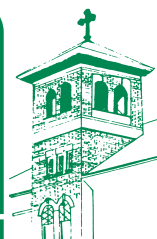




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Bill & Rosilyn Buschle to receive top alumni honor

For their life-long commitment to Catholic schools and churches, and their strong connection to Sacred Heart Academy, **Rosilyn (Theisen) '53** and **Bill Buschle '50** have been awarded Alumni of the Year honors. The two will be recognized during Homecoming festivities September 25, 2020 in Mt. Pleasant.



Rosy (Theisen) '53 & Bill Buschle '50

After high school, Bill served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He returned and enrolled at Central Michigan University, where Rosy was also a student. They were married at Sacred

Heart Church in 1956. Bill's work took them to Muskegon and Owosso. The couple was happy to move to Alma in 1974, where they reside today. They have five children and 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren and have always been supportive of faith-based education. Rosy was a music teacher and religious education teacher at St. Mary's Elementary School/Parish in Alma (now Nativity of the Lord Parish). She is also a church organist. Bill, a member of the Knights of Columbus, also served as a reader and Eucharistic minister at church.

The Buschles have been active in the local prison ministry. They volunteer for funeral dinners and soup luncheons, and lead Catholic book studies. They served as Godparents and confirmation sponsors for numerous young people over the years.

Their SHA friendships and connections have remained strong. "The further someone gets from SHA, in miles or in years, the more important Sacred Heart becomes," Rosy said, adding that they appreciate the alumni award because Sacred Heart Academy means much to them. "We have much gratitude for the Dominican nuns who taught us," she said.

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Rick and Mary Beth Roberts named Grand Marshals

Sacred Heart legends Rick and Mary Beth Roberts have been named Grand Marshals of the 2020 Sacred Heart Academy

homecoming activities.



Rick & Mary Beth Roberts

Rick and Mary Beth both started working at SHA in 1993 and both retired in June 2016. Rick was the principal (1993-1998), a math teacher (1998-2016), and served as athletic director twice during his tenure. He was also the head football coach from 1993 to 2016,

leading the Irish to many titles, including a State Championship in 2010. Mary Beth taught pre-school, Developmental Kindergarten and Enrichment Kindergarten from 1993 to 2016. In retirement, the two continue to substitute teach at SHA. They have enjoyed traveling to visit their sons, **Mike '01**, **Chris '03**, and **John '06**, and travelling for pleasure as well. Rick has continued teaching drivers' education and officiating football, baseball, and softball games for the MHSAA.

"Sacred Heart was a big part of our lives for more than 24 years, and we will always cherish that," Rick says, adding that he really misses his years as the football coach because of the great relationships he developed with the players, assistant coaches and parents.

Mary Beth misses her colleagues and the parents, but most of all her interactions with the youngest students and all the fun projects completed over the years. "It is heartwarming when I see a former student and they mention one of their favorite projects," she said.

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Sacred Heart Homecoming | Friday, September 25, 2020

4:00 p.m.

Homecoming Parade

through downtown
Mt. Pleasant

7:00 p.m.

Football Game

vs. Caseville at Community
Memorial Stadium

8:00 p.m. doors open

Alumni & Friends

Reception

at the Sacred Heart
Parish Center

Legacy + Love of the Game = Passion

Varsity basketball team coached by three family members

Sacred Heart has prospered due to generations of family members in its 130 years. Siblings who played sports together and parents who coached their children can be found throughout school history. It is apparent today in the varsity basketball program where three family members comprise the entire coaching staff. The 2019-20 boys basketball team was coached by **Pat Theisen '06**, whose father **Andy Theisen Sr. '78**, and brother **Andy Theisen Jr. '02** served as assistant coaches. Influenced by mentors from their high school days, the Theisens approach coaching with shared philosophies and individual roles.

Pat, who has been the varsity head coach for 11 years, was mentored by someone he considers “the greatest coach to ever walk the sideline” at SHA—Keisha Brown. From her, he learned that loyalty is everything in your relationships with the players. His father and brother respect his head coach role greatly, and agree Pat is best suited for the lead. Pat’s leadership puts the players in the best position for them to

succeed. “I want these young men to experience some of the most important lessons sports can offer; the ability to communicate, be a part of a team, and develop leadership qualities—on and off the court,” Pat says.

