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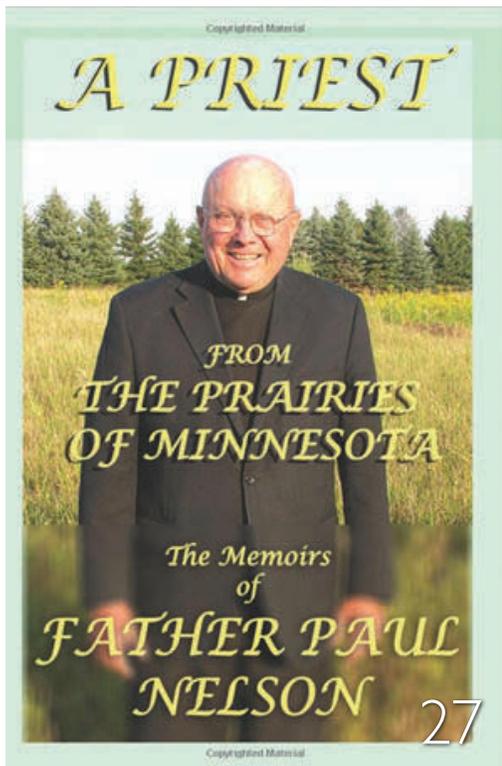
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Love is in the air (and in the hallways of ol' LHS).

We hope that you enjoy this first-time Aquila Sweetheart issue. Here's the short version of how this came about: When doing some recent updates and queries on our database, our Associate Director, Sheila Rainey, found that there are 176 Lourdes High School couples (that is, both graduates of LHS) that married, spanning the decades and generations of LHS history. We got to thinking -wouldn't it would be fun to contact these alums and see if they would be interested in telling us their love stories, maybe send us a picture or two of the now & then in the hopes of getting a few responses? We did indeed make the contact and the stories started arriving and arriving and...well you get the picture. Needless to say, we were amazed and overwhelmed at your response!

We are so grateful to those who shared their stories with us (and now with you) and owe them a debt of gratitude. Thank you so much to all who participated. It's gratifying to know that Lourdes alumni from all over the country stay connected, involved and are interested in what's going on at their Alma Matre!

On another exciting note, Lourdes Foundation is blessed and so pleased to announce several new recently endowed scholarships for tuition aid over the past eighteen months. These scholarships will assist students in need of tuition assistance at Lourdes High School, and are all due to the generosity of our benefactors. An endowed scholarship with Lourdes Foundation can be started with any size gift, and when it reaches \$10,000 or more, it becomes fully funded. These dollars themselves are not awarded to the students, but rather they generate income from which tuition aid is awarded. Thus, an endowed scholarship benefits LHS students for as long as Lourdes High School exists!

Our new fully funded scholarships are:

- Class of 1960
- Class of 1969
- Jim & Judy Daly Memorial Scholarship
- Bob & Linda Gander Family Scholarship
- Margaret & Charles Gray Scholarship
- Sister Adriena Kvaternik Scholarship
- Elda Dorsey & Geraldina Lawson Memorial Scholarship
- Mike Carroll Tribute Scholarship
- Dennis L. Nigon Tribute Scholarship
- Fr. Paul Nelson Scholarship
- William B. Leary Family Scholarship
- Bill & Mary Kesler Family Scholarship
- Hank Doran/Kenan Memorial Scholarship

We've been busy at Lourdes Foundation and we want you to know that we work for you, so please alumni and friends, at any time, pick up the phone, email or send it snail mail - we would love hearing from you.

Thank you,

Our Vision

"Lourdes Foundation is a catalyst for the growth & expansion of Lourdes High School through excellence in education."



Our Mission

"Lourdes Foundation attracts, manages and channels philanthropic resources to ensure a vital Catholic education at Lourdes High School."

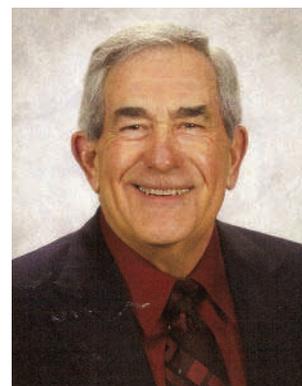
5th Annual Hall of Fame 2011 | A Rousing Success

Led by LHS band icon Gene Eiden on his trumpet, Lourdes Eagle fans enthusiastically sang the LHS rouser at the 5th Annual Lourdes Foundation Sports Hall of Fame (HOF). On Sunday, December 4, 2011, four hundred and fifty sports fans- our largest crowd ever- came out to show their appreciation of the four new inductees and the 1973 Basketball championship teams who were honored at the event.



In 2008, the Hall of Fame established *The Gene Eiden Award*, to be given annually to individuals who have contributed their time, dedication and support of LHS athletics off the field and courts. This year's winner was **Russ Weinschenk** (pictured left), for his years of filming LHS football.

Starting in 2009, the HOF committee has chosen a team to be honored at each banquet. This year's recipients were both the **Boys & Girls State Championship Basketball teams of 1973**.



2011 Fall Athlete **Don Fox** Class of 1954 ~ Football

An outstanding football player at Lourdes, Don Fox was a four-year varsity athlete and lettered as a lineman on the '51, '52, '53 and '54 football teams. He was co-captain of the football team his senior year, when voted Most Valuable Player, and was named to the Minnesota All-State High School Team. Don was a three-year letterman in basketball and a four-year letterman in baseball at LHS.

He received a full scholarship for football from Detroit University, where he lettered for three years. After graduating, Don started his football coaching and teaching career in the Detroit public schools and won the Detroit Class B championship in his third year of coaching.

From 1970-1985, Don was the head football coach at Austin High School, taking them to three Big Nine Championships. He was the Austin High School Assistant Principal for eight years and the Principal at Austin Southgate Elementary for six years. Don retired in 2000 and is currently an Austin School Board member.

He is named to the Austin High School Hall of Fame, The Minnesota State Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and The Rochester Quarterbacks Club Hall of Fame. He was Lourdes Foundation Alumnus of the Year in 2006.

Don and his wife, **Marlene '53** (Walsh), have two sons, Michael and Timothy, and a daughter, Lisa. They have six grandchildren.



1973 LHS Girls State Championship Basketball team receiving awards from Coach Dick Sherman



1973 LHS Boys State Championship Basketball team bench

The HOF recognizes three outstanding athletes and one coach each year, and we were fortunate to have all four honorees in attendance.

It's always the inductees who make the evening a hit, and this year was no exception:



2011 Spring Athlete
Jim Griffin
Class of 1957 ~ Track

Jim Griffin was a three-year letter winner in Track at Lourdes. During those years, he was the Minnesota Catholic School League individual champion in the half mile and was a pivotal member of the State Championship track teams in 1955, '56, and '57.

In addition to his track successes, Jim was a two-year letter winner in both football and basketball his junior and senior years. In his senior year, Jim was voted Most Valuable Player and was named to the 1957 All-State Minnesota Catholic League basketball team and the All-Regional Team.

After LHS, Jim attended Rochester Junior College and lettered in both basketball and track for two years. He was named All-Conference in basketball both years, and both track teams won conference titles. Jim was the conference champion in the 440, and was also a member of the conference-winning medley relay. Jim went on to finish his education at Mankato State.

Jim has been a long time volunteer at LHS, serving on the football "chain gang" for over twenty-five years. Jim and his wife, **Patty '58 (McGovern)**, have five children- **Stacey '81, Amy '84, Jim '86, Joe '90, and Jay '93- all Lourdes graduates.**



2011 Winter Athlete
Steve Fritz
Class of 1967 ~ Basketball

Steve Fritz was an outstanding Lourdes athlete, playing both basketball and football during his senior year, after transferring from Blooming Prairie Academy.

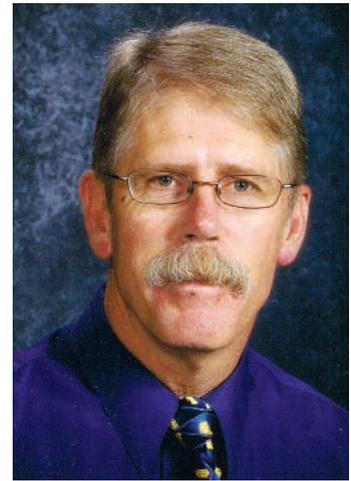
Steve led the 1967 LHS basketball team to an undefeated season and capped it off with a Central Catholic Conference (CCC) State Championship. Steve was also named the top senior basketball player in the State of Minnesota and made the WCCO All-State basketball team.

Steve entered the College of St. Thomas in the fall of 1967, where he was a four-year starter on the CST basketball team. He currently holds the 2nd all-time scoring record (1,944 pts.) and is 3rd all-time in rebounds. Steve helped lead his St. Thomas basketball teams to the National Association of Intercollegiate Association (NAIA) National Tournament in both his junior and senior years ('70, '71) at CST.

Fritz recently retired as head basketball coach at The University of St. Thomas (UST) after an amazing 40-year coaching career. He topped off his coaching career with the NCAA Division III National Basketball Championship in 2011. He finished with a .707 winning percentage (594 – 246).

Steve has been named the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) "Coach of the Year" 14 times and was the 12th coach in NCAA Division III history to win 500 games. He has been named the West Region "Coach of the Year" three times and was named Division III National "Coach of the Year" during his championship season.

Fritz was named to the Rochester Quarterbacks' Hall of Fame in 2009 and was elected to the University of St. Thomas HOF in 1975. Steve remains the Athletic Director at UST.



2011 Coach
Mike Carroll '69
LHS Coach ~ 1984-2009

Mike Carroll was a three-sport athlete at LHS. He lettered four years in track, two years in football, and two years in basketball. He was a member of the 1968 Central Catholic Conference (CCC) basketball team and one of only two juniors to make the tournament team that year. He was also a member of the 1967 CCC football team.

Carroll attended and lettered two years in football at Rochester Community College (RCC) and played in the Jr. College *Wool Bowl* in Roswell, New Mexico in 1969. After RCC, Mike attended and graduated from St. Thomas College in 1973. In 1993, he received a degree in education from St. Mary's University.

Mike had many assistant coaching roles at Lourdes during his career with Rochester Catholic Schools. He was an assistant football coach for twenty-five years, and an assistant basketball coach for twenty-three years. Carroll coached girls B-squad basketball for twenty seasons, finishing with 413 wins and only 52 losses. He had five undefeated seasons, including a thirty-nine game winning streak and five B-squad Rotary Tournament Championships.

Mike was named the assistant basketball Coach of the Year in 2000 and was the Butch Nash Award recipient for "Coach of the Year" in 2002. In 2010, Mike received the Lifetime Achievement award from the Rochester Amateur Sports Commission.

Mike and his wife, Kathy, are the proud parents of three LHS graduates: **John-Howard '01, Fae '02, and Tim '03.** 🏠

Sisters of St. Francis *offer stress relief in an unexpected way*

Most people in Rochester and in the Lourdes community are aware of the impact the Sisters of St. Francis have had throughout our local history. As you ascend to the grounds of Assisi Heights, you cannot help but notice the peaceful surroundings and impressive architectural details. One can forget that this sanctuary on a hill sits in the middle of our bustling, growing city.

We had the privilege of meeting with Sister Marlys Jax this past January, to discuss a product that is sold in their gift shop, which is gaining notoriety around town and beyond. The item is called a "Dammit Doll" and each comes with a short poem:

*When you think you want to climb the wall
Or stand right up and shout
Here's a little "Dammit Doll"
You cannot do without.*

*Just grasp it firmly by the legs
And find a place to slam it
Then as you whack it's stuffing out
Yell, "Dammit Dammit Dammit."*

Each one-of-a-kind doll is cut, stuffed, and sewn by a group of Sisters in Occupational Therapy at Assisi Heights.

There is usually a group of 10 to 12 women working on the dolls at any given time. Creating the dolls serves as a way to keep the participants abilities up as they rehabilitate from surgery or an injury. Most of the fabrics used are leftover from quilting projects and some have been donated to the house.

