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Our Vision

*“**Lourdes Foundation is a catalyst for the growth and 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.**”*

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Lourdes Foundation Recipient of \$387,000 Endowment Gift



Many of you may have known Benny and Eloise Dresbach – long time owners and operators of the popular teen hangout in Rochester, the R-Tic Root Beer Stand, more commonly known as “Benny’s.” Recently Lourdes Foundation was extremely honored and grateful to announce the establishment of the Benny and Eloise Dresbach Scholarship after receiving an endowment gift of \$387,000 from the Dresbach estate. The Dresbach gift will provide 20 additional tuition scholarships for the 2007-08 school year.

The following was written by Anne Noser '68, niece of Benny & Eloise Dresbach, in response to her uncle and aunt's bequest to Lourdes Foundation.

“Hey! Meet me at Benny’s after the movie.”
 “We’re going swimming at Soldiers Field and then over to Benny’s for a root beer.”
 “Have you seen the new carhops yet?”
 “I hear the Mustangs are playing on the roof at Benny’s! I’ll be there!”

As long as I can remember, everybody was always at Benny’s. As soon as Spring arrived, the word went around like wildfire that Benny’s was open. Winter



was officially over. Benny and Eloise Dresbach owned and operated the R-Tic Root Beer Stand from 1947 until 1978. Nobody knew what the R-Tic was, but the whole town knew Benny’s. Kids grew up on

Mexi-burgers and root beer. Those kids grew up and brought their kids. Benny’s was generational.

Both Benny and Eloise were Minnesota natives, born in Rochester. They married in 1941, and except for the time Benny was away from home during WWII, they never spent a day apart. Eloise was a graduate of the Saint Mary’s School of Nursing and proud to be a life long member of the Saint Mary’s Alumnae Association.

In the winter months Benny and Eloise traveled to Mexico. I asked Benny one time, how they were able to afford taking so much time off, especially in the early years when the stand first opened. Benny said “Well that was easy. You see, we really didn’t have much money, but we knew how to work hard. We would work our way down and back. I would load up the car and take anything I thought I could sell in Mexico. Eloise bought a stethoscope, and we would sit outside the town drug store wherever we were, and Eloise would take peoples’ blood pressure for a quarter. It paid our way down and back. We made a lot of nice friends that way too.”

Benny and Eloise had no children of their own, but they were an understanding friend to any child that needed help. A Post Bulletin article from May of 1967 commemorating the 20th season opener of the root beer stand included the following quote:

“While they have no children of their own, the Dresbachs nevertheless can lay claim to a part of the thousands who have gathered at ‘Benny’s’ over the years. And when asked - how in the world do you take care of all those kids? - their humble reply is ‘those kids take care of us.’ ”

Susie McClocklin and I knew these two wonderful people as Uncle Benny and Aunt Eloise. It is wonderful to see how they continue to take care of “their” kids through the generous endowment presented to the Lourdes Foundation. This gift will provide tuition scholarships to deserving Lourdes High School students for years to come. What a fitting legacy for two people who truly loved Rochester’s young people.

As Benny put it: *“This community should be so proud of its young people...Rochester is just loaded with talented, wonderful kids.”*



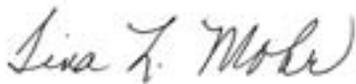
Message from the President

- ☞ A father and husband who died unexpectedly and the annual fish fry event that supports a scholarship in his name...
- ☞ A parish priest who saved and left a bequest...
- ☞ Parents of a current student...
- ☞ Parents of a past student...
- ☞ An alumni giving to a class scholarship fund...
- ☞ Extended family who continue to build a scholarship fund in the name of a deceased beloved family member...

All of the above are thumbnail descriptions of some of the many supporters of Lourdes Foundation this year. For each donor there is a story, and a connection. While each individual story may differ, the goal is remarkably the same. They give to the Foundation to support Lourdes High School and its students.

Founded in 1974, Lourdes Foundation continues to grow and support the needs of LHS in many ways - scholarships, parking, staff enrichment, classroom aids, building and grounds improvements, and music and art programs to name just a few.

The Board of Directors and I look forward to working with you towards another successful year of fulfilling our mission of helping to make Lourdes High School all it can be...for this is why the Foundation exists, why the donors give, and the very purpose of the Foundation itself.



Tina L. Mohr
President

2006 Annual Appeal Update

The 2006 Lourdes Foundation Annual Appeal resulted in gifts totaling \$76,000 with 277 donors participating. 3.5% of the total number of recipients responded with a gift. Alumni response was 1.9%.

