As Mt. Pleasant grew in the late 1800’s, so did the need for a parish school for Sacred Heart Parish. Father James Crowley, pastor, converted the original Sacred Heart Church into a two story school in early 1889, when five Dominican Sisters traveled from their New York motherhouse to staff the new Sacred Heart Academy. The school boasted 150 students its first year.

Later, under the leadership of Father Thomas J. O’Connor, a new school was built in 1909, for $25,000. Increasing enrollment caused the need for an addition to be built in 1923, at a cost of $14,000.

Pastor John A. Mulvey arrived in 1926, and he demonstrated a constant interest in the school, seeing it through the Great Depression. Succeeding him in 1936 was Father Leo Farquharson, pastor, who guided the still-growing student population (380) into the 1940’s and early 1950’s.

Named pastor in 1953, Monsignor Edward N. Alt undertook an extensive building program for the school. Additions included a gymnasium and seven classrooms for the school. In 1964, when a new elementary school was completed, the school’s enrollment had increased to 800 students in grades two through twelve. In the late 1970’s kindergarten and first grade were added.

The fall of 1988 marked the opening of Sacred Heart Academy’s centennial year. The Academy is one of a select number of remaining K-12 Catholic schools in Michigan and the only one in the Saginaw diocese. Dominican Sisters have staffed the school as teachers and administrators since its inception in 1889; during the 1960’s exceptional lay teachers were added to the faculty.

The Academy has been fully accredited by the University of Michigan since 1902, and for the last 10 years 95% of its graduates have gone on to college, technical or vocational schools. These exceptional statistics are a result of parental involvement, excellent programs and an outstanding professional teaching staff that is synonymous with Sacred Heart Academy.
Classes of 1893 - 1912

Very little information is available from the early years of the Academy. Histories were returned from Bette Hackett Peterson, whose mother, Margaret Logan, graduated in 1902, and from Rose Donovan Campbell, who graduated in 1910. The other source of information is an article entitled, "The Sacred Heart School," written by Isaac A. Pancher in 1911.

1902
The class of 1902 consisted of six graduates. The class flower was the white rose, the class colors were red and white and the class motto was, "Life without letters is dead." The senior day program on June 10, 1902, featured the school choir and a salutatory address entitled "At the Portal," given by Margaret Logan. Mable Garvin presented an essay entitled "Laurel Crowned Women," and Nellie Kenney presented "The Elegy in English," written and presented to the audience.

1910
Fourteen seniors graduated from the Academy in June 1910. Our class was the first to have graduation ceremonies held in the church. Reatha Doris and Agatha Kaiser entered religious life as Dominican sisters. Their names in religion were Sister Eucharia and Sister Florian.

The following classes members attended Central Michigan Normal School after receiving their high school diplomas: Rose Donovan, Ethel MacCrae, Ethel McDonald, Mac O'Hara, Rose Sweeney and Vera Walsh. The goal was a teacher's life certificate after completing the two year course of study.

Roy Dondoro and Joseph Kane went on to university and professional training.

Our school days at the Academy began in the old wooden building which was the original church. In November, 1908, students were moved into the new brick building. Continued on page 6
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Classes of 1893 - 1912 Con't.

In 1911, Isaac Fancher wrote that the school numbered 500 students with nine Sisters engaged in the work of teaching.

The Academy was organized in six courses of study: Classical Latin, scientific, English, music and art. Sister M. Alphonssus was the principal and had the satisfaction of knowing it was affiliated with the University of Michigan, The Central State Normal, the Ypsilanti College and Trinity College, Washington DC.

In the sub-primary grade, students began with a primer and then with spelling, numbers, geography, history, language, physiology, writing, Palmer System, science, color and quality. These were brought out in their more simple form, but by the end of their first year of school life, students were prepared to "take up the branches" in the first grade—the subjects of which are catechism, reading, spelling, language, numbers, geography, history, physiology, writing, drawing and science. The second grade was the same except music was added; third grade added morals and manners. Fourth grade substituted arithmetic for numbers, penmanship for writing, and nature study for science. By the time a student got to seventh grade, he took up US history, civil government and geometry. Students read "Vision of Sir Launfal" and "Evangeline" as supplementary seventh grade reading.

By the time one gets to the high school, he "may find about everything you require," wrote Fancher.

In June of 1902, the Sacred Heart Alumnae Association was organized to perpetuate the friendship of school life and join the members in closer union. It also served to further the interests of the Sacred Heart School and strengthen the ties that bind them to the institution.
In 1917, the high school orchestra posed for this picture. The junior class of 1917. See names under class listing.

**Classes of 1913 - 1917**

**1913**
In 1913 the senior class at Sacred Heart Academy held its graduation exercises and Class Day exercises in the basement of the church where there was a stage and quite a seating capacity. I do not recall who were the valiant-diector and salutatorian.

Sister Mary Alphonso was the principal and taught several classes. Sister Veronica, Sister Rose and Sister Gonzaga taught academic subjects; Sister Camilla taught music and art. But the school might have had difficulty running had it not been for the "one man maintenance crew." Mr. John Flood. One wonders how he managed to ring the Angelus bell at 6 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. Between these hours he cared for the buildings, furnaces, and the grounds. At that time the space between the rectory and the church was occupied by a beautiful lawn containing a huge sunken garden with lovely shrubs and flowers.

The Reverend Thomas J. O'Connor (TJ) was the pastor. Our graduates numbered eleven. There were several hundred pupils in the entire school.

As a class, we did not have much of a social life. I recall two skeligh ride parties; one at Rose Ender's home and one at the Marthery farm. An unforgettable circumstance of the latter was the trip home. The girls and hosts supplied the food and the boys were supposed to call the driver. Apparently he was not satisfied with the amount and as a result, he took us a far as "Dogtown" (Isabella City). There, he made all of us get out and walk home. At that time the road passed Calvary Cemetery. We were cold and scared but finally arrived home. Our parents were worried but we all survived.

Another annual, memorable feast to most of us was what we called "Father O'Connor's Feast Day," actually the Feast of St. Thomas, December 21. On that day Father gave each of the pupils of the entire school a bag of hard candy. We called it "hard tack" but loved it! The bags were of stripped paper; it was purchased at Dondor's and delivered in bushel baskets. Sometimes we got the rest of the day off.

Submitted by Ruth McDonald Schmitz

**1916**
The class of 1916 enjoyed freshman initiation like many other classes in Sacred Heart's history. They also suffered initiation. After school one day early in their freshman year, they were ordered by the seniors to braid their hair in ten braids with colored ribbon and wear an apron and carry a basket to school the next day. The seniors were ordered to cancel the initiation, but one freshman, Kathleen Sweeney didn't hear about it and came to school with braids. A classmate caught her before she went into school.

Subjects taught were Latin, English, geometry, history, algebra and science. The science class took a trip to see an oil gusher about a mile from town. They walked, and by the time they got there, the well had been capped and all they saw was a stack with buzzing machinery in it.

They had a class picnic in the rain in the country and got to motor there. The seniors helped enlarge the library, held a mid-winter luncheon, had a sleigh ride at Carey's and prepared the first school annual.

In March, SHA were its green and celebrated St. Patrick's Day. They got to study hall and found "Eren's green flag" hanging by the stars and stripes and a large drawing of the blarney castle on the study hall board.

The Literary Society was an active group, doing recitations and readings of Edgar Allen Poe in October, and studying Tommison, "always a favorite with high school pupils," in January.

This picture, which appeared in the 1917 Echo, was taken during study hall. Although this large room continued to be used for study hall and dances for many years afterward, it is now the high school library.

**A Century of Class**

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Information taken from 1916 and 1917 Echoes.
Sara Haley or Joe Rush ever had to confer with the pastor, Father O’Connor on some claimed violation. Our class didn’t put out a yearbook but Mildred O’Brien dug up a yearbook called the “Echo” of 1916 and we also saw one from 1916. "The great exploits of the football, baseball and basketball teams were reviewed, particularly the games played against St. Henry’s in the cow pasture up on McConnell’s farm and the one played here at the sandlots. The score was reported to be 96-6."

The class enjoyed their 50th reunion at the Holiday Inn. In 1972, their dinner cost between $56.5. They also collected $175 which was used to purchase World Book Encyclopedia for the school.

1923

The class of 1923 graduated 13 members. Teachers included Sister Annpholine, Sister Regina, and Sister Sarah. Classes taught were religion, English Literature, physics, typing, shorthand, French, Latin, geometry, American history and civics. The pastor was Father T.J. O’Connor who was assisted by Father Edward Brogger.

The only social events were the senior play and dances held in the study hall. Most students attended the dances without partners and there were more girls than boys. Students marched to an orchestra at morning, noon and dismissal and had morning and dismissal prayers as well as angelus at noon.

No uniforms were worn because times were harsh. Several lived on farms and drove in on horse and buggies. The horses were kept in the livery barn where the parking lot of the grade school is now.

The color of the class of 1923 was blue and platinum; the class flower was the tea rose.

A Century of Class

Class of 1918

Beatrix M. Dillon
Elizabeth M. Keith
Isabel A. McAte
Josephine M. Snitzer
Helen L. Grieveinstein
Helen M. Barnett
Josephine C. Kohler
Beatrice J. Maassen
Margaret M. Keenan
Eunice M. Schuster
Helen N. Larkin
Lawrence E. Dondre
Verna M. Murray
Paul W. Duhamel
Bernice D. Kennedy
James A. Kennedy
Cecil N. O’Hara
John Tuohy
Albina M. Taylor
Joseph H. McDonald
Marie M. Quinnan
James F. O’Brien
Helen E. McDonald
Frederick R. McDonald
Margaret J. Keith
Clarence Keenan
Margaret R. McKiernan
Eugene T. Fitzgerald
Raymond J. Keith

Class of 1919

Mary L. Kavanagh
Geraldine U. Quinlan
Teresa M. Kiernan
Lois C. Dillon
Carrie M. Simmer
Beatrice M. Duffy
Viola M. Corcoran
Gladys V. Gimmey
Irish H. Huley
Bernadette L. O’Brien
Abigail G. Fitzgerald
William J. Foley
Marie Morrison
Charity E. F. Torpey
Jeanette A. McKinnon
Ella A. Kehoe
Mary B. Kennedy
Chloretta E. Gorman
Mary E. Poidey
Thomas A. Manley
Agnes C. Guglielmo
Iva C. Casey
Elizabeth C. McDonald
Charles E. Casey
Mary E. Tuohy
Raymond J. Sweeney
Christine A. Murray
Margaret Pailey

Class of 1920

Mary Campbell
Helen Carroll
Mary Cartier
Eunice Dondore
Mary Gallagher
Helen Johnson
Bernice Gravenstein
Leo Kennedy
Anna Lynch
John McDonald
Frances McNamara
Viola O’Brien
Allen Manley
Ruth Partin
Joseph Sweney
Elizabeth Thesen
Rose Marie Torpey
Ivan Taylor
Mary Welsh
Eunice Callahan
Thomas Doyle
Vivian Larkin
Beatrice Massett
Charles Sommer
Regina Claffey

Class of 1921

Anastasia Carey
Teresa Fiorentino
Marie Feeney
Aimee Gallagher
Mary Haly
Philip Johnson
Lucile Kenney
Walter Kinley
Reginald LaFrance
Margaret McDonald
Gertrude McDonald
Cecilia McDonnell
Anna Marie Murphy
Anthony O’Brien
Eileen Rash
Anna Ruth Ryan
Kathleen Sweeney
Edna Tuohy
Lucille Torpey

Class of 1922

Merlin Altar
Helen Fox
Lillian Hock
Mildred Kennedy
Alice Murphy
Margaret McCarr
Beatrice Pang

Class of 1923 submitted by Mildred O’Brien

Class of 1923 submitted by Agnes Cober Kipferleir

Theresa Roberts
Claire Rowan
Carroll Sheehan
May Thesen
Theodora Wilcox
Joseph Rush
Lorraine Carroll
Sara Haley
Margaret Johnson
Jouanne Lynch
Olga Martin
Mildred O’Brien
Katherine Roberts
Gerald J. Cotter
Helen Sheehan
Edwin Whitney
Joseph Murphy
Claire Brandenstein
Gladys Burns
Marie Thiesen

Class of 1923

Thomas E. Carey
Frank Alphonso Carroll
Agnes M. Cotter
Anna M. Coughlin
Brigetta M. Dillon
Kathryn M. Kate
Agnes Kennedy
Lois A. Kirkby
Kitty M. Martin
Artelia M. Purtill
Philomena C. Schaefer
Josephine H. Somerville
Frances Torpey

Class of 1924

Edna Conroy
Jeanette Conley
Beatrice Coughlin
Georgina Dalton
Mar Glennon
Rose Marie Hagen
John Keenan
Katherine Keenan
Enid Kiley
Margaret Kennedy
Thomas Kane
Mildred Kennedy
Rachel Little
Charles Murray
Catherine Lawer
Helen Naumes
Marthilb Neyer
John Murphy

This photo of the student body is believed to have been taken in 1924.
Classes of 1925 - 1930

The class of 1930 had thirteen members; eight girls and five boys. They attended school in the old building and were taught by all nurses. Sister Richard was the principal, Sister Acquin taught Latin, Sister Eugene Marie taught French and biology, Sister Mariam taught glee club and Sister Helen Marie taught English and religion. The pastor was Father John Mullvey, who was assisted by Father Fons and Father O'Leary. Class president was Jack Dougherty, valedictorian was Stella Marie Schmitt and salutatorian was Gerald Smith.

The girls wore navy blue uniforms with white collars and cuffs. They could be hand made or ordered for $12.00.

Football games were the highlight of the year. Following games, the visiting teams were fed before going home. The big game was on Thanksgiving Day when Sacred Heart played Mt. Pleasant High School.

Graduation was held on Sunday, June 18. Just before graduation, classmate Francis McCumber died.

The class picnic was held the week following graduation at Hauck's cottage on Crystal Lake.

submitted by Kathleen Hall Kyser
Kathleen Kenny Mellet

A Century of Class

Class of 1925
John Burch
Clement Carey
Victor Epple
Virginia Farnan
Francis Farnan
Paul Garvin
Irene Hoffman
Mary Louise Kane
Bernice Kennedy
Anna Kirkey
Josephine Kirkey
Kathleen Kirkey
James McNamara
Mildred McDonald
Katherine McDonald
Irma Nelf
Joseph Naumes
James O'Sullivan
Gertrude Thelen
Ethel Toulouse
Class of 1926
Florence Belhinch
Timothy Cotter
Frances Dillon
Joseph Dondero
Christine Florian
Daniel Garvin
Eileen Kane
Adaline Link
Bernard Pearson
Ada Bell McMurter
Elizabeth Macumber
Ann Louise McDonald
Edwene McDonald
Joseph Ryan
Lawrence Sweeney
Class of 1927
Harold Allen
Rose Ballge
Stella Breidenstein
Mary Ellen Carroll
Homer Claffey
Hannah Cuthbert
Helen Donohue
Joseph Donoghue
Alphonse Epple
Frances Ernest
Ralph Farnan
Francis Fitzpatrick
Mae Grisdale
Lucille Kaiser
Joseph Kirkey
Ethel Lawler
Beatrice McCarthy
Edwardine Murphy
Genevieve Naumes
Philip Ryan
Betsy Sommerville
Genevieve Thiesen
Ida Balge
John Breidenstein
Sylvia Burch
Joseph Casey
Kenneth Donohue
Charles English
Joseph English
Ruth Fate
Lawrence Greer
Mary Hackett
Lyle Hackett
Marie Judge
Dorothy Judge
Frances Kane
Katherine Kane
Mildred Kennedy
Emile Little
Elmer Lynch
Helen Manassa
Josephine Murphy
Joseph Murphy
Elizabeth Myers
Leo McDonald
Edward McDonald
Evelyn McDonald
Joseph McDonald
Ler Neff
Margaret Nichols
Joseph Pude
Margaret Powell
Ana Quinan
Clifford Thiesen
Class of 1929
Roy Belhinch
Marion Bogs
John Butts
Anna Marie Carey
Charlotte Carroll
Elizabeth Carroll
Allen Duffy
Winston Duffy
William Florian
James Hackett
Dorothy Hauck
Marjorie Kane
Phillip Kane
Elizabeth Keenan
Hazel Letson
Francis Kennedy
James Mac Donell
Mary Louise McDonald
Dorothy McNemey
Michael Naumes
Adelaide Schmitt
Angelina Simmer
Theo Sowle
Class of 1930
Irma Carroll Rick
Kathleen Hall Kyser
Stella Marie Tudie Schmitt
Kathleen Kenny Mellet
Jack Doherty
James Gleason
Anna Hauck
Agatha Kirkey
Katherine Pollard
Josephine Reid Parsons
Gerald Smith
Harold Sowle
Elmer Thiesen
Class of 1931

The class of 1931 graduated on Wednesday evening, June 17, at the high school auditorium. That morning the seniors dressed in their graduation clothes, went to church and received holy communion. A graduation booklet compiled by Kathleen Judge read, “After church, Mary Louise McConnell, Rose Lynch, Luella Hauck and myself went to the Olympia for breakfast. We came back to the church to practice, after which our pictures were taken.” The address to the graduates was given by the Reverend B.J. Krieger. Graduation followed a year of activities. On June 10, many of the graduates were featured in a recital. The Academy glee club and rhythmic orchestra as well as several student pianists performed. On May 15, a senior party was held at the KC Hall. Admission was one dollar.

The senior banquet was held June 11. The menu consisted of fruit cocktail, jellied chicken, new potatoes, carrots and peas, hot rolls, peach salad, olives, pickles, ice cream, waters, candies, mints and coffee. The toastmaster was Jack Nichols. Tributes to the teachers, the pastor and guests were given by John Quinlan, John Kenney, Mary Ellen Horan, Dorothy Donohue, Eleanor Bambr, Mary Kane, May Nichols and Frances Naumes.

Judge’s memory book says, “After our senior banquet, Helen Carey, Stuart Kennedy, Margaret White, Helen O’Brien, Robert Donohue, Joseph Judge and myself went to Coldwater Lake to a dance. John Hackett came home with us.”

Sometime during the year, a dance was held by the debating team in the study hall. Graduates from five years back were invited.

During high school the class enjoyed many picnics. As freshmen the went to Bass Lake, accompanied by Sister Eugene Marie and Sister Celine. As sophomores they went to Crystal Lake. Their senior year picnic was at Bass Lake with Sister Helen Marie, Sister Richard and Father Mulvey. The class song was “With Hearts of Hope.” The colors were green and gold and the motto was “We seek higher things.” The class yell was “Red, white, fight, fight!” The class flower was the tea rose.

