresa (Twenter) Bain '74, Francis and Ruth (Meyers) Mergen '46, Tim and Sally (Fechtel) Alley '69, Tony and Terry Simon, and David Fall '78 and the 2007 & 2008 Missouri Class 1 State Volleyball Championship teams.

For more information about the Sacred Heart School Hall of Fame, or about the nomination process, visit the alumni page at www.gogremlins.com, or email shfoundation@gogremlins.com.



Hall of Fame members Jane McMullin and Kyle Herrick light the memorial candle in honor of our dearly departed Sacred Heart School alumni, family, and friends.

Tim and Sally (Fechtel) Alley '69

Pope Francis recently stated that Catholic education gives hope to the world and radiates Christian salvation. Sally and Tim Alley's actions have given hope to Catholic education in Sedalia. They have lived out the mission and the vision of Sacred Heart School over these past 40 years.

Sally Fechtel Alley was born in Sedalia and is the daughter of Steve and Mary Lee Fechtel. She and her sister, Susan ('66) attended SHS. As a student, Sally was active in Student Council, yearbook staff, and National Honor Society. She served as a class officer, Mizpah pep club member and president.

"I loved my 12 years at SHS, and I made lifelong friends there with students and faculty," said Sally. "Not only did SH prepare me for college and beyond, but it also provided me with WONDERFUL memories."

Sally graduated from Avila University with a degree in special education at a time when this educational specialty was new in many school districts. She began her professional career in the North Kansas City Public Schools Special Ed education department. From there, she taught Special Education in the Sedalia 200 Schools and finished up her career in Developmental Education at State Fair Community College.

"Thanks to Sally's belief that all students should be allowed to learn, regardless of individual differences and needs, hundreds of individuals have achieved an education and a better quality of life," stated Mary Ellen Fischer Clark '69 in her nomination of Sally. "I'm convinced that Sacred Heart School and the Sedalia community are better because Sally Fechtel Alley lived and worked there."

Tim worked as an agent and financial planner for Prudential Financial for 38 years. During that time, he was active in the community, garnering several organizational and sales awards. He and Sally are the parents of Dodd, who attended SHS beginning in kindergarten through his graduation in 2000. Sally was involved in



Active Parents Club and various school fundraisers during that time. She served on the Parish Council, School Board, and Bazaar committee. Tim served as Active Parents Club president and on the Administration Commission. Tim served on the Sacred Heart School Foundation Board for 25 years, holding the office of president for eight years.

"With Tim's knowledge and leadership, the foundation was able to be innovative and creative in finding avenues and strategies to invest the foundation's assets," said Joe Fischer, who served alongside Tim on the SHS Foundation Board. "Tim's expertise in investing allowed us to grow the corpus in ways that would not have otherwise been possible. He was instrumental in putting the SH foundation on solid footing and helping it become a viable asset to assist SH School, teachers, and students for generations to come."

"Tim and I both felt fortunate to be able to send our son Dodd to Sacred Heart," said Sally. "We met and worked with many supportive and dedicated parents and teachers. Sacred Heart School will always hold a very special place in our hearts!"



Francis and Ruth (Meyers) Mergen '46

Ruth and Francis hold a proud legacy for their strong faith and ongoing support of Catholic education. Both Ruth and Francis attended one-room country schools. Sacred Heart High School did not exist when Francis would have attended, but his parents were active members of Sacred Heart Parish. Ruth's father, Paul Meyers, highly valued Catholic education and supported her in attending high school at Sacred Heart, where she graduated with some of the highest grades in her class.

Upon completing his bachelor's degree from Central Missouri State, Francis enlisted in the Army, serving in the 101st Airborne Division until the end of World War II. After returning home, he and Ruth married in 1948. They were married for 56 years until Francis passed in 2004.

Catholic education was a top priority for Ruth and Francis. Seven of their children graduated from Sacred Heart, and one son, David, graduated from Precious Blood Seminary. The educational foundation provided by Sacred Heart laid the path for all eight children to complete their college degrees, with many also earning a master's degree.

Ruth and Francis instilled strong moral values and work ethic in their children, which they exemplified daily in their own lives. Francis' "chosen field" was working as an agricultural loan officer for the Production Credit Association until his retirement. Advocating for farmers with financial needs while not over-extending their finances was an important objective in his work. Francis also successfully farmed full time until his death.

Francis was active in the parish and school throughout his life. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a Eucharistic Minister. He served on the Sacred Heart school board during a time in the late 1960s when there was much talk about closing the high school. With other board members, Francis worked with Bishop McAuliffe to devise a plan that allowed the high school to continue for more than 50 years since those delicate times.

Francis was a 4-H project leader and developed and implemented the Youth Business Program for juniors and seniors attending Sacred Heart and Smith-Cotton. This innovative program enabled students to learn business skills from community business leaders.



Ruth excelled in her own accomplishments throughout her life. Having lost her mother at the early age of six, Ruth navigated her "chosen path" as a mother of eight. With her learned expertise in maintaining a household, organizing activities, cultivating garden crops, and facilitating attendance at Sacred Heart School, Ruth provided a caring, faith-filled home environment for each family member.



Ruth is a member of the Daughters of Isabella and the parish Bible study group. She supports Birthright, the Open Door food pantry, the International Heifer Project, and the E3 Africa Foundation, which was founded by her sister, the late Rosalie (Meyers) Weller '49 (2017 Hall of Fame inductee). Ruth also donates rosaries to members of the parish who are ill. At 93, Ruth values being able to attend Mass regularly.

Ruth and Francis participated in the Christian Family Movement. In 1966 they hosted Sacred Heart's first foreign exchange student from Costa Rica, Mr. Hector Cruz. To this day, the two families remain in close contact, having informally "exchanged" children/cousins who studied in Sedalia and Costa Rica over the years.

"I have many fond memories of the Mergens at the State Fair," said Fr. Mark Miller (2021 Hall of Fame inductee). "We once celebrated Mass in the colosseum where they had the horse show the night before. Francis would make a path for us from outside the arena to the altar so that we could walk without stepping into something that might make us slip and fall, if you get my drift. He did that every year until they moved us to the Youth building. This was a service we really appreciated!"

Children of Francis and Ruth (Meyers) Mergen

Linda Mergen Dalton	SHS Class of 1967
Robert Mergen	SHS Class of 1969
Janet Mergen Moran	SHS Class of 1970
James Mergen	SHS Class of 1971
Charles Mergen	SHS Class of 1972
David Mergen	Precious Blood Seminary Class of 1975
Annette Mergen Keller	SHS Class of 1976
Lisa Mergen Jones	SHS Class of 1980

Theresa (Twenter) Bain '74

"A humble and faithful servant ... to her God, her family, her school, and her parish," said Bonnie Diefendorf in her nomination of Theresa Bain. "These words epitomize the person of Theresa. They also describe the kind of graduate Sacred Heart School strives to develop."