Thank you for your partnership as we continue the Foundation's mission of providing financial support for Lourdes High School in promoting excellence in academics, the arts, and athletics, programs for spiritual growth and staff enrichment, and tuition assistance.

Your gift makes all the difference!



The Board of Directors of Lourdes Foundation cordially invites you to the

2007 Round Table Reception

Monday, April 30, 2007

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Lourdes High School
Main Foyer & Old Gym**

Please join us to

Induct Benedict & Eloise Dresbach
represented by their niece Mrs. Susie McClocklin

Honor Ray Zeman and
Circus World Bingo employees
for their dedicated years of service

Enjoy featured art work by Lourdes students
on display during Fine Arts Week

Wine & buffet hors d'oeuvres

RSVP by April 25th

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Established in 1988, the Round Table is a network of persons who have pledged a planned gift to Lourdes Foundation, Inc., a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the perpetuity of Lourdes High School.

**This gathering is strictly social and informational,
absent of any obligation.**



2006 Annual Meeting & Dinner Highlights

Lourdes Foundation hosted their Annual Meeting and Dinner at the Rochester Golf & Country Club on October 12, 2006. Over 140 guests enjoyed a gourmet buffet dinner followed by the presentation of three Foundation awards and a brief business meeting.



The **Dan '56** and Rita McCoy Family

Treasurer Joyce Even opened the program by providing an overview of the Foundation's financial report for the 2005-2006 budget year. Outgoing president Tim Welch presented two of the evening's three awards – the Woodruff Award and the President's Award. The Woodruff Award is given to those who have donated a substantial financial amount to Lourdes High School for a period of years as well as demonstrated a significant ongoing commitment to LHS. This year's recipients were **Dan '56** and Rita McCoy. The President's Award was given to Gene Eiden in honor of his life-long dedication to Lourdes High School. LHS Principal, **Denny Nigon '64**, presented the Alumni of the Year award to **Don Fox '54** recognizing his success in



The Gene and Fran Eiden Family



2006 Alumni of the Year -
Don Fox '54

career and community efforts as well as his continued commitment to Lourdes High School. Mr. Fox was instrumental in getting the Class of 1954 Scholarship fully funded. Due to his enthusiasm, focus, and persistent effort the \$10,000 minimum was reached in less than a year with the first scholarship awarded for the 2006-07 school year.

Following the awards, Dr. Welch gave a presentation highlighting LFI events for the past year including the successful 2005 Annual Appeal, increase in scholarships established, \$387,000 bequest given by Benny & Eloise Dresbach, facts and figures regarding the decision to end Circus World operations, and the search for a Director of Benefit Relations. He then introduced the new board candidates – Susan Krecke, Joe McBride, **Chris Price '89**, and Mark Stadtherr. A unanimous vote by attendees confirmed their membership on the board.

In conclusion Dr. Welch expressed sincere gratitude on behalf of Lourdes Foundation to all those present for their continued financial support. Because of our generous benefactors the Foundation is able to continue to fulfill the mission of helping to ensure a vital Catholic education at Lourdes High School.

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Distinguished Speaker Series

February 7, 2007

"It is the memories of sacred events, sacred places, and sacred experiences that will enliven our continuing pilgrimage through life."

Outside it was icebox cold with wind chills well below zero, but inside 115 guests were warmed by the heartfelt presentation given by Robert Gardner, Lourdes High School Religion Department Chair, and Barbara Plenge, Principal at St. Francis of Assisi School as they shared their experiences as pilgrims on the Franciscan Leadership Pilgrimage to Assisi, Italy in October 2006. Both Mr. Gardner, who was sponsored by Lourdes Foundation, and Mrs. Plenge, who was sponsored by Rochester Catholic Schools, attended the pilgrimage as part of the new Staff Enrichment Program. They joined a group of participants who have been sent yearly since 1997 by Mayo Foundation through the Saint Marys Sponsorship Board.

With persistent effort by the Lourdes Foundation Staff Enrichment Committee chaired by Barbara DeCramer, this new initiative was made available to a Lourdes staff member for the first time last year. Joining the LF effort, Rochester Catholic Schools also decided to sponsor an RCS representative.

The goal of the experience is for pilgrims to bring into focus the transformative vision and legacy of Saints Clare and Francis, and then return to their respective positions within the Catholic school system to share that spirituality with students, faculty, and peers.



Barbara Plenge shares her Assisi experience.