Submitted by Patty Neyer Gaubale

A Century of Class

Class of 1931

Elizabeth Balige
Helen Carey
John Hackett
Mary Ellen Horan
Rose Lynch
Mary Louise McConnell
Frances Naumes
Dorothy Banks
Catherine Battle
Julia Battle
Lloyd Carroll
Mildred Coughlin
Robert Donohue
Mary English
Gerald Farman
Joseph Fitzpatrick
Luella Hauck
Joseph Judge
Kathleen Judge
Stuart Kennedy
John Kenney
Eileen Lawler
Catherine McElhaney
Beatrice McGuirk
Ishbel Macle
Ruth Milloy
Helen O’Bryan
John Quinlan
Margaret White

Members of the 1931 baseball team
Front row: Margaret White, Dorothy Banks, Frances Naumes, Julia Battle. Back row: Helen Carey, Mary Louise McConnell, Kathleen Judge, Catherine Battle.
1932
The theme of the class motto, "Through the difficulties to the heights," sustained us through the years.

During the 1932 commencement exercises, the conferring of honors was bestowed by the Right Reverend J. A. Mulvey, pastor of Sacred Heart Church. He was assisted by the Reverend J. Fons. Mary Louise Nichols was valedictorian and Philomena Lawler was the salutatorian.

The principal of Sacred Heart Academy, Sister Mary Richard, taught mathematics and chemistry. Music, glee club and Latin instruction was given by Sister Eugene Marie. Senior English, French and typewriting classes were taught by Sister Helen Marie. Reverend Fons instructed senior religion.

The fighting Irish spirit reigned high in our class of 1932. Bill Garvin was captain of the basketball team with Edward Killoran their coach. Our senior girls looked forward with high expectations for their turn to sponsor the Sunday dinners for team members, coaches and other dignitaries.

The junior/senior banquet with Edward Hackett, class of '33, as toastmaster was held May 14. May 13 was senior prom night and the class picnic was June 9.

On class night, June 10, Dorothy Donohue presented the class history and prophecies.

Students attended academic courses in the original school building while physical education training, special events and parties were held in the church basement.

During the fall and winter months, all high school girls wore navy blue gabardine uniforms with white pique collar and cuffs. The spring style of uniform remained the same but cotton became the fabric in a light green Irish color.

We claim a special honor for Agnes Clare Ege and Edward Ege were the grand marshals of homecoming 1965.

With sweet memories of our friends and classmates of 1932, we respectfully submit our history by Edward and Agnes Clare Ege Eleanor Bamber McCracken Philomena Lawler Sheen

1933
The class of 1933 graduated 18 members. Class officers included Donald Sowle, president; Eileen McGuir, vice-president; Frank Lynch, secretary; and Helen Breidenstein, treasurer. The class colors were blue and pink.

Sister Richard was the principal and Father Mulvey was the pastor. Since it was the height of the depression, there were no uniforms. Students were what was available.

Ed Killoran coached football, basketball and track. Graduation was held June 11, with valedictorian Lillian Voisin and salutatorian Eileen McGuir.

1934
The class of 1934 graduated 23 members. The principal was Sister M. Martin. Sister Urban taught physics and chemistry. Sister Isabel taught history, John Murphy taught English and Sister Helen Marie taught Latin.

The director of glee club and music teacher was Sister Miriam.

Highlights of the school year were the junior-senior prom and banquet, the athletic banquet, and week long retreats given by two order priests.

Girls wore blue wool serge uniforms with white collar and cuffs in winter and green cotton with a white collar in the spring.

The class valedictorian was Veronica Murray and Mary Louise Campbell was salutatorian.

Sports offered for seniors were football coached by Ed Killoran and basketball coached by Les Mac Calnan. Our 1934 football team was the Class C state champion and our basketball team won a regional trophy. The featured speaker at the athletic banquet was Coach Elmer Layden of the University of Notre Dame. Virginia McConnell Cotton writes, "Avery Coddin, Mary Louise Campbell Repecki and myself had to trust our memory through these many years. One thing we are sure is...we remember fondly that so much was given us of the good things...mainly our religious training as well as educational, that have stood the test of time."

submitted by V. Cotton, A. Coddin and M. Repecki

Kindergarten and first grade pupils of Sacred Heart (app. 1923)

A Century of Class

Class of 1932
Alvin Andre
Eleanor Bamber
Raymond Beltinck
Agnes Clare
Regina Conway
Dorothy Donohue
Edward Ege
William Garvin
Julia Geyer
Helen Kane
Mary Kane
Philomena Lawler
Madam Martha
Gerald McDonald
Bernard Neff
Jack Nichols
Mary Louise Nichols
Vernon Wilcox
Eleanor West

Class of 1933
Helen Breidenstein
Helen Cooper
Benedict Coughlin
Edward Hackett
Cyril Hackett
Ruth Kane
Frank Lynch
Paul McCormick
Eileen McGuir
Betty Mitchell
Charles McNarry
Bernard Namens
Frank Powell
Donnell Sowle
Grace Stange
Kathleen Truener
Lillian Voisin
Wilford Grindle

Class of 1934
Louis Banks
Helen Beltinck
Myles Beltinck
Mary Louise Campbell
Mary Crow
Avery Coddin
Victor Doughtery
Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Clarence Fox
Max Gaudard
Joseph Horan
Mary Anne Hovey
John Kane
Wilma Leahy
Virginia McConnell
Jack McDonald
Kathleen McGlaughlin
Peter J. Miller
Gertrude Powell
Stella Quinn
Joseph Theisen
Ruth Voisin
Veronica Murray

Kindergarten and first grade pupils of Sacred Heart (app. 1923)
A prom program from the senior prom of 1936. Space were allotted in the booklet for 10 dance partners and 4 extras.

Altar boys in approximately 1931
Class of 1935 - 35 Year Reunion:
Top row: John Moore, Marie Contoy Huber, Betty Naumes Courter, Mynard Butts, James Breidenstein, Gerald Campbell, Pauline Codden Campbell, Francis McGuire, Gertrude McDonald Garvin.
Bottom row: Gertrude Regan Gibbs, Eileen Milloy, Frank Courter, Margaret Gaudard Jackson, Rita Marz Hauck, Lucille DuHamel Frost.

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**Classes of 1935-1936**

The class of 1935 graduated 25 members. They attended school in the original brick school building, with the church and convent across the street.

School clothing was very different from today with girls wearing navy blue dresses complete with changeable collars and cuffs, and boys wearing dress pants, shirts and ties.

Highlights of the school years were:
- Dances in the study hall following home football games.
- The senior prom in the Mt. Pleasant High School gym on May 10, at a cost of 75 cents per person.
- The senior picnic held at Bass Lake, near Vestaburg.
- A class trip to visit the Dow Chemical Plant in Midland.
- A class picnic consisting of a canoe trip by the entire school at Kane's landing with lunch by the banks of the Chippewa River.
- Sodality conventions in Grand Rapids and Chicago. (Mynard Butts was president of the Sodality and Betty Naumes was vice-president.)
- The junior-senior banquet, May 23, 1935, in the college cafeteria.

The girls' debating team members Pauline Codden, Margaret Gaudard and Gertrude McDonald won the 1933 state championship.

The principal was Sister Martin. Sister Lomberta taught algebra and geometry, Sister Florentine taught chemistry, Sister Urban taught physics, Sister Aloysius Marie taught French, and Sister Isabella taught history. Sister Eugene Marie taught English in the debate, Sister Monica had homeroom and Sister Kevin taught music. Gertrude McDonald, who was sponsored by Sister Kevin, graduated in music.

The football team, coached by Mr. Les McCallum, had a record of 6-1-1 and its captain was Gerald Campbell. The basketball team, also coached by McCallum, had a winning season with John Moore as its captain.

Graduation was held June 14, in the church. The guest speaker was Father Tomaszewski and diplomas were awarded by Father Mulvey. Approximately 80% of the graduates went on to college. Because unemployment was high with business just starting to recover from the big depression, many graduates took employment at the minimum wage. The majority of these graduates remained in the central Michigan area, and to date, nine members of the class are deceased.

Submitted by
Margaret Gaudard Jackson Jerry and Pauline Codden Campbell Frank and Betty Naumes Courter Eileen Milloy
One of the highlights of the year was the senior class play "Gilded Youth".

Class of 1937

The class of 1937 had the distinction of being the largest senior class in the history of the Academy (to that date) with 36 members. Following is an excerpt from a class history prepared by Earl Seybert:

"I am proud to have been a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy in 1937. (That's quite a while ago!) Life has been good only because I learned from the good nuns and priests that I had during those years and later at Beau City that gave me some insights into life that came from those people and my parents that couldn't have happened any other way.

I recall very vividly my freshman year, a spark that lit my candle, by being chosen to be a member of the varsity football team—Sacred Heart's first undefeated team—the mythical state champs. Three more years of varsity football characterized by win after win followed. That does something for a man and I thank the good nuns, teachers and coaches that helped the class of 1937.

I remember Sister Aloysius Marie correcting me privately after a pep rally. She asked me if I thought that I was speaking to a flock of sheep by using the word, "you" instead of "you" when asking the student body assembled to get out and root for the football team.

All twelve grades at that time were in the old high school building. There was no gymnasium, and any plays, parties or other extracurricular activities had to be held on Mt. Pleasant High School's gymatorium. Elementary rooms were on the first floor and in the basement. High school was on the second floor. The boys wore ties and dress shirts, while the girls wore navy blue serge long sleeved uniforms with white collars and cuffs. In the spring, girls could wear green and white cotton short sleeved uniforms.

One of the highlights of the senior year was the senior class play, "Gilded Youth," presented on May 7, 1937. Another highlight was football, which was coached by Les McCallum and assisted by Father Kucinski. Earl Seybert won a football scholarship to the University of Detroit and Harry Fortino was later enshrined in the St. IA Hall of Fame. Basketball and track were also offered.

"If I remember correctly, the football season never ended. It just recessed during the coldest days in the winter," recalled Seybert.

The principal was Sister M. Monica who taught Latin and Ancient history. Sister M. Carola was the home room advisor. Sister Mary Ellen taught music, choir and glee club. Sister Aloysius Marie taught French and English. Sister M. Redemptra taught shorthand, typing and bookkeeping. Sister Florentine taught physics and chemistry. Sister M. Urban taught algebra and trigonometry.

During our senior year we had a beautiful nun, Sister M. Hilda, who taught literature," wrote Edwaridine Carey Curtiss. "She became seriously ill and passed away that year. She was truly a blessed person."

Father Farquharson was the pastor, and taught religion classes. His assistant, Father Kucinski did the same.

The valedictorian was Edwardine Carey, who was awarded a scholarship to Central State Teachers' College for 1937 and 1938. It was presented by the Gas Corporation of America. Mary Margaret Kerney was salutatorian. She received a scholarship to St. Teresa's College in Winona, MN.

The senior banquet was held on May 10, 1937. After a dinner of creamed chicken, mashed potatoes, peas and perfection salad, Doris McLaughlin addressed the seniors. Senior, John McDonald gave the response. Graduation was held at the church on June 15. Reverend E.P. Fullick, professor of language and science at St. Joseph's Seminary in Grand Rapids, delivered the commencement address.

Besides being the largest graduating class for many years to come, the class also had the largest percent go on to college for several years. A number of the graduates became teachers, and some became businessmen (Harry Fortino, Al Neff, and others.)

"I'm sure each and every one of our class would agree that Father Farquharson, Father Kucinski and all the fine Dominican sisters of Sacred Heart prepared us well," said Carey. "God bless them all!"

submitted by
Edwardine Carey Curtiss
and Earl Seybert
**Class of 1938**

The class of 1938 was the last one until recent times to have gone from kindergarten through twelfth grade. The total enrollment was 368, with 262 in the grade school and 106 in the high school.

Sister Vincent Marie introduced the class to their kindergarten and the Dominican sisters taught them all through school except for third grade. Mrs. Frank Quinlan was the teacher that year and still lives in Mt. Pleasant as of October 1988. Student Eugene Breidenstein wrote she was a “ten as a teacher!”

High school teachers included the principal, Sister Monica, who taught Latin and Sister Carola, who was the senior class advisor and taught chemistry.

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Sister Bernard was the English, civics and sociology teacher. Sister Adorine taught typing, shorthand and bookkeeping and Sister Mary Ellen taught piano, glee club and choir.

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These nine female members of the class of 1939 assemble on the church lawn on a warm June 14 graduation day. Geraldine Beltinck, Mary Jane Hickey, Sister Huberta, Nan McNamara and Rose Hackett are called "some of the beauties" by Helen Hackett Trussell, who donated the photographs. The 10 male graduates of the class of 1939 assemble on the lawn. Helen Hackett, Geraldine Beltinck, Mary Jane Hickey.

Class of 1939

The class of 1939 graduated on June 14. The pastor was Reverend Leo Farquharson and the principal was Sister M. Blance. The class flower was the ophelia rose and the class colors were silver and blue. The class motto was "Simplicity, Sincerity, Service."

The girls wore black jumpers in the winter with a white collar and green for summer. This class was responsible for blowing up the lab during the year.

Bookkeeping, shorthand and typing was taught by Sister Adorine, chemistry was taught by Sister Florence. Sports included basketball and football. Transportation—walking.

Graduation was held in the church on a warm June 14, 1939. The senior banquet was May 16. The menu included mashed potatoes, roasted chicken, asparagus tips, perfection salad, assorted relishes, buttered rolls, black walnut ice cream and coffee and wafers.

Submitted by Helen Hackett Trussell

Sister Edwardine.

Helen Hackett.

Joe Cooper, Howard Theisen, unknown, Joe Sheppard, George Lasko.

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Class of 1939

Geraldine Beltinck
Louise Campbell
Marion Campbell
Francis Connors
Joseph Cuthbert
Rita Dougherty
Harold Fox
Rose Hackett
Mary Jane Hickey
George Lasko
Margaret Manley
Kathleen McCormick
Kathleen McNerney
Joseph Cooper
Dennis McCarthy
Joseph McGuire
Gloria McDonald
Catherine McNamara
Charles Pety
Mary Scully
Joseph Sheppard
Mary Spagnuola
Howard Theisen
Eloise Walker
Alice Windel
The Class of 1940 assembles for a group picture to celebrate their graduation; five years earlier, as eighth graders, they gathered as they left the school building.

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The class of 1941 was one of the smallest classes to graduate from the Academy during those times. Pearl Harbor came in December following their senior year, so they were the last class to graduate before World War II.

The original school building housed all of the classes, with nine through twelve on the top floor. Every girl in the high school who could carry a tune was in the girls' choir. They sang at the 9:00 mass every Sunday from September until June, and often sang for funerals or weddings.

The principal was Sister Gertrude Marie. Sister Grace was the senior class advisor and homeroom teacher. Sister Mary Ellen was the music teacher with Sister Susanna as her assistant. Sister Carola taught the sciences and Sister Jordan Marie taught commercial subjects. The pastor was Father Leo Farquharson.

Home football games were played on Sundays at Fancher Field and high school classes took turns providing a meal for the home and visiting teams. These meals were held in the old church basement as were the junior-senior banquets. The prom was in the gym of the old Mt. Pleasant High School.

The class put on the play, “Almost Eighteen” in their junior year, and some of the class was in the Class of 1942 junior play when they were seniors. Plays were given in the auditorium of the Mt. Pleasant High School.

Sports offered were junior and varsity football and basketball for boys, and nothing for girls. Boys practiced and played in Mt. Pleasant’s gym.

The valedictorian was Jeanne Lynch, while Marie Sweeney and Francis Hackett were salutatorians. Hackett went on to become Rev. Fr. Francis Hackett.
Classes of 1942-1943

The class of 1942 graduated 22 members. The class colors were silver and blue. The class flower was the American Beauty rose and the motto was "Too low they build who build beneath the stars."

Favorite teachers were Sister Grace, Sister Jordon Marie and Sister Eucharis. The pastor was Reverend Leo J. Fanquharrow.

Girls wore navy blue uniforms with removable white collars in the winter and light blue uniforms in the summer.

The entire student body was housed in the west portion of the present high school with the old church basement being utilized for the hot lunch program and special events.

In May of 1942, the senior play, entitled "Smiling Thru," was presented to the community in the public high school auditorium. The cast included Dorothy Sweeney, Jack Carey, Charles O'Brien, Bob Nowland, Mary Katherine Sheddert and Anna Marie Fox.

Class Day was on May 8 at Sacred Heart, during which it was announced that Dorothy Sweeney was to be the valedictorian and Anna Marie Fox the salutatorian. Dorothy received a scholarship and Anna Marie a pin for their accomplishments. Also selected for the dubious honor of will writer was Martha Jean McNerney, poet, Imogene Walker; prophets, Jack Carey and Bob Beldinck; and song writer, Dorothy Naunes.

The baccalaureate mass was offered on June 7 in the old Sacred Heart Church. The sermon entitled "The Cross as our Guide" was delivered by the pastor, Father Fanquharrow.

The commencement ceremonies took place in the church on June 10 with the address being delivered by Father Kuhn and the diplomas being distributed by the pastor. What had been a fairly fun loving, carefree group that evening entered a somber world deeply affected by World War II. Some went on to college, some into the work force and others into the service of their country.

submitted by
Anna Marie Fox
Barbara Gliniecki
Judge

1943

The class of 1943 graduated 27 members. The principal was Sister Lucy Marie, the pastor was Father Leo J. Fanquharrow. Some of our teachers were Sister Jordan Marie, Sister Leo Marie, Sister Kevin, Sister Grace, Sister Benedict, Sister Helen Louise, Sister Roberta, Sister Isadore, Sister Gervase and Henry Schiffer.

Valedictorian of the class was Betty Powell and salutatorian was Patrick Hackett.

Senior boys were offered football and basketball. Due to wartime with gasoline rationing, tournaments as well as extra-curricular activities were very limited. The football team was coached by John Heinzelman and basketball coaches were Jim Vanderbilt and Gerald Campbell.

We wish to dedicate this loving memory of the following deceased members of our class: Mike Brodsetter, Edwardine Clare, Red Connors, Dick Hall, Hobbie Kane, Don MacDonnell, Anna Marie Scott and Betty Smith.

submitted by
Betty Powell
Johnson

In 1944 the boys choir sang the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass. Graduates of the class of 1943 pose for group shots before the ceremony.
A 1944 commencement program.