Theresa was born July 13, 1956, in Sedalia, the daughter of the late Joseph (J.W.) and Marvella (Butler '49) Twenter. She and her nine siblings attended Sacred Heart School. During her 12 years at SHS, Theresa was involved in various activities, including music, a one-act play, softball, and Mizpah Pep Club. She played volleyball all four years of high school, earning Most Improved Player her junior year. She also served as co-captain her senior year.

Theresa married the late George Bain Jr. on May 1, 1976, at Sacred Heart Church. The Bains were united in marriage by Fr. Mark Miller C.P.P.S. (SHS Hall of Fame class of 2021). Theresa worked at Interstate Studios as a yearbook supervisor. In 1993, she joined the staff at Sacred Heart School as an elementary teacher's aide. She will be celebrating 30 years at SHS in the spring of 2023.



"I have had the honor of knowing Theresa for more than 20 years," said SHS kindergarten teacher Jeannine Dove. "She comes from one of the most dedicated families the school has ever known. When Theresa worked with me, we became so connected that she would complete duties without me even asking. Mrs. Bain always did her work in my classroom in a Christ-like manner with a smile on her face!"

The Bains have two children, George III '96 and Amanda '99; and five grandchildren, Shelby Bain '17, George Bain IV '24, Kynslie Prewitt '27, Liam Bain '30, and Greyson Bain '33.

Theresa's involvement as a member of SHS and St. Vincent de Paul parish includes serving as Eucharistic Minister, volunteering at the parish bazaar and annual Christmas Eve dinner, and supporting the Booster Club, which meant many, many pancake breakfasts back in the day!

"Sacred Heart has become my second family," said Theresa. "Helping the younger students and those struggling a little makes my heart happy. I take joy in knowing that I might have contributed to their success in some small way. I am especially joyful when I see their names on the honor roll or perhaps even being inducted into NHS or NJHS years down the road."



David Fall '78 and the 2007 & 2008 Missouri Class 1 State Volleyball Championship teams

Coach David Fall, his staff, and this talented group of student-athletes amassed a two-year record of 62-8-8 on the way to back-to-back state championships. The only losses in these two years came while playing against Class 4 schools. Coach Fall and his teams represented Sacred Heart School most proudly, providing many fond memories for Gremlin fans.

"Coach Fall and these girls taught me the true meaning of persistence and determination," said Assistant Coach Barb (Wetteroth) Morrow. "I'm so blessed and honored to have coached, taught, and watched these young ladies develop into the adults they have become. Looking back, I am not surprised they achieved back-to-back state titles!"

In 2007, the Gremlins powered past Northwest, Orrick, and Rockport to join Leopold, Winona, and Osceola in the final four. They beat the defending state champion, Winona, in two straight sets to bring home the title.

In 2008, five starters from 2007's team returned as seniors. They faced some of the state's largest schools that year, including Columbia Hickman, Poplar Bluff, Springfield, Parkview, Lebanon, and St. Teresa's Academy. In post-season play, the Gremlins defeated Northwest, Osceola, and Jasper on the way to the Final Four at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City. They beat Bell City and Santa Fe, each in straight sets. They split with Eminence to set up the State championship battle. They showed their poise and determination in losing the first set to Eminence before coming back to win the next two en route to back-to-back state titles. Coach David Fall received Class One Coach of the Year in the State of Missouri for the second straight season.



"It was an absolute pleasure to watch these teams," recalls Jane McMullin '87 (and 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee). "Since my niece was on the team, my family was always in the stands, but watching these young ladies playing volleyball together since grade school made it even more special. Their attitudes, hard work, and spirit overflowed into the classroom. Everything about these two teams was a class act, from how the girls handled themselves to the exceptional coaching staff and to the many parents and fans who supported them."

2007 Team Roster

Meghan Stratton Senior
 Kelsey Baldwin Junior
 Courtney Curtiss Junior
 Sarah Hohne Junior
 Debbie Lewis Junior
 Laura McMullin Junior
 Paige Shipley Junior
 Rachel Fischer Sophomore
 Rachel Fritz Sophomore
 Hilary Strange Sophomore
 Courtney Fischer Freshman
 McKenzie Melick Freshman
 Devin Wadley Freshman
 Laura Hunkins Senior (Manager)
 Jennifer (Fall '02) Denham Asst. Coach
 Barb Morrow Asst. Coach
 David Fall '78 Head Coach

2008 Team Roster

Kelsey Baldwin Senior
 Courtney Curtiss Senior
 Debbie Lewis Senior
 Laura McMullin Senior
 Paige Shipley Senior
 Rachel Fischer Junior
 Rachel Fritz Junior
 Hilary Strange Junior
 MaKayla Dove Sophomore
 Courtney Fischer Sophomore
 Devin Wadley Sophomore
 Kate Woolery Sophomore
 Claire Fischer Freshman
 Sierra Fredrick Freshman
 Kelli Lamb Freshman
 Erica Stone Freshman
 Nikki Kempf Freshman (Stats)
 Barb Morrow Asst. Coach
 David Fall '78 Head Coach

He also volunteered tirelessly, devoting many service hours to Sacred Heart Parish and school. Fr. Vince Hoying would often tell the story of the many nights he would return from hospital visits to find Tony working on the furnaces in school and church or fixing anything else that needed repair.

"It never failed that if anything went wrong with the boilers or a need for other mechanical issues, Tony was always available to save the school and parish money and figure out how to fix the problem," said Fr. Mark Miller. "Terry also came to the assistance of the priests. If we needed some stitching or mending of clothes or altar accessories. You could always count on the Simons."

Terry was also a grade school room mother for their six children. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Altar Society, serving as president for a time. Terry served on the Sacred Heart Social Concerns Commission and was the co-initiator of the food pantry that began at Sacred Heart. From there, she was essential in helping to promote its expansion into a community-wide effort.

Terry was also a member and past president of the Brown Women's club, a social and service club for rural women in the community. Both served as 4-H leaders for over 40 years in Pettis County. Tony served as Agricultural Soils Conservation Service Committeeman, and Terry served on the Pettis County Extension Council.

The Simon family was honored with the 1979 Farm Family of the Year Award for Pettis County. All of the children attended Sacred Heart grade school. Except for their son John, the others all graduated from Sacred Heart High School. John graduated from Precious Blood Seminary High School in Liberty, Missouri.

Tony and Terry were strong advocates for promoting tithing and keeping Sacred Heart School open and believed in the importance of Catholic education. They were always supportive of the priests and sisters assigned to Sacred Heart. The family has fond memories of the Precious Blood priests and sisters coming out to the farm to relax, sometimes riding sleds in the snow or hunting wildlife.

After his passing in 2005, Terry and the family established the Tony Simon Memorial Scholarship fund for tuition assistance, understanding Tony's passion for Catholic education. This fund has helped many families and students realize the dream of Catholic education. Through their examples of faith, leadership, teamwork, and service, they helped set the course for their children's success in life.

