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On the cover : Dr. Register greets his granddaughter, Brielle, on her first day of preschool.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

Thank you for taking the time to look through our latest edition of From the Heart. I am filled with gratitude for those who work so hard to put this together with Liz Van Leer and for you who are part of our Sacred Heart School family.



St. Vincent de Paul Parish and by extension, Sacred Heart School are moving toward a stewardship model, which includes the Four Pillars of Stewardship: hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. Every year parish families and school families are asked to complete a time and talent form (which includes a commitment to a sacrificial tithe if they are a parish member). When the priest meets with each school family the parents are reminded they are the first educators in the way of faith for their children. The school is here to support and not replace them in this role. The school can only enhance what is happening at home. Therefore, the parent and school are in relationship to raise disciples for Jesus Christ. What is asked of the parents then is to be involved. For Sacred Heart School to be at its best, every parent helps out around the school. Our children need to see parents everywhere throughout the day working together with faculty and staff. This demonstrates that we are all disciples working to make more disciples for Jesus Christ. We are not about the transaction of money for goods and services rendered. That would make us just a private school. We are about working together in partnership to make disciples. That makes us a Catholic School.

For us to live as disciples in stewardship means we start with the pillar of hospitality. Dr. Register, Sister Mary Ruth Wand, SSND and I regularly greet students and visitors at the door each morning demonstrating hospitality. We have administrators and teachers in the hallways greeting students until first bell showing hospitality. Throughout the day as we welcome and work with everyone who comes into our building shows that we take hospitality seriously and are intentional about it. The next pillar of stewardship we work on is prayer. We continue with adoration with the student body, attend Mass once a week, and introduce our students to ways to pray to God in our Armor of God prayer process. We are in the process of expanding services in moving from a Campus Minister to a Director of Faith Formation in the school. The third pillar of stewardship is faith formation. We agree to be life-long learners in the faith. That means we cannot stop learning about our faith in 8th grade nor 12th grade, but we continue. We offer our school and parish families the website Formed and are regularly sending spiritual and faith development materials home through *The Sacred Heart Beat* and on our social media platforms. And, the fourth pillar of stewardship, service. We offer service projects for the students to show that they will be happier and more at peace when they can give of themselves to those who are in need. We have updated our service hours form by adding an explanation from our Catholic faith tradition why service hours make sense in a Catholic School. We attempt as the students grow in maturity that they do service for intrinsic benefits (growth in holiness, becoming closer to those in need, seeing the face of Jesus in those they assist).

By you reading this, you are part of our stewardship of spirituality. You are using your time to read this publication. You are using your gift of being able to read. And, you have given financially to St. Vincent de Paul, Sacred Heart School and/or the Sacred Heart School Foundation, which places you on the distribution list to receive this. So, thank you! Let me close with the definition of stewardship that we use in our diocese: The grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor. Please enjoy seeing everything we are about in our school that you make happen through your living out the spirituality of stewardship.

Fr. Joe Corel  
Pastor



**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

A highlight of my day as SHS president is greeting and opening the school doors for students as they make their way into the building. I opened those same doors for the very first time as a sophomore back in 1972. I would never have imagined that over 50 years later, I'd be opening those doors for hundreds of other Gremlins, including my granddaughter! (Class of 2037)!



We've opened the doors to a wonderful 2022-2023 school year. We are in the midst of our school accreditation self-study. The results of that promise us a great plan for continuous school improvement going forward. Please be looking for more information from the self-study accreditation effort in the next summer edition of *From the Heart*.

I would like to use this space to announce that I will be retiring at the end of the school year. My last day of service as President of Sacred Heart School will be June 30, 2023. It would be impossible to adequately express what being part of the Sedalia Catholic community has meant to me over these 50 wonderful years. As an educator, I consider myself one of those lucky few who found what they were meant to do and was given the opportunity to be of some value and service over the course of a career.

I love my parish and I love our parish school. While the doors may be closing on my service as President, my heart remains open to actively serving as a steward within the St. Vincent de Paul and Sacred Heart School community for as long as the good Lord sees fit.

As always, it will be my continued prayer that the Lord bless all of those affiliated with Sacred Heart School. My wife Julie and I feel blessed that we were able to raise and educate our children at Sacred Heart. We now look forward to the same wonderful opportunity of the Sacred Heart School experience for our grandchildren in the years to come.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to work in God's vineyard with all those affiliated with our beloved parish school. I look forward to a fantastic school year in 2022-2023 and an extremely bright future for Sacred Heart School!

"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



# FALL SPORTS RECAP

## SOCCER

Second-year head coach Warren Dey led the Sacred Heart Gremlin boys soccer team to an impressive 16-9 record. The Gremlins faced the traditional challenging schedule, once again taking on many schools with much higher enrollments than Sacred Heart, including the eventual 2022 2A state champion Marshall High School.

After a few road losses, the Gremlins started a winning streak with a victory over Smithton. Sacred Heart won the next seven consecutive games leading up to the Kaysinger Conference Tournament, played every year in Stover. The Gremlins continued the winning streak with impressive play, shutting out all three teams they faced. Sacred Heart was crowned Conference Tournament Champions with a 3-0 win over Smithton. The Gremlins also won the Kaysinger Conference season championship.

With 27 players, Sacred Heart fielded a junior varsity team (2-3). The JV season featured victories over St. Paul Lutheran (Concordia) and Helias.