Commencement Program

Sacred Heart Church
June 11, 1944

Processional
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Gilmant

Eco Pamis Angelojun
Academy Girl Choir

Address
- - - The Rev. Edmund L. Quadrer

Awarding of Diplomas
- - - The Rev. Leo J. Farquharson

Are Minus
- - - - - - Bach-Gould

Benediction of the Holy Blessed Sacrament
- - - - - -

Processional

- - - - -

Recessional

- - - - -
Counsel

Class Roll

Eleanor Ann Bullock
Margaret J. Brarner
Marie John Brarner
Colleen Anne Carely
Jennifer Margaret Curdhuber
Walter John Jeffery
William Bryant McEachern
William Michael Pirtle
James J. Pirtle
Patricia Ann King
Gerald J. Landwehr
John Williams Letako
Mary McAlady
Daniel McConnell

Joseph McCarthy
Margaret J. McDonald
William Patrick McGrath
James Carolyn Meyer
John Richard Neuman
Elma Jean O'Brien
John O'Sullivan
Elizabeth Geraldine Quinnin
Vera Margaret Lemer
Elisabeth Jose Stanyula
Moses Marie Stanyula
Ann Rose Voss
Rita Marie Whaley
Leona Frances Wood

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Angeline Cascarelli
Jacquelyn Cubert
Don Dole
Bette Hackett
Edward Kline
Robert Laws
Mary McCarthy
Al McConnell
Florence McConnell
Maureen McConnell
Mary Ann Schaffer
Robert Smith
William Sweeney
John Walker

Class of 1944

Roseleen Belinick
Marian Beuter
Colleen Carey
Joan Cubbert
Walter Deibel
William Duhamel
William Fitzgerald
James Fitzpatrick
Patrick King
Gerald Landwehr
John Latzko
Mary Mahaffey
Joe McConnell
Dan McConnell
Marguerite McDonald
William McGuric
Joanne Moeller
John Naumes
Jean O'Brien
Helen O'Sullivan
Geraldine Quinnin
Vada Simmer
Betty Spagnuola
Helen Szekeres
Anna Marie Vossin
Rita Whitney
Leona Windel

Class of 1945

Ann Louis
Margaret Bronsdetster
John Bronsdetster
Charlotte Campbell
James Campbell
Joseph Cascarelli
Charles Deibel
Ronald Doerr
Anne Hackett
Gwendolyn Hoag
Katherine Keller
Rosemary King
Richard King
Janet Kline
Anna Mahaffey
Michael McEvoy
Jackie Pety
William Sheppard
Glen Vossin
Patricia Walsh

Class of 1946

There were 14 members of the SHA class of 1945, evenly divided with seven boys and seven girls.

Sister Lucy Marie was principal and the faculty included: Sister Jordan Marie, Sister Mary Jane, Sister Helen Louise, Sister Magelene, Sister Alexandra.

Kline was class president while Sweeney and Hackett were valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively. Jerry Campbell coached all sports teams; the original school building was the only one there. Students went to the public school for basketball and drama practice. One of the two schools played that year was "Polishing Papa".

What this class lacked in size, it made up for in spirit. They had the "privilege" of attending school three extra days in June and wrapping. What the class lacked in size, they made up for in spirit. They carried this "honor" by collecting enough gas ration stamps to take a skip day at Winona Park in Bay City.

Their graduation was filled with hope and thanksgiving. World War II was ending. The future held promise!

Fr. Kline said "I was the senior class president. We had two plays, one of which was "Polishing Papa". Sr. Lucy Marie, O.P. was our principal and Fr. Farquharson was the pastor. I won the Terrbery award and Bill Sweeney, Betty Hackett and Florence McConnell won awards also. Bill and Betty won top honors, but I'm not sure which was valedictorian. Jerry Campbell coached all the sports teams. We graduated 14 since Betty Spagnuola and Mary Ann Schaffer joined our senior class. The old building was the only one there. We went to the public school for basketball and drama practice. Everyone was a sister and I don't believe there was any tuition. I think I'm the only vocation among those who were at our High School then."

submitted by
Rev. Edwin Kline and Bette Hackett Peterson

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Class of 1947

The class of 1947 graduated 38 members.

Class officers were: president McNamara, vice-president Wohlscheid, secretary Honeywell, treasurer Grisdale.

The pastor was Reverend Leo J. Farquharson with assistant Reverend John McDuffee. Principal was Sister Lucy Marie. The teachers and the classes offered to seniors were: Sister Mary Madeline-English, Sister Mary Jane-biology and chemistry, typing-Sister Jordan Marie, history-Sister Mary Brendan, religion-Father John McDuffee, Latin and civics-Sister Genorosa, music-Sister Mary Kevin, Spanish-Father Lopez, shop-at Mt. Pleasant High School.

Valedictorian was Martin and salutatorian was Hild. Student council members were McNerney, Wohlscheid, Lapham, Hild, Martin and Fabiano.

In sports, football was coached by Jerry Campbell and Earl Seybert, and basketball by Terry Carey.

Three graduated in music (piano): Schaffer, Lynch and Martin. This took place on April 13, 1947. Baccalaureate was Sunday, June 8, 1947. The senior prom was June 6, 1947, at the Keeler Union Ballroom with Lloyd Conley’s orchestra. The cost was $2.50 a couple.

Graduation took place Sunday, June 8, 1947. Class colors were green and white; motto “We have committed the golden rule to memory; let us now commit it to life!”

The school newspaper was “The Irish Whisper”, editor and co-editor were Voisin and Wohlscheid, respectively. Carey was a three-year cheerleader. The first homecoming queen was elected this year Lasko.

Clothing styles for guys were sweaters and corduroy pants. Girls wore broomstick skirts or poodle skirts; these were worn down to the ankle. Girls could NOT wear slacks to school. Saddle shoes and penny loafers were popular as well as off the shoulder blouses for girls. Hats were always worn to church.

Voisin’s favorite “dressy” dress in 1947 was grey taffeta with a bustle.

The class of 1947 wrote the school song, “Academy, We’re For You”-the present school song.

This class had had a reunion every five years since graduation with at least 80% attendance.

Submitted by Dorothy Voisin Sheahan
Graduating Class 1948
First row: Patricia McCann, Patricia McGuire, Arlene Casner, JoAnn Kline, Theresa Demski, Kathleen Hackett, Virginia Prior, Patricia Strauss
Second row: Joe Lannen, Leo Kipfmuller, Bob Spagnuolo, Father Farquharson, Leon Connors, Gerald Cotter, Madeline Carey
Third row: Betty Moore, Jeanne Buschle, Barbara Campbell, Jacquie Pety, Helen McConnell, Peg Lowther, Natalie Smith, Theresa Mahaffey, Hazel Dick, Marcelline McGuire

To the strains of “Poem and Circumstance” and the class motto, “All the best things are rare,” in our hearts, 24 seniors marched down the aisle of Sacred Heart Church on June 9, 1948.

Father Leo Farquharson was pastor. Assistant Father Joseph Godzisz taught us senior religion. Father Joseph Lopez was the favorite confessor, “Three Hail Mary’s my dears.”

Principal Sister Lucy Marie also taught senior English. Her strains of “Macbeth” remain in memory as do memories of Sister Jordan Marie, our placid homeroom teacher. Music teacher Sister Kevin supplemented Bach with the Fatima story and proper behavior advice. Sisters Generosa, Mary Jane, Brendan, Joseph Ann and Huberta helped us through our high school years.

The Sodality of Our Lady, which included all high school students, fostered special devotion to honor our Holy Mother. Co-presidents were Joe Lannen and Natalie Smith. Natalie was privileged to crown the Virgin Mary’s statue following the May procession.

The first experience of death for many of the class happened in the autumn of our freshman year with the passing of Janet Corcoran. Janet had been with us through elementary school and is remembered with loving thoughts.

Carmen’s our yearbook, made its debut through the efforts of the class of ’48. It has continued to flourish over the years. The Irish Whisper was published with Barbara Campbell as editor. Leon “Red” Connors, Jerry Cotter, Leo Kipfmuller and Bob Spag fought hard for the football team. Under the direction of Coach Warren Giese, the Irish won three of seven games our senior year.

The highlight of homecoming was the crowning of lovely Barbara Campbell as queen. The attendants were Ginny Prior, senior; Mary Keller, junior; Rita Gase, sophomore; and Leonore Bechtel, freshman.

The piano graduation recital of six class members, Kathleen Hackett, Helen McConnell, Jacqueline Pety, Pat McCann, Virginia Prior and Natalie Smith was presented April 4, 1948 under the direction of Sister M. Kevin.

On April 25, 1948, “A Case of Springtime!” had among the cast these seniors: Pat McCann, Bob Spag, Peg Lowther, Katie Hackett, Hazel Dick, Joe Lannen, Pat McGuire, Theresa Demski, Pat Strauss and Jeanne Buschle. The comedy was directed by Sister Jordan Marie.

Many of the class members enjoyed a senior trip, leaving before dawn by bus to Jackson to catch our train to Chicago. There we boarded a cruise ship sailing Lake Michigan with a stop at Mackinaw Island. We continued down Lake Haron to disembark in Detroit and there met our bus for the return to Mt. Pleasant. Theresa Demski’s mother was our pleasant chaperone. The cruise was an opportunity to meet students from other states, enjoy dining, dancing and viewing the starry night from the deck.

Truly, “All the best things are rare!” submitted by Mary Jeanne Buschle Lannen

The 1948 Homecoming Court included Rita Gase, Virginia Prior, Queen Barb Campbell, Mary Keller and Leonore Bechtel.

A Century of Class

Class of 1948
Patrician McCann
Kathleen Hackett
Paul Robert Spagnuolo
Gerald Cotter
Mary Jeanne Buschle
Barbara Campbell
Madeline Carey
Arlene Casner
Leon Connors
Theresa Demski
Hazel Dick
Leo Kipfmuller
JoAnn Kline
Joseph Lannen
Margaret Lowther
Theresa Mahaffey
Helen McConnell
Marcelline McGuire
Patricia McGuire
Betty Moore
Jacqueline Pety
Virginia Prior
Natalie Smith
Patricia Strauss
The 1951 prom was held in the high school. Front row: Mary Ellen Sweeney, Jack McKenzie, George Blech, Jean Martin. 2nd row: Bill Kerin, Pat Hubbell, Pat Lowther. 3rd row: Neil Campbell, Jack Dibble, Mary Jane Tope, Larry McConnell. Back row: Bill Murphy, Nancy McDonald, Jan Northway.

School mixers were held in the high school study hall, where students conversed, danced the one-step and the two-step and enjoyed refreshments. The boys usually sat on one side, the girls on the other. Dick Brandell recalled the nuns coming to the boys' side, grabbing one of them at a time and marching them over to ask the girls to dance.

The 1949-50 basketball team included: Bill Buschle, Darcy Lapham, Jim Sheppard, Dick Marke, Harry Quintin and Coach ElRoy Herring.

Students assemble in the church for the 1950 May crowning. The crowning was sponsored by the sodality, which was a group dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. Hymns were sung and a wreath of flowers was put on the Virgin Mary. Ribbons were worn as head covering for this special occasion.

A Century of Class

Class of 1949
Dorothy Campbell
Joyce Cotter
Betty Lou Dart
Ernestine Hoag
Shirley Honeywell
Robert Hovey
James Gosma
Mary Grisdale
Dolores Heintz
Mary Keller
Kathleen Kennedy
William Kirkey
James Lannen
Helen Mahaffey
Donna Sheppard
Bette Sowle
Rita Stovak
Richard McConnell
Ivan Neff
Madonna Schaffer
James Theisen
Elaine Verleger

Class of 1950

Twenty-two seniors graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1950. The principal was Sister Helen Louise, who also taught Latin and math. Sister Joseph Ann taught science and history, Sister Basil taught math and social science, Sister Celene taught typing, shorthand, bookkeeping and history. English was taught by Sister Ann Lucille and music was taught by Sister Kevin.

The Pastor was Father Leo Farquharson and the assistants were Father Herman Kolenda and Father Gerald Guzikowski. The assistants also taught religion. Father Joseph Lopez was the Mexican Apostolate. Class valedictorian was Rita Ann Voisín and salutatorian was Margie McShea. Yearbook editor was Margie McShea. She was assisted by George Blesch and Jim Sheppard.

The school was the original two-story building which housed both the grade school and the high school. The playground was on the east side of the building which is now occupied by the addition to the original building. The parking lot was across the street to the west, where the grade school now stands.

Hot lunch took place in the old church basement. The class had a senior play in January, which was directed by Mrs. Ella McDuffe and Sister Ann Lucille. The comedy production, "Big Hearted Herbert," was performed in the Mt. Pleasant High School auditorium on Fancher Street. Performers were Margie McShea, Bill Hall, Jackie Breuer, Rita Ann Voisín, Jack McKenzie, Patty Lowther, Louise Deni, Rita Gase, Jerry Powell, Jean Beltrinc, Larry McConnell, Dick Brandell and freshman, Tom Swenney.

Seniors could participate in football and basketball, both coached by Elroy Hotsinger, and track, coached by Jim Little. The football team had an undefeated season that year—the first undefeated season since 1933. Senior players were Buschle, Deni, Brandell, Hall, McConnell, McKenzie, Powell, Blesch, Sheppard, Wischmeyer. Most of the games were played on Sunday afternoon against neighboring Catholic schools. After the game, the home team always put on a good meal for the visitors. It was a great season, but McKenzie and McConnell each broke a leg and were forced to the sidelines.

Highlights of the school year were:
- Friday night mixers in the old study hall, (now the library)
- Homecoming with Jackie Breuer as queen and Rita Gase as the senior attendant. Junior and Senior banquet in the old church basement.
- J-Hop at the Mt. Pleasant High School gym and the prom ($2.00 per couple) at the Mt. Pleasant Country Club.
- Performances of the Glee Club at Christmas, Easter and other events.
- Skip Day when the boys went to School Section Lake and the girls went to Alma.
- Senior class trip to Detroit.
- Locking Dick Brandell in the bell tower.

Commencement was on June 7, 1950. The company made a mistake and the graduates received music diplomas instead of graduation diplomas. This was a great class. It was a lot of fun with a lot of good memories.

A Century of Class

Class of 1950
Wayne Berg
Jean Beltrinc
George Blesch
Jackie Breuer
Bill Buschle
Louise Deni
Rita Gase
Bill Hall
Jude Lannen
Patty Lowther
Pete McCann
Jerry McDonald
Jack McKenzie
Margie McShea
Jerry Powell
Bob Quinlan
Jim Sheppard
Bob Theisen
Wade Wischmeyer
Larry McConnell
Dick Brandell
Rita Ann Voisín


At a 1950 football pep rally held in the study hall, the cheerleaders fire up the student body. The football team went undefeated.

Vocations Day was sponsored by the sodality. Pictured are: Rita Gise, Ruth Ann Voisin, Delores Mahaffey, Nancy McDonald, Jean Bellinick, Carol Fisher, Jacqueline Breier, Pat Lowther, Marjorie McShea.

Class of 1951

In the 1948 Cor Jesu, the freshman class was featured with the following description: “On September 2, 1947, forty timid freshmen slowly ascended the stairs into their new high school surroundings with a mixed feeling of awe and uncertainty.” Passage into high school during these years was accomplished when a student no longer attended classes on the first floor of the Academy.

Four years later, 28 of the original 40 comprised the SHA class of 1951. Life held promise for this group in 1947. The world was finally at peace and young people could plan for their future with a fair degree of certainty. This freshman class was more aware of existing social problems during the immediate aftermath of World War II. A favorite movie of the time was “Gentlemen’s Agreement” and a popular book was Black Like Me. JC Penney advertised a man’s suit for $30.00 and a dress shirt for $1.98. Two leaves of bread could be purchased for seven cents at Kroger.

Highlights of that first high school year included the purchase of a trophy case for the high school by the student council, a successful spool and thread drive for the needy in Europe and the traditional J-Hop and athletic events.

As sophomores, the class of 1951 sponsored a “Good Literature” campaign which proposed Catholic magazines and periodicals to institutions throughout the United States, Europe and Great Britain. Concern for others and interest in world events continued to grow, as evidenced by class leadership and participation in a 1949 Catholic Youth Congress. The birth of Princess Elizabeth’s first child, a son Charles, and the expanding confrontation of Chinese communists with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek were featured in the news. Oranges cost 99 cents for eight pounds.

As juniors in 1950, they suddenly gained status as upperclassmen. The era of the “fifties” had begun with admiration for big cars adorned with chrome, pink and black ties, saddle shoes, very long skirts, tight cuffs and baggy sweaters. After school jobs paid 50 cents per hour. Big name bands like Harry James and Tommy Dorsey and slow dances were popular. “I’ll see you in my dreams” always signaled the end of the evening.

The boys in the class of 1951 made a major contribution to the athletic program. During this school year and the next, the SHA football team celebrated two undefeated seasons.

The seniors celebrated their skip day at a cottage on Crystal Lake and had an all-night graduation party beginning with a breakfast. Sixteen of the graduates began college in the fall of 1951 with the confidence that an education would ensure employment and future financial success. The class of 1951 could expect to earn $60.00 per month (including utilities) and buy a new bedroom set for $69.95.

In 1951 the world became aware of a far away country called Korea and high school graduates of that year suddenly were soldiers. Concern for social justice along with a willingness to work hard were characteristics of this generation.

On July 17, 1976, the class of 1951 met for a 25th reunion. They shared memories and celebrated their coming together for the first time since graduation. One of them became a Dominican sister, three were teachers and three had become nurses. Three members of the class owned their own businesses, while one had his own farm. There was an oil company executive, a lieutenant colonel, a director of computer services, an insurance agent, two chemists and five secretaries. Most were married and some had become grandparents.

One member of the class of 1951 met with a tragic accidental death soon after graduation. Within five years of the reunion three more would die suddenly. In 1989, plans were underway to celebrate a 40th graduation ceremony in ’91. The years have passed too swiftly, but the remaining classmates of 1951 have vivid and fond memories of their high school years at Sacred Heart Academy.

submitted by Mary Ellen Sweeney Brandell

One member of the class of 1951 receives her diploma at graduation ceremonies held in the old church.
In the Academy’s 24-13 victory over Flint All Saints, October 23, 1949, Jim Sheppard runs 68 yards for a touchdown.

Riding in a Cadillac driven by Ed McShea are cheerleaders Doris O’Toole, Mary Ellen Sweeney, Nancy Kerin and JoAnn Fabiano.

“Don’t let St. Mary’s break our record” is the theme of the sophomore float for homecoming 1950. Riding on the float are Ann McCormick, Sarah McEvoy, Donna Wischemeyer, Shirley Landwehr, Bob Percha and Joan Fleming. The driver is John Wezensky.

A local band plays for a mixer in the study hall. On the dance floor are Mary Ellen Sweeney, Jack McKenzie and Bill Sowle.