One would not expect to see a "stress doll" being created in an environment known for its peace and tranquility, but the dolls have been produced by the Sisters for the past 30 years. The first Dammit Doll was given to then-Coordinator of the House, Sister Dorothy, by Sister Laura Corcoran. She believed that "anyone in charge of 150 women on a daily basis needed a Dammit Doll." Since then, the dolls have become very popular, mostly by word-of-mouth or gift-giving. The Sisters believe the dolls are now in 46 states and receive requests for special orders on occasion. One business executive, the head of a national corporation, purchased Dammit Dolls for each member of his Executive board.

The Dammit Dolls project creates a wonderful connection between the Sisters that spend time making the dolls. One of the most memorable stories surrounding the Dammit Dolls group was when two Sisters, both retired college professors, ended up in the Occupational Therapy group together. They found great humor in the fact that a professor of economics and a professor of science would be spending their days stuffing and sewing the dolls together.

Sister Marlys Jax hopes that people see the humor in the dolls, as well as their purpose. The message is that everyone has difficult moments in their lives, but that we need to remember not to take it out on each other. You can take out your frustrations on the Dammit Dolls though- just follow the instructions attached. The Dammit Dolls can be purchased at the gift shop at Assisi Heights, run by Sister Dorothy Hansen. They are sold for \$4.00 each and all funds raised go towards the Sisters' retirement fund and towards their Mission.



Sr. Dorothy Hansen shows off her wares at the Gift Shop

To purchase a Dammit Doll for yourself, contact the Assisi Heights Convent at (507) 282- 7441 and ask to be connected to the gift shop. 

Franciscan Pilgrimage

A Transformational Experience

Since 2006, Lourdes Foundation and Rochester Catholic Schools have partnered to sponsor RCS faculty and staff members to attend the Franciscan Leadership Pilgrimage in Assisi, Italy. This experience, conducted by Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs, Inc., has three goals: (1) to bring into focus the transformative vision and legacy of SS. Francis and Clare; (2) inculcate Franciscan values into Franciscan systems; and (3) help leaders clarify the vision and values which shape the philosophy of Franciscan institutions. The RCS Pilgrims join the ten Mayo Clinic staff members, who are chosen by their Franciscan Sponsorship Board, for this experience each year. RCS and LFI intend for our attendees to return to their respective positions within the school system with a renewed spirit that will impact others.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the Rochester Catholic Schools participants in the Franciscan Pilgrimage program for 2012. Director of Schools Michael Brennan and LHS Hockey Coach Josh Spaniol will be sponsored by Lourdes Foundation. Director of Technology Marty Cormack will be sponsored by Rochester Catholic Schools.

Last year's Pilgrims returned renewed by their experience. "The Franciscan Pilgrimage was and continues to be a profound gift for which I am forever grateful," said Mary Kelsey, teacher at Lourdes High School, and pilgrim in October, 2011. "From this spiritual experience, it is the light of Christ that I carry with me. I must share and spread this flame within my sphere of influence; I must kindle it in hope that the fire will continue to grow."

For Pat Heydon, teacher at St. Francis of Assisi School, the opportunity to pray at the foot of the San Damiano cross, the same cross where St. Francis prayed to God, was a powerful experience. I will always treasure this experience and hope to return some day to Assisi," said Pat.

Brenda Deick, also a teacher at LHS and 2011 pilgrim, found St. Francis's mountain retreat at La Verna to have "a sense of peace and calm, of silent reverie and stillness." She found this to be especially true in the caves where Francis would have prayed. "You could not stand in these spaces and be unchanged. The holiness of this mountain is profound," said Brenda. "As I contemplated all Francis was and what he did, my own life was reflected back to me, and I was challenged to follow God's desires for my own heart. This pilgrimage to Assisi was really the beginning of a lifelong journey of following Francis and Clare's spirit, of finding the sacred in the ordinary beauty of life." 🏠



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Mary Kelsey, teacher at Lourdes High School, and pilgrim in October, 2011
Photos by Brenda Deick 2011 Assisi Pilgrim

We need your help!

- **Would you rather have your Aquila in your inbox** online rather than in your mailbox at home? Send us a quick email and your next Aquila will be electronic.
- **Did you move?** Are you out of your parents' house and living in your own mansion on a hill somewhere? If your parents moved, would they like to continue receiving the **Aquila**? We need your new address!
- **Do you have someone you would like to nominate for the LHS Sports Hall of Fame?**
- **Do you have pictures of your new child/grandchild or wedding pictures to share?**
- **Do you have some not-so-new pictures of you and your classmates?** We would love to preserve these pictures for future reunions, LHS Sports Hall of Fame inductees, or just for fun.
- **Did you know? If you lose your Aquila or want to share** one of the articles with other classmates, you can find past issues at www.lourdesfoundation.org
- **Wonder what other grads are up to? Become a Facebook fan** of Lourdes Foundation Alumni Connection and be the first in your class to know the news.

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2011 Annual Meeting

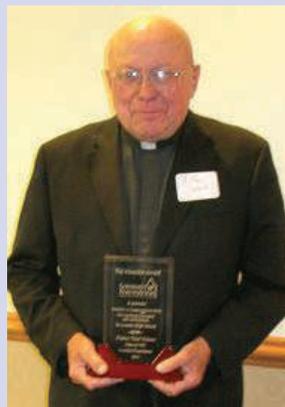
The 2011 Lourdes Foundation Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at the Rochester International Event Center. As always, we are so grateful to the many friends, and benefactors who take the time to be with us and honor our awardees. This year's award winners were a wonderful and generous group that have supported Lourdes High School through the years.

WOODRUFF AWARD

Their gifts of time, treasure, and sustained involvement with both Lourdes High School and the Lourdes Foundation more that qualify them for this year's Lourdes Foundation's Woodruff Award - Mike & Mary Lose. They are the proud parents of two Lourdes grads, **Dan, '07 and Andrew '10**.



2011 Woodruff Award recipients Mike & Mary Lose



2011 Alumnus of the Year, Fr. Paul Nelson '53

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

He is a proud member of the Class of '53, and has served for over fifty years as a priest in the Diocese of Winona. He is a pillar of Catholic education, with a profound and positive impact on our churches and schools in the diocese – **Fr. Paul Nelson '53**.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

She served the Lourdes community for 31 years as a business instructor, department chair, school accountant, and a friendly face in the front office for many years. In 2000, Lourdes Foundation established a scholarship in her name in tribute to her years of service— Sr. Jutta Gleichauf, OSF.



2011 Presidents Award – Susan Krecke, LFI Board President, with award recipient, Sr. Jutta Gleichauf

Forty Years of Hockey

“Our parents must have been crazy to sit out in that cold, running to the car and warming up when their kids were off the ice.”

“An interesting group of boys”- that is how current LHS Athletic Director (and one-time hockey coach) Marv Peters describes the members of the first Lourdes Eagle hockey team. “They had a lot of talent, and had been playing together for a long time. They are the reason the team was started.” By the time the first Lourdes boys’ hockey team took to the ice, their abilities were already familiar to the teachers and coaches at LHS. As the group of boys played up through their years in the Rochester youth program, it was decided that Lourdes would provide a team for them. In 1970, with former University of North Dakota Hall of Famer Ken



Row 1: Steve Lent, Don Quirin, Terry Smith, Jim Wheelock, Pat O'Hara, Gary Kleist, Larry Kopischke Row 2: Greg Shonefelder, Bruce Stolp, Tom Kane, Jeff Felten, Mark Quirin, Sean Canney, Russ Schweihs, George Strauss, Mr. Jim Pohl Row 3: Coach Ken Johannson, Tim Kelley, Mark Kalmes, Paul Sandberg, Dean Williams, Mick Sparks, Dick Lent Row 4: Bob Gander, Bob Strauss, Pat Kane, Paul Schmidt

at LHS

Johannson as the head coach and Jim Pohl as the assistant coach, the LHS Eagles hockey team played its first season in the MN Catholic School League. Just three years later, in their 1973-74 season, they were playing in the Catholic School State Tournament, losing to Hill-Murray in the first round.

Three-year player and inaugural team member, **Bob Gander '73**, remembers the first few years somewhat differently. "Those were not very winning years...but the cheerleaders were cute. Linda (Griffin) was my favorite." (see *their sweetheart story on page 13*) Bob remembers early morning practices, usually at 6:00 a.m., but often at 5:30 a.m., because the ice time was free if they started earlier. Most of the games were played on outdoor rinks. Players wore no face masks, except for the goalie, and they had minimal head protection. "I remember playing at Cretin High School, on their football field, with half the boards missing. We could check during games, and if it was a good check, both players would go over the boards."

Hockey sticks were donated to the team every year by the Woodruff and Wolf families, and the boys molded them into their preferred curve in the wood-burning stoves at the rink. At the time a Christian Brothers wooden stick cost \$2, a big change from the current \$200 price tag for a composite stick. Today high school hockey players practice and play all of their games on indoor rinks but Gander remembers, "We played a lot of games outside. We played on a pond or lake in Albert Lea. At Shattuck, we played in what I remember as a barn. It had dirt floors all around the rink. I remember it smelled like potatoes and had no heat. I swear it was warmer outside than inside the building. Our parents must have been crazy to sit out in that cold, running to the car and warming up when their kids were off the ice." **Tom Kane '74** adds that a few members of the team suffered frostbite after that Shattuck game: the team had heard that they were playing indoors, but when they got to Faribault they discovered that the school had a "natural" rink, and one wall was open to the elements.

Kane remembers having very effective coaching during those first few years of the program. Coach Johannson "brought in a bunch of former Rochester Mustangs, like Mr. (Don) Lecy and Mr. (Arley) Carlson. I swear I learned more my freshman

CENTRAL CATH. HOCKEY (Final Season)

	W	L	T	Pts.
Mpls. Hill-Murray	11	1	0	20
St. Paul Cretin	10	2	0	20
St. Louis Park Bealide	8	4	0	20
St. Paul St. Agnes	7	3	0	20
Rochester LOURDES	6	5	1	15
St. Paul St. Thomas	4	8	0	14
West St. Paul Brady	2	8	1	5
St. Paul St. Bernard's	1	9	2	4
Mpls. De LaSalle	2	9	0	4

NOTE: Some wins worth four points.

LOURDES HOCKEY Scoring

	Goals	Assists	Pts.
Tim Kelley	27	18	45
Tom Kane	22	17	39
Mark Quinn	12	17	29
Paul Sandberg	11	18	29
George Strauss	3	17	20
Bruce Stoop	7	10	17
Darby Smith	1	8	14
Scott Canney	7	5	12
Dick Woodruff	1	7	16
Mark Sparks	3	3	6
Jeff Korsmo	0	8	8
Tim Brownell	1	3	6
Dave Sparks	1	4	5
Tim Leri	1	4	5
John Briese	2	2	4
Tom Wolf	2	0	2
Terry Quinn	1	0	1
Jay Young	0	1	1

Goalkeeping

	Games	Goals	Avg.	Stops	Pct.
Russ Schweiss	18	75	4.17	392	.839
Jim Kelley	4	17	4.25	58	.772

Penalty Minutes

M. Quinn 33, Kane 34, Stoop 36, T. Kelley 24, Sandberg 24, T. Quinn 12, Strauss 9, M. Sparks 8, Woodruff 8, Korsmo 4, Canney 4, Schweiss 4, Leri 4, Smith 2, D. Sparks 2, Jim Gander 1, Wolf 2.

year than in all my years of hockey." In 1973, fresh from college football at Mankato State and settling in as a new teacher at LHS, Marv Peters was tapped to take Jim Pohl's place, to become the Eagles third coach. "At that time, everyone pitched in and did what they had to do.", Peters said about suddenly finding himself the head hockey coach. "I had limited hockey skills. I played a little club hockey in college. The seniors on the team helped me coach, more than anything." Tom Kane was one of those seniors. He said, "We improved greatly from the first year to the fourth. We played a tough schedule of games in the CCC (Central Catholic Conference) and finished 6-5-1 in the conference and 12-8-1 overall. We were the first team in town to go to a State Tournament. My teammate, **Tim Kelley '74**, set the all-time city scoring record that year with 115 points, only to have it broken a season later by Eric Strobel."