The varsity season ended with a District semi-final loss to Odessa 2-3. All but one starter will return for the 2023 season.



## VOLLEYBALL

Sacred Heart varsity volleyball had a spectacular season finishing with a 29-7 record. This is the most season wins for the program since the 2007 and 2008 state champion teams. They won the Kaysinger Conference Tournament against Stover, and won the Class I District 5 Championship against an outstanding New Haven team to advance to the Sweet Sixteen match. The team traveled four hours to Lesterville and lost a hard-fought battle in three sets, ending a fantastic season with a final #13 rank out of 103 Missouri Class 1 schools.



Emma Siron ends her high school volleyball career with 1,737 kills. This four-time all-state athlete is #1 in Missouri Class 1 hitting percentage and #2 in Missouri All Classes hitting percentage. She is also #2 in Missouri Class 1 kills and #4 in Missouri All Classes kills.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country had a small but mighty team this year. All first-year runners, each one pushed past what they thought they could accomplish and consistently improved throughout the season. All four runners earned medals. Freshman Jared Owens advanced to state and placed 33rd out of 171 runners. Be sure to stay on pace with this young batch of Gremlin runners!



## GOLF

Girls golf had a season full of memories made, continued growth, and determination. The 2022 season welcomed Rachel Newkirk as the new head coach. The future looks bright as interest is continuing to grow throughout the region. A highlight from the season included the inaugural Kaysinger Conference golf tournament at the Sedalia Country Club.

## JUNIOR HIGH SPOTLIGHT

Junior High soccer and volleyball each played a full schedule and ended the season with winning records. Both programs were under the direction of new coaches. St. Vincent de Paul parishioner, Joyce Shiney, took the helm as head volleyball coach. Her extensive coaching background blends fundamentals with faith and team building. Coach Shiney was assisted by Mandy (Bain) Prewitt '99 and Lacy Judd. Junior High soccer was under the direction of head coach, Nick Turner '06, who was assisted by Dan Cahill. This was the first year that 6th grade was rolled into junior high soccer per MSHSAA rule changes, which gave the team record numbers and a solid roster.



## POST SEASON AWARDS

### All State

Emma Siron (SR), Volleyball

### All District

Emma Siron (SR), 1st Team, Volleyball  
 Mariana Restrepo (SR), 1st Team, Volleyball  
 Kate Carney (SR), 1st Team, Volleyball  
 Sammy Altana (JR), 1st Team, Volleyball  
 Zoe Martin (SR), Honorable Mention, Volleyball  
 Osvaldo Garcia (SR), Soccer  
 George Bain IV (JR), Soccer  
 Jackson Manning (JR), Soccer  
 Traven Wheeler (JR), Honorable Mention, Soccer

### All Conference

Emma Siron (SR), Volleyball  
 Mariana Restrepo (SR), Volleyball  
 Sammy Altana (JR), Volleyball  
 Kate Carney (SR), Honorable Mention, Volleyball  
 Osvaldo Garcia (SR), Soccer  
 George Bain IV (JR), Soccer  
 Jackson Manning (JR), Soccer  
 Traven Wheeler (JR), Soccer  
 Diego DeLeon (SO), Honorable Mention, Soccer  
 Josh Pacheco (SO), Honorable Mention, Soccer  
 Clay Crooker (SO), Cross Country  
 Jared Owens (FR), Cross Country

### Academic All State: Track

Ian Viscarra, Class of 2022  
 Allie Finney, Class of 2022  
 Arly Ponce, Class of 2022  
 Kate Carney (SR)  
 Mariana Restrepo (SR)  
 Laura Granados (SR)  
 Jaden Velando (SR)  
 Reuben Smith (JR)  
 Shea Smith (JR)  
 Jackson Manning (JR)  
 Ellie Coruna (JR)  
 Sophia Carney (SO)

# SCHOOL NEWS



Welcome back, Gremlins! Back-to-school festivities kicked off with an all-school Mass. Active Parents Club provided backdrops for lots of fun photos, a breakfast and a pool party. New families were invited to a mixer where they had the opportunity to meet one another, faculty and staff, and explore the campus before Open House the next evening. It was a wonderful start to making 2022-23 the best school year yet!

In celebration of Johnny Applesseed's birthday, 1st graders made crockpot applesauce. It smelled so good while it was cooking in the classroom all day!



'Twas the night before school and all through the town, our Gremlins were delivering cheer all around. Sneaky they were ... but committed no crimes, as they welcomed new families with "Welcome to SHS" signs!



Boo! The junior class took part in the Noonday Optimist's Haunted Hayride, providing service and some scares to the community.



SHS hosted a PINK OUT with proceeds benefiting Coen Brown '22 and his family. Supporters came out in full force to take in the festivities that included volleyball action, a spaghetti dinner, 50/50 raffle, pink shirts, "Pray for Coen" bracelets, cards for Coen, group prayer and a special performance by the high school boys choir. Over \$5,000 was raised. Many thanks to the Lincoln Cardinals and to everyone who came out to support the PINK OUT night!



No tricks here! Just a treat watching the costumed elementary students walk the McGremlin gym during the annual elementary Halloween Parade.