Andy Sr. said he was “blessed to be coached by wonderful people at the Academy, among them **Jim Powell '53**, **Mick Natzel '68**, and **Pat Heintz '73**,” adding they were outstanding role models for coaches and competitors. Andy Sr. plays the role of “dad” for the entire team. “Working at the school, I get to see the players more and can help pick someone up who might not be having a great day,” he said. “I try to keep everyone on an even keel and look for opportunities where we can do something differently.”

Andy Jr. played basketball for Bill Flannery, football for Rick Roberts, and baseball for **Earl Hartman '66**. “From great coaches I learned how to maximize potential, communicate effectively, and compete with dignity,” he said, adding that he often shares stories from his playing days or uses a quote from a former coach when working with the current team. “My role is daily conditioning, and I can usually be heard above the background noise of practice and games. The boys joke that I probably yell ‘get your hands up’ in my sleep,” he says.

Disagreements among the coaching staff, if any, are solved by listening to each other, and Pat has the final say. “We are all highly competitive and have passion for sports in general,” Andy Sr. says. “This came from our days of competing as athletes and carries over into coaching. The time I spend with my sons is the best part of coaching. Our team gets to see firsthand the bond we have, and how we relate as a family.”

SHA basketball has a long-standing history and a winning tradition. All three Theisens are excited about the future. “We have some great numbers and talent in the upcoming classes, and have no doubt the high standards of excellence will continue,” says Pat. This year, the team’s season was suspended by COVID-19 precautions. The Irish won the Mid State Athletic Conference title, finished with a 15-6 record, and were undefeated against Class D teams.

When asked for final thoughts, each Theisen had a special message:

Andy Jr. said, “It is easy to get caught up in the day to day. We should all remember to enjoy the bonds teammates form, as they will last a lifetime.”

Andy Sr. said he hopes the young athletes are aware of all the time and preparation the coaches give to help make the players successful at basketball and at life. “And also, what happens in the gym, stays in the gym!” he said.

After giving his mother, **Julie (Flannery) Theisen '78** credit for “putting up with them” all season, saying “she is a saint”, Pat said, “Putting our players in the best position to win is the goal every day. Some days that’s with Xs and Os, other days it’s with the players themselves taking ownership.”



TEAM THEISEN—The father/sons coaching combination debuted in 2019-20. From left: Assistant Coaches Andy Theisen Jr. '02, and Andy Theisen Sr. '78, and Head Coach Pat Theisen '06. Mother/wife Julie (Flannery) Theisen '78 should also be recognized. The Theisen and Flannery families have the longest unbroken legacy at SHA.

Happy 130th Anniversary, SHA !

The event scheduled for students, staff, parents, alumni, parishioners and visitors to celebrate the 130th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Academy was cancelled due to COVID-19 health precautions. The celebration was planned to recognize SHA's long history of academic excellence. The first school year at Sacred Heart was 1889-1890. Classes were hosted in the basement of the church, and there were 150 students enrolled.



In 1908, a brand new, 19,000 square-foot school building opened which was located behind the church, facing Michigan Street. The cost to build it was \$25,000. The original school building has been amended several times over the years:

- Addition to the original building in 1932
- East addition in 1955 (22,000 square feet)
- Elementary School built in 1964 (27,000 square feet)
- Gymnasium addition in 2001 (approximately 14,000 square feet)
- Addition to the Elementary building in 2007 (2,000 square feet)



SHA classroom in 1957



SHA classroom today

Today, Sacred Heart Academy campus buildings total 84,000 square feet, and feature school-wide Wi-Fi capacity, security and safety improvements, and classrooms housing 412 students in Kinder-Prep through 12th grade.

The City of Mt. Pleasant shares a 130 anniversary with SHA. Sacred Heart Academy, established in 1889, has been around longer than:

- Dairy Queen (est. 1940 / 80 Years)
- McDonalds Restaurants (est. 1955 / 65 years)
- Ford Motor Company (est. 1903 / 117 years)
- Central Michigan University (est. 1892 / 128 years)

Yosemite National Park and the Eiffel Tower were opened in 1890, making them just one year younger than SHA.

For additional history, visit the academy.sha.net web site and take a look at the collection of school yearbooks. The yearbooks are accessible under the "Alumni" tab.

Campaign update

Sacred Heart Athletics continues to actively fundraise for the "Swing for the Fences" baseball project. Planned improvements include new backstop fencing, foul line fencing, and drain tile work at the field located on Lincoln Road in Mt. Pleasant.

The goal of the campaign, which began in August 2019, is \$65,000. Sacred Heart has raised over \$52,000, which includes generous gifts from the Knights of Columbus Council 1297, the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, and the Sacred Heart Athletic Association. In addition, 33 personal donations have been received.

