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## HOMECOMING 2010 October 8-9

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO JOIN US!



Friday October 8, 2010 will be the date for the Homecoming football game, parade and annual Alumni Reception. The game will be played at Central Michigan University's Kelly Shorts stadium and will include coronation of this year's King and Queen as well as induction of our newest members of the Hall of Fame. The reception will begin at 8:30 PM at the Parish Hall. The classes of 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970 and 1990 are planning reunions during the weekend. A group from 1978 is also meeting to celebrate their 50th birthdays!!!!

## GRAND MARSHAL

**Father Tom McNamara,**  
pastor at Sacred Heart from 1991 through 1999, will serve as Grand Marshal for the 2010 Homecoming parade on October 8, 2010.



Fr. Tom is currently serving as the Vicar General, a special assistant to the Bishop at St Mary's Cathedral in Saginaw. Although the class of 1999 gave him an honorary Sacred Heart Academy degree, he actually is a graduate of Birch Run High School. He attended Sacred Heart elementary in Birch Run through eighth grade and then continued his education after high school at Central Michigan University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in History and a Master's degree in Political Science. He spent 19 years teaching at Lake Fenton High School before entering the priesthood. He served the Saginaw Diocese in Linwood, Saginaw and Harbor Beach before arriving at Sacred Heart. Following his stay with us he served at St. John's in Essexville, Sts. Peter & Paul in Ruth and St. Joseph's in Beal City before being called back to Saginaw by Bishop Joseph Cistone.

## HALL OF FAME



The Sacred Heart Athletic Hall of Fame will receive two new members during halftime ceremonies on October 8, 2010. **Linda Epple '90** and **Mike Seestedt '95** will bring the total enshrined to 82.

Linda earned 11 varsity letters in her career including Most Valuable Player awards in Basketball, Softball and Volleyball. She was All State in softball and had a 43-11 career record as a pitcher. Linda works in the finance department at Central Michigan University's Off Campus Programs office. She has three children at Sacred Heart, Tristen in 8th grade, Lauren in seventh grade and Jordan in sixth grade.

Mike earned ten varsity letters including a spot on the Michigan High School Baseball Coach's Association Dream Team his senior season after helping the team to a school record 36 wins and a spot in the state semifinals. Mike continued his baseball career at the University of Michigan and spent five years in the Baltimore Orioles organization, advancing to the AAA level. Mike started at quarterback as a freshman and led the football team to the state playoffs for the first time in 15 years during his senior season. Mike is the Manager of the Vendor Management Systems and Implementation for Spherion in Ann Arbor. Mike and his wife Kelly have a daughter, Lilly Ann, born June 8, 2010.

# REUNION NEWS

*Great to see you!*



## 10 YEAR REUNION

### The Class of '2000

The class enjoyed a social dinner at the Brass Café in Mt. Pleasant on June 25, 2000.

Pictured above are: (front row) Carrie Denslow, Stephanie Koenig, Abby (Kulick) deRoo, and Sarah (Spence) Schafer; (middle row) Sam Schafer, Nate Sagle, Megan (Lynch) Colby, Laurie (Frick) Patten, Leslie (Jackson) Hartman, Kate Beltinck, Anna McKeown, Brent Flachs, Mike Chase and Todd Heintz; (back row) Brian Partie, Annie Love, Mark Koester, Ben Mueller, Jim Wood, Justin Schafer, Greg Hanley and Paul Carson.

## WELCOME CLASS OF 2010

Thirty-eight students became Sacred Heart alumni on May 23, 2010. The class includes Mitch Cramer (Joann Wiefereich Cramer '78), Richie Flannery (great grandson of Tom Carey '23 and great-great grandson of Nellie Garvin Carey '1897), Karly Hansen (Kelly Epple Hansen '82, granddaughter of Jim Epple '59, great grand daughter of Alphonso Epple '27), Jess Hunter (Mary Myler Hunter '72), Joe McGuire (Dave '82, grandson of Jim '41), Chelsea Mills (Mark '79, grand daughter of Carolyn McKenna Mills '60), Billy Myler (Bill '76), Alivia Pohl (Jim '79 and Krista Newman Pohl '80), Garrett Schafer (Patty Alhers Schafer '83, grandson of Phyllis Theisen Ahlers '53), Taylor Sheahan Stahl (Kathleen Sheahan-Stahl '74, grand daughter of Jerry '47 and Dorothy Voisin Sheahan '47), Alison Thering (Bob '76) and Zack Younger (Judy Wentworth Younger '84).

Every member of the class listed continuing their education in the fall and future ambitions included several jobs in the medical field, engineering, law and accounting as well as a mortician, diplomat, US Marshal and author. Oh, and of course, the typical "marry a rich man".