The greatest school on earth had the greatest fall homecoming on earth! STUCO members served as the ring masters of celebrations that included spirit dress days, carnival game challenges during lunch break, a kickball tournament and a class float competition. Congratulations to the Class of 2023 for collecting enough points to win the Spirit Stick!



SHS welcomed USAF Colonel Geoffrey Steeves, Ops Group Commander at Whiteman Air Force Base (and, more importantly, dad to two Gremlins) as the keynote speaker on Veteran's Day. Col. Steeves drew attention to the numerous monuments in Sedalia that pay tribute to the Armed Forces. Many thanks to Col. Steeves and to all those currently serving, along with those who served and sacrificed as part of the United States Armed Forces. We are safer and the American way of life is more secure because of you. May God bless you all.



A cold and rainy day did not stop animals of all shapes and sizes from receiving the annual blessing of the pets.



Tip tip, hooray! Many thanks to everyone who signed up to work the grandstand concessions stand during the Missouri State Fair. With your help, SHS received \$15,000 from GUESA to support this year's school budget.



Art students shine at the fall high school art contest. Zoe Martin and Miguel Alejo took 2nd place in charcoal and pastel, respectively. Laura Granados took 1st place in colored pencil.



Choir students (mentored by choir director, Mr. Darrin Hartman) participated in singing and playing at XLT Adoration, and in some cases both! What a beautiful way to use God-given gifts and talents to glorify Him!



The 32-member high school choir joined an ensemble of over 200 singers at the 2022 Kaysinger Conference Choir Clinic. The afternoon clinic was led by Jackson Thomas, UCM's Director of Choral Activities. The combined choir rehearsed throughout the afternoon leading up to an evening performance for the public. Among the selections were Shine on Me, a spiritual arranged by Rollo Dilworth, O Love, arranged by Elaine Hagenberg, and Baba Yetu, (a favorite among the students) a Swahili Adaptation of The Lord's Prayer by Chris Kiagirl.

Mole Day (think chemistry, not mammals!), celebrated October 23, commemorates Avogadro's Number (6.02 x 10<sup>23</sup>), which is a chemical measuring unit. Ms. Messina's class celebrated the day by playing an escape room where the students had to solve problems to escape the attack of the "moles." The prize included a mole of cookies!



Over the summer Heckart Funeral Home asked Facebook friends to nominate a special teacher to receive \$250 for their classrooms. Our very own kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Jeannine Dove, was recognized for this well-deserved award. Congratulations, Mrs. Dove and thank you Heckart Funeral Home for honoring our wonderful area teachers!



To God be the Glory! On Sunday, September 18, the fall sports teams came together to fill liturgical roles for the 10am Mass at Sacred Heart Chapel.



Every year, as part of the Armor of God for Discipleship program, each grade level receives a prayer or devotional in the context of worship. First-grade students each received a crucifix during Mass celebrated by Fr. Joe Corel.



Science tastes so good! Mrs. Hagebusch's 6th grade Science class created solar pots and made s'mores using the power of the sun.



Two GRAND celebrations took place this fall in recognition of Grandparents Day. Our elementary and secondary Grandparents Day celebrations welcomed over 325 guests. Both events included Mass followed by a reception in the McGremlin Gym. While our elementary Grandparents Day is a long-held tradition, this was only the second time grades 6-12 hosted grandparents. We're looking forward to making this an annual event!



Ms. Messina's 6th-grade science class investigated the effect of temperature on the growth of crystals. Rock candy, related to chemistry and solubility, allowed the 6th graders to use this delicious lab to grow different "crystals" and to observe the effect of various cooling rates.



The Sacred Heart Jr. High Speech team kicked off its season with five of the 13-member team competing at the Bellarmine Speech Contest in November. The team took home three blue ribbons (highest awarded) and one red (second-highest awarded). Participating in speech league encourages students of all abilities to develop more confidence with communication, public speaking, and stage presence. The season includes three regional meets and a Diocesan meet in May.



Miss Newkirk's second-grade class has been learning about identifying nonliving and living things. The students had a blast comparing live worms to gummy worms. They enjoyed eating ONLY the gummy worms when their experiment was over.



Family Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members attended the fall regional meeting at the University of Central Missouri. The agenda included motivational speakers, games, and miracle-minute activities that tied into leadership and team building. Junior Lexi Owens, Regional Officer Secretary, played an integral role in planning and organizing the regional meeting.



Budding artists took over the Missouri State Fairgrounds for the junior high art contest. Kieran Cahill took 1st place in watercolor; Ava Judd earned 3rd place in pastels; and Gracyn Grass took 3rd place in mixed media.

The 2021-22 Sacred Heart Yearbook Staff received national recognition as a recipient of the Jostens National Yearbook Program of Excellence Award at the gold level, which is the highest level possible. To be considered for the award, the yearbook staff must meet specific criteria in the areas of creating an inclusive yearbook, generating school engagement, successfully managing the creation process, and completing the yearbook on deadline. Over 17,000 schools nationwide partner with Josten's to publish a yearbook. Sacred Heart's student yearbook staff, under the direction of faculty member Nikki Howell, was among the two percent of schools nationwide to receive the award. The Heart of a Gremlin yearbook was dedicated to Campus Minister, Mrs. Debbie Bolin, who retired at the end of the school year.