The hockey program at Lourdes has had a series of talented coaches, who have all left their mark on the team, including: Ken Johannson, Jim Pohl, Gene Campbell, Jay Ness (now coaching the John Marshall Rockets), Bob Haskins (now assistant coach of the Mayo Spartans), Aaron Gill and current head coach, Josh Spaniol. Peters gives credit to the most recent coaches, those he calls "the young guys", with taking the team to the next level. "Their knowledge of the game is incredible. These guys are technicians. We (the team) became faster, more committed, and we were able to retain our better RCS players. It's a chicken-and-egg thing; until you have success, you don't breed success." He credits the newest group of coaches with making the program what it is today. He explains, "They really lined up with the school philosophy, right from the start. The program has to be about the players. We have two expectations from all our coaches: the first is that the team will get better, from the first day to the last day of practice. That may mean winning a game, or it may mean winning a state championship. The second expectation is that the kids have fun. It's a high school sport; they should be having fun."

If success is any measure of fun, then the last several hockey teams have had their fair share. The Lourdes Eagles made seven state tournament appearances in the last 11 years (2000, '01, '02, '03, '09, '10 and '11) but are still in pursuit of that elusive State Championship.

First Comes

Lourdes,

Then Comes

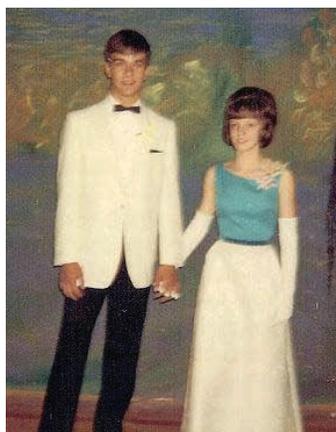
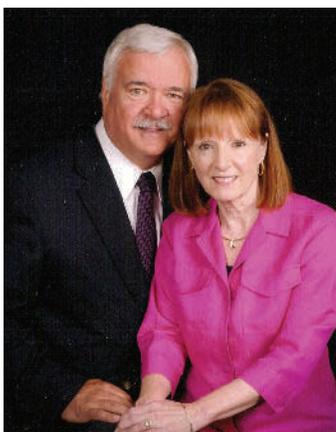
Marriage...



We asked and you answered- Lourdes Foundation is pleased to bring you 35 sweetheart stories, told by Lourdes High School couples in their own words. They represent over 50 years of love stories that started in the halls of LHS and are still going strong. We hope you enjoy reading them as much as we did.

Thank you for sharing your love stories, from the Lourdes Foundation!





Larry and Luanne (Kroska) Koshire (LHS Class of 1965)

When Larry and I were 13 and about to enter 8th grade at St. Francis, he called and invited me to play tennis. He arrived at my house on his bike and rode me to Slatterly Park on his handlebars (a common form of transportation in those days). We remained good friends all through our years at Lourdes. When we were seniors, our lockers were side by side. We had our first official date in the fall of 1964 when he asked me to Homecoming. We will be married 44 years on June 8th. We have four children and eight grandchildren. Our ninth grandchild is due in May. Lourdes continues to be a wonderful and important part of our lives.

~ Luanne (Kroska) Koshire

Bob and Linda (Griffin) Gander (LHS Class of 1973)

Starting freshman year, 1969, Linda and I went through many challenges to end up the most in-love couple ever coming out of Lourdes High School. The only thing standing between us was Pat Gray (his locker was between us).

Freshman year we just spotted each other and talked. Sophomore year was a big year:

1) Not asking her to homecoming dance but not keeping my eyes off of her with her black velvet dress, black nylons and hair done just right.

2) I got kicked out of the library by Sister Leocadia. I spotted Linda studying and I thought I would visit her. Sister asked me to leave because my intentions were not the same as Linda's. I was studying... just not books.

Junior year was even better. Linda helped me through my accounting class and I pulled the breaker for her typewriting class during a speed class (Sister Beverly was really mad but did not find out who did it). I was on the hockey team and she was the cheerleader. That meant bus rides to the Cities and if we won we could sit together on the way home. Our coach, Jim Pohl asked us out for pizza one night. I thought that was really nice. He asked us to stop seeing each other until after the season as he thought it was affecting my play. Well, that was a bad idea.

Senior Year was a great year at Lourdes: mixers, homecoming activities, prom, going to state tournaments. About a year after graduating from Lourdes we were married and had Gene Eiden and his Highlighters play at our wedding. The school song was played and many from our class were there to show their support. We had our reception in the St. John's gym and worked for weeks making our own decorations.

Our three children, Nerissa, Michael, and Holly all went to Lourdes. Both Linda and I have many great memories of Lourdes and the Lourdes Family. Our Love Story will last forever.

~ Bob Gander



Jean (Fogelson) Cunningham '48 and Dick Cunningham '50

Jean and I were both in Lourdes Band together, although in different classes. Short story: 57 years later, with four daughters, 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, we still make beautiful music together!

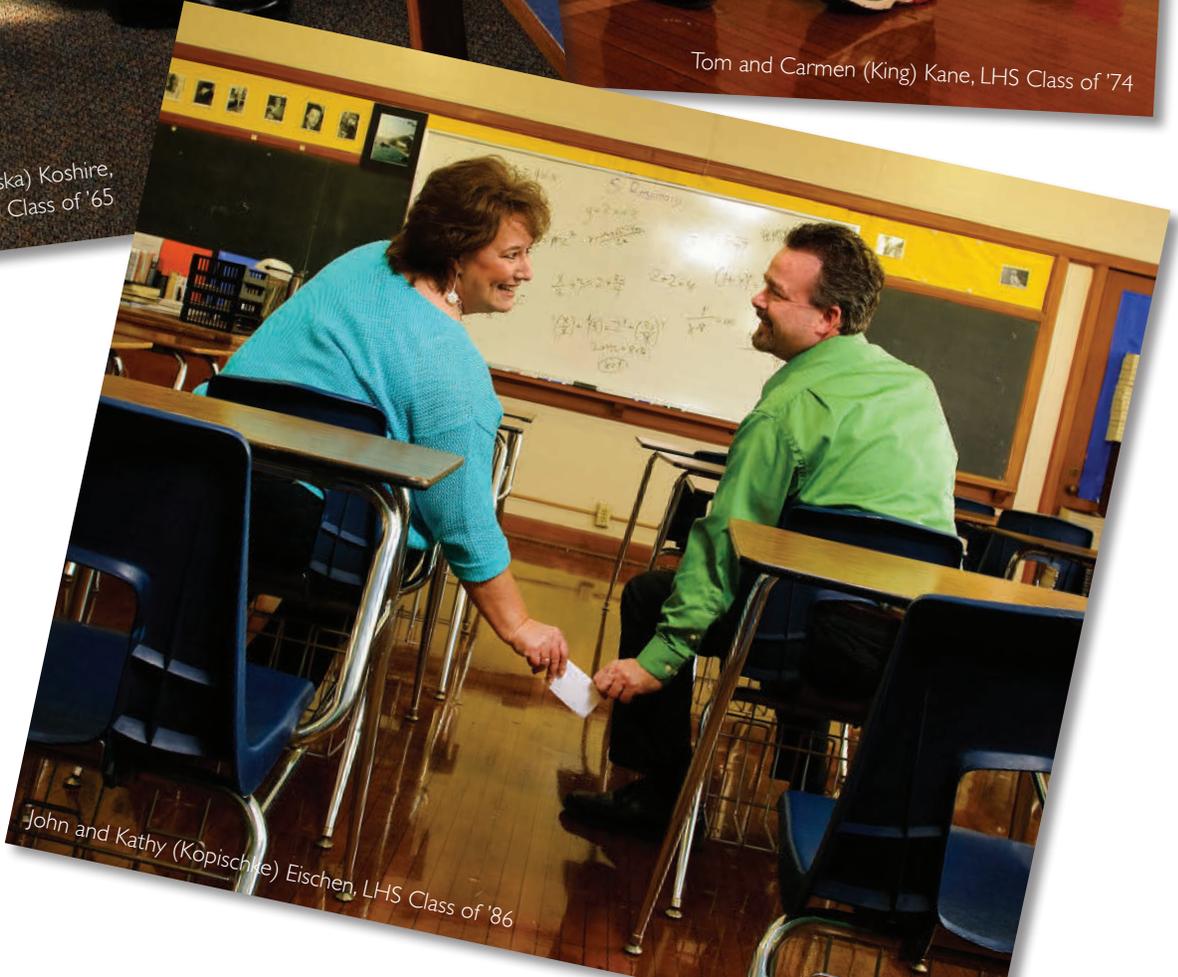
~ Dick Cunningham



Larry and Luanne (Kroska) Koshire,
LHS Class of '65



Tom and Carmen (King) Kane, LHS Class of '74



John and Kathy (Kopischke) Eischen, LHS Class of '86

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Chris Price '89 and Pattie Reardon '92



Brian and Meghan (Kane) Ernste, LHS Class of 2000



James Overkamp '48 and Jeanette (Kocer) Overkamp '50



Brian Ernste and Meghan Kane (LHS Class of 2000)

Love may find you in the least expected places; sneak up on you when you are prepared to pack up your bags and head off to your future, wide-eyed and open hearted. Even more, love may have been with you all along, sitting next to you in Science class, lab partners with your best friend. In our case, love began to blossom at the ripe age of 12, in the Lourdes high school band room. I can remember catching Brian's eye and thinking for the first time that he was quite fetching. Noting his appeal to my girlfriends, we continued on with middle school at St. Francis and St. Pius, respectively, and the thought passed with time.

Fast forward to senior year at Lourdes High School; memories had been created, friendships fostered, hearts broken. Dances and parties and hockey games; so many times we had crossed paths in those moments, yet no connection had been made. Until one rainy lunch period, just days before graduation, I made an aside to a friend about how attractive I thought Brian was. A harmless comment, but she decided to take action. With plans to leave for college and spend the summer carefree and unattached, I had no intention of commitment. Regardless, the following weekend, we found ourselves amidst friends, under the starlit sky, nestled around a campfire. Late night turned into early morning and our conversation revealed uncanny similarities and our forever bond was formed.

It has been nearly twelve years since that night on the Mississippi river. College, a picture perfect wedding in the heart of Whitewater State Park, two babies, a new home, changes in jobs: Our love remained constant, the one given we tried never to take for granted. Brian has become my soul mate and though cliché it may be, he is truly my best friend. He encourages me and never questions my desire to chase my dreams. He is a genuine partner and the kind of father others admire and attempt to emulate. I am continually surprised by the way my love for him grows each and every day and how had it not been for that one rainy afternoon, this magic may not be.

~ Meghan Kane

Dan and Lisa (Stocke) Gray (LHS Class of 1981)

Dan and I met at St. John's in 7th grade. Actually, I had a secret crush on him all through junior high. We both attended Lourdes in 9th grade. We hung around the same group of friends freshmen year where we got to know each other better. Dan asked me to the Homecoming dance our sophomore year. We've been together ever since! We were married in 1988 and we feel so fortunate to have 4 wonderful children. We are grateful for God's blessings.

~ Lisa (Stocke) Gray



Bob and Joan (Gintz) Brengman (LHS Class of 1970)

Joan and Bob met when Joan moved to Rochester half way through our senior year. Joan's father was the Manager of Osco Drug and was transferred to Rochester, moving the family to town from Ft. Dodge, IA in November of 1969.

There was a fall dance that year and discussing the opportunity to ask the new girl in school during study hall conversations in Room 200 was a topic of the highest order. With my friends, Jim Borst and Kathy Clark Pike, I inquired as to who this new girl was? Kathy had all the latest info on the new girl and Jim then announced that he was going to ask Joan to that fall dance. I said "wait a minute, that was my intention as well." Kathy suggested that the best way to settle who would ask Joan to the dance was to flip a coin. So a coin was flipped; I won the flip and the rest, as they say, is history.

Joan and I dated the rest of that year, and continued dating while attending college, both at JC and St. Cloud. We married in October of 1977. There were no children, as we began our individual careers and Joan finally realized that she had a full time job taking care of one big kid.

We live in NE Rochester. Joan works at Mayo Clinic; Bob, at Crenlo.
~ Bob Brengman



Bruce and Patricia (Stock) Kalmes (LHS Class of 1970)

Bruce and I were in the same grade in high school but didn't start dating until March 28, 1970, of our senior year. Before that, our dads worked together at the Mayo Clinic in the 50's and did until they retired. Our parents were friends, so we knew each other in our early years, but we really didn't remember those days.