Junior Class Officers, 1949: Louie Deni, Jerry Powell, Jackie Breuer, Jim Sheppard.

Nancy Kerin, Larry McConnell and Elaine Verieger enjoy a mixer.

Jeanne Martin and Mary Ellen Sweeney lead the student body in a cheer at an outdoor pep rally on the lawn between the church and rectory.

Class of 1954

The class of 1954 graduated 27 members. The pastor was the Rev. Fr. Edward N. Alt (later to become Monsignor Alt), the athletic director and teacher of religion was Father Francis Karl. Sister Mary Richard was the principal and taught all the math classes. She was much better known as “Hawkeye.” Sister Mary Grace taught English, and we’d better know SHA was her roots or we’d flunk! Sister Frances Raphael taught Latin and she likewise taught many of our folks at St. Henry Academy in Rosebush, way back when. Sister Mary Celine taught all the commercial courses—typing, shorthand, junior business and civics. Sister Henry Sono taught music and glee club. Jim Schultz was the coach and social studies teacher.

The highlight of our school activities was the sodality and the annual May Day Youth Rally, held on May 1st. It was an all-day Catholic only fun day, with all the 9-12 graders attending from surrounding communities. The crowning of the statue of Mary on the side altar of Sacred Heart highlighted the day. A dinner in the church basement and dance followed in the double-room—sophomore and senior home rooms divided by a partition—upstairs in the high school. Bill Quinlan was the prefect and Mary Jo Murphy was the co-prefect of the sodality. Rev. R. Leo Furhason received the then sophomores into the sodality on December 7, 1952. Homecoming queen was Mary Jo Murphy and Anne Petry was senior attendant. Kay Martin was the jr. attendant and Jeanne Fox was the attendant for the freshmen. Sophomore attendant was JoAnne English. Other highlights were pep rallies before all football games, the big parade for homecoming, and working on the parade floats. Riding on them was even more fun!

The football team had another undefeated season, playing such schools as Bay City St. James, Saginaw Sts. Peter and Paul, Bay City St. Mary, Saginaw St. Mary, Essexville St. John, Saginaw Holy Rosary, Bay City Visitation and Owosso, St. Paul. We had 27 boys on the football team. The SHA football team, as well as the visitors, were fed in the church basement.

We also had a baseball team, which had eleven boys on it, and a basketball team with thirteen boys. The baseball team played such schools as Remus High, West Branch St. Joseph, and Pinconning St. Michael. The only team the basketball team didn’t cream was Remus! The football games were held at 2:30 p.m. at Fancher School, the basketball games at MPHS (we didn’t have a gym yet), and the baseball games also at MIPHS or Island Park. It was in 1954 that the ground was started for the high school addition and the gym. On the same ground we could see the back of the rectory from the principal’s office and the rest was playground for the grade schoolers! We didn’t have the elementary school either.

Our Coral yearbook, “America’s Hope—Youth with Faith” was dedicated to the Most Rev. Francis J. Haan, who died August 29, 1953, after serving ten years as the bishop of Grand Rapids.

Submitted by Joan Corcoran Sell and Anne McConnell Strauss

Alum Boys before Pange Lingua (40 hours).

A Century of Class

Class of 1954
Joe Breidenstein
Fred Cashen
Jean Corcoran
Joan Corcoran
Tom Corcoran
Conrad English
Jim Gepford
Pat Horgan
Jim Knapp
Verna Mattonen
Mary Jo McCann
Ann McConnell
Marion McGuire
Jim McKenna
Donna Mitchell
Mary Jo Murphy
Ed Ososki
Ann Petry
Pat Pappas
June Rady
Bill Quinlan
Ruth Ann Sowle
Dave Sowle
Diana Thiesen
Mary Ann Wierzowksi
John Welniaak
Larry Wentworth
Classes of 1955-1956

The 1956 class officers were: president Mary Ellen Cotter, vice-president Phyllis Brock, secretary Kay Breidenstein, treasurer Ed Percha.

The valedictorian was Dennis Donoghue and salutatorian was Marjorie McDonald.

The honor students, composed of the upper third of the class were: Wisneski, Gabrysiak, Hauck, Hackett, Harrigan, Fox, Eppe, Wilmot, Shattery, Neyer, Kay Breidenstein.

The pastor was Reverend Edward N. All and his assistants were Rev. Walter Jude and Rev. Raymond Sonefeld.

The principal was Sister Richard; she was also the math instructor. Other members of the faculty and the subjects they taught were: Sister Grace-English and religion; Sister Henry Suos-music (Glee Club, piano voice); Sister Joan-Latin, religion, journalism, speech, English, yearbook advisor; Sister John Marie-typing, history, yearbook advisor; Sister Thomas More-librarian; Sister Petronilla-physics, chemistry, trigonometry, geometry. Mrs. Dale Grubaugh was the girls' physical education instructor and Mr. Jim Schultz taught sociology, civics and history. He was also the head football, track and basketball coach.

One of the highlights of the year was homecoming with Wisneski as queen and court members K. Breidenstein, Marjorie Thering, Ann Naumes, and Betty Smith (SHS -12, Flint St. Agnes -0). Several members of the class spent many hours working behind closed doors in the journalism room on the Cor Jesu yearbook. These were hours of work and fun. At the end of November a dance, the "Cor Jesu Ball" was held and Doerr and Hackett were crowned king and queen because of their exceptional participation in soliciting ads for the yearbook.

Other memories include raising money for the poor, caroling. Each class had to carol in a different section of town and then return to see who had raised the most money. Another memory is Glee Club practice with Sister Henry Suos and then singing before 8:00 mass in front of the congregation for Christmas.

Some of us remember: getting up and singing daily mass during the summer.

-ordering chocolate, orange drink and powdered or glazed donuts for a Lenten breakfast.

-being the first class to use the new addition of the school which included seven new classrooms, plus the principal's office and clinic.

-going to the semi-finals in basketball as juniors, losing to Ashley, 50-37.

-working many long hours to put the issues of the Academy Chronicle together, with Sister Joan as our adviser.

-participating in May crowning, sodality, novenas the last period of the day on Friday, and annual retreats. Submitted by Jeanne Anne Hackett Hudson.
Three of the six music graduates were Elaine Hackett, Sue Heintz and Charlene McNerney. Not pictured: Maureen Carey, Maria Gallagher, Kathleen McConnell.

Folding copies of the latest issue of the Academy Chronicle is the job of the reporters. Seated: Charles Campbell, Charlene McNerney, Ruth Landwehr, Elaine Hackett, Kay Lyle, Kathleen McDonald, JoAn McCracken. Standing: Sue Heintz, Maria Gallagher, Julie Hartman, Donna Devine. Standing: Sandra Lapham, Mimi Murphy, Patricia Codden, Maureen Carey.

Attendance at and participation in daily mass was an important part of each school day. Father Edward Alt distributes communion to the student body.

Class of 1958

Class officers were president-Grisdale, vice-president-Hackett, treasurer Devine, secretary T. Murphy. Student council seniors Shaw, McNerney, Hackett, Lyle, Hovey, Gallagher, Devine, McConnell, and Courtright provided leadership in reorganizing a student court and promoting loyalty to SHA.

Sister Aguin served as principal and Latin teacher. High school faculty included religion teachers Father Hugh King and Father Ray Moeggenberg; science teachers Sister Petronilla, Chuck Kromer and Ann Endres; English instructor Sister Grace; math, journalism, debate and speech teacher Sister Edward Alyhosian; business instructor Sister Celine; Glee Club, choir, and piano teacher Sister Penny Susor; and physical education teachers Mr. Phil Marazita and Mrs. Dean Grubaugh.

In the fall of 1957, Sacred Heart was honored to have its pastor, Reverend Edward Alt, named a monsignor. Sacred Heart Parish's first. Memories were made building homecoming floats in the Gallagher garage and Island Park barns (queen was Neyer, attendant Devine); selling yearbook ads, going to Friday night mixers in the church basement, decorating socks for the Sock Hop, being Latin Club slaves or masters, proofreading Academy Chronicle copy, developing strategy and snacking in the debate den, and praying there would be no fire drill during girls' gym class. (The red gym suits weren't pretty.)

Cor Jesu editors Gallagher and Codden and Chronicle editors Hackett and McCracken were assisted by Shaw, who provided sports information to both publications. Debating seniors were Lyle, Hartman, Hackett, M. Murphy.

Music played a major role in class activities throughout all four years. Class members sang or danced in the St. Patrick's Day musicals (C. McDonald sang the tenor solos) and in Sister Henry Sosso's "opera". Music graduates in piano-McConnell, Carey, Gallagher, McNerney, Hackett, Heintz-performed the "Hungarian Rhapsody" on three grand pianos to conclude their recital.

It was a class of champions: SHA took the Valley Parochial League football title (McGuirk was named most valuable player); Class C Distict basketball (seniors T. Murphy, McGuirk, Fleming, Forren); and District and Regional Debate titles. Carey won the Detroit Free Press extemporaneous speaking competition.

The class of 1958 celebrated its 30 year reunion in August, 1988. The enjoyable, well-planned weekend was organized by Lyman, Pety Haas, and Percha Whitehead, and attended by 30 class members.

Submitted by Elaine Hackett Salisbury

Class of 1957

Jacquelin Ball, Mary Jo Beckett, Jeanne Boutler, Charles Campbell, Dean Carey, Eugene Carey, Dorothy Connors, John Dart, Paul Deni, Jeanne Fox, Patrick Gaudard, Mary Jane Glade, Mary Jo Hackett, Phyllis Hibberd, Judith Hively, Yvonne Hoag, Helen King, Kathan Kisy, Marie Martin, Maxine Maxim, William McCann, Dorothy McDonald, Sonja McGuirk, Frederick McQuaid, Phyllis Percha, Jeanne Percha, Barbara Persinger, Irene Pety, Nancy Reitzhart, Michael Schmalbach, Betty Lou Smith, Suzanne Sowle, Beverly Taylor, Barbara Theisen, Mary Weinaik

Class of 1958

Maureen Carey, Patricia Codden, Suzanne Courtright, Lawrence Dalrymple, Kenneth DeBois, Donna Divine, Margaret Farman, John Fleming, Lawrence Foreman, Maria Gallagher, Judith Guilt, Terrence Grisdale, Elaine Hackett, John Harris, Julia Hartman, Susan Heintz, Suzanne Hovey, Ruth Landwehr, Sandra Lapham, Virginia Lapham, Leta Kay Lyle, Katherine Lyman, Kathleen McConnell, Josephine McCracken, Charles McDonald, Kathleen McDonald, Theodore McGuirk, Charlene McNerney, Mary McQuaid, Harry Martin, Mary Murphy, Patricia Murphy, Timothy Murphy, Marianne Neyer, Diane Percha, Lucile Pety, Robert Powell, Renato Rocci, Gary Shaw, Jeannette Smith, Thomas Theisen, Marjorie Thering, John Wegrowski, Patricia Wentworth, Joseph Wenzelky.
On his feastday Rt. Rev. Msgr. E.N. Alt accepts a gift from student council president Robert Harris.

Head football coach Phil Marazita awards certificates to senior standout left halfback James Fox and lettermate James Epplle.

First class debates keep in shape during a practice contest. The negative team of Marjory Gallagher and Patrick Sweeney, seniors, is a good challenge to the affirmative, Joseph Sweeney and Patrick Murphy, sophomores.

Classes of 1959 - 1960

The class of 1960 had 45 members. We have special memories of many others who were part of our class for various periods of time during our high school years including Barney Theisen who died in a water accident April 26, 1958. Senior class officers were Simpson president, Epplle-vice-president, Smith-treasurer, McKenna-secretary. Members of the student council included Harris-president, Hartman-vice-president, Hibberd, Gristdale, Fortino, Simpson, McDonald.

Our class started high school under the principalship of Sister Richard with Sister Aquin heading us during sophomore and junior years and Sister Agnes Leo for our senior year. Other teachers were: Mrs. A. A. Anthony (English), Sister Celine (Librarian, typing, bookkeeping, stenography), Sister Edward Aloysius (English, Latin, journalism), Sister Faith (chemistry, physics, biology), Sister Henry Suso (Glee Club, choir, instrumental music, band), Sister Lambert (algebra, geometry, trigonometry), Mr. Philip Marazita (algebra, physical education, Mr. James Morris (history, civics), Sister Theophile (history, stenography, typing), Mrs. Paul Winger (English), Mrs. Thomas Williams (physical education). Miss Agnes Murphy was assistant librarian; Mrs. John Quintan was office secretary.

Miss Ignatius Edward N. Alt was pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, assisted by Reverend Hugh King, Reverend Ray Moegenburg, and Reverend John McDufee. Father McDufee resided at Sacred Heart during the construction of CMU's St. Mary's student chapel where he later was pastor. He also taught senior religion at SHA.

We were active in parish and school life with nine senior acolytes: Duhannel, Moore, Gristdale, Myers, Johnson, Theisen, Gillis, Horvath, Dick; Simon and Hibberd served as parish organsists; P. Campbell and Rush led Sodality. We were winners in the Christmas caroling contest and enjoyed hot chocolate and donuts as we celebrated in the church basement. The crowning of Mary in May at the outdoor shrine was an important event in the school year. Hibberd and Fortino edited the Academy Chronicle and Simon and Hartman headed the award-winning staff of the Cor Jesu. The yearbook earned both All American and All Catholic ratings. Wejrowski was Cor Jesu queen with Schafer and Otten runners-up. McDonald was homecoming queen, attended by Fortino. Academic honors were earned by Fortino and Simon (co-valedictorians) and Hibberd (salutatorian). Ege and Gillis represented SHA at Wolverine Girls' and Boys' State.

Although the football team won only three of eight games, the defeat of Saginaw St. Mary in the last play of the game was truly a memorable one. Football seniors were Simpson, Duhannel (captain), Gillis, Gristdale, Dick, Horvath, and Johnson under coaches Marazita, Pete Sowle and Bob Warren. The basketball team won nine games and lost seven. Seniors on the team were: Campbell, Johnson, and Rush, coach by Marazita. Baseball seniors, T. Gristdale, D. Gristdale, and Myers, under Coach Karbovski, played a season shortened by rain.

Moore, McNally and T. Gristdale were senior trackmen under Coach Marazita. Senior cheerleaders were Theisen, McKenna and Otten; it would be several years before SHA girls would participate in sports of their own. Homecoming meant building floats at the Coke plant, stuffing napkins on two floats per class and dancing at the Hotel Chieftain to the music of Don Warnar. Our class won first place two years out of four with "Swing to Victory" and "We Are the Victorious Type."

The music program featured Glee Club, specialty choirs, and piano instruction under Sister Henry Suso and the newly formed junior and senior bands (with 43 members) under the direction of Mr. Don Warnar. There were seven music graduations: Fortino, P. Campbell, Simon, Hibberd, Ege, Courtwright, Epplle. Sacred Heart senior choir participated in the first All Catholic Choir Festival in West Brace. The joint choir from Catholic schools in northern Michigan (approximately 600 voices) was directed by Sister Henry Suso, accompanied by Simon and junior Ann Johnson.

Clubs included Iliarrians, secretarial, debate, Jets (science) and Varsity.

In 1960, girls often wore pleated skirts with sweaters while boys typically chose crew neck or cardigan sweaters and khaki slacks (with "pegged" pants and buckles in the back). Loafers were a popular shoe style with knee or crew socks. Crew cuts were worn by boys.

Fond memories include lunch in the church basement, Sock Hop, Senior Skip Day and choir picnics at School Section Lake, mixers, Coke (the kind you drink) parties, selecting class rings, college day, senior retreat day of silence and prayer. Favorite things included American Bandstand, streaked hair and "D.A.'s," criticisms, $2 car load at the drive-in and Jack's Snack Bar after school.

Submitted by Charlotte Simon Voisin and Linda Hartman Wood

Class of 1959

Janice Balon
Sue Breidenstein
Mary Jean Cashen
Garre Cochran
Michelle Coddin
Susan Collin
William Collin
Constance Connors
Robert Connors
Patrick Donoghue
Raymond Elliott
Mary Frances English
Francis Epplle
James Epplle
Richard Fabiano
Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick
Benjamin Flint
Mary Ann Flint
James Fox
Marjory Gallagher
Elizabeth Gaunt
James Ginter
John Glover
Martha Gunton
John Hess
Joanne Keenan
Thomas Keenan
Margaret Luikis
Frances Mattingly
Tyrene McConnell
Robert McDonald
Richard McEvoy
Susan Merchand
Russel Messersmith
Adam Myshock
Ann Naunes
Gerald O'Brien
Sally Schafer
Barbara Scheid
Lawrence Simon
Mary Jane Sowle
Patrick Sweeney
Barbara Swetz
Joyce Thiesen
Allegra Thering
Patricia Tillman
Richard Welniak
James Wezensky
Catherine Wezensky

Class of 1960

Joan Beek
Cedric Brown
Karen Campbell
Lawrence Campbell
Pauline Campbell
Nancy Courtright
Nancy Dent
Joseph Dick
David Duhannel
Joanne Ege
Alyce Epplle
Suzanne Fortino
Melvin Gillis
Daniel Gristdale
Timothy Gristdale
Nancy Gritta
Robert Harris
Melinda Hartman
Pamela Hibberd
James Horvath
Philip Johnson
Mary Louise Kowalick
Robert Lopez
Theodore Matuson
Ruth McDonald
Carolyn McKenna
Michael McNally
David Moore
Michael Murphy
Shirley Murphy
Catherine Onyette
Elizabeth Packard
Joyce Rogers
William Rush
Onesta Schafer
Charlotte Simon
John Simpson
Sue Anne Slakk
Warren Smith
Constance Thiesen
William Theisen
Sharon Timmer
Teresa Wegrzyn
Dennis White
Lucinda Fletcher and Patricia Welniak study the ups and downs of pulleys while Sister Faith double-checks on their precision.


### Classes of 1961-1962

History was made in 1961 with the graduation of 53 persons.

Patrick Murphy was class president, Welniak-vice president, Wezensky-secretary, Tilman-treasurer. Student council president was Sweeney, Heintz-vice-president, K. Hackett and Epple were class representatives, with Mrs. James Morris as moderator.

Monsignor Edward Alt was Sacred Heart’s pastor, assisted by Father Hugh King and Father Joseph Malewitz who also taught senior religion. Principal was Sister Agatha. The faculty members instructed the class in the following areas: Sister Lambert, mathematics; Sister Faith, science; Sister Henry Suso, music; Sister Theophane, history; Mrs. Paul Winger and Sister Jordan, English. Sister Jordan was also senior class adviser. Mrs. Thomas Williams instructed physical education and Mr. James Lewicki served as head coach. Mrs. John Quinlan assisted students and staff as office secretary.