Both Barb and Bob made the sights, sounds, and emotions of their Assisi experience come alive. As they shared their thoughts and impressions, it was obvious the pilgrimage had made an indelible impact on each of them. Those present were inspired to learn more about Clare and Francis, and start, or continue, their own Franciscan journey.

Lourdes High School was founded by Franciscan Sisters. They were administrators, teachers, and friends. We are proud and grateful for our rich Franciscan tradition, and excited to be able to extend that legacy by sending two staff members each year to the Assisi Franciscan Leadership Pilgrimage.

Congratulations to the recently selected 2007 representatives: Mrs. Ann Oldenburg (Lourdes High School) and Mrs. Glenna Wasko (St. Pius X School).

Lourdes Building Our Future

Feasibility Study Announced

In February the Rochester Catholic Schools Board of Trustees announced the next step for the Lourdes "Building Our Future" initiative with the hiring of Mark Davy & Associates of St. Louis Park, MN to conduct a feasibility study for the project.

A Board of Trustees subcommittee was chartered in December to solicit and review proposals from regional and national firms who specialize in

conducting feasibility studies. Mark Davy & Associates was selected following a review of proposals from ten firms.

The feasibility study will identify the degree of support for a renovated downtown campus or the construction of a new "green site campus" for Lourdes High School. The study is expected to be completed by June 2007. Key findings will then be reported to all friends and alumni of LHS.



Circus World Operations Sold to Senior Citizens

In the fall of 2006 Lourdes Foundation announced the decision to end operations at Circus World Bingo. The hall was slated to close October 30, 2006, but due to an offer by the Rochester Senior Citizens Center to purchase the business, Circus World has remained open.

As part of the purchase agreement, Lourdes Foundation kept the hall running until January 1, 2007 when the Senior Center took over. "It was the goal of Lourdes Foundation that bingo players see a seamless transition and not miss a day of playing bingo," stated Steve Bieniek, Lourdes Foundation vice president.

The Rochester Senior Center hopes to build on the success Lourdes Foundation has already established at Circus World Bingo in raising funds and providing an entertainment outlet for the local community.

Plaque Installed to Honor Ray Zeman & Circus World Bingo Staff

To commemorate Ray Zeman, long time gambling manager, and all Circus World Bingo staff, a "brick" plaque in their honor is being presented and placed in Alumni Hall during the annual Round Table Reception April 30, 2007. A financial donation from the Foundation was also made to Lourdes High School in their name.

Since 1989 when Circus World Bingo operations were initiated, CWB became a successful endeavor supporting the educational mission of Lourdes High School in large part due to the hard work and dedication of its employees. With installation of the honorary plaque, the Board of Directors wishes to publicly recognize their efforts.

Gift Wish List Donations Make a Difference

As part of the 2006 Lourdes Foundation Annual Appeal, a Gift Wish List brochure was sent to alumni, parents, and friends of Lourdes providing the opportunity for donors to direct a gift to a particular item or area of interest.

This year gifts totaling \$7,759 paid for:

- 6 Vernier Dual Force Sensors and 6 Photogates (timers) for Physics classes laboratory experiments
- Compilation map set of the modern history of Europe for Social Studies classes
- LEGO Mindstorms Robotics Kit and software for Computer Technology classes
- Franciscan print and video materials, Kairos Retreat sponsorship, and liturgical music for the Faith Formation Department
- LCD projector, headsets/microphones to use during theater performances, and band/choir sheet music for the Art, Drama, & Music Departments
- Language Department computer lab materials
- Internet network connection access for the LHS auditorium
- Trophy case, umpires for softball, and funds towards a taping table for the Athletic Department

Thank you for your partnership in making the LHS learning experience the best it can be!



Students break during Science Lab and smile for the camera!



Planning Your Reunion?

Alumni Office Here to Help!

The Lourdes Foundation Alumni Office has expanded efforts to help you organize and plan your class reunion. Beginning in 2007 class contacts and officers for LHS grads celebrating an important anniversary year were sent a letter to help initiate planning. In addition a comprehensive Reunion Planning Handbook that outlines a step-by-step process for making your reunion a successful event is now available. Topics include Where To Start, How to Find Classmates, Reunion Finances, Publicity, Timeline for Mailings, Event Ideas, and Rochester Venues. Contact Lynnette Stadtherr, Alumni Relations, for your copy. We want to help you make your reunion a meaningful and fun event!