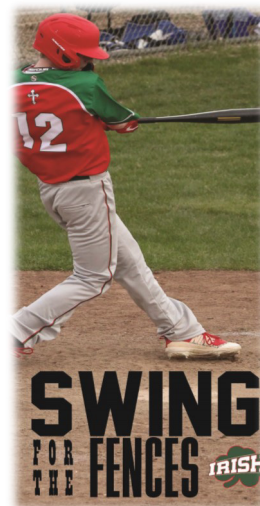
SHA cannot begin the project until all of the money is raised. We continue to invite gifts at all levels and hope to reach the goal before mid-June. The project is slated for summer or early fall of 2020, as long as it is fully funded

Please help us "Swing for the Fences"!

We are at 80 percent of the goal and need your help. Please send your personal or business contribution to:

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Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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ACADEMY NEWS

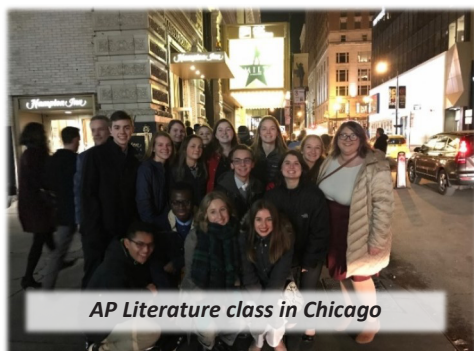
Mary Kay Reetz, Admissions/Marketing Director



Size creates opportunities

Many times at Sacred Heart I hear comments along the line “because of their size, they can’t offer this,” or “they’re too small to do that.” However, in reality because of our size, our students find themselves in situations they never thought possible.

In January, our high school AP Literature and Composition class of 12 students traveled by Amtrak train from East Lansing to Chicago for a 2-night, 3-day wonderful cultural immersion experience. Their teacher, Miss Alexandra Gandy, planned this excursion so the students could relate what was happening hundreds of years ago to with what they are reading in class and connect both to current events. In the short time they were there, they not only attended one of the last performances of the Broadway musical *Hamilton* at the CIBC theatre, they also ice skated at Millennium Park, visited the Shedd Aquarium, and saw the Andy Warhol exhibit at the Chicago Art Institute.



AP Literature class in Chicago



March for Life students in Washington

They also visited the Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower) and attended Mass at the Holy Name Cathedral with the Archbishop of Chicago and Pastor, Cardinal Blasé Cupich. Wish list donors made a generous financial contribution toward the trip, thus making it a little more affordable for each student to fund the rest of their expenses.

Later in January, 37 10th – 12th grade students and several chaperones traveled to Washington DC to participate in the

March for Life. The March is a peaceful demonstration on the National Mall protesting the decision of *Roe V. Wade*, which legalized abortion in all 50 states. Participating in this peaceful

protest helps our students learn how to stand up for life and speak out in an effective manner. By joining thousands of other youth and hearing key leaders in the pro-life movement, they realize they’re not alone in their support of life---- all life from the moment of conception until death. While in DC they attended Mass at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and enjoyed a day of touring national landmarks such as the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History just to name a few.

It’s been a tradition at Sacred Heart to offer a junior/senior retreat. In recent years, the event has been held at Cran-Hill Ranch in Rodney, Michigan. This is a unique opportunity for our 11th and 12th graders to spend an entire day and evening focusing on their relationships with each other and with God. The small group break-out sessions allow for personal conversations amongst the students and group leader about topics that are not generally covered in the classroom. Many times, students respond to thought-provoking questions and activities by sharing their personal challenges with their peers who then offer support and guidance that they might not otherwise have extended. The warm and comfortable country setting makes for a vibrant celebration of Mass led by the students. This type of retreat helps our students develop and or strengthen their spiritual life and their relationships with each other.



The BIG DIG

In the elementary, sixth grade teacher Wendy Lemke hosts the “BIG DIG” which is a simulation used to help students discover things all cultures have in common. Prior to the “BIG DIG”, parent volunteers “salt” the excavation site (bury the artifacts) on the corner of Michigan and Main (just a block away from the school). Later that morning, the students excavate the artifacts. They perform a variety of roles: excavator, measurer, recorder, runner, photographer, bagger, and investigator. After returning to class, the students observe and analyze the found artifacts. By using their problem-solving and inference skills, each class will attempt to reconstruct the themes and “universals” of the found culture. The BIG DIG is a non-traditional way to prepare students for culture study,

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Mary Kay Yonker, *Principal*

The Ultimate Field Trip

Merriam-Webster defines a field trip as “a visit (as to a factory, farm, or museum) made (as by students and a teacher) for purposes of firsthand observation.”