**Jordan Shipley '15** and **Victoria Shipley '17** were married in May 2018. Jordan completed his six years in the US Navy in 2021 and is a year into his new career at STL Boeing as a P-8A Flight Simulator Design Engineer. Jordan enjoys playing roller and ice hockey on the weekends. Victoria graduated from the University of North Florida in 2020 with a bachelor's in communications and served one year as a Digital Consultant/Account Manager for Marriott Hotels. She is now the Digital Marketing Manager for Hot Box Cookies. She has recently begun shooting wedding videography and portrait photography through her business Victoria Shipley Film. After spending three years in Jacksonville, Florida they bought their first home in O'Fallon, Missouri.

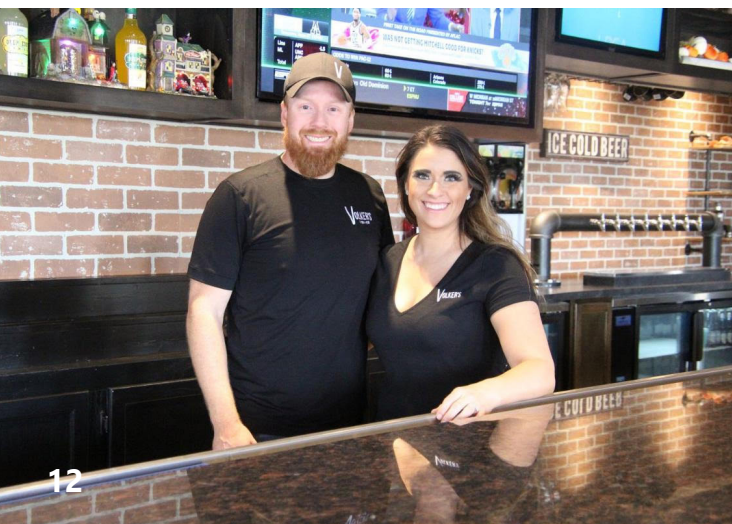


**Teagan Trammell '18** and **Noelle Sunnarborg '18** were married on Saturday, July 2, 2022, in Sedalia. Teagan graduated summa cum laude from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, with a bachelor's degree in political science. He is continuing his education at Texas A&M in College Station, Texas. Teagan is currently working towards his master's degree in public administration and intends to work in public service upon graduation. Noelle graduated magna cum laude from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in animal sciences. Noelle previously worked as the facility coordinator at Retrieving Freedom Inc. She continues to utilize her passion for animals at Bryan Animal Clinic. The couple currently resides in Bryan, Texas, with their golden retriever, Fitz.



**Dana (Dick) Braby '90** lives in California, Missouri, and serves as the 26th Judicial Circuit Court Reporter for the State of Missouri. Outside of work, you can find Dana supporting and cheering for her twin daughters, Emma and Abby, who are enjoying their senior year of high school. Dana is the daughter of Frank Dick. He and his twin brother, Leo, Class of 1959 worked together for years in Sedalia as barbers and auctioneers. Pictured is Frank and Shirly Dick with Greg '82, Dana '90, and Brian '84.

**Ciara (Dove) Volker '07** and her husband, Garrett Volker, opened a new restaurant in October in Sedalia. Volker's Eatery + Pub is a family-friendly restaurant that serves craft pub food featuring burgers, sandwiches, wraps, salads, and pizzas. Volker's has a modern industrial look with a relaxed atmosphere, including a dog-friendly patio. Guests can watch all the big games on the many televisions throughout the restaurant. Ciara and Garrett have over 20 years experience in the food industry and are excited to serve their hometown community. Photo courtesy of the *Sedalia Democrat*.



# NEWSPAPER



**Michelle (Haulotte) O'Donnell '81** recently joined Open Door Service Center as their Director of Development. She previously worked for the TANF (Temporary Aid to Needy Families) program, Inter-State Studio, and Payless Cashways Distribution Center in the computer and marketing departments. She received her associate's degree from SFCC in computer programming in 1989. That same year she married Jimmy O'Donnell of Kansas City. Michelle is the proud mother of three children and six grandchildren. She loves to spend time with her family, take care of her plants, and enjoy life with Jimmy.



**Dan Faulkner '91** and his wife, Christine, are enjoying life in South St. Louis. Children Noah and Katherine are both away at college, with Noah studying mathematics at Truman State University and Katherine focused on Zoology at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Both Dan and Christine attended Truman State University where they first met. Dan's degree in mathematics led him to his current job with AT&T where he's currently a Project Manager. Dan said some of his favorite times at SHS were when he helped as a student manager for several of the sports teams, especially soccer. "I made some great friends and memories during that time," said Dan. "I especially enjoyed it when the team got to the quarterfinals in the state tournament and got to travel to St. Louis and play at Soccer Park. Now that I live in St. Louis, I've gotten to see the Sacred Heart soccer team several times in the last five years or so playing at the same venue."