Children of Tony and Terry Simon

Mary Agnes Simon Leuci SHS Class of 1974
 John Simon Precious Blood Seminary Class of 1975
 Joan Simon Anderson SHS Class of 1976
 Bob Simon SHS Class of 1977
 Tom Simon SHS Class of 1979
 Margie Simon Meier SHS Class of 1980



Tony and Terry Simon

Anthony (Tony) Simon was born in Pettis County to Jacob and Lena Simon. He attended Sacred Heart School through the 8th grade. Sacred Heart High School, established in 1941, was still a year away from opening its doors to students. As a student at Sacred Heart, Tony was an altar server and an active member of the St. Aloysius youth group. After finishing school, Tony attended Electrician School through Pittsburgh Corning in Sedalia. Tony was a lifelong farmer and worked as an electrician for Pittsburgh Corning, Missouri Public Service, and the University of Central Missouri. He also worked as a salesman for the Moorman Feed Company. Theresa (Terry) was born in Garden City, Kansas, to Vincent and Lorene Wolf. She worked at Weber Shoe Company in Tipton and was a homemaker until all their children graduated from high school. During that time, Terry also worked alongside Tony on the farm. After the children were out of high school, she worked as a nutrition education assistant for the University of Missouri Extension until she retired.



Tony and Terry were both heavily involved in community service endeavors. They were founding members of the Pettis County Right to Life. Terry served as regional president, and both Terry and Tony served as educators for pro-life for over 30 years.

The Simon children attended Sacred Heart in a time that spanned the years 1962 through 1980, coinciding with when their youngest daughter, Margie, graduated. They were very active in the Sacred Heart Home and School Association. During these years -- and long after the children graduated -- Tony served on Sacred Heart Parish Council, the School Board, and many other commissions. He was a member of the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus.



The Sacred Heart School Hall of Fame selection committee is seeking nominations for the next class of inductees. Nomination forms are available online under the Alumni page at www.gogremlins.com. Nominations are due by September. 30, 2022. For more information, email HallofFame@gogremlins.com.

Congratulations, Class of 2022



Being the smallest class in the 2021-2022 lineup certainly didn't stop the 78th graduating class of Sacred Heart from achieving some mightily impressive accomplishments.

"What will distinguish graduates of SHS is that you were not just educated but that you were formed for the values that Christ handed on to us. We rejoice in the immense potential you have when you cooperate with God's grace ... This is truly not the end but the beginning of your discipleship."

Fr. David Veit, excerpt from Baccalaureate homily

"It is from adversity that you learn the most and continue to grow emotionally, intellectually, and in wisdom ... Have the courage to seek the truth, to speak the truth, to stand up for the underdog, and to stand up against intolerance – even if yours is the lone voice. Have the courage to trust your gut and your own moral compass. (Remember,) God has an open-door policy. Knock, and the door will be opened to you."

Jane McMullin '87, excerpt from Commencement keynote address



Kiley Beykirch

Attending Texas Christian University
Majoring in Journalism

Coen Brown

Attending 212 Sports Academy Prep
Majoring in Marketing or Business

Donavan Dobson

Attending State Fair Community College
Majoring in Welding

Alexandria Finney

Attending State Fair Community College
Majoring in Early Childhood

Alex Karigan

Attending State Fair Community College
Majoring in Criminal Justice

Emily McDonald

Attending Missouri State University
Majoring in Undecided

Ian Viscarra Mendez

Attending State Fair Community College
Majoring in either Exercise Science or
Physical Therapy

Arly Ponce-Estrada

Attending Florida State University
Majoring in Computer Science

Bruno Saucedo

Attending William Jewell College
Majoring in Undecided

Claire Smeltzer

Attending Truman State University
Majoring in Exercise Science

Gavin Starke

Attending State Fair Community College
Majoring in Computer Science

Noe Umana-Ramos

Attending Washington University - St. Louis
Majoring in Nutrition

Natalie Walker

Attending Truman State University
Majoring in Undecided

Class of 2022 Highlights:

- 100% graduation rate
- 100% enrolled at a college or university
- 12 of the 13 graduates completed one or more college courses
- The average GPA was 3.67 on the 4.0 scale
- 54% posted a 3.85 or higher GPA over their four years of high school
- 200 hours of college credit (collectively) earned
- \$1,915,472 offered in scholarships; \$899,122 will be utilized

Winter and Spring Sports

Basketball

Boys basketball took us for a great ride through a thrilling season that ended too soon in the Elite 8, suffering a loss in overtime to Putnam County. The season record was 25-5. The girls basketball team made great strides. The season record ended 2-16 last year and ended this year with a great improvement to 13-14. Both teams will return to the court with experienced starters and fresh new talent.

Junior High boys and girls basketball played a full season with notable improvement throughout. The program is expanding to provide additional off-season opportunities to work on fundamentals and team-building. The love of the game continues to grow with an enthusiastic batch of Gremlins taking the court at the elementary level.



Swim

Just keep swimming! Wrapping up its third season, three swimmers took the plunge to represent the Gremlins swim and dive team in 16 meets. Camille Schear, a co-op teammate from Cole Camp, finished strong with back-to-back state appearances.



Track

Numbers were on the side of the Gremlins, but the weather was not! Both high school and junior high track had a record number of members, with 16 and 15, respectively. While rain cut the season short, the Gremlins made the most of the nine high school meets and four junior high track meets, bringing home numerous team and individual medals. Two high school students represented SHS at state. Senior Bruno Saucedo took second in the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. Sophomore Jackson Manning took 10th in the mile.



Baseball

The Gremlins took the field with most of its lineup intact from last season. The team improved its record to 13-8, up from last year's 8-12 season. Sacred Heart hosted its first baseball tournament this year with eight teams competing. The Gremlins made it an exciting year, ending the season in the district championship game. With summer in full swing, so is baseball for the Little Gremlins elementary and junior high teams. They are learning the fundamentals and having lots of fun along the way!



Golf

This young squad continues to hold its own on the course. Sophomore Luke Jenkins was the front runner this season, placing 1st in the Kaysinger Conference Tournament. Zander Jackson and Luke advanced to districts. Luke placed 4th in districts and tied for 6th place in the state competition.



Softball

Rainy conditions cut seven games from the season, but when the sun came out, the Gremlins were swinging for the fences. In its second-year coop with LaMonte, the team threw a curve ball when they climbed from the bottom of the conference bracket to earn 4th in the conference tournament. Thanks to grit and teamwork, the team advanced to post-season play in the semi-final of districts.



Soccer

The return of girls soccer to SHS since 2017 certainly gave us much to celebrate. Despite its losses on a shortened schedule, the team has a great sense of pride in laying the foundation for the future of girls soccer at SHS. "They've come a long way in a short time," said coach Patti Hegger. "It has set a standard for a better program for next year."



Post-Season Honors

Coen Brown set a new school record off 2,212 points. The previous record was set by Trent Lyles in 2018 when he hit 2,017 points scored.