Our first date was March 28th when I was visiting my sister in the hospital after a surgery. Bruce and a friend came to visit her and asked if I wanted to go to a movie with them. I said "That would be fun!" Okay, now I have six brothers so doing something with guys was normal for me. Other people were meeting us there and they went off to their seats and Bruce and I were left standing together. I realized that it was a supposed to happen that way and we were a couple from then on.

Bruce went off to college in Morris for two years and I stayed in Rochester and went to the vocational school and started working at Mayo Clinic. Bruce's third year of college was at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. After that year, we were married on June 30, 1973 and moved to the Twin Cities in September for Bruce to finish his fourth year of college. Back then, you started a family right away, so we did.

We have 4 children – all married with 9 grandchildren. We enjoy golfing, family and a few vacations.

After college, Bruce worked at a heating company for almost 20 years, then branched off and started his own company in 1994. He is a hard worker.

I was a stay-at-home mom and did at-home daycare, school cook and volunteered at the kids grade school, which I continue to do. I help out, taking care of the grandchildren and Bruce is still working with his company.

~ Pat (Stock) Kalmes

Ken and Bonnie (Beckrich) Schweih's (LHS Class of 1965)

While Ken Schweih's met Bonnie Beckrich sophomore year, she was a little too naive for the fast boy from Chicago. They didn't start dating steady until summer of 1964- after Junior year- and the rest is history.

One fun fact: After we were all married, three high school couples- Ken & Bonnie Schweih's, Larry & Luanne Koshire, and Julie (Leitzen) & Dick Armbrust- ended up living in the same complex, the historic Windsor Hotel in downtown Minneapolis (Franklin & 3rd Ave So).

Ken still remembers hearing the first "Koshire kid" (Chris) wailing across the courtyard. I think Larry remembers him jokingly calling out, "can't you keep that kid quiet?" Larry probably did the same the following year, when Jessica Schweih's was born. Good memories!

~ Ken and Bonnie (Beckrich) Schweih's



Emil and Antoinette (Hady) Shustak (LHS Class of 1953)

We both attended St John's elementary school from 5th grade on and into Lourdes High School, but really didn't meet until we were seniors, partly because we were both shy. We connected at a party at Toni's parents' home.

We dated as seniors, graduating in 1953. Then Emil went off to trade school in Minneapolis, and we started dating again when he returned to Rochester. While Emil was in trade school, Toni started Rochester Junior College, getting her AA degree, and the two of us went there together for one year.

We married August 24, 1957, and this August, we will be married 55 years (and as we joke about it, "to the same person").

We moved to Minneapolis so Emil could complete his last 3 years of college at the U of M, where he got his EE degree. Then we moved to California and have been here ever since. We have 4 adult children, all married, and 5 grandkids.

~ Emil and Toni (Hady) Shusta





Mike and Elissa (Wente) Zeman (LHS Class of 1976)

High School Sweethearts at the end of the alphabet... the only thing that stood "between" us was Jay Young's locker! (By the way Jay, thanks for putting up with us for those 4 years) Our senior year we were in the same religion class titled "Marriage." That Father Fogel must have been a great teacher, as we will celebrate our 33rd wedding anniversary this summer.

~ Elissa (Wente) Zeman



Pete and Patricia (Branley) Weingart (LHS Class of 1953)

Let me tell you a story of romance and intrigue. I know it's hard to believe, but I was not always a suave, debonair man about town. In high school I was filled with angst and totally unskilled with dealing with girls. I had a crush but was unable to let her know of my interest.

And so we were graduated and on to college in Winona- she to the College of St. Teresa and I to St. Mary's. During our freshman year I mustered the strength to ask her to a dance; we had fun. But nothing more came of it.

Again we were graduated, each going our separate ways- five friends and I to Newport, RI and the Naval Officer School, and she to marriage with a guy from Notre Dame and inevitably on to the Washington, DC area. As the years passed, Lourdes reminded us of class reunions, but each of us was too busy to attend. However, she remained in my mind. I always kept track of her. Fifty years passed and Lourdes invited us to the BIG reunion.

The hospitality committee asked us to send a recent photo and a short update for a memory booklet. For a number of years, I was a mentor to a boy and at a family gathering he took a picture of me and his beautiful wife. The committee did say a recent photo, so without an explanation I sent that one, hoping that my friends would think it was a picture of me with an illegitimate daughter.

At the reunion I quickly discovered that my "crush" had been widowed a few years earlier. Like a chemistry experiment where a change in one molecule changes the entire product, with this news I suddenly saw my chance. But still too timid to say anything I decided that if she asked me about the girl in the photo I would go through this long, boring explanation, and without changing expression say, "Do you know that I have had a crush on you for fifty-three years?" Well she did ask, and I did say it, and as you can expect, it totally floored her.

We were living 3,000 miles apart, San Diego, California to Washington, DC. Each of us had our lives together, with no plan to change. But with phone calls, e-mails and a few visits, we were married a year later in Maryland on October 2, 2004... by our fellow classmate, Father Paul Nelson.

And that young Navy pilot flew out from Hawaii and was our Best Man!

~ Pete Weingart



Chris and Judy (Ellison) Canney (LHS Class of 1965)

We dated other people in high school, but rediscovered each other in college. We were engaged in 1969, just as Chris was off to Vietnam and I was off to graduate school. We married upon his return in 1971, and celebrated our fortieth anniversary this past June. Chris was a manager for the Social Security Administration and I was a community college faculty member (both now retired). Our family includes three children and, at this point, two grandchildren.

~ Judy Canney





Roger and Marlys (Marquardt) Toogood (LHS Class of 1952)

Our story began when we were Freshman in high school. I went to LHS and Roger went to Rochester High. He was a friend of some of the boys in my class. We were on a sleigh ride and he was with another girl. He was rather mean to her, I thought, as he was washing her face in the snow etc. but I was still quite interested. I did not see him again until the Olmsted County Fair where my friends and I ran into him. At that time, he said he was transferring to LHS. My heart skipped a beat. However, he didn't know I existed as he paid no attention to me for a whole year. Even sitting a few seats from him didn't matter.

Then, in our Junior year, we were at a house party and were offered a ride home by "Rog" and his friends. From that moment on we started to see each other frequently. He was a football player and on the track team. I was a cheerleader and happy to cheer him on. His mother even invited me to go to the away games with her and took us dancing some weekends to the Oaks and the Terrace.

The road was not always smooth- we broke up several times and managed to get back together. After graduation, I went into nurses' training in Rochester and he went up to St. Thomas. During that year, his parents both died 23 days apart. That summer, he told me he was going into the seminary in Winona. I was devastated, as we had become close. Nevertheless, I stayed in contact, even went down to visit with some of my friends and threw pebbles at his window. After being there for a year, with my help, he discerned he did not want to remain there. So he went back to St. Thomas for his Junior year.

We became engaged in December of 1954 at Assisi Heights and married in August of 1955 when I had finished my training and it was the beginning of his Senior year. It was the first wedding at the newly established St. Pius Parish. I worked at the University of Minnesota while he went to school and finished his Masters degree at the U of M.

We were blessed with good careers, four children and eight grandchildren.

This year, we will celebrate our 60th high school reunion. We have Lourdes to thank for our wonderful education and development and for the opportunity to develop our relationship.

~ Marlys (Marquardt) Toogood



Steve and Sue (Hanson) Gentling (LHS Class of 1965)

Kindergarten was a long time ago, but that is where it all started. I can't say it was love at first sight but she was a beautiful little blonde girl, just like now, and certainly caught my eye. The next pictures in the family album show us together on the steps of St. Francis Church following our First Communion. And then we had a breakup- she went her way and I went mine (moving across town and going to St. Pius grade school). The uniting of the three grade schools in 9th grade at Lourdes provided the opportunity to see that little blonde girl again. No, the reconnection didn't happen instantly, but after moving my locker to get closer to hers and always having some gum available to share (Father O'Leary would have had a fit), she started to notice me and by the time we were Juniors SHE was pulling the plug on MY electric typewriter in typing class (she didn't know it but I was in that class because of her- why else would a guy be taking a typing class?). She endured a lot, especially since I didn't use the telephone very much (OK, I hardly ever called her), but we would meet at the Chateau theater for a Saturday matinee- dutch treat of course. Somehow she saw the potential in this average height guy with better than average weight. She did say that I made her laugh (I wasn't sure if that was good or not) and that she liked to dance with me. Well, by our senior year we were laughing and dancing a lot and having a wonderful time together (I would even call her on the telephone once in a while). All those Lourdes dances, like Homecoming and Prom and just about every Friday night at the Armory along with movies on Saturday (no longer dutch treat) and more time together turned into something special. We have been dancing through life ever since. We will be celebrating 44 joyful years of marriage in March with our three children and eight grand children in Oklahoma. We will always have fond memories of those great years and classmates at Lourdes High School. We have been blessed!

~ Steve Gentling, Class of 1965

"The Best Class from the Best High School – Ever!"



John and Marg (Bantley) Frie (LHS Class of 1964)

Hello to all 1964 classmates. What a wonderful surprise to be asked about our "LHS love story".

Marg Bantley and I, John Frie, met in 1957 at St. Francis grade school. It was in Sister Mary Carol's class and watching the Milwaukee Braves in the World Series games with the Yankees on an old black and white TV. Wonder if they still do that today? I can still remember the first time I saw Marg in the classroom door with Colleen Murphy and one of the Rosener twins. Marg and I dated on and off in High School. We have many wonderful memories at LHS, the mixers in the gym, the Armory, with the great 60's music, Bennie's Drive-in, ice skating at Mayo field and playing crack the whip, Silver Lake walks across our favorite cobblestone bridge, listening to Faribault radio and WLS at night, picnics at White Water State Park, and gas for 25 cents a gallon at the Clark station. Marg and I were in French class when the PA system came on and all of us heard that President Kennedy had been shot. Marg and I went to some Homecoming dances and Senior Prom. We have many memories of the games and classes and events at LHS. Some of our classmates, family and friends are now in heaven, and we still call Rochester our "hometown".

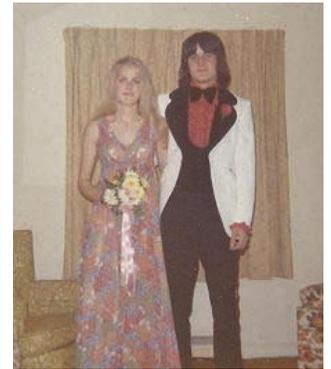
After LHS, Marg attended Viterbo College in LaCrosse and then graduated from St. Mary's Nursing School. I went to St. Mary's College in Winona, with my twin brother Bob and a lot of LHS grads... guys only of course. Remember, it was the 60's. Marg and I started dating "seriously" in our Junior year in College. I keep saying I have been in love with Marg since 6th grade. We were married June 1st, 1968 at Saint Francis. We were told it was the first Guitar mass at St. Francis. We have been blessed with many 43+ years together, like many of our classmates.

Our journey since LHS has taken us to many places to live, play, raise our family, and work- Rochester, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Fargo, San Francisco and now the Denver area for the past 30+ years. We do believe part of our journey's success is because of our families, our years at St. Francis, Lourdes and God's many blessings. We have two beautiful daughters, both living in the Denver area and two very special twin 4-year-old grandchildren, Aiden and Addison.

The best memories are all the people we have had in our lives. Our love just keeps growing and we can't imagine life without one another being any better. It has been a great ride so far and we look forward to the next chapter.

We wish all our classmates and fellow alumni many blessings and "Happy Valentine's Day".

Hugs to all,
~ John Frie



Tom and Carmen (King) Kane (LHS Class of 1974)

I had wanted to go out with Carmen, and our first date sophomore year was prompted during a bus ride home from an out-of-town football game. I made a point of sitting right behind her, and it took me most of the ride to ask her out (nothing like a cheering section when you are asked out for the first time).

We both spent junior year dating other people, but nothing seemed right, so the only choice I had was to try and get Carmen back. My sister worked at Embers with Carmen so I would pretend to pick her up from work, as a nice brother would do, so I could talk to Carmen. (Here's how Carmen remembers it: "We got together again a few days before senior year began, when Tom stalked me at Embers, until I said I would go out with him again.")