The highest scholastic honors were earned by Johnson, valedictorian, and Landwehr-salutatorian.

District and regional debate honors were earned in 1961 by Sweeney and sophomores John Johnson and James Lewicki.

The Christmas holiday J-Hop (girl ask boy) and senior prom were held in the gym that year.

SHA’s Glee Club (70 students) traveled north to participate with several schools in the Alpena Music Festival. In addition to the large chorus there was the A Capella Choir with 39 voices and Cami Choir with 15.

Piano graduates were Theisen, Williams, Johnson, K. Hackett, Landwehr, S. Hackett. Heintz graduated in vocal music, Church organists were Johnson and Landwehr.

The present elementary school stands on what was a playground/parking lot in 1961. Grades 2-12 were housed in the one building east of Franklin Street. Hot lunches were served in the “old” church basement (as was the Junior-Senior Banquet).

The public school’s junior high stood where the church is today.

School uniforms had not yet been instituted at SHA. Popular school dress for the time included “seven-down” pleated skirts and coats for girls, “pegged pants” for boys, loafers and tennis shoes for both. Other styles included knee socks, shawl collar sweaters, cordonay jackets, boat neck sweaters, continental suits. Girls favored the “bubble” hairstyle.

Sports included baseball, football and basketball—all boys’-coached by Lewicki.

The following seniors participated: Witte, Fortino, Fabiano, Sweeney (basketball); Fortino, Fabiano, Witte, McDonald (baseball); Sweeney, Fortino, Fabiano, Witte (track); Fortino, McDonald, Wojack, Hovey, Fabiano (football). Fabiano continues to hold the record for most points earned by a sophomore in basketball.

As co-editors of the Cor Jesu yearbook, Theisen and Landwehr wrote, on behalf of this class, “…by reason of our Catholic education we confidently commit ourselves to a world sorely in need of the one who could say, ‘I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life’ submitted by Sharon Hackett Balogh and Rita Wrezensky Hovey.
Partial 1963 Homecoming Court: Kathy Anton, Sue Fox.


Class of 1963

The class of 1963 graduated 41 members. The principal was Sister Mary Agatha. Father Joseph McKinney taught senior religion while senior English was instructed by Sister Ann Lucille. Sister Henry Suso taught senior glee club, girls’ choir and instrumental music. Physical science, biology, physics and trigonometry were taught by Sister Mary Faith. Mr. James Milet was the civics teacher.

Mrs. Stephen Beswick instructed students in the business areas of typing and shorthand. Miss Agnes Murphy and Sister Marie Albertus were the librarians at Sacred Heart.

The Pastor was Monsignor E.N. Alt with Father Charles Dautremont and Father Joseph McKinney as assistants.

Highlights of the school year were homecoming with the bonfire, float building, parade and dance. The homecoming festivities were October 6-7. The homecoming queen was Kathy Anton and senior attendant was Mary St.Germaine. The varsity cheerleading squad consisted of Captain Sandy Fortino, Ginger Scheid, Denise Theisen, Shirley Nowland, Carol Silvernail and Tina Wickett. The homecoming football game was a 27-26 win over Bay City. Visititation with Ken Neyer scoring all but two of the Irish points.

Girls wore navy blue box pleated skirts with navy vests and white blouses. Boys wore dress pants and shirts or sweaters. Color day was the last Friday of the month when girls could wear other than uniform clothing.

The school complex consisted of the new and old high school building. The varsity basketball team won a district trophy before losing to Remus, 53-48 in regional tournaments. The senior team members were Jim Youngs, Jim Sweeney, Ken Neyer and Mick Voisin.

Valedictorian of the class was John Johnson, while Julie Beilnlick was salutatorian. Seniors who participated in yearbook: sponsored by Sister Ann Lucille, were Julie Beilnlick and Sharon Beilnlick (co-editors), sports editor Jim Cain, business manager Jodi Theisen and copy editor Jessica Hartman.

On June 5, the class of 1963 completed its high school education, but we will never forget the Academy and all of the wonderful memories and friendships we made while attending Sacred Heart.

submitted by

Sandy Fortino Falsetta

Junior forward John Bollman returns to earth to help Mick Voisin grab a loose ball during the Ithaca game.

A Century of Class

Class of 1963

Kathleen Anton
Julie Beilnlick
Sharon Beilnlick
James Bollman
James Cain
Jacqueline Campbell
Joseph Corcoran
Sandra Duffy
Ronald Ervin
Margaret Fabiano
Kathryn Fletcher
Sally Foldesi
Mary Leo Fortino
Sandra Fortino
Helen Fox
Charles Grisdale
Eileen Gillis
Jessica Hartman
Roy Huack
John Johnson
Janet Kowallic
Joseph Kowallic
Bernard McCormick
Leslie Messemith
Peter Mongeau
Diane Myshock
Kenneth Neyer
William Nowak
Mary Peltier
Marilyn Repecki
Joanne Salkert
Virginia Scheid
Mary St.Germaine
James Sweeney
Denise Theisen
Josephine Theisen
Donald Thering
Michael Voisin
Sue Webster
Diane Wenzensky
James Youngs
All state first team selection, Dick Hogan fights for control of the ball in his team's regional final bout against Scottville. Scottville won the game 69-66 despite a last ditch attempt by the Irish.

This fall of 1964 photo of the exterior of the high school building gives a glimpse of the uniform of the day.

Senior altar boys John Cotter, Frank Hackett, Tom Milan and Kune Fletcher lead Father McKinney from the sacristy.

**Class of 1964**
- Paulette Andres
- Kenneth Beltzick
- John Boltman
- Patricia Brown
- Thomas Bunting
- Raymond Bush
- Mary Nan Cain
- William Collins
- William Courtright
- Theresa Croll
- Laura Davis
- Sharon Dent
- Sandra Duffy
- Steven Duriga
- Patricia Epple
- Susan Epple
- L. Michael Fallon
- Robert Foldesi
- Carole Fortino
- Kathryn Forton
- Susan Fox
- Kathleen Gallagher
- Janet Hart
- Susan Henry
- Diane Jensen
- Janet Johnson
- Wanda Keelhaush
- Catherine Kelly
- Guyllyn King
- Mary Kirby
- Carol Lobstinger
- Elizabeth McConnell
- Thomas McConnell
- Evelyn McDonald
- Ann Murphy
- Lawrence Nutzel
- Shirley Nowland
- Evelyn Pety
- Carolyn Prout
- Elizabeth Rea
- Robert Rasseck
- Frederick Schull
- Carol Silvernail
- Sharon Stangle
- Mary Ann Sweezy
- Terence Switz

**Class of 1965**
- Patricia Thatcher
- Elizabeth Thering
- John Tope
- Christine Wickert
- Karol Zeneberg

**Class of 1966**
- Marilyn Moore
- Virginia Neyer
- Patricia Oliver
- Beverly Pettier
- Pamela Pruden
- Terrance Rasmussen
- Yvonne Reynolds
- Gary Rondy
- Paul St Germaine
- Claudia Schafer
- Susan Schafer
- Judith Slack
- Kenneth Slater
- Jennifer Swale
- Robert Spence
- Charlotte Theisen
- Mary Jo Theisen
- William Thering
- Janice Walker
- Candy Walters
- Donald Wentworth
- Carol Wezensky

**Class of 1967**
- Colleen Hart
- Earl Hartman
- Michael Heinitz
- Richard Hogan
- Linda Howell
- Joyce Jourdain
- Janice Keelhaush
- Terry Klumpp
- Nancy Knight
- David Lapin
- Marlene Lobstinger
- Linda Luikis
- Gerald Martin
- Sally McCormick
- Carolyn McGuire
- Patricia Milan
- Vicki Moegenberg
- Diane Murphy
- Martin Naumes
- Patrick Neff
- Jane Neyer
- Eugene Pety
- Martha Pollard
- Patricia Prout
- Thomas Plachta
- James Partill
- Jeanette Reid
- Mary Louise Rehl
- John Richmond
- Donald Rondy
- Susan Scully
- Connie Shaw
- Carol Simon
- Mike Simons
- Gaye Sole
- James Stinson
- Robert Sweeney
- Anne Swift
- Frank Styk
- Ruta Theisen
- Richard Thering
- Theodore Wentworth
- Dennis Wezensky
- Bonnie Wicfried
- Robert Zeneberg
Members of 1967 State Championship Team celebrate their final victory. They defeated Detroit All Saints 66-53, at Jenison Fieldhouse.
Class of 1967 at their 20 year class reunion.

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Class of 1967

The class of 1967 had 60 graduating members and two foreign exchange students. Valedictorian was Wickett with salutatorian Reynolds. Class officers were president-Kovach, vice-president-Duffy, secretary-Breidenstein, treasurer-Adams. Since graduation Stangle has been elected class reunion president.

The Dominican sisters with their long white gowns and black habits shaped and molded our futures. Sister Joannes was principal and taught civics. Mr. Richard Howard taught American history and coached the debate team. Mrs. Susan Giralumus taught speech and English. Sister Sharon taught Latin and creative writing and was also yearbook adviser. Sister Henry Suso taught chorus and introduced a new class, humanities. Sister Genevieve taught physics, chemistry and physical science. Sister Katrina taught biology and geography. Sister Eucharia was guidance counselor while Sister Celine instructed us in bookkeeping and general business. Sister Lambrina guided students through algebra and geometry. Mr. Ed Rynberg tried to teach trigonometry and other math classes to us. Mrs. Zelda Scholl taught typing, shorthand and general business. Mr. Robert Utterback was coach with Mrs. Sue Fuller as girls’ physical education instructor. The rough edges were smoothed out with the help of our very favorite Father George Barnes and the first guitar-playing priest at Sacred Heart, Father Louis Gula. Monsignor Joseph Dunphy was pastor at the time.

The girls’ uniform consisted of navy blue pleated skirts, with a navy blue button down sweater and a white peter pan collar blouse. The hated barrette and vest were also part of the uniform, but were seldom, if ever, worn. The skirts were to be worn just below the knee, but since the fashion at that time was mini-skirts—we often rolled our skirts up at the waist to reach the desired length. The skirt could easily be unraveled when you were “spot-checked”. The boys fared much better. Dress pants (at that time pegged were in) and a nice dress were all that was required. White socks and short hair rounded out the SMA look for boys. The girls’ hairstyles were long and straight with just a hint of rattied hair on top or the short page boy look.

During noon hour we walked over to the Downtown Restaurant, or the fountain at the Clabusch Drug Store. You could get a hot dog, chips, and a small coke for $0.26.

Social life consisted of homecoming (English was queen with senior attendants Cotter and Breidenstein), the J-Hop, and Junior-Senior Prom. Often after home games there would be a mixer in the church basement. Other dances we attended were at Marney’s, Daniel’s Den and the deejay dances once a week in the summer at Island Park.

1967 was a good year for Sacred Heart Academy. The debate team, led by McGuire and Kovach, just missed first place by a fraction of a point at the state finals. McGuire won the speaker point competition with 72 out of 25 points!!! He received bonus points for his skills. The Red and White baseball team consisted of six seniors out of ten players: Jackson, Kovach, Moeggenberg, McDonald, Natzel, Voisin. They won the Mt. Pleasant Invitational Tournament. The highlight of the year was the memorable 1967 CLASS C STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS led by seven seniors. They were Hackett, Jackson, McDonald, McQuaid, B.J. Murphy, Natzel, Voisin. Playing Detroit All Saints for the state championship they won 66-53. But the most exciting game was actually the semifinal when they played Wakefield and won 56-55 on a last second shot by junior Mike Funnell. The games were played and replayed over and over at Jerry Sheahan’s Green Spot, Casarelli’s and Falsetta’s, where Coach Utterback’s “assistants” would give him advice. There were caravans to the games with all of Mt. Pleasant backing the team. Coach Utterback was “guided” by the alumni crew led by Mike Simons. Bob Campbell helped the Saginaw News keep up with current happenings of the team. Farnan, Powell and Meister were the senior girls who led the cheerleading squad with a lot of help from Buster Smith. Victory was sweet for most, but the most humbling experience for one assistant coach who had bet the SHA team could not win the championship was having his head shaved in the locker room. Graduation was Wednesday, June 7, 1967. It was a hot and balmy evening. Lyndon Johnson was president. Vietnam was in full force, the first heart transplant had taken place and we could not wait to join the "Adult World".

Submitted by Joann Campbell McManus

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A Century of Class

Class of 1967

Corintha Adams
Carlos Amoretti
Randy Andres
Ruth Anker
Kathy Archev
David Bollman
Jeanne Breidenstein
Joann Campbell
Berendette Cole
Jim Cotter
Tony Croll
Rick Doerr
Jean Duffy
Pat Ege
Wayne Elliott
Caney English
Jean Eppe
Helen Esch
Tim Falken
Rebecca Farman
Tony Fox
Kathy Frick
Mike Hackett
Sharlene Hall
Mary Ellen Hauck
Sharon Henry
Ken Hubbell
Mary Lynne Huber
Jim Jackson
Patti Kane

Angela Keelbaugh
Jeanette Kibble
Cheryl Klumpp
Linda Kutzinger
Dan Kovach
Bill McDonald
Tim McGuire
Ed McQuaid
Kathy Meister
George Milligan
Greg Moeggenberg
Brian Murphy
Pat Murphy
Mick Natzel
Dorothy Naumes
Tom Nowland
Helen Powell
Carol Quillen
Dave Rice
Judy Reynolds
Joy Scholl
Antoinette Slater
Mike Soriano
Gary Stahl
Patti Stangle
John Straight
Jane Suzuki
Mary Jane Thatcher
Scott Voisin
Marcia Walker
Elizabeth Wickett
Tom Zeneberg
Pep assemblies, retreats and graduation were memorable activities for seniors. Nan Vogel, Jean Theisen, and Dave Knight enjoy retreat at St Mary’s. Rita Hackett and Cathy McNamara use the 1967 state championship trophy as a prop for a pep assembly skit, and valedictorian Tim Cotter and his class participate in the last commencement activities held in the old church.

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**Class of 1968**

The class of 1968 graduated 63 members. Class officers were Tim Cotter, president; Barb Breidenstein, vice president; Mike Funnell, treasurer; Sue Druffy, secretary. Student council members were Cotter, Judge and R. Hackett.

The principal was Sister M. Joanues who also taught senior civics class. Father Larry Hartwig taught senior religion while senior English was instructed by Sister Sharon. Sister Henry Suso taught humanities and glee club; Mrs. Diane Hackett taught French. Physics and chemistry instruction was given by Sister Genevieve and Mr. Rynberg taught trigonometry and Algebra II. Mrs. Gloria Goodman instructed students in the business areas of typing and record keeping while Mr. Robert Utterback supervised senior study hall.

The pastor of Sacred Heart was Monsignor Joseph Diuphy, with Father Larry Hartwig and Father Louis Gula as assistants.

Highlights of the school year were homecoming (bonfire, float building, parade, dance in grade school cafeteria, senior court members Maureen Murphy, Jeannette Doneth and Rita Hackett), student planned school liturgies in the old church, the J-Hop (girls asked guys Christmas dance), North Central Association Accreditation, glee club television performances on Channel 9/10, pep assemblies and pep buses to basketball games and senior Class Night (saints/freewe). Girls wore navy blue or blue plaid box pleated skirts with navy or white sweaters.

Boys wore dress pants and shirts or sweaters. Color day was the final Friday of the month when girls could wear other than uniform clothing.

The school complex included the new and old high school buildings, with glee club taught in the church basement.

The varsity boys’ basketball team won district and regional trophies before losing to Saginaw St. Stephens in the quarterfinal, 69-65. They finished the season 20-2. Senior team members were McCormick, Funnell, Simons, Johnson, Voisin, Suso, Henry Suso.

Kostrzewa and Thering. The golf team captured the regional title with Kostrzewa and J. Heinz as senior members.

Valedictorian of the class was Tim Cotter, while Kathy Wickert was salutatorian.

Seniors who participated in yearbook, sponsored by Sister Sharon, were Tilman (editor), B. Hackett (assistant editor), Cotter, Jones, J. Swetz, Lohsinger, Donoh, R. Hackett, K. Pollard, Kampf, Judge, Hall and Verleger. Kostrzewa and R. Hackett were graduates in music, sponsored by Sister Henry Suso.

Sports offered for seniors were varsity football (coached by Mr. Utterback), varsity basketball (coached by Utterback), baseball, golf (coached by Mr. Chuck Fitzpatrick) and track.

The class of 1968 holds the dubious distinction of being the group who removed the bell from the bell tower with good intentions of giving it a place of honor—and then lost it (see story next page). This class was also the last to graduate from the old Sacred Heart Church, submitted by Rita Hackett Kirby.

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All state forward Mike Funnell played on the 1967 state championship team and led his team to a 15-1 record in 1968. Here, as a junior, Funnell has little trouble with these North Branch defenders.

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**A Century of Class**

Class of 1968

Mary Binkowski
Jim Breidenstein
Charlotte Breuer
Larry Campbell
Mary Campbell
Linda Carey
Jim Conners
Tom Conners
Tim Conners
Deana DeGiorno
Steve Doerr
Jeannette Doneth
Debbie Endres
Bill Flannery
Mike Goodrich
Barbara Hackett
Rita Hackett
Marcia Hall
Sue Harris
Tim Hart
Dave Heinz
Joe Heinz
Rosalice Hovey
Ken Howell
Anne Johnson
Bob Johnson
Linda Jones
Judy Judge
Matt Kampf
Maureen Kane
Maxine Klump
Dave Knight

Mike Kostrzewa
Theresa Kovacs
Judy Layfield
Yvonne Lohsinger
Jim McCormick
Maureen Murphy
Cathy Neff
Donna Pelhier
Charlie Pollard
Kathleen Pollard
Connie Quillen
Mike Quillen
Mary Rindhart
Jim Rondy
Diane Seally
Mark Simons
Linda Stankwitz
Sue Sweeney
Patty Swets
Joann Swets
Pat Swift
Irene Syiek
Jean Theisen
Pauline Theisen
Phil Thering
Steve Tilman
Ron Verleger
Nan Vogel
Steve Vonin
Walter Vondoloski
Kathy Wickert
Marilyn Zurer
Mike Zygmunt
Senior girls hustle to be on time for Sister Sharon's homeroom.
Steve Voisin, Jim McCormick, Dave Knight, Bob Johnson and Steve Timmann work on their homecoming float.
Seniors in 1968 sing their class song "You'll Never Walk Alone" at the traditional Class Night.
"The Bell" circa 1988: SHA juniors Ken Hartman and Joe Fabiano with the new bell donated by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fabiano, Sr.