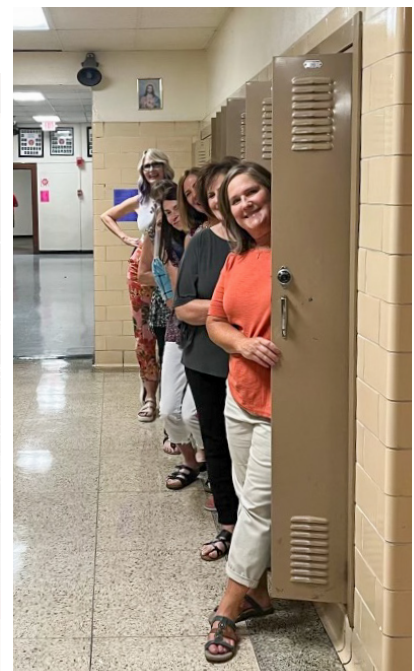
**Judy (Fischer) Jackson '70** retired from teaching in 2009. She spent the majority of her 33 years teaching kindergarten and first grade. Judy and her husband, Steve, were married 49 years ago at the Sacred Heart Chapel. They are the parents of Lesley (Justin) and Hillary (Alex). They also have one granddaughter, Cameron. Judy loves country life and enjoys her book club, walking, baking, decorating, and volunteering at SVDP Parish.



**Devin Wadley '11** works for Fannie Mae and has been on its communications and marketing team since 2018. She manages partner accounts for Fannie Mae's Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) & Mission, and Human Resource divisions. Devin began her career at Consero Group, an event management company. After a short time based in New York City, she is back in Washington, DC, her home of over five years. Devin graduated from the University of Missouri in 2015 with her bachelor's in journalism and then attended Georgetown University for her master's in communications.



**The Sacred Heart Class of 1971** at County Distributing. Paul Beykirch '73 provided the facility and Kehde's catered a wonderful meal. Several classmates attended Mass the next day, which was followed by a tour of the school. Pictured: Richard Schwalie, Stacy (Trotter) Guier, Mary (Borchers) Watkins, Ron Esser, Linda (Huhman) Amos, Debbie (Eckhoff) Rouchka, Kathy (Menefee) Scott. Back row Janet (Gonser) Fillman, David Kemp, Darrell Cook, and John Coxon.



**Happy 40th, Class of 1982!** Festivities included dinner at El Tapatio and a tour of Sacred Heart School. For many classmates, this was the first time visiting the campus since the 2005 expansion, so there were certainly lots of new discoveries and walks down memory lane. Always a favorite is the hallway of class composites. The group had a lot of fun talking about the good times, especially their senior year. A highlight of the visit included a reveal of notes taken by one of their teachers, Irene Davis, that documented funny comments and happenings by the class of '82. There were lots of laughs and a good time had by all just being together again.

Pictured left to right, back row: Kyle Herrick, Kelly Hoskins, Lynette Tillotson, Dawn Ziegerer, Janice (Williams) Brandt, Janet (Fischer) Clements, Jim Marino, Paul Elliott, Mike Buso, front row: Shelly (Russell) Binne, Sue (Hammond) Guffin, Mary (Makarowitz) Slater, Diane (Simon) Kidwell, Roxy (Dick) Herrick.

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](mailto:nhowell@gogremlins.com) to find out if your years are available.

# REUNION



**The Class of 1972** celebrated its 50th class reunion Sept. 24-25. After many months of planning, 17 of the 42 graduates met at the Sedalia Country Club on Saturday night for food and fellowship. Many had not seen each other since graduation. Some had traveled from as far as Maine, Texas, and Oklahoma. Although some were unable to attend, many of those sent well wishes and updates on their lives to be shared. Meg (Swords) Liston was the Master of Ceremonies as they viewed a video of their high school days that was put together by Tracy (Dick) Straka; took turns telling about their lives since graduation; and reminisced while looking through old yearbooks and news clippings. A memorial table was set up in honor of their four deceased classmates, Dale Kruse, Jackie (Fischer) Waggoner, Patricia (Sneathen) Johnston, and Denise Grotzinger.



On Sunday morning, the Class of '72 and the Class of '71 (also celebrating over the weekend) attended the 10:00 Mass together. After Mass, both classes met in the school commons area for coffee and donuts. Dr. Mark Register led the group through the school as they relived some wonderful times together as students at Sacred Heart.



Top picture left to right first row: Bill Straka, Tracy (Dick) Straka, Sheryl (Embry) Keele, Mary Ellen (Dale) McCarthy, Karen (Huhman) McCollum, Gloria (Pfeiffer) Klein, Maureen (Melvin) Schmitz, Mary Ellen (Fall) Davis, Ron Ray. Second Row: Steve Karigan, Margaret (Cech) Sutton, Debbie (Felton) Smith, Linda (Belker) Ricker, Meg (Swords) Liston, Stan Jarvis, Greg Brown, and Chuck Mergen.



## INSPIRING ENDOWMENTS

### Twenter and Butler Family

Members of the Twenter family have established the Twenter and Butler Family Endowment in honor of Marvella and Jay Twenter and Theresa and Arnitha Butler. Their gifts comprise a legacy endowment in perpetuity through the Sacred Heart School Foundation that will support students attending Sacred Heart School.

"Sacred Heart was an integral part of my life growing up in the '60s, '70s and '80s," said Jim Twenter '79. "Whenever the church or school needed support, families came together to get the job done."

Theresa Butler was a devout Catholic and an active member of Sacred Heart Church. In her 35 years as the school's cafeteria cook, she made certain that no child went without a meal. Perhaps her greatest legacy was instilling a steward's heart within her four children: Marvin, John, Arnitha, and Marvella.