Carmen was a 4-year member of the band and the Highlighters, and a track star who held the state record in the 880 for years. I played hockey all four years and was co-captain my senior year on the first Lourdes team to go to the State Tournament, but it was the private school tournament as there were two tournaments back then. I also played on the golf team.

We dated forever after, with the most memorable moments being dancing in the (old) gym to "our song"- Color My World. The magic was resurrected in 1976, at our wedding reception, when the Highlighters serenaded us with several Chicago tunes.

~Tom and Carmen (King) Kane



Joe Siple '96 and Anne (Ivnik) Siple '97

Joe and I 'met' at different times... if that's possible. I had a crush on him when I was in 6th grade and he was on my brother's 7th grade traveling basketball team. I distinctly remember taking a picture of their team on the sidelines at one of their tournaments, just so I could get a picture of him. But he didn't know I was alive. Then, when he was in 9th grade and came to a party at my house for the freshman boys' basketball team, he finally realized that Rick had a younger sister. It took a couple of years, but he eventually decided to ask me out... sort of. During his Junior (my Sophomore) year, he and I made a bet to see who could score 20 points in a basketball game first. Believe it or not (I still don't), I won! The bet was for an ice cream cone, but he called to see if he could take me to a movie as well. I was only 15 and not allowed to date yet, but my parents made an exception for Joe because he was such a nice guy. We had our ups and downs and more than one break-up through high school and college, but we ended up getting married in 2002.

17 years after our first date, we're married with two amazing little girls, Maya (6) and Lily (4). We've grown together so much through the years. He has helped me learn how to live in the moment and be less "Type A", and I'm proud to say that partially from my influence, he now loves to read and is an exceptional writer as well (he should really be the one writing this). We are blessed with many wonderful memories from our time at Lourdes and will cherish them always. Thank you LHS!

~Anne (Ivnik) Siple



Marlene (Walsh) Fox '53 and Donald Fox '54

Marlene and Don first met while being members of the Lourdes High School Play/Opera *Mockingbird* in 1950. Marlene's part was that of "City Folk" who gather around the main character. Don was part of the "City Folk" as well. Our minor parts allowed us to meet daily before, during and after practice, which lasted about three weeks.

We continued dating; meeting throughout our high school days at dances, lunch hours and during the summer. Don left for college in 1954 and Marlene became a Mayo employee. Don came home for the holidays and during the summers, and we continued our courtship until June 15, 1957, when we were married and moved to Detroit. We moved back to Austin in 1970 and will celebrate our 55th wedding anniversary on June 15, 2012.

~Marlene and Don Fox



James Overkamp '48 and Jeanette (Kocer) Overkamp '50

Jim was a senior and I was a sophomore when we met. I was a patient in St. Mary's Hospital on New Year's Eve 1947. My cousin, Dennis Herman (also a senior), came to visit me and brought Jim with him. That was the first time I met Jim.

Our first date was January 16, 1948. It was my 16th birthday and we went to a movie at the Chateau theatre. That was the beginning of our dating years. We were married on June 2nd, 1951. We had 3 children and both of our girls were Lourdes graduates.

June 2, 2012 we will be married for 61 years.

~ Jeanette (Kocer) Overkamp

Ray and Mary Lou (Higgins) Brown (LHS Class of 1949)

Mary Lou Higgins moved into town from a farm out by Hammond and started LHS as a 9th grader. I was 14 and spotted her in the hallway and thought "Hmmm, she's new here". I was definitely drawn to her. We had Sock Hop on Columbus Day that year and three couples went together. Afterwards, we went to Julie (Adams) Shandley's house. After that, we dated all through high school and went to three proms together (it would have been four but Mary Lou had a ruptured appendix so we didn't go to that one). We graduated in 1949 and were married in 1950. Mary Lou worked at Mayo for a time and then, when we had kids, she worked as a waitress at Michaels Restaurant and I worked at a service station and watched the kids when she was working. My uncle said that he had a job in California for me, so we moved out there and I interviewed at Aerospace. I became part of Production Control for the Saturn 5 Booster for the Apollo series until I retired in 1992.

We have a total of 8 kids (4 daughters and 4 sons) with 16 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 2 on the way. You don't know when you are young if what you are feeling is puppy love or if it's a love that will last, but God knows. We have been married for 62 years..

~ Ray Brown



Mark Morse and Mary Murphy (LHS Class of 1973)

Our story begins in simpler times, 1969, when we met in ninth grade study hall. During those days, communication was different than today; internet, cell phones, texting didn't exist. We communicated by passing notes and talking for hours on the phone in the evening. Remember back when the phone was a rotary type connected to the wall?

Social activities included mixers with "real bands" in the school gym, and blue jeans were not allowed. Also, the place to be was at the football and basketball games, where we would meet and later go out for pizza!

After four years of challenging and fun times at Lourdes, we went to separate colleges and continued our relationship in different states, eventually tying the knot on July 2, 1977. We have two grown children who are married and have blessed us with three grandchildren.

We are the Lucky ones who met, became friends at Lourdes and then fell in Love to marry our High School Sweetheart!

~ Mark Morse and Mary Murphy



John and Kathy (Kopischke) Eischen (LHS Class of 1986)

Kathy and I met in 9th grade. We "dated," i.e. passed notes in Sister Rosemary's Algebra class, for 2 weeks Freshman year. We then dated other people and became friends again Junior year. I would give Kathy rides home after school, even though she lived only 1/2 a block down 1st St. from Lourdes. Our Senior year, Kathy was dating someone who had graduated and was attending college, when the Sadie Hawkins Dance came around. Her boyfriend at the time told her to go with someone from her class, so she asked her driving buddy, John. We had a great time with her best friend Mary Beth Mayer and John Weidner, who also are married LHS sweethearts. Must have been something in the air that night!

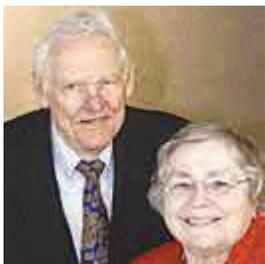
~ John Eischen

Tim Kelley '74 and Nancy (Rian) Kelley '75

We first connected at Shelley Kroska's (LHS class of 1975) wedding. We danced the night away and have been together ever since! We got married at St. Pius and moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan shortly after our wedding. We've resided in Minnetonka since 1993. Our two children, Robbie and Courtney, both attended Hopkins High School. Robbie graduated from Carlson School of Management at the U of M and Courtney recently returned from Chile, where she did a semester abroad for the College of St. Benedict. We celebrated New Year's Eve in Valparaiso, Chile.

Happy New Year!

~ Tim and Nancy (Rian) Kelley



Elizabeth (LaPlante) Boler '53 and John Boler '47

Perhaps the Class of 1953 has the most couples- I count eight couples from our classmates.

John Boler, Class of 1947, and Elizabeth LaPlante Boler '53 celebrated their 50th Anniversary on June 20, 2009, with five children, their spouses, ten grandchildren and many, many family members and friends.

Since I was in sixth grade when John graduated from Lourdes, we didn't meet for many years. After graduation, John joined the US Navy and served for four years during the Korean conflict. I graduated from Rochester Junior College in 1955 and started working as a medical secretary at the Mayo Clinic. We met in 1957 through the Dominic Club, a social group for young single Catholics (John called it the Lonely Hearts Club). John was an electrician's apprentice and became a journeyman electrician. We have had a beautiful loving life.

~ Elizabeth (LaPlante) Boler

Scott and Becky (Hawkinson) Bacon (LHS Class of 2001)

For us, it all started our freshman year when we met for the first time in Mr. Glass's algebra class. Although we didn't know each other well we both admitted later there was something that intrigued us about one another. Because of Lourdes' modest size, the next four years included plenty of hellos in the hallway mixed with the occasional group project and mutual friends. Finally, this led to getting to know each other better during our senior year and attending the Turnabout dance together in the spring of 2001. As it's said, "the rest is history". The past eleven years have included attending different out-of-state colleges, a few moves throughout the US, starting careers in the real world, marriage, and ultimately settling down back in Rochester. We both look back at high school with fond memories where we began to discover who we were as adults, formed lasting bonds with friends and of course where we first became "us".

~ Scott and Becky Bacon



Joe Straus and Susan Baldus (LHS Class of 1979)

BE CAREFUL WHO YOU ASK TO THE DANCE

"Hey, do you want to go to "Turnabout" with me?"

"Uhhh, I gotta ask my Mom" (stalling really- he was expecting someone else to ask him).

So began a relationship that has survived and flourished through 27 years of marriage and 2 sons.

It was Freshman year at Lourdes. My friends and I were sitting at a LHS Hockey game, discussing the upcoming girl-ask-guy dance. When they asked me who I was going with, I looked around and saw him standing at the boards behind the goalie, watching the game.

"I'm going to ask him, he is just my size" (We were about the 2 smallest kids in our class).

I knew nothing about Joe when I asked him out, but we became best friends. I helped him with his paper route, we played b-ball in his driveway, rode our bikes to Lake City, snuck into drive-in movies, went ice-skating with our boom-box blasting, and went to both Proms.

Along the way we dated others- both of us almost married someone from our college years- but we always came back to each other and our friendship, which was and is, the core of us.

~ Suz Baldus



Doug Olson '63 and Sharon Sadler '64

Sharon and Doug were Lourdes High School sweethearts. It was your classic "athlete-dates-cheerleader" romance. Sharon was 15 and Doug was 16 when they started dating. The first time Doug took Sharon home was after an AFL-CIO mixer. They went to King Leo's (no McDonalds yet!) and Sharon ordered on orange pop. They dated for 6 1/2 years, attending college in two different states. After 43 years of marriage, 2 kids, 1 grandchild and one on the way, they now reside in Raleigh, NC, in the retirement home they built 3 years ago. Both are enjoying retirement and looking forward to many healthy years with family and friends.

~ Doug Olson and Sharon Sadler



Ron and Judy (Stanislav) Vessey (LHS Class of 1964)

I arrived at LHS in sophomore year—1961. I was grateful for band and Gene Eiden and soon made friends in the band social milieu. I played second chair trumpet and spent many weekend evenings at Dance Band gigs, playing at surrounding small schools' homecomings and proms. It wasn't however, a band member that I married, but a friend of band members, who came to pick them up after one of these gigs. Ron Vessey had grown up in Rochester and attended St. Francis and Lourdes—a Catholic school boy all his life.

In our senior year, Ron finally summoned the courage to ask me out for a date on the night we have always called "Passion Saturday," the night before Easter Sunday. I don't recall the night as particularly passionate, but rather as a chance to get to know each other better, since we'd shared classes for almost three years by then. We also went to Prom—I still remember the party afterward, sitting by a fire on the shore of the Zumbro River; with my hair full of AquaNet hairspray getting stickier and stickier as the humidity dawned along with the sun! I admired Ron's steadiness and sense of humor. He apparently admired something else in me. He borrowed my notes for a class and left a cryptic Notehand message on it, not realizing that I would ask my shorthanded-knowledgeable mother to decode it—"I like her b-----!"

We headed off to St. John's and St. Teresa's, still dating, and after time off in sophomore year, continued to date all through college. Our long-distance fervor was stoked by letters and ten-minutes-for-a-dollar, once-a-week, phone calls.

Ron then headed to medical school at the University of Minnesota in 1968, so we married after his first year. I worked as a social worker at Mayo Clinic before we married and then at Abbott Northwestern Hospital afterward. We raised four children and are blessedly still close to them. We now work together in Ron's solo internal medicine practice in Minneapolis. I think the secret of our marriage has been that Ron is a good listener! We always had dinner together as a family and always took time out of the day to have a cup of coffee after dinner without the kids to share the events of the day. Oh, yes, now when we head home after work, we often seek out separate corners of the house to have a little time apart! We both can't think of anyone else we would have liked to have shared our lives with. The values we learned from teachers and friends at Lourdes High School have been the foundation of our married lives.

~ Judy (Stanislav) Vessey

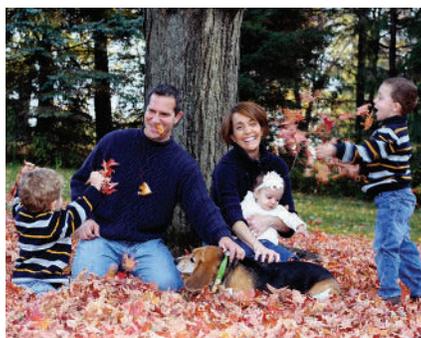


Franz Sattler '62 & Diana (Raatz) Sattler '65

"He's nice but you're way too young to know what you want. Date and get to know other boys."