Practical Joke or Prank with a Purpose?
As a member of the class of 1968, which has been credited with or accused of (depending on one's point of view) the disappearance of the bell, that used to grace the tower of the old school, I would like to offer my opinion on the 20 year old question: "Who took the bell?"
It's not that I have any first hand knowledge of the incidents that surrounded the bell's disappearance, but I've looked into this matter and here's what I found.
The members of the class of 1968 had a special closeness as a group and wanted to show their appreciation of a great school. How could this be done? What could this class do that would be unique but not devilish? (As I recall, the same class at MPHS put a full size marure spreader in the center of their school.) This was not the style of the class of 1968 at SHA. The idea:
A large old bell, covered with pigeon droppings, sat unnoticed and unseen in the bell tower of the old school. They reasoned that they could tactfully have it removed, have it inscribed with "Class of 1968" along with brass nameplates of the 11 chosen ones who were selected for the removal task. Then, one evening, shortly thereafter, they would mount the beautiful bell in a place of prominence in front of the school. It was to stand proudly in front of the new school on steel supports and ornate brick mounting. What a creative idea! But how would anyone know the bell was missing? Part two of the plan called for the removal of all the clangers from the bells in school that rang every 40 minutes to signal the change of classes. This was to be carried out simultaneously with the bell removal.
The problem with part two of the plan was that the bells in the school were electronic and did not actually contain clangers. Part two, foiled.
The class's desire to surprise everyone with the mounting of the bell in front of the school got everyone talking. Subsequently the bell was stolen from the class of 1968 even though they were careful to change the locations of its hiding places. Through some diligent detective work, they recovered the bell from another class whose intentions I'm sure were not as noble as their own. With the bronze beauty now back in safe hands, there seemed to be a warehouse where surely no one would find it. The warehouse belonged to one of the classmate's fathers, who evidently knew nothing of this storage plan. With their prize safely concealed, they relaxed until it was time to display the bell. Part one foiled again. Someone had stolen it. It was gone from the warehouse and it was no inside job.
It is presumed that some long-haul trucker who was making a pick-up or delivery to the warehouse many have "picked-up" a little something extra. The bell was mounted. The perfect hiding place seemed to be a warehouse where surely no one would ever find it. For 20 years the emptiness persisted; only the winds filled the tower. In 1988, the situation changed, thanks to the generosity of a special lady who donated to Sacred Heart a bell that had been in her family for years. The new bell that Mrs. Joseph Fabiano donated rang proudly from the bell tower in a ceremony for the 100th birthday celebration of the school. It seemed fitting that the loud ringing of the new bell once again filled the old tower.
By Joe Heintz

Celebrating with the "infamous bell" at a post graduation party at the Mt. Pleasant County Club are Theresa Kovach, Bob Johnson, Nan Vogel and Joe Heintz (kneeling), and Steve Voisin, Joann Swetz, Phil Thering and Jean Theisen (standing).

A Century of Class

Class of 1969
Bill Arnold
Tom Baker
Martha Beltinek
Peggy Beltinek
Jan Brehan
Jan Brehan
Sue Breidenstein
Charles Bunting
Jane Campbell
Marilyn Carroll
Dennis Collin
Mike Esch
Trudy Fortino
Jim Fox
Rick Fox
Pat Funnell
Kathy Goenner
Bill Goftet
Pat Grisdale
Bill Hall
Kathy Heintz
Linda Henry
Margo Hubbell
Bob Huber

Barb Kendhauch
Joe Luessie
Jean Martin
Patty McCormick
Rick McCoy
Mike McDonald
Cathy McNamara
Marianne Milligan
Meegan Murphy
Mike Powell
Teresa Rice
Frances Rappecki
Bill Spence
Frank Sweeney
Carolyn Swetz
John Swetz
Larry Theisen
Janet Thering
Jerry Tilmann
Bob Tilmann
Ed VanOomeren
Dave Wegrzynski
Donna Wenzelsky
Leo Wickert
Ed Zeneberg
The 1970 SHA debate team consisted of Kathie Grinzingzer, Sue Goodrich, Marty McGuire, and Tim Curtiss. Absent was Randy Leonard.

Sister Sharon seems to have brought a moment of humor to her senior English class.

Class of 1970

The class of 1970 graduated 52 members.

Class officers were Koszrewa, M. Lannen, Marzke and Tillman. The student council was led by president Johnson, vice-president Bill Johnson, co-secretaries Hackett and Goodrich, and treasurer Steve Martin.

The pastor was Monsignor Joseph Duputy, with Fathers Boucher, Hartwig and Kawka as assistants over the course of the year.

Sister Joannes served as principal. Classes offered to the student body and those teaching the classes were: religion-Fathers Boucher, Hartwig and Kawka; English and Latin-Sister Sharon and Sister Irene Mary; world, modern, and American history and speech-Mr. Richard Howard; civics and sociology-Sister Joannes and Mr. Joe Grabowski; biology-Sister Louise; physics and chemistry-Sister Genevieve; algebra and geometry-Sister Lambert and Sister Louise; trigonometry-Sister Genevieve; typing and shorthand-Mrs. Zelda Scholl; bookkeeping and recordkeeping-Sister Celine; chorus-Sister Jeanine; communications and physical education-Mrs. Lange; vocational education, nursing preparation and art-through Mt. Pleasant High School (students were bussed to MPHIS to be involved in these classes if they so desired). Highlights of the year:

The first senior skip day to somewhere other than School Section Lake took place and the class went to Ludington and the Sand Dunes.

Class Night was a “Review of Musicals”.

Top Boy Award went to T. Johnson; Top Girl was Goodrich.

“Cameo!” was the prom theme; Breidentstein was king and Scally was queen.

Homecoming queen was Smith, Neyer and Brehm were senior representatives. Junior was Virginia Wezensky, sophomore Rita Webster and freshman was Patty Preston.

The Cor Jesa staff was led by Hackett and Goodrich as co-editors. M. Lannen was business manager; also assisting with key roles were D. Frick, Murphy and V. Campbell. The school newspaper, which had not enjoyed any recent success, gained new popularity and a new name, “The Lowdown.”

The speech class, under the direction of Mr. Howard and Mr. Mollena, staged a play “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen.” A field trip was taken to Stratford, Ontario, to see the play, “Hamlet.”

The debate team advanced to regional competition. They were Goodrich, Kathie Grinzingzer, Marty McGuire, Tim Curtiss, and Randy Leonard, coached by Mr. Mollena. The topic was: Resolved: That the United States should prohibit unilateral military intervention in foreign countries.

The school complex consisted of the new and old high school building.

The style of clothing for girls was the short skirt. Of course, anything but the uniform (navy blue or blue plaid box pleated skirts with navy or white sweaters) was not allowed—except for the last Friday of the month which was called “Color Day.” Even on color day, you had to be conservative though or risk being sent home to change.

Mr. Joe Grabowski coached the football team to a 3-1-1 season. The highlight of the season was defeating Big City 60-0 in the final game of the season. Grabowski also coached the basketball team which was quite successful, going all the way to the quarterfinals. Seniors on the team were Johnson, McGuirk, Simons, Bollman and Koszrewa. Grabowski was also track coach.

Girls’ basketball, coached by Ann Johnson (now Ann Smith) was offered and the girls did quite well.

The golf team, with seniors Walters and Koszrewa, went to the state finals and had a dual match record of 14-1-1, coached by Father Boucher. The baseball team, coached by Mr. Jim Powell, had a 7-4 record.

Submitted by
Patricia Hackett Tuma

Flashing victory signs, yelling wildly, smiling, crying, clutching a regional trophy—what a way to win!
Class Night 1971 was an "Academy Award" winning event. One of the numbers was a take-off on the Charlie Brown comic strip. Here, Linus (Peter Stanberry), Lucy (Betsy Pollard) and Charlie (Jim Luessen), argue over whether or not Charlie's out.
The 1971 yearbook signing party had a surprise guest. Marsha Huber, Cathy Duffy, Bob Mead, Larry Powell and Shelly McCoy wait to see what he'll do.
JV Cheerleaders: Maurine Bush, Lucy Kostrzewa, Sally Knight, Shelly McCoy, Marie Collin, Kathleen Sweeney.

"We are great for there are none better than the class of 71!" When we yelled our class cheer, we believed it! Looking back 18 years later, I bet most of us still do. Why shouldn't we?
The athletic success we enjoyed ranks with the best. Our football team was ranked number one in the state with an 8-0-1 record. We led the state in scoring and outscored the opponents 431 to 12. The basketball team was 13-3 and won the Chippewa Conference championship. In the spring, the baseball team won the state tournament and another state championship. The golf team was state runner-up.

Class of 1971

Joe Baker
Melissa Bernard
Nancy Bollman
Nanette Bollman
Ed Breuer
Greg Bunting
Mary Ellen Bush
Maurine Bush
Sue Campbell
Rod Chaley
Margaret Cole
Marie Collin
Tom Collins
Tom Croll
Carol Davis
Anita Doweth
Cathy Duffy
Tom Fox
Joe Frick
Bob Germain
Sae Grisdale
Brad Horan
Paul Hubbell
Marsha Huber
Bill Johnson
Mary Johnson
Doug Jones
Glen Kebcbuch
Brenda Komedi
Tom Kostrzewa
Jim Luessen
Steve Martin
Barb Milan

Shelly McCoy
Marty McGuire
Pat McNamara
Maureen Melster
Jim Milligan
Keith Moeggenberg
Kathy Murphy
Dan Nolan
Charlie Packard
Jim Pastonek
Betsy Pollard
Larry Powell
Gary Rice
Tim Schafer
Mike Sheahan
Janet Schupbach
Mike Sheppard (deceased)
Sherry Sheredy
Lorrie Shook
Janet Silvernail
Colleen Swole
Peter Stansberry
Judy Stankwitz
Ron Theisen
Roger Thermon
Bill Tralnor
Molly Voisin
Rick Wentworth
Loretta Wezensky
Virginia Wezensky
Cathy Vaughan
Andy Verway
Sherry Wile
Sister Genevieve's classes frequently performed labs in chemistry. Here, Dan Heinitz, Pat Lannen, Gayla Bunting and Rita Webster mix, calculate and record.


Class of 1972

Mary Baker
Bill Beltinck
Henry Binkowski
Dan Bollman
Jean Bollman
Doug Bowers
Chuck Breidenstein
Gayla Bunting
Tim Bunting
Pat Bush
Gigi Butters
Lynette Campbell
Connie Cecav
Sam Cascarelli
Sandy Cascarelli
Marilyn Cole
Dave Davis
Mary Deibel
Kathy Delong
Mike Deni
Charlene Doerr
Kathy Esch
Pat Flannery
Bill Fox
Bonnie Frick
Christy Frick
Connie Frick
Nancy Funnell
Laurie Goodrich
Dan Heinitz
Eugene Howell
Bill Johnston
Sally Knight
Gib LaLonde
Cheryl McNamara
Vickie Germain
Kathy Grinzinger
Mike Hendershot
Linda Hutchins
Dan Kane
Lucy Kostrzewa
Kathy McCormick
Dan Milan
Mary Myler
Denise Pettier
Barb Quilten
Tom Scully
Dana Shepherd
Marg Simons
Mike Smith
Cathy Stahl
Herb Stankwitz
Kathy Sweeney
Darlyn Swetz
Julie Tilmann
Carol VanOmmen
Debra Walton
Rita Webster
Mark Weidman
Jerry Willey
Bob Wohlscheid
Ed Wohlscheid
Dan Zeneberg

Girl's basketball experienced much growth in the 70's, as the girls went from a six player game with two rovers, two guards and two forwards to the "real thing." Varsity player Marie Pollard goes in for two as teammate Ellen Myler looks on.

Coach Jim Powell played a major role in the success of baseball, basketball and football teams of the 70's. Under his direction, Sacred Heart teams were the 1970 and '71 mythical Class D Football champs. He also led the 1971 baseball team to the Class D state championship.
Student Council Officers: junior Jodie Gepford, senior president Hedy Frick, junior Margaret Johnson.

Junior Diane Tillmann out maneuvers her opponent. Girls basketball came into its own this, the varsity pasting a 6-5 record and the junior varsity, 6-2.

Junior Dave Verwey is a stand out on the dance floor at the J-Hop. Everyone was dancing to a favorite song "Smoke on the Water".

There were 41 members of the class of 1973
Reverend John Thome was pastor. Faculty members were Mr. James Sarles (his first year as principal), Father Keho, Sister Margaret, Sister Lucille, Sister Elaine, Sister Euphemia, Sister Jeannine, Sister Bernard, Sister Diane, Miss Groeble, Mr. English, Mrs. Featheringham, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Howard, Mr. Keefe, Mr. Powell, Mrs. Schell.

Homecoming queen was Marzke, with McCann and Anker as attendants. The theme was "Astrology"; the dance took place at the grade school cafeteria on October 7, 1972. Tickets were $4 and the band was the "Sound System".

The J-Hop was January 13, 1973 at the Mt. Pleasant Country Club; the theme was "Midnight Miracle" and the music was by "Hilltop". A favorite song was "Smoke on the Water".

Prom was in the Sacred Heart gymnasium on May 12; the theme was "Wizard of Oz" and the band was "Trinity". Other end of year activities were Class Night and senior-faculty party and finally, graduation. M. Pollard emceed Class Night which included a variety of performances including "Flash Heart and the Academy Kids" (Curtiss, Brehm, Cole, Heintz, Henry, Joubour and Weaver as the band). Hartman and Neyer performed a vaudeville comedy act. The senior-faculty party was at Marzke's home and senior skip day took place at the Hartman cottage on Higgins Lake. Reverend Robert Davey, pastor of St. Peter and Paul in Saginaw addressed the class at graduation.

The class song was "He ain't heavy, he's my brother", colors were yellow and violet, motto "We've got a good thing going", flower-orchid. Student council president was Frick, Rzepecki was class president, Heintz-vice president, McCann was secretary, Neyer was treasurer. Collin, Doneth and Sheppard were cheerleader representatives.

The school newspaper was the "Lowdown", with Marie Pollard as editor. Marzke and Myler were co-editors of the yearbook.

Brehm played varsity golf; girls' basketball participants were Hartman, M. Pollard, and Myler; Brehm, Brossard, Goenneer, Heintz, Kovach and Scully played basketball.

Members of the football team included Campbell, Cole, Fox, Goenneer, Heintz, Henry, Joubour, Scully, Thering, Weaver.

During this time M*A*S*H* was first seen on television.

Watergate Congressional hearings took place.

Nixon was president.

Vietnam War draft ended.

Mark Spitz won seven Olympic gold medals.

Uniforms for girls were navy skirts of navy plaid with white blouses and the skirts were worn ABOVE the knee. Boys could wear anything except jeans, and shirts had to have collars.

Popular restaurants were the Downtown Drugs and Stan's. Jon's Drive In was popular for country burgers. There was no McDonald's in town at the time!

Class members felt this was a "close" class as far as working together and participating in school functions and activities. It might have been because of the small class size or maybe because of the personalities, but for whatever reason, this class was a very special one.

Submitted by Ellen Myler and Kim Marzke Jung
The class of 1974 graduated 50 members. Class officers were president Fran Butters, vice president Jodee Gephord, secretary Marcie Bernard, and treasurer Kathy Condon. Maureen Sweeney was student council president with senior members Wayne Kibble, Marilyn Schall and Nancy Deibel.

The principal was Mr. Jim Surles, assisted by his secretary Mrs. Dieterle, who also taught French I. Mrs. Featheringham was the guidance counselor along with Mr. Kirchen who assisted seniors in their search for a college.

Father Thome, the pastor of Sacred Heart, taught senior religion along with Mrs. Hamilton who taught marriage. Sister Euphemia taught senior honors English and Mrs. Hamilton taught journalism, government, and consumer education. Trigonometry, senior math, chemistry, physics and ecology was taught by Sister Diane and Sister Elaine taught biology and physiology. Mrs. Scholl taught typing and bookkeeping. Gym and health courses were instructed by Mr. Kuiper and Mrs. Allen.

Highlights of the school year were homecoming with Queen Marcie Bernard and court members Frances Butters and Maureen Sweeney. The class also enjoyed J-Hop, the prom and banquet, successful debate and forensics teams, pep assemblies and class night.

Girls wore navy or navy plaid box pleated skirts or navy pants with navy or white sweaters and white blouses. Boys wore dress pants and shirts or sweaters. Color day was the last Friday of the month.

The varsity football team, led by "Coach of the Year" Jim Powell took Saginaw area Class D championship with a 5-3 record. The game of volleyball was introduced this year with M. Johnson as leading senior scorer. The varsity basketball team had a 15-5 record with honorable mention in the final class D ratings. The cross-country and golf teams both sported successful records, 7-3 and 10-4.

Valedictorian of the class was Margaret Johnson and Bridget Murphy was salutatorian.

Yearbook was advised by Mrs. Hamilton and included B. Scheid, N. Theisen, J. Deni, J. Johnson, B. Murphy, A. Hackett, N. Deibel and M. Nolan. M. Sweeney, M. Schall and J. Gephord participated in drama club under the direction of Mr. Howard.

Sports offered for seniors were varsity football and baseball coached by Jim Powell, Basketball, coached by Denny Kuiper, and girls basketball, volleyball and softball, all coached by Mrs. Allen.

The class of 1974 will long remember the well-planned evening of their senior prank. Patrols of police were evaded, entrance into the school was made through the tunnels and all the doors were chained shut from the inside. Classes were held the next day on schedule.