I love going on field trips with students. That is a time I get to know a different side of our kids (and they get to see a different side of me). I’ve gone on the March for Life pilgrim-age in Washington, D.C. four times. Last summer I went on a mission trip to Costa Rica with students. I’ve accompanied elementary classes to the capitol, to Chippewa Nature Center and to Forest Hills Nature Center. We are very fortunate that our students are provided many opportunities to leave the building and observe and learn new things outside of the classroom.

In February I went as a chaperone on the ultimate field trip. I went with 17 students on the Close-Up trip (the Asia Pacific Program) to Hawaii. Sacred Heart Academy has had an active Close-Up program for 30 years, longer than any other school in our region. The government submersion experience was brought to SHA by government and history teacher Phil Durocher, and is now coordinated by Assistant Principal/Academic Advisor Marie Richards. Students do some personal fundraising for the expense of the trip and the remainder is paid by the student or their parents. The Close Up program includes a trip to Washington D.C. and New York one year, and the alternate year is the Asia Pacific program. Some of our students have had the opportunity to participate in both learning experiences.

In Hawaii, every day was a wonderful adventure! We

went on an excursion to the North Shore the first day. Our travel allowed us to arrive early, so we had a “free day” to do this. Some of our students (and chaperones) took surfing lessons, some went paddle boarding, some kayaked and others enjoyed the beautiful scenery. We went to a macadamia nut farm and tried free samples. The day was enjoyed by everyone!

Once the Close Up schedule was underway, our students were separated into groups with students from other states to learn about the government. They learned about foreign policy and participated in an international relations simulation. During a session on national interests, students learned about security interests, economic interests, and ideological interests. Our students learned negotiation skills and techniques and one group even had an overthrow of their head-of-state! Each of our SHA participants came home with expanded knowledge about the government and made new friends with students from Florida, New Mexico, North Carolina, and another school in Michigan.

The Close Up experience also included several side trips. Students climbed Diamond Head, went to Pearl Harbor, walked on the USS Bowfin, and went to Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific. All of these experiences were both meaningful and moving. They went to the Polynesian Voyaging Center and the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies. We went snorkeling in the ocean and to an authentic Hawaiian luau. The food was delicious!

My favorite part of the trip (next to spending time with our students) was going to Pearl Harbor. My grandpa was in World War II and being at Pearl Harbor was very emotional. Our students’ behavior was perfect, and they were on time for everything (not always a common trait with teenagers). I am so proud of them and the way they represented Sacred Heart Academy.

The opportunities our students have are one more thing that makes our school special. As they say in Hawaii, “Mahalo!”

SHA Close Up students gather for a photo at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center during their Hawaii trip in February.



SHA named one of the best STEM schools

Sacred Heart Academy rated among Newsweek's Top 5000 STEM high schools in 2019. The rating scores ranged from 99.67 (#1 school) to 20.68 (#5,000 school). SHA landed at 2,851 with a rating of 53.38. There were 102 Michigan schools on the list, including 19 parochial schools. Among the parochial schools, nine ranked ahead of us and nine ranked below us. A Newsweek team partnered with STEM.org to independently determine the rankings. Over 30,000 high schools were analyzed over a three-year period. The improvements SHA has made—including a new donor-funded STEM Lab, science curriculum expansions, and clubs like Robotics, Science Olympiad, and the Pre-Med Club—put our school among the nation's best!

That same donor-funded STEM Initiative has helped SHA continue teaching via online options during the COVID-19 mandated school shut-down.

Size creates opportunities

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an effective method to get kids solving problems creatively, and a teaching approach that allows kids to have lots of fun while learning!

Our art buddy program is another opportunity made



possible because of our size and the fact that we are a one-campus KP-12 school. The 5th and 6th grade students take turns assisting Mrs. Chaffee with the weekly art class by serving as "art buddies" for

our young Kinder-Prep students. This structure gives our upper elementary students the opportunity to develop self-confidence and leadership skills while they work in this mentor-like relationship with the younger students. It's also a way for all the students to develop a relationship with individuals in other grades that likely would not have happened without this program.