District Coach of the Year
Steve Goodwin

Basketball All State
Coen Brown (SR)

Basketball All District
Coen Brown (SR)
Kiley Beykirch (SR)
Tanner Damlo (JR)
Connor Rice (SO)

Basketball All Conference
Coen Brown (SR)
Kiley Beykirch (SR)
Connor Rice (SO)

Honorable Mention
Tanner Damlo (JR)
Mariana Restrepo (JR)

KMZU Dream Team
Kate Carney (JR)
George Bain IV (SO)
Carter Rice (SO)
Emily Hesse (SO)

Baseball All District
Tanner Damlo (JR)
Carter Rice (SO)
Connor Rice (SO)

Honorable Mention
Caden Crooker (JR)
Gavin Caldwell (SO)

Baseball All Conference
Tanner Damlo (JR)
Carter Rice (SO)
Connor Rice (SO)

Honorable Mention
Gavin Caldwell (SO)

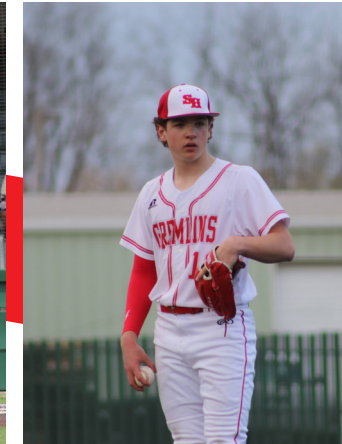
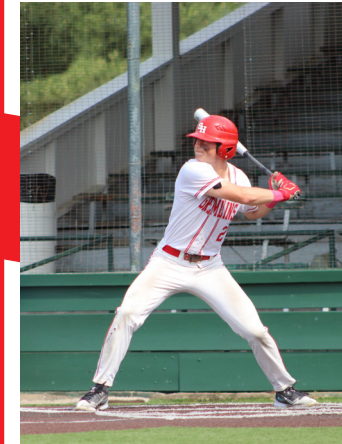


Softball All District 1st Team
Claire Smeltzer (SR)
Zoe Martin (JR)
Sammy Altena (SO)

2nd Team
Keely Elwell (JR)

Softball All Conference
Zoe Martin (JR)
Sammy Altena (SO)

Honorable Mention
Claire Smeltzer (SR)



School News

Preschool Director Kay Keele was named the Sacred Heart School Teacher of the Year for 2022. Recipients of this award, voted on by SHS faculty, must have six years of teaching experience and an above-average classroom evaluation. "Kay works hard to make her classes fun and exciting," said colleague Tracy Garrison. "Students respond well to her calming presence and techniques. She's enthusiastic with her students and lets them know they are loved and cared for."

Ms. Keele has served in Catholic schools her entire teaching career. Before beginning at Sacred Heart, she taught at St. Andrew's in Tipton. Ms. Keele served as a mentor for new teachers and is a two-time recipient of the Who's Who Among American Teachers Award. Adventures with Molly the duck and the magical tradition of students taking a ride on the Polar Express are just a few of many beloved activities offered by Ms. Keele.



"Teaching is not a job to me," said Keele. "Every day I get to do fun stuff and be with the kids. The little ones are just so excited about everything, and they give you so much enthusiasm."



An Emmy award-winning cartoon series from the '70s came to life at the Liberty Center Association for The Arts with the SHS presentation of Schoolhouse Rock, LIVE! Jr. Audiences of all ages were entertained with catchy songs like *Conjunction Junction*, *Just a Bill*, and *Elbow Room*.

"It's been amazing to hear the kids' progression during this whole endeavor," said Mr. Darrin Hartman, musical director. "A lot of great tunes, and they're full of energy. These are some very very tricky and complex pieces."

While no stranger to directing and acting, Schoolhouse Rock was the first musical directed by Ms. Chelsea Turner as a member of the SHS Faculty.

"We always like to challenge them (the students), and they can't get away with fudging a lot of things because it (the musical) is so well known," said Turner. "We have a very talented and hardworking cast."

"Whenever we're practicing, it's amazing," said cast member Sophie Anderson. "We laugh the whole time. We just have a good time."



National Honor Society (NHS) hosted its 39th Annual Christmas Eve Dinner, providing a hot meal to the elderly, the homeless, and families in need in Pettis County. All NHS members were involved with taking orders, preparing food, donating pies, and boxing and delivering meals. An army of alumni, staff, parishioners, family, and friends volunteered to make sure over 600 members of our community received a warm meal and Christmas Eve cheer.

Mr. Wes Register and Mrs. Nancy Manning (NHS moderators) coordinated all the efforts and helped the NHS members organize this annual service project.

A special thanks to the moderators and everyone who donated time and resources to make this community outreach possible.

It may have been their first year on the speech circuit, but it didn't stop three members of the Talking Gremlins from accumulating numerous top finishes and advancing to the 2022 State Speech Competition in Springfield, Mo. A strong performance in district competition earned the trio a berth to state. Sophomore Mariah Van Leer earned District Champion in Humorous Interpretation and Duo Interpretation with partner Sophie Anderson. Anderson, a freshman, also took 2nd in Storytelling. Sophomore Lexi Owens placed 4th at districts in Radio Speaking. The team is coached by Ms. Chelsea Turner.



Springtime brings flowers in bloom and the sounds of baby chicks to SHS classrooms! Mrs. Bench, Mrs. Sobaski, and their students enjoyed watching the miracle of new life as baby chicks hatched in their classrooms. The first and second grade students are participating in the Pettis County Extension 4-H Program: Hatching Chicks in the Classroom.

Happy National Picnic Day! The cafeteria staff made the celebration extra special by serving hot dogs, chips, veggies, and ice cream sandwiches. Windy conditions kept the picnickers indoors, but everyone brought a sunshine attitude and had fun hanging out together with picnic blankets spread across the Hoying Gym.



Jaden Velando and Abby Tippie were selected as the Class of 2023 recipients of the American Youth Foundation National Leadership Award, formerly known as the "I Dare You Award." Nominated by the school administration, the award recognizes two youth currently in the eleventh grade, who actively strive to be their best and make a positive difference in their communities. Recipients of this award distinguish themselves through their actions and leadership potential. This award is named and given in honor of Zachary Parsons, son of Jason and Debbie Parsons. Parsons was a young man of exceptional character at Sacred Heart from his 2013 freshman year until he passed from this earth in a car accident in 2016, at the age of seventeen. The award was presented by Zachary's parents following the 2022 Catholic Schools Week all-school Mass.

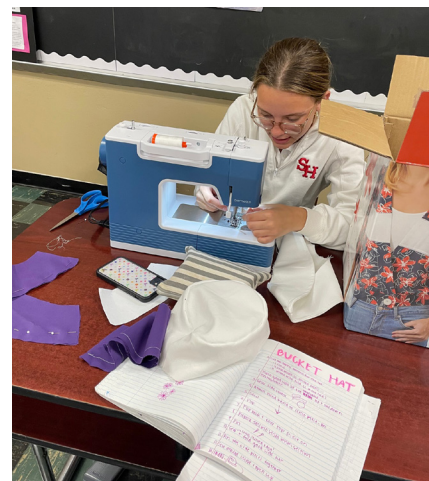


History never tasted so good. The traditional potluck was back on the menu for Ms. Jane McMullin's World History and Western Civilization classes. This annual tradition is a class favorite as students are challenged to make a family favorite dish or one reflective of their heritage. Parents and family were invited to enjoy the diverse menu, which included tasty dishes like jambalaya, pasteles de papa from El Salvador, milanesa from Argentina, Spanish rice, and egg rolls from the Philippines.