Submitted by
Non Theisen Times
Class of 1975
Denise Ahlers
Betty Beltzneck
Jeans Bigard
Becky Boettner
Tim Boillman
Mary Beth Brandoll
Doug Bunting
John Bush
Sheila Butters
James Campbell
Ed Carey
Mary Jo Cascarelli
Dan Condon
Peter Cotter
Ted Croll
Nancy Fox
Thomas Frick
Gayla Funnell
Doug Gephord
Rabin Graham
James Hartman
Robert Horan
Nancy Howell
Michael Hutchins
Joseph Jobour
Michael Klein
Sheila Korned

Class of 1976
Cathy Ahlers
Steve Baumann
Dave Boettner
Joe Brandell
Bill Brehm
Mike Brehm
Debbie Bromley
Pete Campbell
Debbie Chuley
JoAnn Cole
Mary Ellen Cole
Theresa Cotter
Dave Croll
Kevin Doerr
Theresa Doherty
Marvin Doneth
Debbie Eggensfeld
Pete Exch
Dick Fenton
Jefl Francetic
Molly Frick
Nancy Frick
Chuck Gephord
Bob Graham
Robin Greene
Mike Grinzing
Jennifer Hill
Kevin Hall
Cheryl Hedley
Mary Henry
Jeff Jackson
Pat Johnson
Jackie Jones
Robert Kaiz
Mary Kipfmuehlter
Dave Klump
Brian Korned
Dody Kostrzewa
Jim Lalone
Bill Lannen
Mark Leasher
Dave Murphy
Bill Myler
Judy McDonald
Sue McDonald
Chris Natzel
Debbie Philips
Dan Pollard
Jim Powell
Chris Rocheleau
Mimi Schall
Dan Sheppard
Mary Sheppard
Pat Sheppard
Mary Spence
Lorraine Strauss
Tammy Theisen
Bob Thering
Michele Vincent
Dave Vogel
Mary Ann Voisin
Laurie Walker
Kevin Walton
Kathy Wentworth
Steve Yurik

NHS and debate. Jim Powell was the football and baseball coach and Denny Kuiper was the golf and basketball coach. Track was coached by Bill Taylor.
Achancements included the golf team's second place finish at the state meet, the basketball team's victory at the Montabella Christmas tournament and the track team's second place in regionals. The cross country team won the state meet. Girls' sports were coached by Barb Allen and here basketball team won the district title. The uniform of the day consisted of navy blue, dark green or box plaid dress slacks or skirt with a white blouse and a blue, green or white sweater. The boys were dress pants and dress shirts. Color day for the girls was the last Friday of the month.

Submitted by
Richard Fenton

Principal at the time was James Surles with Sister Lucille as assistant. Another assistant was Sister Elaine taught biology and religion and Sister Euphemia taught English, Latin and religion. Mr. Fredericks taught English, Miss Gracik taught English and library and Mr. Howard taught history and speech. Ms. Hughes taught music, Mr. Frith taught English and religion and Mr. Kuiper taught PE, health and current events. Sister Lucille taught math and religion and Mrs. Scholl taught business and typing.

Highlights of the year were homecoming, where Mimi Schall was queen and attendants were Judy McDonald and Kathy Wentworth. Beautiful boy was Bob Thering. Another highlight was the J-Hop with the theme "Looking through the glass." The class enjoyed retreat, the junior senior banquet, the prom, senior skip day at Fife Lake and the school play, "1776 and all that."

Activities offered included pep club, student council,
1977 Homecoming Queen Chris Pohl enjoys the 40-27 victory over Ashley. She was also a member of the girls basketball team that captured the district title; she also played softball, volleyball, and ran track.

Finishing fifth in the Cross Country State Finals is senior Rob Utterback. Other members of the state championship team were J. O'Connell, R. Schafer, D. Cruz, D. Watters, M. Francetic, C. Watters, coached by Pat Barill.

"America and Me"

In 1973 - Eighth Grade Student, Teresa Beltinck's "My Bill of Rights for America" won first place in the "America and Me" essay contest, (sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Group). She received an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. with her parents, John and Ethel Beltinck and teacher, David Pearson. A stand-up display flag was also awarded to the school.

Teresa graduated in 1977
John Beltinck graduated in 1936

Class of 1977
Don Ahlers
Theresa Andres
Williams Bedard
Teresa Beltinck
Michael Ballman
Tammy Cason
Vicki Chantley
Kim Delong
Chris Egich
Betty Frick
Carol Goerner
Mark Hall
Susan Huber
Helen Johnson
Marta Kippmuller
Cathy Kirsch
Don Klein
Gary Lobozinger
Deborah McClain
Michael McCoolick
Julie McCoy
Chris Milan
Jamie Milan
Janet Milligan
Kathy Myers
Cheryl Nutzel
Michael Newman
Patricia Nolan
Carol Pohl
Carol Rice
Cindy Richmond
Mary Jo Rocheleau
Michelle Shepard
Nick Spence
George Stengren
Kim Traylor
Terry Tenbarge
Barney Theisen
Gene Tilman
James Trainor
Chris Velt
Kristi Vincent
Joan Vogel
Bruce Walker
Kathy Wuth
Chris Ward
Joe Watters
Charles Wentworth
Class of 1979

The class of 1979 was known as a very rowdy group with a variety of different personalities. The rowdiness was exemplified by the enjoyment they got putting SHA up "FOR SALE" during one of their senior pranks. However, the class was best known as an extremely close knit group. Many of the members grew up together from second grade, on, and continued friendships through college and today.

Out of those 54 students, four were brother and sister, eight were cousins (Geofford/Hauck, Frick/Frick, Therig/Murphy/McDonald/McDonald) and as of this writing, eight were married (Cook/Zamarro, Murphy/Lamme, Quinlan/Therig, J. McDonald/Zenerberg).

The school complex included the new and old high school buildings. In the summer of 1978 the historical and beautiful old church burned to the ground after being struck by lightning.

The sports teams were very successful. The varsity football team, under the leadership of Coach Mark Natzel, finished 8-1 during the regular season and made it to the play-offs, where they lost a heartbreaker to Crystal Falls in the semi-finals at Traverse City. It was at this time that the Irish green was introduced, as the team played in Kelly green jerseys. Senior members of the team were Sullivan, English, Geofford, Sowle, McDonald, Pohl, Pasche, Milan, Bellinger, Fettig and Mills.

The boys' basketball team, coached by Dan Cwayana, finished the regular season with a 13-6 record and high hopes for the tournament. Unfortunately they lost in the district finals. Senior members included Mills, Pasche, McDonald, Pohl and Fettig.

The baseball team ended its season at 19-5 and advanced to the regional finals. Coaches were Mark Frost and Bill Wheat and the senior members were Sullivan, Mills, Quinlan, Fettig, McDonald, Milan, Pasche and Geofford.

The girls' basketball team, under the direction of coach Cindy Sager, finished the season 12-10 and advanced to the regional finals. The senior girls were Pohl, Richardson, McDonald and Zenerberg.

The softball team, also coached by Sager, had a 10-7 record. Senior members were Simons, Binkowski, Lux, Pohl, Zenerberg, Strauss, Richardson and Campbell. Senior cheerleaders were Sheahan and Strauss.

Other sports offered were golf, cross-country, volleyball and track. Extracurricular activities included Latin Club, Chorus, Forensics and Dramatics.

Steve Frick was Valecridor of the class while Rose Marton and Theresa Binkowski were co-salutatorians.

The dress code for girls were green pants or skirts with green or white sweaters. Boys could wear dress pants and a dress shirt or sweater. Girls did have color day on the last Friday of the month. In addition, spirit days were held where students wore red and white, dressed crazy or wore jeans (everybody's favorite).

Mr. Michael Manos was principal, and also taught government. Father MacEachen was out pastor and assistants were Father Paul Dede and Father Pat O'Connor. Sister Diane taught religion, math and chemistry. Mr. Langstaff instructed algebra II while Mrs. Reis taught biology and physiology classes. Mrs. Leatherman was an English instructor and school librarian who also advised the yearbook. Miss Cindy Sager taught government and economics and religion. Mr. Natzel was the PE instructor and Mrs. Fredericks taught English and creative writing. Typing I and II was taught by Mrs. Scholl while Mrs. Fitzpatrick taught business and accounting. Music instruction was supervised by Mrs. Walling and last, but certainly not least, English, Latin, Shakespeare and religion was taught by Sister Euphemia.

Highlights of the school year included homecoming, themed "Disney on Parade," which featured a queen's ball in the gym starring Queen Deb Therig and King Brian Fettig. Attendees included Carolyn Sheppard and Jenny Lux and gorgeous guys Tim English and Bob Sullivan.

Another highlight was Mohammed Ali's surprise visit to the senior government and econ class. Pep assemblies, fighting for the spirit jug, hall decorating and pep buses were a great time, as were the junior senior banquet in the cafeteria and the prom at the Mt. Pleasant Country Club.

For graduation, the class chose light blue and cream for their colors and viola and baby's breath for their flowers. Bob Seger's "Pride of a Lifetime" was chosen as their class song. The class motto was "To dream the impossible dream, to fight the unbeatable foe. This is my quest, to follow that star, no matter how hopeless, no matter how far." Though no longer together, the classmates of 1979 continue to follow their stars.

Submitted by Carolyn Strauss Cardon and Caryn Campbell.

Major yardage gainer is junior Steve McDonald in a thrilling come from behind 17-16 victory over Baldwin. This was a playoff victory, the team last in the semi-finals.

Seniors enter Sacred Heart Church for graduation.
A major factor in the success of the 1980 boys basketball was the play of junior Andy Simons. The team captured both district and regional trophies under the coaching of Mr. Don Cwysna.

Honors Assembly performers are sophomores Julie Kozlowski and Karen Fettig, singing with the chorus.


Once in a blue moon a class like 1980 comes along. And they said we’d never make it, but we did. We worked hard but we played harder and as a result we were a very close-knit class! To quote our class song, “There's no need for turning back cause all roads lead to where we stand, and we believe we've walked them all, no matter what we may have planned.”

Some roads walked by the class of 1980 included a 28-9 trouncing of the Argus at Beal City on October 20, 1979. The traveling trophy was recaptured.

Homecoming found the class celebrating “Pathway to the Orient” with senior court members Kathy Veit, Claudia Fabiano and Julie English. A senior retreat was held at Cranhill Ranch. Students enjoyed two days of fun and planned liturgies.

Cedar Point was the scene of senior skip day. We enjoyed every minute! Dress of the 1980's was similar to other years with girls wearing hunter green wool gabardine skirts and pants with white button-down blouses and green or white sweaters or vests. Boys were dress pants with shirts or sweaters.

The principal was Mr. Michael Manor, in his second year at Sacred Heart. Who could forget Sister Euphemia who taught senior English and a variety of other mini-courses? Sister Diane taught senior math and religion while Mr. Rod Reid taught physiology. Mr. Ray (Sonny) Wilton taught government and economics. The pastor of Sacred Heart was Father Cornelius MacEachin with Father Patrick O'Connor as associate.

Sister Euphemia Popell teaches senior English. She was well-known to many SHA classes throughout her teaching career.

Class of 1980

Dave Abler
Kathleen Brandell
Katy Campbell
Karen Cotter
Marla Cruz
Julie English
Claudia Fabiano
Eve Farnan
Laura Fettig
Kim Fosna
Laurie Frick
Jeff Ginzinger
Robyn Grinstead
Liz Hall
Tom Hauschpek
Laurie Henry
Jim Hine
Kris Kane
Ann Keelhau
Jim Kostzewa
Dave McCoy
Jerry McDonald
Steve McDonald
Jim McEvoy
Molly McFarland
Sharon Maniowski
Kathy Milligan
Mike Mills
Jim Myler
Krista Neuman
Pat Poppas
Patti Puhlbah
Heidi Quilling
Kathy Richardson
Pat Richmond
Reid Schuler
Margie Swezey
Diane Timbrege
Sue Thelen
Craig Thelen
Kathy Veit
Deb Vogt
Tom Voisin
Judy Walker
Cheryl Watters
Julie Wentworth
Steve Wentworth
Scott Wenslow
Tim Williams
Lori Wolschle
Andrew Woodruff

Academic awards included scholarships from the state of Michigan scholarship program, colleges, and services and professional organizations. The class valedictorian was Sue Thelen and salutatorian was Craig Thelen. Extra-curricular activities included yearbook with Mrs. Leatherman, Drama Club with Mr. Peterson, pep club with Mr. Manor, Latin club with Sister Thadeas, Photography club with Mrs. Leatherman, Forensics with Mrs. Fredericks, NFHS with Sister Helen, Student Council with Sister Diane and Poms-pon squad with Sandy Baxter and Ovetta Milligan.

Senior class officers were president Mike Mills, vice-president Steve McDonald, secretary Laura Fettig and treasurer Jim Myler.

The class of 1980 graduated June 3. We concluded our special ceremony by singing our class song, “Crossroads,” by Don Maclean. We had walked all roads; there was no turning back.

Submitted by Kathy Veit-King
Classes of 1981-1982

Freshman year began with a mixture of anticipation, excitement and uncertainty. Not really knowing what being a freshman meant, our class pulled our talents together and prepared for the year ahead.

Homecoming was the first major event that year. Although our class took third place in the float competition with an invitation of Donald Duck and the Chipmunks, we gained a lot of experience and knowledge to help us through the next three years in high school. Representing our class on the queen’s float was student vocalist Vicki Theisen and gorgeous guy Tom Brehm.

Other accomplishments that year included excelling in poster contests, chorus, sports, other extra curricular activities and involvement in student government. One of our most liked teachers was Mr. Sunny Ray Wilton and his famous Friday games of Jeopardy.

Our freshman advisors were Sister Thaddeus and Mr. Langstaff.

Sophomore year found us all more at ease than we’d been as freshmen. Homecoming found us second place in the float competition with our giant, smoke breathing dragon. Represented on the queen’s float were Kelly Epple and Phil (Zekie) Zamaron.

1980 was a memorable year for most of us. It marked the beginning of our lives as registered drivers. After long hours of classroom work, and a 30 day waiting period, we finally received our licenses, enabling us to drive the family car. This was also the year that most of us received our class rings.

“Illumination” candles were our big selling event of our sophomore year, which resulted in profits of $568.65. Over 470 candles were sold and the top salespersons were Norine Natzel and Paul Rocheleau. One of our favorite teachers for this year was Mr. Rod Reid and his famous leaf coming resulted in another third place with our pig skin float. We also came in third in the skit contest. Represented on the queen’s float were Mary McDonald and Brian Wohlschled.

After successfully selling candles in our sophomore year, this year we tried our luck with acrylic decorations. We made a great profit and used it to pay for a prom and banquet.

The theme chosen for the banquet and prom was “Stairway to Heaven.” On May 1, we presented a delicious feast and an evening of entertainment to the seniors. Highlighting the acts were four singing performances, and appearance by SHA’s own Steve Martin—Libby Pohl, and a slide show. One week later prom was held and seniors, juniors and sophomores danced to the band “Champagne.”

In the area of sports, three classes excelled. Prom awards were given to Kelly Epple (1st team all region, HM all area) and to Kelly Ginzinger (HM all state, HM all region, HM all area). Class advisors who helped guide us through this eventful year were Mrs. Fredericks, Mrs. Scholl and Mr. Frost.

Senior year brought both joy and sadness for many of us. Four years of laughter, friendships and sharing of pleasures was coming to an end. Homecoming this year resulted in a first at SHA. Four attendants were nominated for queen. The queen chosen to represent SHA was Karen Fettig. The attendants were Diane Hare, Maureen Fabiano and Julie Kostrowa. The king chosen was Bob Murphy along with gorgeous guys John McCann, Paul Hasselschwert and Mike Fitzpatrick.

Junior/senior banquet and prom were put on for us by the juniors. The theme was “Never, never land.” Mike Fitzpatrick and Norine Natzel were voted king and queen of prom.

In sports a few people excelled. In girls’ basketball, Kelly Epple reached a career total of 840 points. In football, awards were given to Tom Brehm, John Gordon, John McCann, Bob Murphy and Jeff Gerbitz. In cross country, at a state meet in Wyoming, Bill Miller finished 19th and Brian Wohlschled finished 25th. Jane Johnson took 5th place on the all-state team. Leadership was shown this year in areas of NHS, Student Council and class officers.

Our class grew very close toward the end of our senior year. This could be seen at our retreat to the Cranhill Duke Ranch, our Senior Skip Day and our class trip to Cedar Point.

Graduation was held on June 1, 1982. Father Herbert Cadin was the guest speaker and the SHA choir was the entertainment. Speeches were given by valedictorians Vicki Theisen and co-salutatorians Mary Cooll and Karen Fettig. After we had received our diplomas, the ceremony ended with our class song, “Looking for Space,” by John Denver.

The end had finally arrived. Tears were shed, goodbyes were said, but all we knew was how to make new roads. It was time to use all we’d learned and experienced and choose what life held for each of us. Our class motto sums it up well:

“We have followed on the same path for many years. Now we choose our own and follow it.”

Submitted by
Vicki A. Theisen Degrees
Junior Bob Miller serves as eucharistic minister during a school liturgy. Liturgies were planned by the students and took place once a week. Rhonda Lutz was homecoming queen as the Irish football team defeated Baldwin 30-20. Wes Kirkay was homecoming king.

Class of 1983


Senior class advisors were Sister Rita Wenzlick, Nancy Fitzpatrick, and Cheryl Grady. Pastor at SHA was Monsignor Francis Murray with co-pastor Father Steve Fliion. Highlights of the year were homecoming floats with Queen R. Lutz and members L. Gepford and P. Ahlers. The class also enjoyed an all school retreat with Bishop Kenneth Untener. Weekly school masses were planned by the students and College Night and Career Day were planned and hosted by the National Honor Society. The junior prom was held in the Parish Hall as was the banquet. A senior trip was taken to Cedar Point.

The school complex consisted of the new and old high school building and the Parish Hall for various activities.

Sports offered were girls' basketball coached by Mark Vanhala and Dave Moncada. The girls ended 3-17. Football was coached by Greg Grady, whose team went 4-5. Golf, with a record of 6-5, was coached by Dick Cooper. The finished second in the Houghton Lake regional and eighth in the state. Volleyball was coached by Dave Moncada. The girls ended at 6-18. The softball team was coached by Cheryl Grady. The record was 8-11. Baseball was coached by Dick Cooper and the team ended at 8-9. Truck was coached by Mark Vanhala.

The valedictorian was Mary Frick and the salutatorian was Andrew Clyde. Extracurricular activities included yearbook with Mary Leatherman as advisor. K. Epple as editor and P. James as photographer. Clubs included Photo Club, Spanish Club, Latin Club, Debate Club, and NHS.

Bill Collins was a member of the varsity football team. He received the offensive most valuable player award.

Mary Frick works on a social studies assignment in the library. Offerings included world history, government, U.S. history, generations and careers.

Class of 1983

Patty Ahlers
Patty Bohuck
Julie Binkowski
Kathy Bokey
Dave Campbell
Sue Catier
Scott Clisby
Andrew Clyde
Bob Cole
Bill Collins
Terry Doughlin
Dominic Crimi
Kim Epple
Mary Frick
Jeff Fueman
Lisa Gepford
Jerry Hentz
Jamie Hevey
Paul Jones
Kay Johnson
Scott Jones
John Kibler
Wes Kirkay
Rhonda Lutz
Mark MacLeod
Ron Markowski
Karen McCormick
Alen McCoy
Missy McFarlane
Tom McNamara
Kevin Miller
Larry Margenson
Jerry Meyer
Paul O'Brien
Angie Quinlan
Dana Radz
Lori Schuler
Kelly Veit
Doug Westerweth
Karen McCormick
Angie Quinlan
Dominic Crimi
Andrew Clyde

Submitted by
Kim Epple Hare
The class of 1984 enjoyed a senior retreat at Craham Ranch.