My sister, Sandra was seventeen in the summer of 1961 when she introduced the family to her classmate and new boyfriend, Franz. She started dating Dan that winter and the boyfriend/girlfriend relationship between Sandra and Franz became platonic, but then another older sister, Carol really liked Franz—they dated for a while. Franz turned eighteen in February of 1962 and wanted to show off his present, a red MG. Carol was working at Piggly Wiggly that night; Dan and Sandra were seeing that new movie, "Lawrence of Arabia", but I was home—so Franz and I went for a ride. Later that year Franz went to college at Notre Dame. Franz had girlfriends; I had boyfriends, but we started seeing each other again in 1965 then we married in 1968.

~ Diana (Raatz) Sattler



Chris Price '89 and Patti (Reardon) Price '92

Chris Price and Patti Reardon met and began dating in January 2001. According to Patti, "they very unromantically met at a 'ladies' night' at Rookie's Bar and Grill." Lourdes brought them together, as their conversation that night began when Patti asked Chris, "Didn't you go to Lourdes? Is your last name Price?" Chris, age 30 at the time, had just returned to the family businesses, after completing his MBA at Wharton and working several years for a consulting firm. Patti had been living in Rochester since graduating from college. At the time, she was teaching 8th grade math in Pine Island and completing her Masters degree. The romance progressed quickly, especially as Chris and Patti realized the commonalities between their backgrounds and upbringings.

They were both born and raised in Rochester and lived less than 8 miles apart their entire lives. As it turned out, during the early 1970s, the Reardon and Price families were both founding families of Pax Christi Catholic Church. Jerry Price and Frank Reardon (the "dads") served together on Pax Christi's Parish Council in the mid-70s, when Chris and Patti were just tiny kids. The dads only knew each other's names, and never introduced their children. Patti was a freshman at Lourdes when Chris was a senior. They were in band together for one year –Chris on the sax, Patti on the clarinet. In the mid-90s, Mary Reardon (Patti's mom) played in the Eagle Open with Jerry Price and Brian Price (Chris's younger brother).

Today, Chris and Patti Price have been married for almost 9 years. They have 3 beautiful children...Michael (5), Christian (3), and Nora (1). Chris now owns and continues to work at his family businesses, GLS Industries Inc. Patti completed her Psy.D. degree in 2006 and has been a full time stay at home mom since Michael's birth.

~ Chris Price and Patti Reardon



**Dave Mueller '77 and Donna (Gathje) Mueller '78
Steve Gathje '73 and Laurie Fischer-Gathje '78**

Dave and Donna Mueller got together when Donna was a Junior and Dave was a senior. Donna actually asked Dave to Turnabout with the help of her best friend and current sister in law, Laurie Fischer-Gathje. Dave and Donna have been married 30 years this past June.

Laurie then got together with Donna's brother, Steve Gathje, at Donna and Dave's wedding. Steve and Laurie will be celebrating their 30th anniversary in June of 2012.

Donna and Laurie remind each other very often that each was responsible for getting each other together with their husbands!!



Mike Paulson '86 and Stacy Sievers '91

We, Mike Paulson and Stacy Sievers, met later in life. Though we didn't know each other in high school, we were eventually introduced through one of Mike's family members. We were set up on a date in March of 2010 and got engaged this past September, 2011. We both feel very fortunate and blessed that God has brought us together later in life. As graduates from Lourdes High School, we cherish the common values that we have learned from our experiences at Lourdes High School.

~ Mike Paulson and Stacy Sievers





Rick and Kathy (Brennan) Smith (LHS Class of 1967)

Kathy and I attended Lourdes High School together from 1963 to 1967. She was from St. Francis and I was from St. Pius. I always said that St. Francis had the best girls and St. Pius had the best boys. Kathy thought that St. Francis had the best girls and the best boys.

I remember being introduced to Kathy on the stairs close to the Lourdes office. She doesn't remember that. We never dated during high school. Kathy says she tried to hustle me during senior year, but that I didn't get it. After graduation, we each married different people, raised families and got divorced.

In 1987, Kathy and I were both on the planning committee for our 20th High School Reunion. Kathy reevaluated St. Pius boys. We started to date and got married in 1991. We have been happily married for over 20 years.

What would have happened if we had dated in high school? Who knows?

~ Rick Smith



David and Rita (Fitzgerald) Skeels (LHS Class of 1960)

Dave Skeels and Rita Fitzgerald Skeels both attended LHS and graduated in 1960. During their high school years, they barely spoke. However, shortly after graduation, they attended a party and somehow they began to connect. It did not happen immediately. Both attended Rochester Junior College and on October 27, 1960, they were "going steady". Upon graduating from RJC in 1962, Rita started working as a legal secretary in Rochester, while Dave attended the University of Minnesota. On November 27, 1963, they became engaged and after Dave's graduation from the U of M, they were married on June 27, 1964. Twenty-seven is their lucky number!

They reside in the Twin Cities and have two great children – Sarah, born in April 1965 and Mike, born in May 1966. Sarah and her husband, Neil, have given them two beautiful grandchildren – Sydney (11) and Alec (8). Mike is single and is a medical technician. Sarah is an attorney. They both live in the Twin Cities as well. Life is good!

~ David and Rita Fitzgerald Skeels

“You don't know when you are young if what you are feeling is puppy love or if it's a love that will last, but God knows. We have been married for 62 years..”

~ Ray Brown '49

A Priest From The Prairies of Minnesota

As the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination approached, **Father Paul Nelson '53** was encouraged by a long-time friend, to write down some thoughts about his career of service as a priest. The culmination of his prayerful, heartwarming, and spiritual experience is an outstanding book of memoirs and perspectives on ministry in Minnesota.

A Priest From The Prairies of Minnesota: The Memoirs of Father Paul Nelson, includes Fr. Paul's early childhood stories of growing up on his parents' dairy farm just south of Rochester, and memories of his formative years at Lourdes High School, "What a wonderful education we received there," he says, "thanks to the Sisters of St. Francis." From there, the book spans half a century of celebrating the sacraments and being with people at the deepest and most sacred moments in their lives.

Starting in the spring of 2010 and committing to writing a page every day, Fr. Paul completed the book in late summer of the same year. He explores the many great joys, as well as the tragedies and challenges of his ministry. With sincere and astonishing honesty, he shares stories of his priestly life and insights about our Catholic faith.

He has served in many roles during his priesthood: educator, administrator, friend and confessor. In fifty years, he has baptized 1,200 babies, married 1,500 couples, buried 2,000 friends and parishioners and heard over 50,000 confessions.

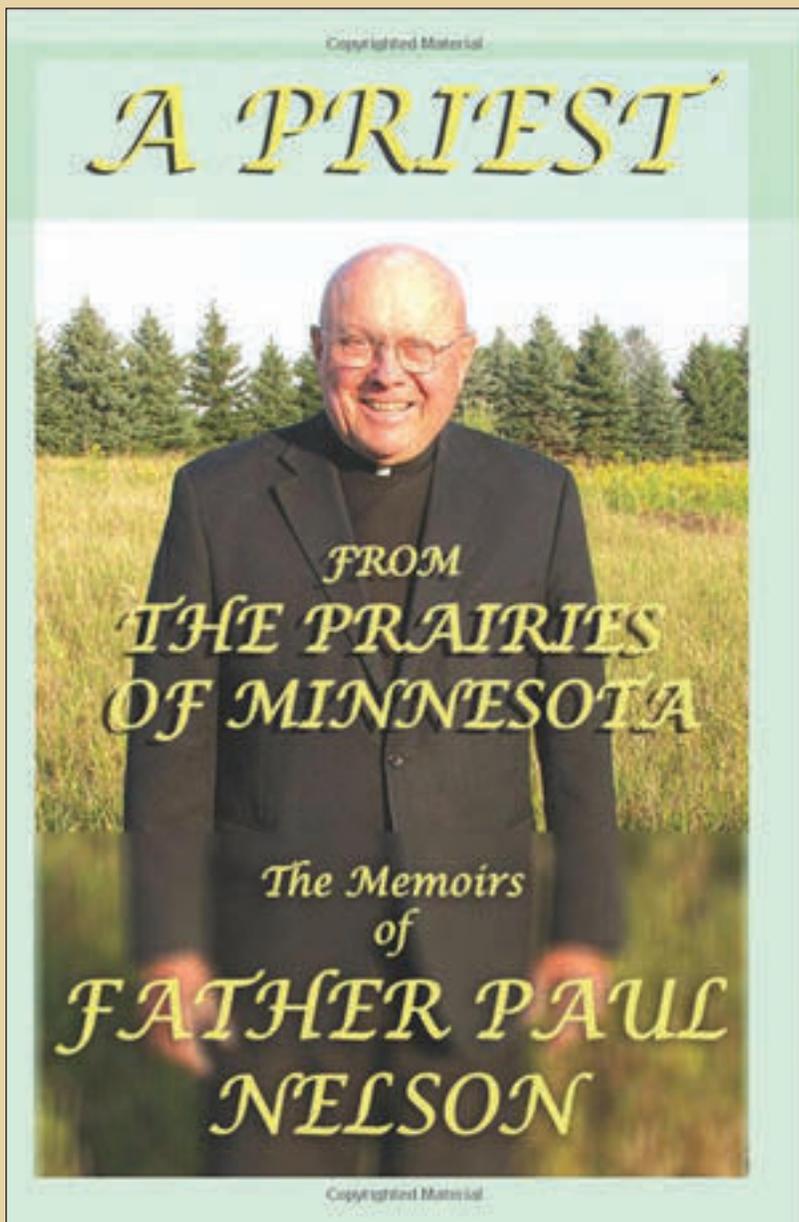
Fr. Paul also gives us wonderful glimpses into his boyhood dreams: "I loved the farm, loved working with the animals and I stood in awe of the veterinarians when they visited the farm. If not for the priesthood, I would have likely become a vet."

Not one to shy away from his opinions, or as he puts it, "no sugar coating," Fr. Paul also treats the reader to the many aspects of his daily life with his firm opinions, full of wisdom, as he tries to lead people into the mystery, into sacrament and into community. "This is the spirit that makes Christ live among us."

Fr. Paul has witnessed profound changes during his fifty years in the priesthood. "Before Vatican II, people went to the priest for everything related to their faith. That attitude is rare in Catholics today- people are growing up, and they are taking responsibility for their lives. In my mind that is a wonderful thing."

Lourdes Foundation honored Fr. Paul this past October by awarding him with the Alumnus of the Year Award 2011, a recognition richly deserved.

Because of his love and appreciation of the education he received at Lourdes High School, and his belief in the importance of Catholic education, Fr. Paul has created the **Fr. Paul Nelson Scholarship**, with the proceeds that he has received from the sale of his book. This scholarship will be awarded for the first time in the spring of 2012 and will be used for tuition assistance for students at Lourdes.



To help continue the growth of this scholarship and to honor Fr. Paul, you can donate by going to our website at www.lourdesfoundation.org OR "A Priest From the Prairies of Minnesota" can be purchased online at Amazon.com or at www.createspace.com/3663328 

Tennis Talk with Kevin Rust

Kevin Rust had a long and successful career spanning almost 30 years, as the head tennis coach at Lourdes High School. Coach Rust started coaching for Lourdes in 1982, and during his reign he created one of the most successful high school tennis programs in the state. Under his direction the girls' tennis program won eleven state championships, and his boys' and girls' teams produced 16 individual or doubles team state champions. Kevin was born and raised in Worthington, MN, and graduated from both Minnesota Bible College and Winona State University. He moved to Rochester in 1979 and married Rochester native Karen Kleis in 1983. Both of the couple's children- twins Connor and Courtney- played tennis for Lourdes. In 2010, during his final season as head coach, Kevin had a front-row seat to watch his children play out their senior seasons for the Eagles. **Connor Rust '10** is a sophomore at St. Johns' University where he plays on their men's tennis team. **Courtney Rust '10** is a sophomore at Loyola University and played on four of the LHS State Championship teams. In honor of Coach Rust's eleven MSHSL State Championships, we asked him eleven questions about his life and career.