We are very blessed at Sacred Heart Academy in so many ways—staff willing to coordinate and provide these immersion-type learning experiences for our students, adult volunteers to assist and/or attend as chaperones, and ideal class sizes in a single-campus setting which make these opportunities possible. These are just a few of the many examples where our size creates unique experiences for our students. I'd be very happy to share details should you be interested in learning more. You may reach me at mkreetz@sha.net or (989) 772-1457.

Class Notes

1947—Sacred Heart recently received news that **Patricia (Hild) Riccioni** died December 29, 2017 at St. Ann's Assisted Living in Grand Rapids.

1951—**Marie (McConnell) Cameron** passed away November 23, 2019 in Houston, Texas. Marie's siblings were **Francis Joe '44** and **Tim**.

1953—**Joyce (Dibble) Honeywell Butner** died March 1 at the local hospital in Alma, Michigan. She was voted "most likely to succeed" by her classmates and went on to become a registered nurse. She also earned a college degree in journalism. Joyce was a sister to **Jack Dibble '51**, and was formerly married to Robert **Honeywell '51**.

1956—**Margaret Ann (Wezensky) Cruz** died December 7, 2019 at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility. She was a lifelong member of St. Charles Church in Leaton, Michigan. Margaret was the mother of **Dennis '78**, **Jimmy**, **Marla Armstrong '80**, and **Amy Mehl '84**, and sister to **John '53**, **Larry '55**, **Catherine Larson '59**, and **Diane Prebble '63**.

1957—**Dorothy "Dot" Connors** died at her Mt. Pleasant home January 3, 2020. Dot worked as a beautician for 47 years and was a member of Sacred Heart Parish her entire life. She was a sister to **James '37**, **Frank '39**, **Tom, '41**, **Leon '48**, and **Mary Bower '53**.

1962—**Joseph Packard** passed away December 9, 2019 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Joe worked in the kitchen of the Mt. Pleasant Regional Center for 25 years. His mother was **Marie Pollard '32**, and his siblings are **Betty Thrush '60** and **Charles Packard '71**. His grandson **Steven Shaffer** graduated from SHA in '09.

1963—It was recently reported that **Barney McCormick** passed away September 15, 2018 in Arcadia, Florida.

Eileen (Gillis) Strauss died March 24, 2020 in Sarasota, Florida, where she and her husband have lived for 40 years. Eileen's father was the sheriff of Isabella County for many years. Her siblings are **Melvin Gillis '60** and **Elaine Gillis**.

1964—**Raymond "Joe" Bush** died January 26, 2020 in Alma, Michigan. Joe joined the U.S. Navy after high school and served his country in the Vietnam War.

1965—**John Campbell** passed away February 27 at his home in Lake, Michigan. John was a State of Michigan corrections officer in Standish and St. Louis. His parents were **Pauline (Coddin) '35** and **Gerald Campbell '35** and he was a brother to **Karen Travis '60**.

REUNION NEWS! Discussion has started about celebrating a 55th class reunion at Homecoming. Classmates are thinking

about the Parade and Alumni Party on Friday, along with 5:00 p.m. Mass and a visit to The Cabin on Saturday. Email **Janet (Campbell) Cappo** at janet_cappo@chartermi.net with your ideas or suggestions.

1967—Sacred Heart Academy announced the retirement of **Sharon (Henry) Cook**. She worked in the school cafeteria for almost 34 years, the majority of them alongside **Sally (Schafer) Wood '59**. Feature stories were written about the two and published in the August 2013 Alumni News. You can access the stories on the Academy web site under the Alumni tab where past newsletters are available.

1976—**Bob Thering** retired from The Delfield Company / Welbilt in December 2019 after 41 years of service. Almost immediately he accepted a role with Sacred Heart Parish as the custodian/coordinator of the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

1980—**REUNION NEWS!** **Karen (Cotter) Lamb** and **Kelly (Richardson) Brown** are putting out the call for a Class of 1980 reunion at Homecoming 2020. Connect with Karen at klamb@dcds.edu for information.

1989—SHA exchange student **Jose Cantu**, who joined the Class of 1989 in their senior year, married Araceli Guajardo on March 11, 2020 in Cancun. His local family, the Fussmans, traveled to the wedding where Deacon Larry Fussman offered a reflection and prayer following the ceremony. Jose, lives and works in Monterrey, Mexico.

1990—**REUNION NEWS!** The Class of 1990 will be celebrating 30 years Homecoming weekend, September 25 & 26. Be on the lookout for your invitation. Contact **Leslie (Theisen) Okasinski** at lesokasinski@gmail.com or **Marcy (McDonald) Hosking** at mhosking@sha.net for information.