Pep assemblies found the cheerleaders leading the class in a cheer.

Class of 1984

The class of 1984 chose as its motto, "Life's truest happiness is found in the friendships we make along the way." True to their motto, the class strengthened friendships through a variety of activities.

After basketball games class members would meet in Pisanello's. They also enjoyed mixers and dancing broodies in the church parking lot. Pep assemblies, class competitions, and Coach Bollman's pep talks were highlights of the year.

During homecoming week, seniors participated in Mix match Days, Crazy Hat Day and Red and White Day. As freshman, the class became slaves to the seniors of 1981, who made them wear goofy clothes for a day and taught them the school song. As seniors, the class of 1984 got similar revenge on the freshman class.

In 8th grade the class enjoyed a trip to Camp Rotary where the guys tried to sneak around the girls' bunkhouse, pretending to be deer in the woods. Their senior trip was to Toronto, Canada via Amtrak. They ate dinner at Lord Stanley's and the Spaghetti Factory and took the subway for the first time. They also visited Casa Loma and the Science Center. A weekend retreat was held at a dude ranch with Father Pat O'Connor. He told stories around the campfire and led the class through the woods at night. They were able to go horse back riding, canoeing and on a hayride.

Girls wore solid green pants and skirts and white blouses and sweaters. Guys wore dress shirts and pants.

Favorite movies of the time were "On Golden Pond," "Caddy Shack," "Footloose," "Risky Business," and "Porky's." Television favorites included "Cheers," "Mash," "Dallas," "Saturday Night Live," and "Family Ties." The cheer of the class of 1984 was "We are great, we have more, we're the class of '84."

Submitted by
Michelle Pacholka
and Caroline Thering

On mix and match day during homecoming week Michele Pacholka goes all out.
Senior Cathy Delila prepares to serve as eucharistic minister during the seniors’ farewell mass.

Students proudly display the Sacred Heart Academy banner as they lead the Homecoming parade through downtown Mt. Pleasant.

The choir performs at one of several concerts during the school year.

### Classes of 1985, 1986, 1987

#### 1985
- Kristin Aschenbach
- Lisa Belrinck
- Paul Bigard
- Kelly Bisard
- Tom Bolen
- Richard Brundell
- Emmie Busch
- Kevin Campbell
- Mary Beth Clutey
- Sue Deni
- Maria Didion
- Mike Epple
- Mike Ervin
- Jim Fabiano
- Kelly Fitzpatrick
- Jennifer Fox
- Kelly Fussman
- Karen Grinzinger
- John Hire
- Jeannine Hovey
- Maura Jones
- Paul LaLonde
- Lisa Lebedovych
- Tom LoPiccolo
- Edith Lux
- Scott Martin
- Keith McDonald
- Linda McDonald
- Mira McFarlane
- Missy Milan
- Margaret Morgenstern
- Chuck Murphy
- Margaret Murphy
- Angie Newman
- Kevin O'Connell
- Mike Periard
- Laura Powell
- Jeff Prout
- Allison Reyes
- Mark Richardson
- Mike Sappington
- Mark Schuckman
- Todd Sendre
- Lisa Stavely
- Mark Thiesien
- Dan Thering
- Suzie Thering
- Jim Verwey
- Jon Warren
- Jeff Wentworth
- Nikki Williams
- Andrea Wilson
- Carmen Zeien

#### 1986
- Amie Audretsch
- Dave Bissell
- Jim Brandell
- Chris Chapman
- Scott Coughlin
- Cathy Delia
- Nancy Didion
- Mike Doyle
- Doug English
- Lisa Epple
- Jon Hovey
- Doug Kunkl
- Gayle LoPiccolo
- Jennifer McNerney
- Steve Morgenstern
- Sandy Murphy
- Kelly Murphy
- Mary Jane Myshock
- Bryan Neyer
- Kevin Pacholka
- John Pedjaic
- Jeff Sandy
- Noelie Schaffer
- Dawn Seybert
- Melissa Smith
- Paul Serenson
- Scott Stiff
- Bernard Vogel
- Amy Walton
- Chris Wood

#### 1987
- Mark Arends
- Dianna Barbour
- Mindy Cashen
- Jennifer Crennin
- Frank Deni
- Jim Ebeling
- Kathy Fitzpatrick
- Steve Fox
- Kristin Fussman
- Lori Fussman
- Lisa Gilbert
- Jim Goerner
- Jill Grigarumas
- Julie Harmon
- Kay Hauck
- Steve Ison
- Mark Jodlin
- Meg Kiflmueeller
- Charlie Lux
- Stacey McGarva
- Amy Powell
- John Schaefer
- Jim Sproussler
- Brian Tafts
- Millie Morgenstern
- Karen Natzel
- Joe Wentworth
- Kelley Wehrscheid
- Brad Ziem
- B.J. Zimmerman
- Matt Nivison
- Jeff Pacholka
- John Trombley
- Marilyn Vogel
- Latte Zimmerman
Seniors Danielle Radawski, Todd Myers, Andrea Balogh and Katy Heydenburg are presented as honor students at the annual honors night. The event took place in Sacred Heart Church and spotlighted achievers in grades 9-12.

Senior Mia Spivey accompanies her prayer partner to an all school liturgy. This was part of a program designed to draw elementary and high school students into a closer community.

The class of 1988 graduated 28 members. The principal was Sister Rita Wenzlick. Mr. Cooper taught pre-calculus and algebra II, Ms. Edna Kowinski taught physics, Mr. Phil DuRocher taught government and current events, Mrs. Marie Hyde and Father Don Henkens taught senior religion. Senior English was instructed by Sister Thaddeus Kowalinski. Mrs. Nancy Fitzpatrick instructed students in the business areas of typing, accounting and computer science. Mrs. Gayle Grant was the librarian. Mrs. Kim Voight taught choir while Mrs. April Curry instructed psychology. Yearbook and advance biology were taught by Mrs. Barbara Rakowski.

The pastors of Sacred Heart were Father Richard Jozwik, Father Joe Fava and Father Don Henkens who were associates. Highlights of the school year were freshman orientation, homecoming “Safari ’87,” float building, the parade and dance at the Park Inn. Senior court members were Laurie Wentworth, Keith Seybert, Pam Powell, Kevin Hartman, Queen Danielle Radawski and King Matthew Baumgarth. The prom, themed “Stand by me,” was held at the country club with queen Laurie Wentworth and king Mike Wood.

Girls wore solid colored dress pants with any color shirt or sweater. For after school, they enjoyed mini-skirts, baggy pants and slouch socks. Boys wore dress pants and shirts or sweaters. They preferred no socks and sweaters with no shirt underneath. Jean jackets were a favorite of everyone as were occasional jean days.

Class valedictorian was Michael Todd Myers, while Cami Sendre was the salutatorian.

Extra-curricular activities that were offered were National Honor Society, Students Against Drunk Driving, Student Council, Junior Classical League, Spanish Honor Society, Spanish Club and BOEC.

Sports offered for seniors were track, varsity football (coached by Mr. Jim Fox), varsity basketball (coached by Mr. Mike Gray, baseball (coached by Mr. Earl Hartman Jr.), varsity girls’ basketball (coached by Mr. Kris Kirby), softball (coached by Mr. Elliot and Ms. Hyde), volleyball (coached by Ms. Hyde) and varsity cheerleading (coached by Kim Zimmer and Marilyn Vogel).

Matthew Baumgarth was a member of the All-state golf championship team; the first time the golf team had won a state championship.

Sophomore Jason Barnes and junior Marie Vogel portrayed two characters in the drama class production “Man of the House.” Mrs. Kim Voigt directed the play.

A Century of Class

Class of 1988

Michael Arnold
Yvonne Audrecens
Andrea Balogh
Matthew Baumgarth
Doug Campbell
Lori Ervin
Paul Fox
Chris Gray
Kevin Hartman
Katy Heydenburg
Jenny Hovey
Brad MacDonald
Mark McCann
Patrick McDonald
William Murphy
M. Todd Myers
Ronald Neyer
Geoffrey Pollak
Jill Potter
Pamela Powell
Christina Parrilli
Danielle Radawski
Shelley Schafer
Camilla Sendre
Keith Seybert
Mia Spivey
Laurie Wentworth
Michael Wood

Submitted by Katy Heydenburg and Matthew Baumgarth
Coach of the year in Class D, Kris Kirby watches from the sidelines as the undefeated Irish varsity girls battle for another win.

Celebrating 100 years of Catholic education began with the opening of school in August of 1988. One of the speakers, high school principal Sister Rita Wenzlick, addresses the crowd.


Class of 1989

The principal was Sister Rita Wenzlick. Mr. Dick Cooper taught Algebra II and Precalculus. Mrs. April Curry taught psychology and supervised study hall. Mr. Phil Durocher taught government and history, both regular courses and advanced placement. Mrs. Nancy Fitzpatrick taught computers, typing, accounting, and economics. Mrs. Gayle Grant was the librarian, Fr. Don Henkes taught P.E., Mrs. Edna Kenwinski taught physics, and Mr. Arne Torkelson advised a homecoming committee. Sr. Thaddaeus Kowalinski taught English and Latin. Chemistry was taught by Sr. Genevieve Monnert. Mrs. April Quisenberry-Alvarado extended the foreign language department teaching Spanish. She also taught geography and advised a study hall. Mrs. Barbara Rakowski taught yearbook and advanced sciences. Mrs. Jana Townsman taught choir and band and Mrs. Susan Tormanen taught art. Mrs. Marian Zelensnik joined in Fr. Don's field teaching religion. Mrs. Barb Coldwell was the school's secretary.

The girl's basketball team went 20-0, with Jody Verleger breaking a school record for the most points scored in a season. Verleger was selected to the All-District and All-State teams. She was also the Most Valuable Player in basketball and Most Valuable Player in softball. In baseball, Sean O'Malley and Mike Beltnick received All-Tournament Team.

The members of the National Honor Society: Theresa Audretsch, Mike Beltnick, Cindy Coughlin, Beth Doyle, Bana Elzein, Sarah Fox, Allison Grigalunas, Christa Hamilton, Julie Hovey, Sean O'Malley, Marie Vogel, Michelle Walling, Wendy Walton and Kevin Faulkner. Seniors took the top award of the 12th annual Spelling Bee. Allison Grigalunas won it on February 12.

The sports offered were: football, volleyball, basketball (girls and boys), baseball, softball, track, cross-country, golf, and cheerleading.

Submitted by Allison Grigalunas
Beth Doyle
Erin Spencer

One of the players on the varsity girls' 20-0 team, Sarah Fox signals her teammate she's open.

Class of 1989

Theresa Audretsch
Mike Beltnick
John Carson
Andrea Chiesa
Carrie Cook
Chad Cook
Cindy Coughlin
Beth Doyle
Dan Drouse
Bana Elzein
John Ervin
Marty Ervin
Kevin Faulkner
Rainey Folkert
Sarah Fox
Allison Grigalunas
Ted Hackent
Christa Hamilton
Brett Hansen
Lisa Hauck
Mike Hire
Jim Hovey
Julie Hovey
Sean O'Malley
Wayne Pacholka
Jessica Rastelli
John Ruggles
Aran Rush
Beth Schmid
Erin Spencer
James Tering
Jody Verleger
Marie Vogel
Matt Vogel
Michelle Walling
Greg Wood
Tribute to those who have served

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Although it is impossible to pay tribute to the many teachers, coaches, and staff members who have given a part of their lives in service to the Academy, following is a list of the religious who served from 1948 to the present.

Sr. John Catherine
Sr. Auguste
Sr. Lucy Marie
Sr. Ethel
Sr. Vincent de Paul
Sr. Amelia
Sr. Perchel
Sr. Basia
Sr. Deva
Sr. Ethelbertha
Sr. Boniface
Sr. Helen Louise
Sr. Manuela
Sr. Mary Dennis
Sr. M. Clarence
Sr. Jordan Marie
Sr. Jordan Marie
Sr. Joseph Ann
Sr. Ann Eugene
Sr. M. Kevin
Sr. M. Germane
Sr. Irene Theresia
Sr. Cecilia
Sr. Francis Raphael
Sr. Asia
Sr. Helen Marie
Sr. Angela Marie
Sr. Lutricia
Sr. Teresa
Sr. Thomas More
Sr. John Marie
Sr. Richard
Sr. Rose Elizabeth
Sr. M. Diana
Sr. M. Gilbert
Sr. M. Cyrenia
Sr. M. Laura
Sr. M. Ginee
Sr. M. Perennives
Sr. Jacqueline
Sr. Recita
Sr. Angelo
Sr. Cecilia
Sr. Mary Amelia
Sr. Mary Celeste
Sr. Mary Bertha

Sr. Edward Aloisius
Sr. Mary Agnes
Sr. Nazaria
Sr. Genevieve Moncrief
Sr. Irene Mary McDonell
Sr. Lenore De Puyer
Sr. Berta
Sr. Gertrude
Sr. Thelma
Sr. Edward Aloisius
Sr. Ange Leo
Sr. Claudia
Sr. Eligia
Sr. Merit Carolin
Sr. Cecilia
Sr. Theresa
Sr. Adelia
Sr. Jeanne
Sr. Carle
Sr. Padre
Sr. Cyrenia
Sr. Vicentia Maria
Sr. Thomas Ann
Sr. Faith
Sr. Ann Lucille
Sr. Marie Albertus
Sr. Tricista
Sr. M. Agatha
Sr. Meritor
Sr. Nathaniel
Sr. Regina
Sr. Marie Editha
Sr. Richardine
Sr. Faith
Sr. Jordan
Sr. Angela
Sr. M. Genevieve
Sr. Thelma
Sr. Henry Seo
Sr. Karinna
Sr. Beatrice Giustina
Sr. Ann Therese Guae
Sr. Ann Norbert
Sr. Deets Marie Kris
Sr. Ann Theresia Weber
Sr. Romana Reanne
Sr. Marie Jeanne Path
Sr. Margaret Sarah
Sr. Jeraldine Burkett
Sr. Wilflida Petrucci
Sr. Ann Denise Hughes
Sr. Josephine Mary Birchmeier
Sr. Louis Serra
Sr. Sharon Jablonski
Sr. Anna Schaefer
Sr. Jeanne Florence
Sr. Colleen Jacques
Sr. Eucharis Duris
Sr. Ann Brizig
Sr. Carmelita
Sr. Julia
Sr. Raphaela
Sr. Muriel
Sr. Susan
Sr. Donna
Sr. Mary Jo
Sr. Gretchen
Sr. Ann Jeffrey
Sr. Dorothy
Sr. Ellen Swearson
Sr. Donna Brown
Sr. Mary Koyne
Sr. Dorothy
Sr. Mary Ann
Sr. Madeline Sayeale
Sr. Marie Bonenker
Sr. Thomas Rembert
Sr. Michael
Sr. Rose Marie
Sr. Jeanne
Sr. Helen
Sr. Margaret Jones
Sr. James Michael
Sr. Ann Mary
Sr. Janis Halley
Sr. Joellen
Sr. Duane
Sr. Katherine
Sr. Madeline
Sr. Elaine La Bell
Sr. Margaret Hibey
Sr. Mary Lucille

In February, 1989, over 20 former sisters traveled "home" to Sacred Heart to be honored at a special mass.

At a fund raising dinner in the spring of 1989, foundation member Margaret Heintz and high school teacher Sister Genny work to promote the Academy.

The Academy Foundation
Sacred Heart Academy Foundation was founded in the fall of 1976. Several Sacred Heart parishioners realized the urgent need to find a means for additional financial assistance for the school, other than parish income. In its 13 years of existence, the Foundation has been able to contribute $270,000 to the school.
Charter members were: Gerald Cotter, Joseph Hauck, Robert Sweeney, Margaret Heintz, Dorothy Johnson, Dean Verjeer, Mary Leasher, Betty Johnson, Fred McDonald, Virginia Cotter, Stuart Seybert, Gerald Powell and Wm. F. (Sid) Slowe.
We salute our alumni and friends for their wonderful support which we feel will insure the ministry of Sacred Heart Academy for the next 100 years!

Submitted by Virginia Cotter

Deacon Larry Fussman and his wife Kathy ride in the homecoming parade. Sister Thaddeus and valetdictorain Vicki Theisen. Wilfred Martin and wife Luella, custodians.
Today, students in grades 7-12 have seven class periods per day and choose from a diverse curriculum that includes religious instruction and a shared time agreement with Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. Kindergarten through sixth grades are in contained classrooms in their own building except for music, band, computer literacy, and physical education.

In 1988, a nursery school, developmental kindergarten, and an after-school latch key program were added.

A comprehensive program of student activities provides students with many opportunities to broaden their Academy experience, and has done so throughout the school's history. Today, offerings include student government, a variety of performing arts activities, special interest clubs, and academic contests. Academy students have an outstanding record of achievement in debate, forensics, BOEC, language, and writing competitions.

Eleven state championship banners grace the Sacred Heart gymnasium, symbols of an outstanding athletic program that is recognized statewide. Parental support for these programs is encouraged by the Irish Athletic Association.

Sacred Heart Academy has committed to developing the spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical growth of its students to their fullest potential since 1889. One hundred years later that commitment is stronger than ever!

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Sacred Heart Alumni Association
Earl Hartman 773-6356

Dorothy and Jerry Sheahan, graduates of the class of 1947, were homecoming grand marshals in 1989. Kathy Fussman, Sr. Euphemia, Sr. Genny, Jessica Pollard Rau and other parishioners join hands in prayer at the centennial mass in February. Bishop Kenneth Untener was the celebrant and many former Dominicans returned for the day's celebration.

1989 photographs of the grade school, the parish hall, and the church.
On April 30, 1989, Sacred Heart Academy was designated as an historical site by the state of Michigan.

ACADEMY, WE'RE FOR YOU
Words and Music by Academy Girl Choir
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Cheer, cheer old Sacred Heart, SHA, we pledge loyalty here today.
Raise each voice and sing one and all of her victories great and small.

See her banners float o'er us high, praising SHA to the sky.
For our red and white colors grand, we'll united ever stand,
Hear the Irish cheer together, "Rah! Rah! Sacred Heart."
We shall never forget her dear old Sacred Heart.
One for all and all for one,
this our motto and our rule.
We shall ever stick together for Academy High School.
Firm and ever noble, fair in every play,
High ideals we cherish, striving ev'ry day.
Staunch and brave in deed, mighty good and true,
Here's to you Academy, we'll always be for you.

We'll always be for you!

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