1. What do you love about tennis?

It's fun. It's challenging. It's just you out there, trying to figure things out on the fly. I think that it's a sport that really helps teach you to take responsibility for what's going on. There are so many ups and downs during a match. You either fight or you pack it in. There are no timeouts or substitutions - if it's going to get done, you need to do it.

2. How did you start playing?

I didn't start playing until I was a freshman in high school. I had some friends that played, and I found a racket in our attic (it broke after about the second time playing) and I was hooked. I played everyday that summer, two to three hours a day. We didn't have anyone that taught tennis (unless you count the local YMCA program, taught by high school kids) and we just learned by playing. My high school coach was the football coach and wasn't really a great XXs and OO's coach. He did teach me how to compete, though. I still believe that if someone wants to put in the time on the court, they can become a pretty good player, without having to take a ton of lessons. I think being exposed to the game this way helped give me some empathy toward the players that weren't as talented. However it may have tainted me a bit, thinking that if I could do it, anyone could. I didn't have a lot of patience for a perceived lack of effort.

3. How old were you when you started coaching at LHS?

I was 23. I was a basketball player at heart, and I ran the practices like b-ball practices. The girls had a .500 record the first year but peaked at the right time and took second at the state tournament.

4. Does winning a state championship ever get old?

Never - each year is new and there are different players involved. Every team was different, and seeing the way the players reacted was really neat. We never had super emotional teams (personality of the coach?) and other teams didn't always think that the girls thought winning state was important, but every team was thrilled when they won. My perspective was to try to treat every match as important, and to compete hard, and then not over-celebrate in front of the other teams - there are too many teams that rub it in after the match and I didn't want my teams to be like that.

5. Is there one Championship that is particularly memorable?

There are two seasons that really stood out. The first year that the girls won state, no one knew who we were (I loved flying

The retired Lourdes tennis coach submits to our Q&A

under the radar). The other was the year that we had supposedly graduated most of our good players. We still had some good players at the top, but we weren't expected to be as deep. I know that I personally worked much harder that season to prepare the girls. We couldn't take anything for granted, and each win was a team effort. The competition in the state was also getting much better, and there were no easy matches. Anyway, we made it back to state, and ended up in the finals, playing Mounds Park Academy. On paper, they were the best team in the state and had been ranked #1 all year. They had very good players but hadn't really come together as a team. Lourdes only had 4 players (out of 10) that had ever been in a state tournament match. We had worked in practice the weeks before the tournament on how to handle nerves - how to relax, slow down, and believe it or not, how to breathe to get ourselves under control. To me, this was the difference in that match. We had players that had been on JV finally get their chance to show what they could do, and they came through with flying colors. This was a match that we weren't supposed to win, and to see the joy on the players' faces was priceless.

6. I'm guessing that you have to do a lot of "hand-holding"/emotional support behind the scenes? Is that hard for you?

It's always hard to deal with a player's emotions. The longer I coached, the more I learned about how to deal with it, or maybe I just learned not to get overly involved. (Think about a young guy, just out of college, trying to deal with a bunch of high school girls - talk about getting thrown into the fire). Everyone is different and you can't just "cookie-cutter" the way you deal with things. A lot of times, the emotions didn't have anything to do with tennis.

7. Who is easier to work with, boys or girls?

You really expect me to answer that?

8. How did coaching your own kids affect your relationships with them?

I was very lucky as a dad and as a coach. During my last six years of coaching, I got to spend two or more hours a day with my kids. That is something a lot of parents don't have the opportunity to do. I got to see them up close, in situations that I normally wouldn't witness. I felt like I could help them if they needed it, but also learned to stay away. I was also very lucky in that they actually responded to my coaching. We tried hard to separate the "coach" from the "dad".

9. Is there a tennis match (while you were a coach) that you wish you could re-watch? Is there a favorite match?

Actually, the best team match I was ever a part of, we lost. It was in the first round of the state tournament, with the boys. We were playing Breck, who was ranked #1 in the state going in (I think we were ranked #2). We lost the match 4-3 but it was the highest quality match, top to bottom, that I'd ever been a part of. The boys played their hearts out. There were five three-setters that day, and unfortunately we lost three of them (two of them 7-6 in the third set). The level of play by both teams was exceptionally high, and the sportsmanship was outstanding. It was a lot of fun and the only down-side was that we lost. The other match that was especially sweet was in the girls' individuals, during my last year of coaching. My daughter, Courtney, was playing the top player in the state in the semi-finals, and her opponent was supposedly a lock to win the tournament. Courtney had decided to take some time off from tennis, between her junior and senior year, and had just started playing again when the season started. She had been sick during the region tournament, and had somehow made it through a very tough draw. Anyway, Courtney lost the first set 3-6, was down in the second set, and battled back to win it in a tie-breaker, and then won the third set 7-5. To me the best thing was that it put to rest the notion that you have to play tennis year-round to have a chance to compete with the best.

10. What's the best part of coaching?

The interaction with the players. Having an opportunity to maybe give them a different perspective on things. I tried to get across some basic principles: Respect (for the game, and for your opponent - the players owed it to their opponent to give them the best match they possibly could - 100% effort all the time), Responsibility and Accountability - Players need to take responsibility for their actions and be accountable for what happens. I didn't have too many rules, but the ones we had always revolved around effort and attitude.

11. You seem to be able to inspire people to do their best, which is a make-or-break quality in a coach. What's your secret?

I have no idea what the secret is. I have been very fortunate to work with some great kids (kudos to the parents). I try to get the kids to work hard from the very start, and to believe in themselves and their teammates. 🙌

Groundbreaking for a new Lourdes High School – October 18, 2011.

For those of you not in Rochester, here are some pictures of the progress. For more information about how to be involved in the new Lourdes High School capital campaign and to watch the daily progress, please go to www.lourdesfuture.org

Groundbreaking pictures by Josh Banks



Bishop Quinn waving from backhoe Oct 18, 2011 groundbreaking



Campaign Co-Chair Joe Powers, Msgr Gerald Mahon '63, Jack Remick (at podium), and Bishop Quinn



Rochester Area Knights of Columbus procession into Groundbreaking ceremony



New Director of RCS Schools, Mike Brennan, watches as RCS students break ground for new Lourdes High School



Lourdes students attend October 18, 2011 groundbreaking

Future Lourdes High School – Sept 18, 2011



Future Lourdes High School from L to R –
Fine Arts Wing – Chapel – Academic Wing – Cafeteria –Gymnasium

November 4, 2011



January 17, 2012



Interior Hallway – Jan 2012

January 31, 2012



LEGO ROBOTICS

Marty Cormack has been the IT manager for Rochester Catholic Schools since October 2008, but for the last three years, he has also been the liaison for Lourdes' LEGO robotics club, a beneficiary of IBM's Technical Education Outreach (TEO) for Rochester schools. IBM sponsors Lourdes' LEGO robotics club, as well as similar clubs in the RCS grades schools, supplying laptops and kits for students of all ages. The after-school club is an opportunity to get kids interested in science, technology, and engineering.

Members of the Lourdes LEGO robotics club start working with the robots in September, learning different aspects of design engineering and computer programming. They then begin work on a long-term project, preparation for a competition in mid-December at the RCTC field house. The students must collaborate to produce a robot that will accomplish a physical task, usually with some sizable restrictions. This year, students had to construct a robot that would "climb" over several two-by-fours. The catch? No wheels.

Along with the technical skills necessary to compete in December, the students learn principles of design and how to create and alter that design together. "In the classroom, you're typically competing for your own grade," says Marty. "We don't do a lot of collaborative work. But in the real world, you have to be able to delegate and work as a team. Part of what they learn is how to design as a team and how to get a team result, rather than an individual result."

At the competition, the teams also get short-term projects, a variation of the projects the students have spent weeks perfecting. The students are thrown some curveball, related to either the task or restrictions, and must alter their design accordingly. They have thirty or forty minutes to make the necessary adjustments and compete. "It's thinking on your feet and making use of everything you learned in the previous project. You have to know the engineering and programming thoroughly enough so that you don't have to start over from scratch." Lourdes students seem to handle the stress pretty well: the advanced group has won the competition two of the last three years.

The students aren't the only ones benefiting from the after-school club. A programmer at IBM for thirty years, Marty Cormack's involvement in the LEGO robotics club is his first experience as an educator. "I take my job seriously as a ministry," he says. "That's why I got into it." 



LHS Science Club studies bald eagle population

The Lourdes science club is in the midst of a project to survey the bald eagle population in the Rochester area. Dave Jenson, Lourdes biology teacher and club facilitator, hopes that this year's project will get students involved in ecology and the biodiversity of our local wildlife. Eventually, he hopes they will be able to chart the population changes in the area over several years and incorporate an analytical aspect to the project.

Growing up in Red Wing, near the Mississippi River, Jenson counted eagles for a middle school project. "We counted 300 different eagles in one stretch from Red Wing to Wabasha which, 20 or so years ago, would have been all the eagles in the US, due to the DDT problem. We've come a long way in building up the eagle populations." So when a parent approached him with an idea to study bald eagles in the area, Jenson had some idea of where to start; before students went out to observe with cameras and binoculars, they did the behind-the-scenes work of writing grants and setting up a website to share their findings. On their first outing, they found six different eagle nests and counted 13 different bald eagles in Goodhue and Olmstead counties. The club is working on obtaining equipment now, hoping to set up an Eagle cam to observe the behavior of a nesting pair near Oronoco- at a safe distance, of course.

Although their project will take them toward Zumbrota, the science club's involvement in the wind turbine debate there is quite limited. Part of their research involves keeping a respectful distance from the bald eagles and they want to ensure that any construction projects abide by the same rules. "But that's not to say that we cannot progress in other technologies," says Jenson. "As a biology teacher, I think that wind turbines are a great idea because they are clean energy, but we have to be mindful of everything they're affecting."



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Lourdes Athletics

Fall 2011 Highlights

FOOTBALL

Lourdes Football had an outstanding year, completing its fall season with an 8-2 record. Their signature victory was over Kasson, with a game-winning field goal in the last three seconds of the game. The Eagles also won the HVL Blue Championship for the second year in a row.

GIRLS TENNIS

The girls' tennis team made another trip to the State tournament this year, beating Waseca 5-2 in the quarter-finals, and St. James 4-3 in the semi-finals. The girls ended their season strongly, with an 18-6 record. Margaret Pearson ended her career as a three-time state individual performer with a career record of 18-0 in state tournament matches.

BOYS SOCCER

The boys' soccer team had another great year with a 20-3-0 record and a 3rd place finish at state. The boys lost in overtime to the undefeated and number 1 ranked Prairie Seeds Academy in the State semi-final game. On Sept. 6th, the Eagles beat PIZM for the 250th win of the program and after their 15th year, they are 267-47-23.

VOLLEYBALL

Lourdes Volleyball finished the year with a 7-20 record, losing to State runner-up Stewartville in section playoffs. This year's team achieved the Academic Gold Standard from the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association. The top ten team GPAs are used, and this year's group had a 3.85 GPA.

GIRLS SOCCER

The Lourdes women started their season with a loss but used that setback to rally their team, and finished the year with a 14-1-1 record. They beat La Crescent in the Section IA Championship game to earn a trip to the state tournament, where they finished 4th. The team graduated 13 seniors this year.



2011 LHS Boys Soccer Team



2011 LHS Girls Tennis Team



2011 LHS Girls Soccer Team

1950's



Bill Fitzgerald '50 and Dorothy (Sedam) Fitzgerald celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on January 15, 2012. Married in January of 1952 in Rochester, MN, the couple has six children, 12 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. They will have a small celebration with their family.



Bill Herber '50 and his wife, Zona, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on January 19, 2012. They have three children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

1960's



Class of 1967 – In May, five members of the Class of 1967 travelled to Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia for a tour of

Civil War Battlefields and other historic sites. Shown here, at the Gettysburg monument to the 1st Minnesota Regiment are (left to right) Dave Campbell, Bruce Schmidt, Jim McGovern, Rick Smith and Steve Wenthe.