Arnitha attended Sacred Heart Elementary through 8th grade. (Sacred Heart High School was not yet established.) She graduated from Smith-Cotton High School in 1936. She attended Central Business College and worked as a stenographer for 43 years at the Division of Employment Security before retiring in 1982. She was a lifelong member of Sacred Heart Church and Daughters of Isabella. You could always catch Arnitha at the Sacred Heart Bazaar bidding on the homemade quilts at the auction. Arnitha passed away February 28, 2011.

For Marvella May '49 and Joseph William "Jay" Twenter, faith, family and Catholic education were the cornerstones of their 68 years of marriage. Both were the youngest in families of four children. However, they raised a family of 10 children that has grown to include 32 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. Jay and Marvella believed strongly in giving their children a Catholic education and instilled in them the importance of the Catholic faith. Four generations of the family have attended Sacred Heart School, and 14 grandchildren and great-grandchildren have graduated from or are attending the school.

Jay and Marvella were involved with many activities and improvements at Sacred Heart School and Church. Marvella was involved with the church choir (42 years), funeral mass coordination (40 years), school board, quilting club, collection counting, and Daughters of Isabella. Jay's involvement included counting collection, classroom construction improvements, restructuring the Hoying Gym and bleachers, and church renovations. Both were volunteers at the Bazaar since its inception in 1972 and are lifetime members of the Sacred Heart School Booster Club. Marvella passed away March 27, 2020. Jay died January 28, 2022.

"I know my parents (Jay and Marvella) were proud to be active in the community," said Jim. "Their legacy has inspired many individuals over the years. It is a great honor for members of my family and me to be able to establish an endowment in the memory of our parents, grandmother, and aunt. May they rest in peace."



### Terry & Elaine Smith

Where the road of exactitude intersects with freedom, you'll find Terry Smith '68 hugging the curve on his Harley with his wife, Elaine. His love for adventure embraces an ambiguous itinerary, and the accountant in him pinpoints each trip with accuracy, including his longest ride in 2011, deliberately clocked at 8,888 miles.

Terry's journey with bikes and books started over 55 years ago, but his road trip with SHS started back in elementary school. Throughout his 12 years at SHS, Terry went the extra mile. He was a regular on the altar server rotation for 6 a.m. Mass. When SHS began a high school soccer team, Terry joined. He was active in music, representing SHS in various mixed choir competitions. One of his fondest memories was playing Tom Sawyer in Life on the Mississippi.

Life on the road and a career in accounting called to Terry at age 16. "I wanted to buy a car but my parents said no, but they agreed to let me get a motorcycle," he recalls. In order to fund his interests, Terry started working with his dad in the finance department at Home Building Corporation. Nothing like going full throttle when handling weekly payroll for 250 employees! Following graduation from SHS, he attended Central Missouri State College (now UCM) and graduated with an accounting degree. While a motocross injury, finances, and life grounded the bike for a while, Terry's career was picking up speed. His 45-year accounting career served midwest-based companies that included Alcan Cable, Broderick & Bascom, Amsted, and WireCo. He retired in 2011 from Gardner Denver.

In 1996, Terry got back on the bike, and since then, has clocked thousands of miles throughout 34 states and Canada. A 2017 ride that started in Sedalia took Terry and Elaine to Sturgis, Yellowstone, and finally Arizona. On that trip, they found property and eventually moved from Missouri to Arizona. Despite the new zip code, Sacred Heart would always be close to home.

"Looking back, some of the best times in life were at Sacred Heart," said Terry. "My friends get together religiously every five years. They are just a good group of people."

As for his Catholic school education, Terry admits that like most kids in their senior year, he was tickled to leave. "I didn't necessarily appreciate SHS until later in life," he said. "At one point it just dawned on me the work ethic and accountability I learned at SHS and from my dad. Back in those days, you worked hard to learn. The education was excellent and the nuns didn't put up with much."

In 2021, Terry's mind for numbers, heart of a Gremlin and the Holy Spirit inspired him and Elaine to make a transformational gift to the Sacred Heart School Foundation. Their gift provided 2021 Christmas bonuses to St. Vincent de Paul and SHS faculty and staff.

"We realize how hard teachers and staff work at a small school like Sacred Heart," said Terry. "It was important to us that we do something with our gift to let them know that they are valued and appreciated."

The Smiths also established the Terry and Elaine Smith Legacy Endowment which will provide several annual \$1,000 need-based SHS tuition scholarships in perpetuity.

"A lot of us (alumni) have done well in life thanks to the education we received at Sacred Heart," says Terry. "I want to share my story to encourage others to give back."



Our 2022 Foundation Annual Fund Drive is still underway. If you haven't yet, there's no more meaningful time than right now. Our SHS Foundation Annual Fund Drive Appeal is our single largest effort to ensure the heart of our beloved school beats strong and steady now and well into the future. Gifts to the Annual Fund support essentially every aspect of the school, including:

- **Student Scholarships:** More than 90% of our families seek tuition assistance. Gifts to the Annual Fund Drive 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:** Funding to address immediate needs and future capital improvements is necessary to keep our 140-year-old campus healthy, vibrant, and poised for the next generation of scholars.