## HAITIAN STUDENTS

The 7.0 magnitude earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12, 2010 caused two brothers to pack their bags and temporarily relocate to Mt. Pleasant. Eleventh grader Patrice Balthazar and his eighth grade brother, Daniel, lived with a family friend and attended Sacred Heart during the second semester. The boys have relocated to a family in Lansing and will attend school there this fall. The brothers said they appreciated their time at Sacred Heart and the opportunity to learn a new culture and extend their knowledge.

## WHAT ARE ANGELS?

An angel is a pure spirit created by God. The Old Testament theology included the belief in angels: the name applied to certain spiritual beings or intelligences of heavenly residence, employed by God as the ministers of His will.

The English word "angel" comes from the Greek *angelos*, which means 'messenger'. In the Old Testament, with two exceptions, the Hebrew word for "angel" is *malak*, also meaning 'messenger'. The prophet Malachi took his name from this word. He was himself a messenger, and he prophesied about the coming of "the messenger of the covenant", Jesus Christ (Malachi 3:1).

Although the word "angel" in the Bible, meaning a messenger, nearly always applies to heavenly beings, it can occasionally apply to human messengers. Malachi himself said a priest was a messenger (*malak*) of the LORD of hosts (Malachi 2:7), and in the Book of Revelation the elders of the seven churches of Asia were called angels (1:20; 2:1 etc.). But when we meet messengers doing supernatural things, there is no doubt they are heavenly beings - God's messengers, working for Him and for the ultimate benefit of mankind.

Learn more online at: <http://www.catholic.org/saints/angel.php>

# MEMBER NEWS

## WHOOOPS!!!

“Reports of my death are greatly exaggerated”: paraphrasing a remark by someone famous, maybe Mark Twain. Notes for the Alumni News are collected from conversations, emails, letters and news clippings. Sometimes announcements of future events....like marriages....are used and once in a while (or at least once) the event might not of taken place even though it was reported!!! The newspaper runs announcements but never denouncements! Without going into detail we married off an alumna last newsletter but later found out the wedding was called off and we apologize for any inconvenience we may have caused.

## CLASS OF 1937

Edwardine Carey Curtis passed away April 7, 2010 in Midland, Michigan. Edwardine was valedictorian of her class and graduated at age 16. She and her late husband LaVern lived for 38 years in New York where she was a bookkeeper for Curtis and Turcott.

## CLASS OF 1939

Joe Sheppard passed away on June 5, 2010. Joe worked as a member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union in Saginaw for 58 years, retiring in 1983. He served in the US Navy from 1940-1946.

## CLASS OF 1946

Glenn Voisin and wife Norma celebrated 62 years of marriage on June 12, 2010.

## CLASS OF 1947

Margaret Martin Naumes passed away on August 9, 2010. Margaret was Special Education Director at Garden City, Michigan for several years. She and husband John '44 enjoyed retirement in Lake Leelanau, Michigan and Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

## CLASS OF 1948

Arlene Casner Appelgreen passed away on April 16, 2010. Arlene was district manager for Avon from 1967 to 1993 and also enjoyed cooking and catered a number of weddings.

## CLASS OF 1949

Betty Dart Vogel and her husband Edward celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 29, 2010.

## What's New?

### CLASS OF 1955-*Reunion News*

The class is meeting homecoming weekend, October 8-9, 2010.

### CLASS OF 1956

Willard Doerr and wife Mary celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 4, 2010. Willard retired in 1998 in Massachusetts after 38 years in the overhead door business and now lives in Daytona Beach, Florida.

### CLASS OF 1960-*Reunion News*

Dan Grisdale has been selected as the “point man” for organization of their 50th class reunion during Homecoming festivities October 8-9, 2010. Dan may be contacted at 989-644-3661.

### CLASS OF 1964

Elizabeth McConnell passed away on July 22, 2010 from cancer. Liz was the only girl in a family that included eight brothers and was an educator living in Farmington, Michigan.

### CLASS OF 1965-*Reunion News*

The class of 1965 has asked for a table at the Homecoming at the annual reception on Friday night October 8, 2010 to celebrate 45 years since high school. Planning is just getting underway but they hope to have several classmates attending.

Jennifer Sowle's new novel, *ADMISSIONS*, has been released through Arbutus Press. Copies can be ordered at [www.jenniferjsowle.com](http://www.jenniferjsowle.com). Her first novel, it is a fictional story based around the former State Home in Traverse City. Jennifer is a psychologist in private practice in Traverse City.

### CLASS OF 1968

Maxine Klumpp Kent retired on May 31, 2010 as Associate Vice President of Human resources at Central Michigan University.