1996—**Harvey "Buck" Schafer** and his wife Emily welcomed baby girl Isla Jean on October 1, 2019. She joins sister Cora, 5, at home. The family lives in Jacksonville, Florida, where Buck flies 767s for Fed Ex and is a Navy Reserve pilot as well.

2002—**Zach and Kristina (Lilly) '03 Simons** welcomed their first child, a girl named Lilly Anjenette. The baby arrived March 21, 2020. Among the happy grandparents is **Dan Simons '70**. Zach and Kristina live in Caledonia, Michigan.

2003—**Chris Roberts** married Danielle Brinks in Grand Rapids January 18, 2020. The newlyweds reside in Caledonia, Michigan. Chris is a financial planner for CapTrust.

2004—**David and Taren (Fabiano) Barberi** welcomed baby Theodore Ryan February 20, 2020. "Teddy" joins big sister Emilia, 4, and brother Grant, 3, at home. On the Barberi side, legacy includes grandmother **Barbara (Fox) Barberi '66** and great-grandparents **Vada (Simmer) '44** and **Harold "Mutt" Fox '39**. On the Fabiano side, grandparents are **Jim Fabiano II '85** and **Kristen (Aschenbach) Fabiano '85**, and great-grandfather is **Jim Sr. '61**.

2006—**Jacob Thering** and his wife Ashley welcomed baby girl Adelyn James on December 31, 2019. Adelyn was the last baby born in 2019 (and in the decade) in Isabella County. Jacob owns Sweeney Seed in Mt. Pleasant. His father—Adelyn's proud grandfather—is **Bob '76**.

2009—**Matt and Megan (Olivieri) Stephens** welcomed baby girl Sofia Renee on March 4, 2020. Big sister Claire, 4, and brother Jack, 2, adore their baby sister. The family resides in St. Johns, Michigan. Megan is a registered nurse at Sparrow in Lansing.

2010—**Garrett Schafer** married Abby Jones October 12, 2019 at Sacred Heart Church. The newlyweds reside in Zeeland. Garrett is a mechanical engineer at Gentex in Holland. Garrett's mom is **Patty (Ahlers) Schafer '83** and his grandmother is **Phyllis (Theisen) Ahlers '53**. Great grandfather, part of the family legacy, was **Clarence Theisen '23**.

2012—**Josh Neyer** married Alyssa Wilson August 24, 2019 at Sacred Heart Church. The newlyweds live in Mt. Pleasant, where Josh works on the Neyer Farm and for Neyer Custom Harvesting. Josh's parents are **Yvonne (Audretsch) '88** and **Bryan Neyer '86**, and his grandfa-ther is **Dave '61**.

RIP Sister Carmella

Sister Carmella Conway died January 2, 2020 at Marywood Health Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She was 97 years old, and a Dominican Sister for 78 years. She earned a bachelors degree from Aquinas College, a master's degree in the Art of Teaching Religion from Providence College in Rhode Island, and a Master's degree in Educational Administration from Michigan State University. Sr. Carmella taught and was often principal in schools in New Mexico and in Michigan, including her six years at Sacred Heart Academy from 1978 to 1984. She sang in the Marywood choir well into her '90s and was always a "cheerful presence". Although small in stature, Sr. Carmella was big influence in the lives of many young people.

Thank you, Harvey

Harvey Schafer, father of **Amanda '95**, **Harvey '96**, **Sam '00**, and **Kyle '03** recently retired from custodial service at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Harvey was the Parish Center caretaker for almost 30 years. He remains employed at the Isabella County Commission on Aging. We thank him for his dedication over the years. As the parish center "go-to-guy", Harvey assisted countless people over the years, including school and parish employees, brides and grooms, fish fry volunteers, and many other community groups.

Send "**Class Notes**" and other alumni updates to: alumni@sha.net



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10-year reunion planned for 2010 Football Champs

Coach Rick Roberts is planning a 10-year reunion gathering for the members of the 2010 State Championship Football team. Players, coaches, cheerleaders, and parents, along with alumni and parishioners, are invited to join in the event, scheduled for **10-10-2020** (Saturday, October 10, 2020—it's the perfect date!)

The team will be honored during half-time of the home football game that day, when the Sacred Heart Irish host Akron-Fairgrove at 1:00 p.m. at Community Memorial Stadium.

The celebration continues after the game at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Memories will be shared, including film highlights. Food and beverages are planned, along with a memorabilia display.

Roberts says he looks forward to "bringing a great group back together to celebrate and remember the championship accomplishment."

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