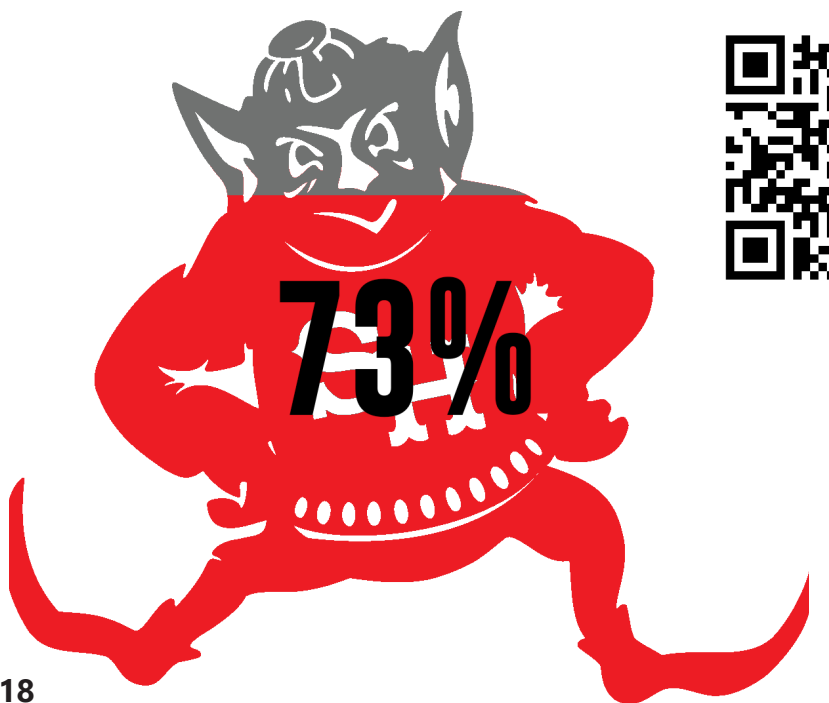
A gift from you in any amount will be honored by placing your name on our website ([www.gogremlins.com](http://www.gogremlins.com)), in a future publication of From the Heart magazine and e-blast; and in a parish bulletin. Scan the QR code, use the enclosed envelope, or give online at [www.gogremlins.com/donate](http://www.gogremlins.com/donate).

Thank you for your continued support!

As part of your year-end giving, a contribution of any amount toward our Wish List items is greatly appreciated. Better yet: have someone on your list who is difficult to buy for? Make an impactful gift in their honor!

Please use the enclosed envelope to make your year-end contribution to Sacred Heart School Foundation. Your gift is 100% tax deductible. Thank you for your consideration of this request! For more information, please contact Liz Van Leer at [shfoundation@gogremlins.com](mailto:shfoundation@gogremlins.com).

- **Sacred Heart School Foundation Annual Fund Drive = No limit!** Our Annual Fund Drive remains our top need and priority as it supports the long-term and immediate operational needs of Sacred Heart School.
- **Financial Planning Books = \$1,014** Published by Ramsey Education, Foundations in Personal Finance will enrich the high school personal finance class. The curriculum is focused on teaching students how to manage their finances, find a solid career, and get through their 20's without drowning in debt.
- **12 Passenger Van Remaining Balance = \$9,000** Help us roll on with a fleet that is paid in full. Thanks to significant help from grants, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, and the Sacred Heart School Foundation, we developed a transportation fleet better suited to meet the needs of our school and parish (including bussing students from Warrensburg and Whiteman Air Force Base!). Gifts in any amount will help us pay off this remaining balance. Gifts above and beyond will help offset fuel and maintenance expenses.



**RAISED: \$182,938**  
**GOAL: \$250,000**



## FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Our award-winning yearbook, Heart of a Gremlin is perfectly named. As I'm writing this article, my colleagues are fielding phone calls from people ordering meals from the St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Dinner (order count is at 744). Students are being dismissed from our all-school Mass. Some are returning to the classroom and others are headed to Open Door to deliver the canned goods that were collected at our annual all-school food drive (total count ...4971 pounds). I'm trying not to eat the peanut butter blossom cookies that a student proudly dropped off for the Thanksgiving dinner, and I just received a reminder that junior high girls basketball will dismiss early from Thanksgiving eve practice to help with meal prep at St. Patrick's chapel. Meanwhile, Cory City '04 with his design genius is helping us fit as many stories as possible into this issue of *From the Heart*. We always run out of pages before we run out of stories!

This is truly the heart of a Gremlin. Our school is vibrant and alive, and I hope you feel that energy as you flip through the pages. Our heart beats strong thanks to countless people – past and present – who have been guided by the Holy Spirit to serve as the living Church on earth. My thoughts and prayers bear heavily on Mary (Behen) Donahue who passed away last night. Mary was the last living member of our Pioneer Class of 1945. She embodied our school's living foundation, which shines vibrantly in all of you.

St. Frances de Sales said, "God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish."

This is our moment, and I'm grateful to be on this journey with you. May we listen to God's call and together keep the heart of Sacred Heart School beating strong for another 140 years and beyond.

With much appreciation,

Liz Suter-Van Leer  
Development Director  
Sacred Heart School  
Sacred Heart Foundation



## MEMORIALS

### *Remembering our Dearly Departed*

We are honored and humbled to receive gifts in service to the memories of our beloved dearly departed, given to St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Sacred Heart School, and the Sacred Heart School Foundation.

