



# ALUMNI SACRED HEART NEWS

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**HOMECOMING  
2008**  
Friday, Sept. 26  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
AND PLAN TO JOIN US!

## HOMECOMING 2008

September 26, 2008 is the date and we hope to see you all there.

Reunions for the classes of 1968 and 1973 will take place that weekend.

The parade will be Friday afternoon and include our Grand Marshal, Hall of Fame inductees and Alumnus of the Year.



Go Irish!

The football game (SHA vs. Baldwin) begins at 7:00 pm. Halftime will feature the induction of the newest Hall of Fame members and coronation of this year's Queen and King.

The Annual Homecoming Reception for Alumni and Friends will take place in the Parish Hall Friday night beginning at 8:00 PM.

## GRAND MARSHAL

Fr. Don Henkes will serve as Grand Marshal for the 2008 Homecoming parade. Fr. Don was born and raised in Chicago and began his seminary training in high school there. He continued his studies in Tennessee and was ordained in Joliet, Illinois. He then began what he refers to as a "nomadic life" with stops that included working as a prison chaplain in Kentucky, four years of teaching at DeLasalle High School in Chicago, four years in Montana and brief stops in Memphis, Denver, Escanaba, Flint St. Mary's and Saginaw Nouvel before settling at Sacred Heart in 1987. Over the past twenty-one years he has taught an entire generation of Academy graduates.

## ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Jim Epple '59 has been honored as the 2008 Alumnus of the Year. The award is given annually to the alumnus who demonstrates the ideas of his or her Christian education by outstanding contributions to school, parish, church and community. The web site ([www.sha.net](http://www.sha.net)) has a list of past honorees and a nomination form for future consideration.

Jim has coached the Irish softball team since 1990, garnering eight conference titles, four regional championships and a trip to the State semifinals along the way. Before taking over the head softball coaching position, Jim was an assistant for two years and also coached the junior varsity baseball program. Jim has also coached in the summer youth baseball and softball leagues for over thirty years and has been a fixture at the scorers table for football and basketball games at Sacred Heart since 1978. Jim serves as an usher at church and is a member of the Knights of Columbus.



Jim retired in 1997 after 38 years with the Michigan State Department of Transportation, the last ten years as Supervisor in the Mt. Pleasant office.

## WELCOME CLASS OF 2008

Eighteen students became Alumni after graduation ceremonies on May 18, 2008 including three third generation (or more) Irishmen (or women) Brad Ahlers (Dave '80, Phyllis Theisen '53, Clarence Theisen '23), Maria Mumford (Kathleen Brandell '80, Dick Brandell '50, Mary Ellen Sweeney '51, Joe Sweeney '20 ) and Emily Thering (Bob '76, Russell '38). Valedictorian is Olivia Hulme and Salutatorian is Cara Swindelhurst. 78% of the class achieved GPAs of 3.25 or better and all are planning to continue their educations in college.

## WELCOME NEW PASTOR, FR. KALINOWSKI

Fr. Loren Kalinowski has assumed duties as pastor at Sacred Heart this summer. Fr. Bob Byrne has moved to Frankenmuth after nine years of service to the Parish. Fr. Loren is a native of Bay City and was ordained to the priesthood in 1975. He was most recently the pastor of St. John Vianney Parish in Saginaw.

## HALL OF FAME

Carol Rice Shaw '77 and Ken Hartman '90 will become the 76th and 77th athletes enshrined in the Sacred Heart Athletic Hall of Fame during halftime ceremonies on September 26, 2008.

Carol earned eleven varsity letters in four sports, finishing first in the regional and seventh in the state in the shot put as a sophomore. Carol is a registered nurse at the Carson City Hospital Emergency Room and is also a firefighter for the City of Alma and a Medic for the Sumner-Seville Township Rescue Squad.