The red, white and blue were on display during the elementary spring concert as students in grades K-6 sang and danced to songs that celebrated the patriotic spirit of America, including *Fifty-Nifty United States*, *All American All the Way*, *Yankee Doodle Dandy* and *I Got Rhythm*. During the singing of *Tribute to the Armed Forces*, attendees who served in the armed forces were invited to stand up to be recognized and thanked for their service.



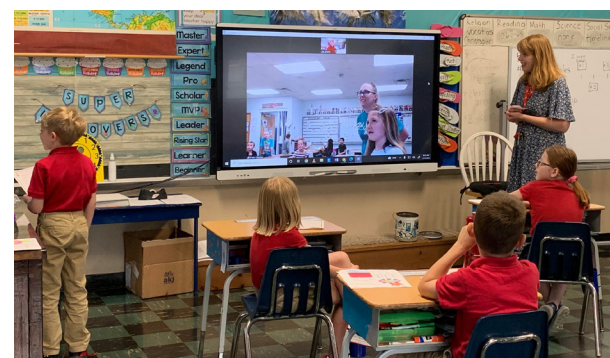
A huge thank you to our Active Parents Club (APC) for hosting field day fun! It was the first in many years that the weather cooperated, and elementary students were able to enjoy Liberty Park. APC set up a bounce house, yard games, a dunk tank, and other field day events that our students were able to enjoy.



What's cooking in the Family and Consumer Science (FCS) class? Just about everything! New to SHS's course offering, FCS is an instructional program focused on leadership, decision-making, consumer skills, personal and family relationships, parenting, health, nutrition, housing design, and basic sewing and cooking skills. Taught by Mrs. Nancy Manning, hands-on activities included sewing aprons and bucket hats. Students also savored the rewards of cooking assignments while absorbing life skills in basic food prep, food safety, problem-solving, and cooking terminology.

Four of Manning's students joined her at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Leadership Conference held at Lake of the Ozarks. Members attended leadership sessions, listened to motivational speakers, and networked with other students across the state of Missouri.

Lexi Owens, the voting delegate from SH, took the opportunity to learn about leadership positions at the state and national levels. She helped vote in the new state officers for the 22-23 school year. Abby Tippie competed in the STAR Events competition. She earned silver for her project and presentation in the sustainability challenge category. Kiley Beykirch and Claire Smeltzer also competed as a team earning silver in the repurpose and redesign category.



A pen pal exchange between second graders at Sacred Heart School and Pettis Co. R-XII in Dresden culminated in a virtual gathering with new friends. "The second graders have been writing to each other throughout the year," said Mrs. Jill Bentsch. "They exchanged letters that included their favorite colors, pets, siblings, and what they were learning at school. The project helped the kids understand the process of writing a letter." The students had the opportunity to meet each other via Zoom. Each student prepared a favorite joke to share with their pen pal.



Influential people in American History came during the Living History Museum, presented by the fifth grade students. Each student read a biography and created a live presentation about their chosen historical figure. They spent three months reading, researching, and developing their presentations. Visitors to the living museum touched a button at each exhibit to hear a brief lesson from the student portraying each historical figure.





Saints Alive! The 4th-grade students in Mrs. Tippie's class brought to life inspirational holy men and women throughout history with their saints project. Students each selected a saint that they researched, wrote about, presented on, and portrayed.

Bruno Saucedo and Ian Viscarra signed letters of intent to play soccer at William Jewell College and State Fair Community College, respectively.

"In my 30-plus years of coaching, Bruno's the best high school soccer player I've ever seen or have been associated with," said Gremlins head coach Warren Dey. "His quickness, his speed, his athleticism and ball skills are top-notch, phenomenal." In addition to being a standout on the soccer team, Bruno was also a member of the math, football, and track teams.



"Ian is a proven leader," said Dey. "His leadership qualities were the best I've seen from a young man. His ball skills, they're second-to-none." In addition to being the boys' soccer team captain, Ian served as Student Council vice president and contributed to the math and track teams.

Sacred Heart art teacher Jacqueline Nehring curated Sacred Heart's inaugural Student Art Show as an outlet for her K-12 students to showcase their artistic creations. The art show took place in conjunction with the elementary spring concert. Hundreds of pieces were



on display featuring various styles, including watercolor, mixed-media, and chalk pastel, also accompanied by Mother's Day gifts for the young artists' moms.

Junior Abby Arnold stands with her charcoal on canvas art titled "My Savior" which won second place in the Kaysinger Art Contest.) Photo by *Sedalia Democrat*



The Earth is our home, so blue so green, so let's do our part to keep the Earth clean! In celebration of Earth Day, elementary students spent their day taking in the great outdoors, learning how to care for our only home, and picking up trash.



Second graders delighted audiences with a Reader's Theater presentation of *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* and *The Little Red Hen*. Bravo!



Snake day! Need we say more?



Buckets of ocean sediment became the source of underwater treasures discovered by the eighth grade science students in Mrs. Messina's science class. The ocean sediment was provided by the PCS Phosphate Mine in Aurora, North Carolina. Students dug up materials such as shells, corals, and shark teeth.



Mrs. Howell's computer applications class took to the street to learn how to code lists, loops, and traversals in JavaScript. Students created a board on the parking lot with sidewalk chalk, then took turns programming a game while their classmates were the robots and barriers in the game. The interactive activity helped them build apps using the same looping logic.

Each year, students in grades 1-12 receive a piece of God's armor to assist them in their spiritual growth. This concept comes from Ephesians 6:10-18. Juniors received a St. Benedict bracelet to assist them in using technology in good and holy ways. By the time students reach their junior year, they have been immersed in communication that is written and read through handheld devices.



The St. Benedict bracelet is a sacramental used to ward against Satan and the fallen angel's encroaching evil. It stands for the power of prayer in times of temptation and suffering. It symbolizes how prayer creates peace within ourselves and in our communities.



Learning to problem-solve, collaborate, and innovate was the goal for 6th grade technology students. Using only sheets of paper, students worked in groups to design a paper tower that could stand as high as possible for at least 30 seconds. The highest tower reached 59 inches.



Paisley Carl and Lauren Diller, 7th grade, received the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Outstanding Achievement Award. Students are nominated by local chapter advisers for demonstrating excellence in the society's five pillars of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. These outstanding scholars were two out of just 500 students nationwide to receive this award.

Alumni News



Eighth graders were flying high during their visit to Tucker Leadership Academy on the campus of William Jewell College. The day began with group activities on the high ropes course that fostered team building, creative thinking, and encouragement for one another.