Albert Bruehl  
Amy Muehler  
Ann Reavis  
Art Borgmeyer  
Barbara Hewett  
Bill Labus  
Bob Milner  
Bob Russell  
Bob Schwickrath  
Glenda Joe Schmeltzer  
Cliff Lear  
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Floyd Burton  
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Frances Powell  
Helen Brazos  
James Hall  
Jane Stewart

Jay (JW) Twenter  
Jerry Doogs  
Jim Edwards  
Joanna Dotson  
Joe Dale Hedrick  
Joey Gillespie  
John Higgins  
John Husong  
Karen Culler  
Karl Jaegers  
Kathryn Boul Wilhelmy  
Kelly Rice  
Larry Foster  
Lyra Rupprecht  
Margie Gerken  
Marlyn Morhain  
Marvella Twenter  
Marvin Gibson  
Mary Edwards  
Mary Helen Staus  
Ray Haley  
Rose Ann Bahner  
Ross & Alma Dey  
Tony Ross  
Trudy Karigan Knight

We would be honored to be a part of your legacy. Please ensure the future of our mission by remembering St. Vincent de Paul and Sacred Heart School Foundation in your planned giving.

Our list of memorials reflects gifts received from Nov. 20, 2021, to Oct. 31, 2022. Gifts directed to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive in memory or in honor of a loved one will be listed in our summer issue of *From the Heart*.

# SACRED HEART GOLF CLASSIC



Gorgeous weather and good times were in the forecast at the Sedalia Country Club for the 12th-annual Sacred Heart Golf Classic, sponsored by Dugan's Paint & Flooring and W-K. The tournament brought together 41 teams represented by friends, alumni, school families, and more. This year also marked the return of the Family Fun Day sponsored by McDonald's-Marshall Family and our SHS Active Parents Club. Over 500 families came out for fellowship, food, and bounce house fun.

Special thanks to our title sponsors (Dugan's Paint & Flooring and W-K) and our chairpersons Charles '88 and Sarah '98 Tippie, and Angela McMullin. It was a great event on a beautiful day!

Congratulations to this year's tournament winners:

**Championship Flight** - Alan Bankovich '12, Eric George, and Dwayne Polly

**"A" Flight** - Todd Hudson, Candi Hudson, and Jimmy Martin

**"B" Flight** - Brad Anders, Chris Robinson, and Jeff Davis



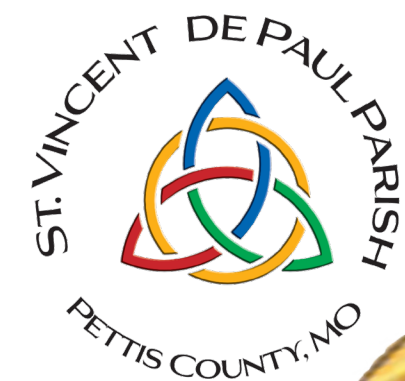
- Thank you to our SH Golf Classic supporters!**
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  - David and Rachel Kramer Family
  - Phillip T. Sawyer - Pettis County Prosecuting Attorney
  - (Re)Solutions Custom Technical Services
  - Rick Ball Ford Lincoln Sedalia
  - RAC-JAC
  - Billie Barnes - RE/MAX
  - Whitney Cromley
  - Central Bank of Sedalia
  - The Missouri Bank
  - Virgil McDonald - Edward Jones
  - Cornie Sanders - Prism Hair Studio
  - Kyle Renfro - BW Graphics
  - Bryan Jenkins - State Farm
  - Joy Wenner - RE/MAX
  - Pummill's Sporting Goods
  - Brad Pollitt, State Representative
  - Ditzfeld Container
  - Jim's Tire Service
  - Tigerland Motors



The Sacred Heart and St. Vincent de Paul community helped make this year's Bazaar Dinner Auction one of the most successful events to date! Over 200 guests attended the My Big Fat Greek Bazaar and, thanks to the BidPal Mobile Bidding System sponsors, many more friends across the nation were able to participate. Bob Hladik (husband of Katelin '02) was the host and Jackson's Catering provided a fantastic Greek-themed dinner for guests to enjoy.

This year, over \$125,000 was raised to support operational needs and capital improvements for St. Vincent de Paul Parish and Sacred Heart School. Part of the funding will be used to upgrade kitchen appliances at St. Patrick's and in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria. New windows and carpeting will be installed in the St. Vincent de Paul rectory. (This will be the first time carpet has been replaced since 1971!)

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this event a success, including our Bazaar team, donors, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters. Make sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates on next year's event: [www.facebook.com/bazaardinnerauction](http://www.facebook.com/bazaardinnerauction).



# HOMECOMING RECEPTION

Friday, Jan. 20  
Hoying Gym

Alumni, parents and friends are invited to help us celebrate Homecoming 2023. Cheer on our Gremlins as they take on the Otterville Eagles. Post-game activities include food, drink, music, and fellowship. Childcare will be provided. There will be no cost for the event, but free-will donations will be accepted.

Questions?

Contact Mark Register  
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# The time is now



Save the Date

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023**

*Honoring our 2023 Inductees*

JIM '53 AND PAT (RYAN '53) FALL

TOM JENNEWAIN

KEN MOSIER '70

DR. MARK REGISTER '75

KAROLYN (LAMB) SPEARS '65

SHS FOUNDATION FOUNDING MEMBERS

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*Battle of the Brains*

**Saturday, February 18**

**TRIVIA NIGHT TO KICK OFF  
2023 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE**

**Need answers?**

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