1970's



Steve Gathje '73 has been running daily for more than 40 years, and is part of the larger subculture of runners who run every day. The U.S. Running Streak Association tracks the daily progress of this group of devotees. Just like the rest of us, there are days that scheduling becomes a problem. The day their second child was born, Steve's wife, **Laurie Fischer Gathje '78**, woke him early and said, "You better run before we go because we could be there all day." Steve, an actuary at Ameriprise Financial Services, has to be creative when he travels. During a recent trip to Newark, Steve kept his streak alive by running laps around the airport hotel after his flight was cancelled.

1980's

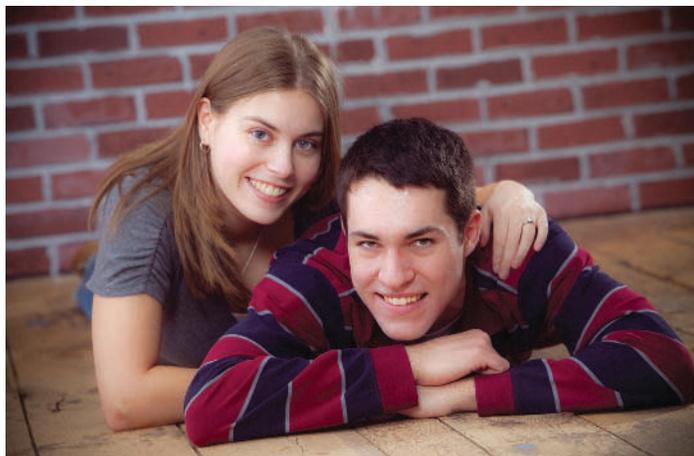


Michael Keller '81 has been a "luthier"- one who makes stringed musical instruments, such as guitars and violins- since the mid 1970s. In 2004, Henry Lowenstein, a collector from

Miami, FL, commissioned Keller to make an ornate custom guitar. This arch-top style guitar is the first of its kind Keller has made and he spent over 100 hours just carving the inlays (pictured above) at the top. Michael Keller's arch-top guitar is on the cover of the 13th Edition Blue Book of Acoustic Guitars. In his 36 years as a builder, Keller said "this is the biggest thing yet that's happened to me."

To see more of Michaels' work, you can visit his website at www.kellerguitars.com

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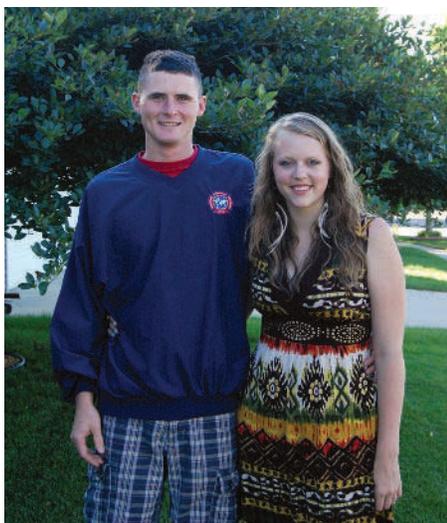


Alison Miller '06 married Kyle Christianson on August 20, 2011 at Resurrection Catholic Church in Rochester, MN. -Alison is a Financial Analyst and Kyle is a Software Engineer; both at IBM in Rochester. The couple met while interning with IBM.



Peter Mueller '00 and his wife, MaryBeth, announced the birth of their second son, James Ronald Mueller on October 30, 2011. The couple also has an older son, David John.

Lance Corporal Daniel Armstead '06 married **Sara Korsmo '08** on February 5, 2011 in San Diego, CA. Dan is a Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Sara is living at their home in Oceanside, CA.



Lauren Luebbe '06 was honored as one of the 30 finalists for the RMAC NCAA Division II "Woman of the Year" award- an honor for female student athletes who have distinguished themselves in areas of

academic achievement, community service, leadership, and athletic excellence throughout their college years. Luebbe represented the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and is its only representative among 140 female honorees across all three NCAA divisions. Nomination submission for the prestigious NCAA "Woman of the Year" program continues to grow with a record 471 nominations this year alone.

Lauren was the only Division II student-athlete named to the six-person Jesuit Women's Basketball All-Academic First Team. She graduated with a 3.98 GPA in nursing and left Regis as the all-time three-point percentage leader in her four-year career.

Lauren was also a RASC (Rochester Amateur Sports Committee) 2011 Nominee for Female Athlete of the Year.

Paul Stellflug '05

married Courtney Holtegaard on October 28, 2011 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, where the couple had attended St. Francis Catholic School and participated in 4-H. Paul is now an Engineer at Hormel in Austin, MN while Courtney works for the Mayo Clinic as a Hematology RN.



Matthew Cascino '01

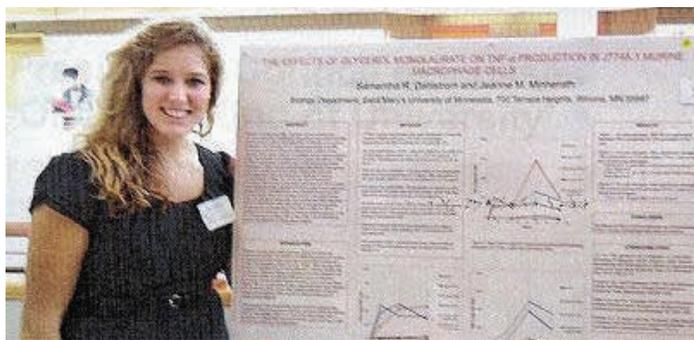
married Melissa "Missy" Haehn in a September, 2011 wedding in Santa Barbara, CA. Missy is a 2006 graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Matt is a 2006 graduate of Northwestern University. Both are 2010 graduates of

the University of Minnesota Medical School, and currently in the residency portion of their training at the University of California, San Francisco. Matt is specializing in Internal Medicine; Missy, in Anesthesiology.

Leah Kodet '03 and Andrew Nigon '04

were married November 5, 2011 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Rochester, MN. Leah is an RN at Park Nicollet Clinic in St. Louis Park, MN. Andrew is a Financial Analyst for IBM in Rochester, MN.





Samantha Dahlstrom '08 was among six Saint Mary's of Minnesota biology students awarded National Biology Honor Society Beta Beta Research foundation grants. Samantha won the first place "Student Choice" award at the annual meeting of Undergraduate Research in Molecular Sciences, held at MSU-Moorhead, MN. In September 2011, a group of 100 SMU volunteers spent a weekend taking on ten different service projects throughout Winona. Samantha, a junior and first-year mentor, worked with her group on a recycling project. In an interview with the Winona Daily News, she said, "I feel like I'm very blessed. I've been given many opportunities, and I feel like I should be using my gifts to help people. When you do stuff like this, your faith can really strengthen."



Andy Poterucha '01 and his wife, Cassandra, welcomed daughter Bryn Rae on October 16, 2011.

Jeff Poterucha '03 and his wife, Megan, welcomed daughter Lily Elizabeth on August 21, 2011.



Joe Poterucha '00 and his wife, Amy, welcomed daughter Tatiana Sophia on November 30, 2011.



Angela Poterucha '07 married Michael Dahlgren at St. Johns of the Evangelist Church in Rochester on July 16, 2011.

Peace & Sympathy

We Will Remember

Our sympathy and prayers are offered to the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones. Please remember them in your prayers.

Luella (Nixa) Tesoriero '31

John Wera '50

DeeDee (Baker) Hedrick '51

Helen (Van Beers) King '52

Patricia (Haggerty) Healy '53

Richard A Peterson '55

John L. Dunagan '56

Barbara (Lawler) Wentink '63

Debra Poire '67

Julie (Van Kirk) Eaton '74

John "Jack" M. Lawler '74

Margaret Briese

Owen J. Korsmo

If you would like to inform the Aquila of a loved one's death, please contact the Lourdes Foundation and we will include the information in our next issue. We make every effort to publish accurate memorial information. Please accept our apology for any unintentional omissions. To update our records, please contact us at: Lourdes Foundation Office, 621 West Center Street, Rochester, MN 55902 or by phone at 507-289-2584 or by email at lourdesfoundation@rochestercatholic.k12.mn.us

History Mystery

You may be startled to know who this mystery person is – It is **Betty Renner '75** in the play *Harvey*



No skating around this topic – these team players are always all for one and one for all – but who might these two players be?



Be the first to guess right by contacting us at 507-289-2584 or by email at srainey@rochestercatholic.k12.mn.us and win your choice of a Lourdes Foundation t-shirt, polo shirt, baseball cap or a "Go Eagles" gold hankie!

Spring/Summer Calendar

MARCH 2012

- **Spring School Break Friday, March 30** to school resumes Monday, April 9

APRIL 2012

- **Hearts of Gold Banquet – Saturday April 28, 2012 @ 5p.m.** Kahler Grand Hotel, Rochester MN.. For more information, visit <http://www.rochestercatholic.k12.mn.us/LHS/heartsofgold/Pages/Default.aspx>

MAY 2012

- **LHS Graduation – Friday May 25**

JUNE 2012

- **Last day of School – June 1**

AUGUST 2012

- **Class of 1977 Class Reunion – August 11, 2012** – contact Julianne (Jirele) Howard at phoward40@charter.net or Norb Nigon at nnigon@gmail.com for more details.
- **Jim & Judy Daly Memorial Golf Tournament – Friday August 17, 2012** – Eastwood Golf Course, Rochester MN
- **Class of 1967 Class Reunion – August 24-26** – contact Mike Ellstrom at mjellstrom@charter.net for more details
- **Class of 1952 Class Reunion – August 18, 2012** – contact Roger Toogood at rtoogood@msn.com for more details

SEPTEMBER 2012

- **LHS Homecoming – Friday, September 28, 2012**
- **Lourdes Foundation Post Homecoming Game Party – LHS Upper Gym – September 28 9:30 p.m. to 12 midnight** –Come watch the replay of the LHS Homecoming Game-Food/Prizes/Cash Bar
- **Class of 1987 – September 28-30** – contact Nora (Breckle) Watts at nora_watts@comcast.net for more details

If your class is having a reunion this summer/fall, please let us know so that we can put this information on our website and in the Aquila.

Sweethearts, in so many ways

**Bob and Linda Gander, Class of '73
Gander Family Scholarship**

It's obvious to anyone who knows them- Bob and Linda Gander love Lourdes High School.

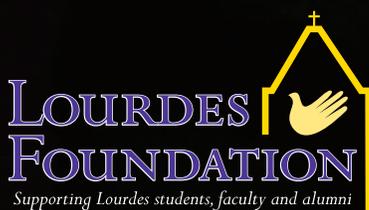
You can see their smiling faces at just about any Lourdes event. They are proud to be Lourdes alumni and are equally proud that all three of their children- **Nerissa '93,**

Michael '97 and **Holly '97-**

graduated from Lourdes. Bob

has been a member of the Lourdes Foundation's Board of Directors since 2005, and served as its president from 2009-2010.

True to their generous natures, Bob and Linda decided to make an important gift to the Lourdes Foundation, by starting the Gander Family Scholarship. As Bob tells the story, "I had joined the Lourdes Foundation that year and I had the idea for the scholarship as I was sitting at my first board meeting. Every year Linda and the kids would ask me what I wanted for my birthday. As you can guess, I never really had an answer, and usually got a new shirt. We decided to start a scholarship and asked our kids to participate. For the next five years they never had to ask me what I wanted for my birthday or for Christmas." Last year the Gander family funded their scholarship and it was awarded to a student for the first time in the fall of 2011. "Knowing that we can help a student in need receive the same great Catholic education that our family received has been a great reward, and worth the sacrifices we made to build our family scholarship."



For more information about starting a Lourdes Foundation scholarship contact our office at 507/289-2584, or send an email to Tim Sitzer, Executive Director at tsizer@rochestercatholic.k12.mn.us



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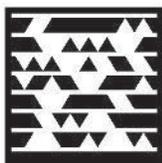
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ATTENTION: LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL MILITARY VETERANS

The Lourdes Foundation plans to devote our November 2012 issue of the Aquila to honoring your service to our country.

If you or your loved one is an alumnus/a of LHS who is a Veteran or actively serving in the military, please consider sharing your story and photos with our Lourdes community.

Contact us at the address below with your story. In order to include as many stories as possible, we ask that submissions be kept under 500 words. To be included in our November issue, please submit your story by **September 1, 2012.**

We thank you for your service and we look forward to hearing from you.

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