Ken earned ten varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball including first team all conference in each sport. He was MVP and All State in baseball, led the football team in scoring his senior season and finished his basketball career with 517 points. Ken is a Senior Manager, Commercial Real Estate Consultant for Thomson Reuters in Chicago.

## HALL HELP

The Sacred Heart Athletic Hall of Fame is in need of your help! The Hall was started in 1980 to honor alumni who made outstanding contributions to the Academy athletic programs. To date 75 athletes have been enshrined.

The selection task has become more difficult over the years as some accomplishments have faded from the record books. Data such as team MVPs, team captains, All-Conference, All-Area or All State recognition or outstanding performances (regional medallist or high jump champion, leading tackler, assist leader, etc.) haven't always been recorded.

The Honors Committee of the Alumni Association is attempting to build a data base for future consideration and has a form established for graduates to fill in each year. But of course there are several former athletes who may be worthy of consideration.

The Committee is putting together a list of names to send the form to. If you get one of these letters in the next several weeks please fill it out and send it back in. The Committee certainly doesn't mean to overlook anyone and there is a similar nomination form on the web page. Please help us by sending one in if you feel a friend or relative or you yourself may merit consideration. Don't be shy, we need your help. *Thank you.*

## REUNION NEWS

### 1998 REUNION

About 25 graduates of the class of 1998 gathered at the Cabin in Mt. Pleasant on Saturday, July 12th to celebrate their 10 Year Class Reunion. They enjoyed catching up with one another and reminiscing about the past. They look forward to their next reunion!



Pictures are (back row) Tony McDonald, Sean Bigard, Mike Richmond, Dave Burley, Keith Hutchins, Curt Gottschalck and Casey Fitzpatrick; (Middle row) Krista Stanek, Annie Galgoczi, Angie (Beltinck) Latham, Ben Wright, Ryan Haase, Anne Carson, Tim Groves, Nick Grinzing, Ben Andera, Joe Heintz and Pat Trainor; (front row) Bryan Bollman, Al Martinez, Lindsay West, Alicia Wickert, Beth (Ege) Whitney, Lara Szymula

## ELEMENTARY ADDITION PROGRESSES

Andy Theisen '02 stands in front of the construction progressing at the Elementary School. Andy is the Project Superintendent for the General Contractor, Konwinski Construction. The work includes three new classrooms and an elevator to aid accessibility and will be ready for occupancy when school opens in September.



# MEMBER NEWS

## MORE ON FIRST CLASS...

Heard from Pam Pruden Kesmeyer '65 regarding Lillian Flood McMahon, one of the five ladies who comprised the Class 1893. Lillian was Pam's grandmother's sister but was sixteen years older than Pam's grandmother, Marie Flood LaGoe 1908.

Pam relayed this story: "Aunt Lil, attended a Governor's ball (Michigan Governor) and when she was going through the receiving line, it was discovered that she and the first lady were wearing the same gowns. The first lady told my aunt she should stand next to her in the receiving line, since everyone was going to notice the "twin" dresses and be talking about them anyway - So she did! Aunt Lil was certainly not just a socialite, but a very forward thinking woman of her times and worked very hard to help benefit women and children. She never had children of her own, but her sister, my grandmother, had nine children for her to teach and to spoil. They all have fond memories of her visits."

Pam works in Risk Management for the Dana Holding Company in Toledo, Ohio.  
*Thanks for the information.*

## CLASS OF 37

Margaret Grisdale Wood passed away on June 16, 2008 in St. Louis, Michigan. Margaret served in the Women's Army Corp during World War II, was a housekeeper for the Dominican Convent in Alma and a bookkeeper for the Alma Record. From 1980 to 2005 she was a foster grandparent for the Alma Public Schools.

## CLASS OF 53 - Reunion News!

Received word from Shirley Landwehr Reed that the Class of 1953 is celebrating their 55th reunion on October 4, 2008 with a 5:00 PM dinner at Cheers Neighborhood Bar & Grill in Mt. Pleasant.