The kindergarten class leads the May Crowning of Mary ceremony, held during the first school Mass of May. Catholics have long honored the Blessed Mother by placing a crown on her image. Students also processed forward carrying floral arrangements, candles, and a rosary to place around the statue of Mary. Crowning a statue of the Lord's Mother is symbolic of the honor we give her as the one chosen by God to bear His Son, our Salvation.



Mrs. McDonald's 5th grade reading class went to "medical school" as surgical residents. They used their knowledge of non-fiction text features to "operate" on their patients. No one was harmed in the making of this post!

Graduation weekend for the Class of 2022 included a senior luncheon at the Sedalia Country Club for graduates and their parents.

Allie Finney shares a laugh with SHS counselor Sherry Beykirch-Buckley '86 during her acceptance of the Jim and Barbara Cooney Scholarship. This was Mrs. Buckley's last graduation ceremony as she is stepping away from education. She has been a calming presence in her service as our guidance counselor and has been instrumental in helping our seniors amass impressive amounts of scholarships during her tenure at SHS. Thank you, Mrs. Buckley. You will be missed!



Ian Viscarra, Kiley Beykirch, and Claire Smeltzer each received a \$2,000 McCarthy Toyota Scholarship. Smeltzer also received a \$1,000 Devon Grose Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established to honor Devon Grose, a 2015 SHS graduate who passed away in 2016. Beykirch also received \$500 from the Devon Grose McCarthy Toyota Scholarship. McCarthy Toyota partnered with the Grose family to establish this scholarship to honor Devon, who was one of the first SHS recipients of the McCarthy Toyota Scholarship. Allie Finney and Bruno Saucedo were each awarded a \$2,500 Jim '46 and Barbara (Lamy) '54 Cooney Scholarship.



Paige Shipley '09 works as a trauma and emergency department nurse at a level one trauma center in Scottsdale, AZ. She also recently passed the national certification exam for emergency nursing making her BSN, RN, CEN. Paige, a member of the 2007 and 2008 state championship volleyball teams, moved to Phoenix almost ten years ago with her partner, Corey Wendel. The couple has two children Layne (age 3) and Hawkins (9 months), as well as three dogs. Paige enjoys spending time outside at the park with her kids and remodeling her first home which she bought in the summer of 2021.



Becky Full '15 graduated from Lindenwood University in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in marketing. She serves as associate vice president of online marketing for a leading mortgage lender in the United States. In her free time, Becky coaches club volleyball in the St. Louis area.



Isabelle Wilhelm '16 graduated from Benedictine College with a bachelor's in psychology. During that time she was a member of their 2017 NAIA National Champion runner-up women's soccer team. She earned her master's in business administration in May 2022. While in school she met Zander Newton. The couple married in February 2022. Isabelle currently works as a mental health case manager in Salina, Kansas.



Logan Sunnarborg '16 is currently residing in Seattle, Washington working in financial services as a financial planner. After graduating from Missouri State University with a bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science, coupled with a minor in Religious Studies, he was originally slated to serve in the Peace Corps. Due to the pandemic, he found his way to Seattle and enjoys exploring all the city has to offer and a wide range of outdoor activities.



Sadie Rollings '18 was united in the Sacrament of Marriage with Nolon Carter on June 5, 2022, during Pentecost Mass at Sacred Heart Chapel. The two met as counselors at Aquinas Academy, a diocesan camp for middle school students in 2018. Nolon will be applying to Truman's Masters of Education program in the fall and is hoping to become a high school biology teacher at a Catholic institution. Sadie graduated from Truman State University with a B.S. in biology in May, 2022. She is in the process of applying to medical schools, and she is currently working through her gap year as a part-time medication aide and as a laboratory technician/brain surgeon at an A.T. Still University research lab studying Alzheimer's disease. The Carters are learning the ropes of married life in a small house across the street from their parish church in Kirksville, seconds from the sacraments.



Sacred Heart welcomed home alumni the weekend of June 10-12 to celebrate the first joint reunion for the Classes of 1986-1995. Festivities kicked off Friday evening with a social at No. 5 Bistro in the Lamy's Building. Saturday afternoon, President Dr. Mark Register, Development Director Liz Van Leer, and current SHS students hosted an open house on the SHS campus. For many visiting alumni, this was the first time inside SHS since the 2005 addition was completed. Later that evening, a semiformal dinner was held in the ballroom at Best Western. Fr. Joe Corel opened with a welcome and prayer. Dr. Register's keynote address included memories from past years, current school happenings as well as future vision and needs. The weekend concluded with the celebration of Sunday's 10 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Chapel followed by coffee, donuts and fruit in the Parish Center. Everyone who could make it to any part of the reunion weekend had a great time. Without a doubt, the main refrain heard during the weekend was, "Let's not wait another 30 years to do this again!" Special thanks to Kevin Lujin '91 for spearheading this great weekend!



A celebration of siblings! Dirk Lawson '90, who first proposed having a 10-year range of classes for the reunion, and Bernadette Lawson '87 attended along with the Rouchka siblings (Sarah '89, Eric '90, and Susan '93). The Darnell brothers (Allen '93 and Ben '95) and the Rialti twins (Terry and Gary, both '88) also enjoyed the festivities.



We love the 90s! (From left to right) Jennifer Howe '91, Jennifer (Wilkerson) Walker '92, and Jennifer (Price) Barth '92.



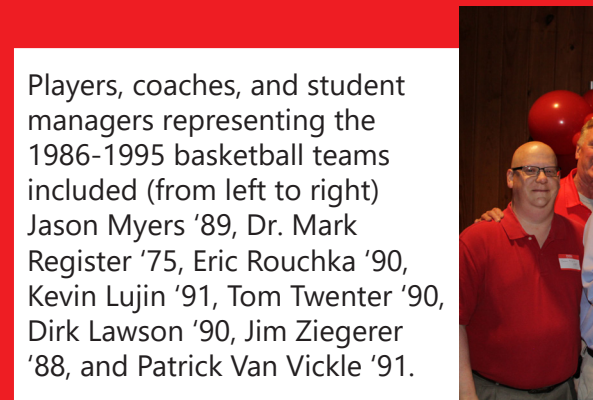
Two of the happiest people at the Saturday dinner reunion weekend were friends from the Class of 1990, Dirk Lawson and Dana Dick Braby.



At the Friday night social on the patio at No. 5 Bistro, (from left) Dan Faulkner '91 and Jason Myers '89 joined Patrick Van Vickle '91 (far right) to lobby Marlo (Boots) Siron '91 to join them at the Saturday reunion dinner. Despite their efforts, Siron was attending her daughter Emma's (future alum of the Class of '23) volleyball matches in Lawrence, Kan.



Players, coaches, and student managers representing the 1986-1995 basketball teams included (from left to right) Jason Myers '89, Dr. Mark Register '75, Eric Rouchka '90, Kevin Lujin '91, Tom Twenter '90, Dirk Lawson '90, Jim Ziegerer '88, and Patrick Van Vickle '91.