### CLASS OF 1970-*Reunion News*

The class will celebrate their 40th anniversary during homecoming weekend, October 8-9, 2010. Contact Lyn Bowers Doerr at [mallslyn@amieritech.net](mailto:mallslyn@amieritech.net) for information. A request has been made to ask as many available members

of the class as possible to collect at the church parking lot prior to the parade.



### CLASS OF 1990-*Reunion News*

The Class will celebrate their 20th anniversary on Homecoming weekend, October 8-9, 2010. The class plans include joining us for the game and annual reception on Friday October 8 and then having a pig roast on Saturday October 9, 2010. Contact Leslie Theisen Okasinski at [lesokasinski@gmail.com](mailto:lesokasinski@gmail.com) for additional information.

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Pat Larrance married Maria Cotter on April 17, 2010 in Beal City. Pat is employed by Isabella Bank.

### CLASS OF 1991

Wendy McConnell Endres and husband Ryan welcomed their second son, Joseph Nicholas, on March 24, 2009.

### CLASS OF 1992

Chris Albrecht married Amy Wheaton on August 14, 2010 at Sacred Heart. Chris is a middle school teacher in Constantine, Michigan.

### CLASS OF 1993

Jeremy MacDonald and wife Katie welcomed their second son, Walter Owen, on May 1, 2010.

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Tom O'Malley is on another tour of Iraq. Tom has been with the US Navy since graduation, as an active officer for ten years and as a reservist since 2003. He is employed by Civil Services in Newport, Rhode Island as an engineer at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center. He works on submarine combat systems.

### CLASS OF 1994

Greg Siers and wife Ashley announced the birth of their daughter, Stella Jane, on June 20, 2010. Ashley is a Cardiac Care Nurse Practitioner at the University of Maryland Medical Center and Greg currently manages live production for Discovery Communications as producer and director.

### CLASS OF 1995

Mike Seestedt and wife Kelly welcomed their daughter, Lilly Ann, on June 8, 2010 in Ann Arbor. Mike is the Manager of Vendor Management Systems and Implementation for Spherion in Ann Arbor.

### CLASS OF 1998

Mike Richmond and wife Bethanie welcomed their daughter Brooklin Michaela, on May 3, 2010.

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Alicia Wickert married Joseph VanBuskirk on July 17, 2010. Alicia is a systems coordinator for the Social Security Administration.

Updates!

**CLASS OF 1999**

Karmen Chippeway Fox and husband Tony had a daughter, Ella Beverly, on June 30, 2010.  
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Phil Schafer and wife Nina announced the birth of their son, Phillip Arthur, on November 3, 2010. Grandmother is Deb Phelps Schafer '76.

**CLASS OF 2000**

Megan Lynch married Christopher Colby on March 11, 2010. The couple resides in Clearwater, Florida where Megan is employed by Audio Messaging Solutions.  
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Brian Partie and his wife Candace just welcomed their first daughter, Celine Tess, July 29, 2010.

**CLASS OF 2004**

Kelli Sheahan-Stahl McDonald and her husband Jason announced the birth of their son Gavyn William, on May 7, 2010 at Foothills Medical Center in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Grandmother is Kathleen Sheahan '74 and great grandparents are Jerry and Dorothy Voisin Sheahan, both from the class of 1947.

**CLASS OF 2005**

Brandon and Shannon McCormick Ley welcomed their son, Connor Steven, on February 23, 2010. Grandmother is Rose Martin Beebe '79.

**CLASS OF 2006**

Theresa Strebbins and Alex Stansberry were married on May 8, 2010 at Sacred Heart. Theresa is pursuing a degree in actuarial science at CMU and Alex is enrolled in the doctoral program in physical therapy, also at CMU. Alex is the son of Mark '81 and Sue Theisen Stansberry '80 and the grandson of Bob Theisen '50.



*Prayer to my Guardian Angel  
Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom His love commits me  
here, ever this night be at my side,  
to light and guard, to rule and  
guide. Amen.*

**YEARBOOKS**

Donations from Bill Quinlan '54 and Barb Collins Forro '65 allowed us to scan the 1953 and 1965 yearbooks and add them to the web site. There are now 25 yearbooks posted on the Web including the 1916 and 1917 "Echoes from the Mount". The project started with a generous and anonymous donation from an alumnus that allowed us to scan and post 20 yearbooks. The cost for scanning and posting is about \$50 and any alumnus wishing to help continue the effort may contact us at 316 East Michigan, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858. Visit [www.sha.net](http://www.sha.net) and search under the alumni tab to see what has been posted so far.

**DONATIONS**

Great thanks and appreciation to Don Sowle of McLean, Virginia, president of the class of 1933, and Paul Fortino '43 for their donations.

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