## CLASS OF 55

Major Glen Donoghue died on Monday April 7, 2008 in Huntsville, Alabama. Glen spent 20 years in active duty with the Army including several overseas tours. Glen was an avid outdoorsman and active in veteran's affairs and was passionate about his Irish heritage and collectables.

## CLASS OF 58 - Reunion News!

The Class of 1958 will celebrate their 50th anniversary during the September 11-13 weekend. The Class will meet Friday evening at Cheers Neighbor-

hood Bar & Grill. Saturday will include a trolley tour of Mt. Pleasant, a tour of the school and an evening meal at the Soaring Eagle Inn (formerly Holiday Inn). The weekend will conclude with a Sunday breakfast at Bob Evans and 11:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart. Anyone still looking for information can contact Elaine Hackett Salisbury at 616-691-6509.

## CLASS OF 59

Joyce Theisen Julian passed away in Grand Rapids on March 20, 2008.

## CLASS OF 61

Mary Ellen Dionise Catanzarite retired after 33 years of teaching in the Waterford School system. The Catanzarites live in Clarkston where Joe operates Catanzarite Builders.

## CLASS OF 67

Pat Murphy and wife Shelley of Livonia, Michigan became proud grandparents of twin baby girls, Makaela Rose & Daisy Renee, born on April 3, 2008 in Arizona. Pat & Shelley have three sons, Eric who lives in Seattle, Scott in Arizona & youngest son, Justin who is in school in Florida.

## CLASS OF 68 - Reunion News!

The Class of 1968 will be celebrating their reunion on Homecoming weekend, September 27th & 28th. Contact Nancy Rinehart Bentley at bentleyrinehart@yahoo.com for additional information.

## CLASS OF 69

Fr. Ray Cotter has been assigned to St Mary's Church in Mio and St. Francis in Lewiston. Ray remembers his first trip to Mio St. Mary's was with Boy Scout Troop #201 and leader Bill Sowle '51 as they camped on the AuSable River in 1964.

## CLASS OF 72

Eugene Howell passed away on April 16, 2008 in Battle Creek, Michigan. Gene served with the U. S. Navy in Vietnam and had been employed as a member of the Michigan National Guard 110th Fighter Wing in Battle Creek since 1986.

## CLASS OF 73 - Reunion News!

Plans are still being formulated but the class is planning to meet during homecoming weekend, September 26-28. The weekend may include involvement in the parade, a tour of the school, meeting Friday night at the Alumni Reception in the Parish Hall, and Mass on Sunday at 11:00 AM. Contact Jackie Thering Heintz at 989-773-3841 for up to date information.

## CLASS OF 85

Paul Bigard and wife Michelle welcomed their daughter, Laura Marie, on July 3, 2008 in Mt. Pleasant.

## CLASS OF 87

Steve Fox and wife Heather welcomed their third daughter, Chloe Maureen, on December 28, 2007. Steve works at Morbark in Winn, Michigan, as Parts Manager, and lives in Mt. Pleasant. Chloe's grandfather is James '59 of Mt. Pleasant.

After 72 years (1936-2008), the funeral home on the corner of Broadway and Fancher, formerly JJ Rush Funeral Home and, most recently, Lux Funeral Home, has relocated to a brand new facility. The new funeral home, renamed, the Charles R. Lux Family Funeral Home after the late Charles R. Lux Sr., is located on six acres in Union Township. The new address is 2300 S. Lincoln Rd. Charlie Lux Jr. continues to own and operate the business.

## CLASS OF 93

Suzi Petoskey West and husband Toby welcomed daughter Lauren Carol on 11/1/07. She joins big sister Madalyn who is now 3.

## CLASS OF 94

Julie Heintz married Matthew Wright on August 2, 2008. Julie is employed by the Shepherd Public Schools.