Players, coaches, and student managers representing the 1986-1995 basketball teams included (from left to right) Jason Myers '89, Dr. Mark Register '75, Eric Rouchka '90, Kevin Lujin '91, Tom Twenter '90, Dirk Lawson '90, Jim Ziegerer '88, and Patrick Van Vickle '91.



Richard Bahner '70 with members of the class of 1988. (Pictured left to right) Gary Rialti, Terry Rialti, Jim Ziegerer, and Charles Tippie.



Eric Rouchka '90 sported his 80s vintage Sacred Heart gym bag and #22 white satin basketball jacket that was most popular with players during the 1988-89 basketball season.



Matt Cooper '92 and his wife Misty made it a Gremlin weekend. Fun Fact: It's an alumni favorite to look at the class composites on the third floor. While touring the school, Matt pointed out that his senior photo was taken late in the school year, so he landed in the class composite of 1993!



In a completely unrelated matter later that weekend, the Siron residence was hit by some of the laziest vandals you've ever seen when those petty criminals successfully strung a long strand of toilet paper across one of the trees. Correspondents at From the Heart have been told that the investigation into who exactly these slothful perpetrators were is ongoing, but Siron, technology director at SHS stated, "You know, some people who are supposedly tech savvy should realize security cameras are more commonplace and less expensive than they were in the late 80s and early 90s."

Wishing you had a yearbook from your days at Sacred Heart? We have some archived copies available for purchase in the Gremlin Student Store. Contact nhowell@gogremlins.com to find out if your years are available.

This Little Light of Mine

Looking back at my Sacred Heart career, I feel like this song has been my theme song, although I didn't know it at the time. This song helps me feel special and closer to God. It reminds us that we are never alone, that we are essential in God's plan, to let our gifts shine and give glory to Him through all of our works.

I joined Sacred Heart in 1995 because Fr. Vince Hoying saw something in me that I never saw in myself. Fr. Vince asked me to teach some religion classes. Have you ever tried to say no to your pastor? So it began. Dr. Register can attest to the fact that my first couple of years were a bit rocky, but God never said it would be easy. Each year that I watched the students and myself grow in faith was that little light of encouragement that kept me going. My husband, Mike, is my "support staff" (his words, not mine) and our children (Kelly and Michael) graduated from SHS. The more involved we became, the more I began to experience the Holy Spirit working in all of our lives, especially in the lives of the students.

Early in my career, our youth minister at the time, David Fall, invited me to help out at various outings, such as float trips and "lock-ins." After attending my first National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), I was hooked. I've been taking students to NCYC and have experienced the working of the Holy Spirit in my life and in the students ever since. A faculty member once told me that the only reason a certain group of students wanted to attend NCYC was to get out of school. I don't care why any student wants to attend a Catholic event. The Holy Spirit will get them! One year at NCYC, during an evening concert full of 20,000 teens, my "certain" group of students came running up to me and said, "Mrs. Bolin, you will never believe where we have been!" "Okay. That's a loaded statement," I thought. I bravely asked them where they had been and they said that all four of them had been talking to a priest for most of the afternoon. NCYC offers many of these opportunities, but I didn't see that coming from these students. Go figure. Yep! Holy Spirit! Every year we attend places like NCYC, Notre Dame Vision, Steubenville Mid-America, and leadership conferences, I see students return spiritually renewed and more courageous to share their faith with others.

I hope students and parents take advantage of the summer youth programs offered by the Diocese such as Totus Tuus (grades 1-12), CHRISTpower (a service retreat for high school teens), Camp Lolek (summer camp for junior high students), Camp Siena (for young women), and Camp Maccabee (for young men). I cannot say enough about how our youth need these camps even more than any sports camps. Students need parent encouragement. Parents are the first teachers of the faith. These camps provide positive and fun experiences as students continue their life-long journey in faith formation.

The importance of faith and service to others is deeply ingrained in what we do at Sacred Heart. It's not uncommon to see students (much to the surprise of some) accumulate 40 hours of service in a school year. Six years ago, the traditional class trip for seniors and eighth graders transitioned into mission trips. It is rewarding and fulfilling to provide an outlet where students can unplug from the everyday routine and bond with one another through service. Our eighth-grade mission work takes place in the Kansas City area. Our

senior mission work has taken us to Chicago, Nashville, and New Orleans. Our most recent mission trips have been in Springfield, where we've developed a great relationship with Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri. Most of their volunteers are over the age of 65 so you can see where our team would be most welcome. Our service work in this area included helping Catholic Charities move into a new location. We've also worked in homeless shelters for women and infants in the crisis maternity home, helped with home repairs for the elderly, and tackled a variety of chores to benefit veterans and families. We include sightseeing in our trips but that is a bonus. You have to see it to truly appreciate and understand. It is about helping others.

I am proud of the continued growth and emphasis SHS has placed on faith formation. I "adore" having our school family involved with XLT Adoration! Two years ago, when the idea of Eucharistic Adoration was first presented to faculty and students, they looked at us like we had three heads, and so it began. I now notice teachers and students staying at Adoration beyond their scheduled time, which is wonderful. It has become a dedicated, quiet, and stress-free time with Jesus.

I am extremely proud of how my job as campus minister blossomed throughout my 27 years at Sacred Heart. It has been challenging and ever so fulfilling. I treasure visits from former students who tell me that I've made a difference in their lives. Several have been baptized, some have joined the Church, and many more are raising their children in the Catholic Church. Others want help by making sure our students attend youth events like NCYC so that they can experience what it's like to join thousands of other students their age in praying, learning, celebrating, and growing in their relationship with God.

My words of wisdom: PRAY. Keep learning and teaching. Keep giving words of encouragement. Keep smiling... they'll wonder what you are up to. Parents and educators, please continue planting the seeds because they can grow into a FAITH that can move mountains!

My husband and I will be enjoying lake life and retirement. Spending time with family and in service to others remains a priority. One of our first trips will be to see our son, Michael, and his wife, Sara, who recently moved to Tennessee. Our daughter, Kelly, is also close by in Kansas City. We're excited about the numerous activities that will keep us engaged with Sacred Heart School and St. Vincent de Paul Parish. The future of Sacred Heart – and ours – looks sunny and bright as we continue to "Let our light shine!"

With love and prayer,
Debbie Bolin Sacred Heart Campus Minister (1995-2022)



Planned Giving: Your Legacy, Our Future

Developing a plan now for your assets can help ensure that your life's mission will continue to impact the world for years, decades — even generations to come. Life is uncertain, and starting or updating your plan now provides needed peace of mind.

Ways to Give

There are many creative approaches to planned giving that benefit charitable causes and your loved ones simultaneously without impacting your current lifestyle or your family's security. We invite you to contact your trusted advisors to learn more about planned giving methods that work for you. To speak about your planned gift to Saint Vincent de Paul Parish or the Sacred Heart Foundation, please contact Liz Van Leer in the business office at (660) 827-2311.