Greg Siers was the Commencement Speaker at the graduation ceremonies at Sacred Heart in May and provided many stories of perseverance and following goals to encourage the newest alumni (well, maybe not the part about smashing taxis in New York City!!!). Greg is the Manager of Live Production and Special Events for Discovery Communications and recently covered the live landing on Mars for the Discovery Channel.

Brynnae Green Opalewski and husband Matt welcomed their daughter, Leah, on July 6, 2008 in Lansing. Brynnae is an eye technician but is at home for a while with Leah and her two other children. Grandmother is Paulette Andres Green '64.

## CLASS OF 95

Fred Szelag and wife Angela welcomed their daughter, Audra Jean, on June 10, 2008 in Mt. Pleasant.

Autumn Barbour Voss moved to Midland in June, 2008 with her husband Bill, four children, a dog and a cat. Autumn now works as a nurse at the Midland Hospital.

## CLASS OF 96

Marie Sweeney Natzel and husband Jeff welcomed their first child, Sydney Marie, on May 16, 2008. Marie works in Lansing as a Budget Analyst for the State of Michigan but lives in Mt. Pleasant. Sydney's grandparents are Mick '67 and Dorothy Naumes Natzel '67 and Frank Sweeney '69 and Jane Sweeney '69.

Michael Hackett married Erica Boos on April 26, 2008. The couple lives in Phoenix, Arizona where Mike works for the real estate company Marcus and Millichap.

## CLASS OF 97

Reilly Wilson Cribbins and her husband Louis welcomed daughter Amelia Grace on February 20, 2008.

Erica Arthur Flohr and husband Chad welcomed their son, Brian Thomas, on April 1, 2008 in Marshall, Michigan.

Nick Browne married Janelle Post on June 14, 2008.

Angie Long De La Rosa and husband Rob had their first child, a baby girl Lola Mariam, on June 27, 2008.

More Member News on Back...



# Thank You!

## CLASS OF 98

Annie Galgozci is Assistant Director of Alumni Relations at Central Michigan University.

## CLASS OF 99

Steve Campbell is an Associate Financial Advisor with the practice of Charles Walmsley, Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. in Mt. Pleasant.

## CLASS OF 2000

James Jakubiec found himself on the list of LOST ALUMNI and is now found. James is an officer with LaSalle Global Trust Services in Chicago.  
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Sarah Spence wed Derrick Schafer on July 19, 2008 in Mt. Pleasant. Sarah teaches elementary school in Hillsborough County, Florida.

## CLASS OF 2001

Erik Wilson and wife Abbie welcomed their daughter, Chloe Kay Michelle, on April 9, 2008 in Mt. Pleasant. Grandmother is Linda Smith Wilson '70.  
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Dave Clay has taken over as head football coach at Montabella High School which is a consolidation of the former Blanchard and Edmore school systems. Dave will be opening Clay Chiropractic Clinic in Mt. Pleasant this fall.

## CLASS OF 2002

Ryan Ley married Lindsay Sherlock on August 2, 2008.

## CLASS OF 2003

Kaitlin Schneider married John Mexner on August 2, 2008 in Mt Pleasant. The couple resides in Evanston, Illinois where Kaitlin teaches environmental science at Harper High School in Chicago.  
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Tim Hutchins and Amanda Funnell were married on July 26, 2008.

## WWW.SHA.NET UP & RUNNING!

The sha.net web page has been revised and up and running. Some of the Alumni items are still being improved but there are now resources for past Grand Marshals, Kings and Queens, athletic histories and records, Hall of Fame inductees and Lost Alumni along with others. We are working to have past school newspapers and ALUMNI NEWS on the site also.

## DONATIONS

Thanks to Fr. Ray Cotter '69, Maureen McConnell Wardrop '45 and Paul Fortino Jr. '43 for their support of the Alumni Association.



## LOST!

We'd appreciate any input the list may generate from you. Please visit the Alumni section of [www.sha.net](http://www.sha.net) and look under Lost Alumni.

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