Have you already planned a legacy gift to Sacred Heart Foundation or St. Vincent de Paul? Please share your story with us to inspire others to give!

Benefits of planned giving

Peace - A good estate plan can increase your lifetime security and help provide for your loved ones and the causes you value simultaneously. Imagine passing away with no plan in place, leaving both an emotional burden and a tax burden for those you care about the most.

Provision - Give loved ones property you have acquired in the right way, at the right time, with minimal cost.

Spiritual Legacy - An estate plan acknowledges God's ownership of all. It helps prepare the next steward and ensures that your final act on earth is one of good stewardship. We are blessed to have Sacred Heart School as an invaluable ministry of our St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Currently, 56% of our parish budget supports the school, and the other 44% supports other essential ministries. We are grateful for the work of the Sacred Heart Foundation assisting us in raising additional funds for our school.

SHS Foundation Named Scholarships

With grateful hearts, we recognize those who have chosen to sponsor a Sacred Heart School student with a named scholarship. By doing so, these donors have chosen to reach out to meet the needs of a deserving student or faculty member in a very special and specific way. Contributors to a named scholarship have the opportunity to meet the individuals they have sponsored and watch them grow throughout that student's education at Sacred Heart School. If you would like to learn more about contributing to an existing scholarship or creating a new scholarship for you or a loved one, please contact Liz Van Leer at shfoundation@gogremlins.com.

Existing SHS Tuition Scholarships

- Richard & Jan Bahner Endowment
- Jim Dick Memorial Scholarship
- Elizabeth Menefee O'Dowd Scholarship
- Charles Keller Family Scholarship
- Mary Jo McMullin Scholarship
- Ken Mosier Family Scholarship
- Ralph Fall Memorial Scholarship
- Tony Simon Memorial Scholarship
- A.L. & Mary Robinson Scholarship
- John & Vera Riley Memorial Scholarship
- Jane Beaudette Memorial Scholarship
- Mike Westermier Memorial Scholarship
- Joel Burks Memorial Scholarship
- Devon Grose Memorial Scholarship
- James & Barbara Cooney Scholarship
- GUESA Scholarship
- Mike & Esther DeGraff Scholarship
- Sharon Dey Scholarship
- A.M.I.C. Scholarship
- Bill & Carol Register Scholarship
- Mike Westermier Memorial Scholarship
- Robbie Withers Memorial Scholarship

We are honored to celebrate the following newly established Sacred Heart School Tuition Scholarships.

- AJ Menefee Legacy Scholarship
- Betty Hopkins Legacy Scholarship
- David and Judy Paul Scholarship
- Mary Kehl Endowment
- Terry and Elaine Smith Legacy Scholarship

College Scholarships for SHS graduates

- McCarthy Toyota Scholarship
- James & Barbara Cooney Scholarship
- McCarthy Toyota Devon Grose Memorial Scholarship

Sacred Heart School Professional Development Scholarships

- Sharon Dey Scholarship

It's summertime but I can't help but think about Christmas when I write this article. I got to be an elf! It happened when a graduate living out west gave a transformational gift to the SHS Foundation. A portion was earmarked as Christmas cash for SHS faculty and staff because the donors wanted our team to know that their hard work and sacrifices are appreciated. I had the honor of hand-delivering the Christmas cheer with our development director, Liz Van Leer. It was a great day of surprises, laughter, tears, and much joy. Sign me up to be an elf again!

Another part of this transformational gift to the SHS Foundation was used to establish an endowed scholarship that will provide at least \$6,000 in SHS tuition assistance each year in perpetuity. Talk about a gift that lasts a lifetime! I'm grateful to this couple and to the many others who have named Sacred Heart Foundation and/or St. Vincent de Paul Parish in their planned giving. As I like to say, planned gifts to charities can be a great outlet to support the people and causes you love while disinheriting the taxman. Who wouldn't like to explore that avenue? Give us a call and we'd be happy to talk.

I hope you enjoy reading *From the Heart* as much as I do. The exciting activities taking place at SHS would not be possible without your prayers and support.

Kyle Herrick '82
President
Sacred Heart School Foundation



P.S. Shout out to you, Class of '82, and cheers to 40 years! Attending the 1986 - 1995 reunion got me even more excited to reconnect with my classmates. And you don't have to wait for a reunion to get into the SHS spirit. Hope to see many of you at the SHS Golf Classic (Monday, Sept. 26) and Big Fat Greek Dinner Auction (Saturday, Oct. 1).

In Memoriam

We remember and give thanks to Firmin Boul '55, who responded to our Annual Fund Drive appeal letter for the first time in 2020. He told us that the older he got, the more he appreciated his Sacred Heart School experience. He spoke fondly of his well-worn path of childhood memories along Third street, which was the route for church, school, home, and friends. We are grateful for his friendship and his transformational gift to the SHS Foundation that will support a path for others to follow in his footsteps at SVDP and SHS.



Our 2022 Annual Fund Drive is Underway

The McGremlin Gym transformed into a "Mardi-Gratin" Watch Party/Battle of the Brains event in support of Sacred Heart School and the Foundation Annual Fund Drive. Festivities began with the livestreaming of the boys district championship game. The Gremlins came out victorious and the team returned to school to receive a standing ovation from a gym full of watch party fans who quickly got their game faces on for the Battle of the Brains trivia night. Congrats to our District Champs and Team Smardi Gras for taking the top spot in two tightly contested matches!

The big winner was Sacred Heart School! Our 2022 Foundation Annual Fund Drive is still underway. If you haven't yet, there's no more meaningful time than right now. With your support we can make this Annual Fund Drive and this school year our best yet!

Contributions to the Annual Fund are needed now more than ever for:

Student Scholarships: We ask each family to pay as much as possible, but more than 90% of our families are not able to pay the actual cost to educate their students at Sacred Heart School. Generous gifts from St. Vincent de Paul Parish and our Sacred Heart School Foundation help bridge the gap between the actual cost and what a family can afford.

Faculty Recruitment and Retention: Fair and competitive salaries are essential to be able to continue to provide the best education for our students.

Facilities and Resources: Structural work on our school's roof and kitchen wall (built in 1956) is underway.

Our 2022 Annual Fund Drive goal is \$250,000 by December 31! We invite you to join in our mission and generously give now.

A gift from you in any amount will be honored by placing your name on our website (www.gogremlins.com), in a future publication of *From the Heart* SHS newsletter and e-blast; and in a parish bulletin. Scan the QR code or give online at www.gogremlins.com/donate.

Thank you for your continued support!

SHS Foundation Annual Fund Drive

2022 Goal: \$250,000 by Dec. 31st

We are deeply grateful for the support we receive each year from our parishioners, parents, friends, alumni, staff, and business and community leaders. The Foundation Annual Fund Drive is critical to our school's financial health because tuition dollars do not fully support the cost of educating a Sacred Heart School student.

The following list includes donors who gave to the Annual Fund Drive. (From Nov. 26, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2021)

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