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New Alumni Directory Planned

The Lourdes Foundation Alumni Committee is excited to announce that work has begun on the publication of a 2008 Lourdes High School Alumni Directory. In collaboration with Harris Connect, Inc., a nationally known company in the field of alumni communications, the directory will contain complete listings with e-mail addresses and professional and personal information. According to **Chris Price '89**, Alumni Committee Chair, "Our goal is to provide the most up-to-date hard copy graduate reference possible."

In the next few weeks you will be receiving an alumni directory questionnaire to complete. We hope you will take a few minutes to verify your information and return the form promptly. Communications regarding directory purchase will be mailed later in the fall.

Updated Website Coming Soon

Lourdes Foundation is in the final planning stages for a complete renovation of their existing internet web site. A five member LFI Task Force chaired by board member **Chris Price '89** has been working since January to determine requirements for the site and research a web developer to create and design it. New features will include on-line giving,

LHS Music Endowment Fund

Music and the arts are a vital part of the educational experience at Lourdes High School. This year's annual budget for the Music Department was \$35,000 with monies provided by the school, a music participation fee, fundraising efforts by the Lourdes Music Boosters, and from the Lourdes Foundation Music Endowment Fund. Five percent of the endowment goes directly to the Music Department each year. Currently the endowment total is \$28,000.

Please consider making a donation to the Lourdes Foundation Music Endowment Fund. Make checks payable to Lourdes Foundation and in the memo section note "LHS Music Endowment."

Mark Your Calendar!

The next Jessica Murray Run/Walk is slated for Saturday, August 4th, starting at 9 a.m. at Silver Lake Park. Entry fee is \$10.

Registration forms available in the Foundation Office. For additional information contact Ray Murray (507) 252-1859 or realynn77@msn.com



interactive alumni directory, reunion pages, class pages, current events, Foundation news, photos, and newsletters. Mark Stadtherr, a member of the task force added, "The goal is to have a professional and user-friendly site to better connect with alumni, friends, and supporters of Lourdes Foundation and Lourdes High School."



Lourdes Students Repeat Top ACT Scores

Lourdes students again achieved exemplary ACT test scores for the 2005-2006 academic year. The ACT (American Collegiate Testing) process measures high school student proficiency in English, mathematics, reading, and science, along with a composite score that indicates the student's overall readiness for college-level work. Colleges and universities nationwide use the ACT as a key benchmark for student admission to their respective institutions.

The ACT composite score for Lourdes students was 25.4 with 90% of 2006 graduates (145 students) taking the exam. In curriculum specific scores, Lourdes students scored an exceptional 25.2 in English; 24.6 in Mathematics; 26.1 in Reading; and 24.9 in Science.

"We are committed to providing an extraordinary learning environment for students across our school system," commented Lourdes principal **Denny Nigon '64**, "and the consistent high ACT scores by Lourdes students confirm ongoing success in reaching that goal."

ACT Composite Scores

	2006 Composite	5-Year Average Composite
Lourdes	25.4	24.9
All Minnesota Schools	22.3	22.1
All Nationwide Schools	21.1	20.9

LHS Marching Band 007: License to Thrill

The Lourdes High School Marching Band took part in four competitions during the fall season capturing three first place trophies and placing 9th out of 29 bands in the prestigious Sioux Falls Band Competition at Howard Wood Stadium. This year's program featured the music of James Bond with the theme "007: License to Thrill"— and thrill they did with exciting performances in competitions as well as during home football halftime shows.

The marching band season culminated with the 2006 Indoor Marching Band Concert October 27th. Rochester Mayor Ardel Brede was the guest of honor and spoke a few words at the beginning of the evening. "I am very impressed with the hard work and enthusiasm of the band, and even more impressed with what they have accomplished this season. What a show!"

The band is composed of 85 members who prepare extensively for the fall season, including appearances at the June *Rochesterfest* parade and a two-week band camp held in late July. The students learned 80 different marching formations as well as all of the coordinating music. During performances the band was directed by dedicated drum majors, Adam Gallenburg and Kevin Mulligan. A talented Color Guard unit is an integral part of the program as well.

"I attribute the band's continued success to teaching the fundamentals of music and marching, the incredible work ethic of our students, and the spirit of vitality that our staff and students bring to every practice," stated marching band director, Mrs. Bonnie Poterucha.

Spaghetti Dinner a Success!

Saturday, January 27, 2007 marked the Annual LHS Senior Party Spaghetti Dinner held at the St. Pius X school cafeteria. Over 425 people enjoyed spaghetti, salad, garlic toast, dessert, and assorted beverages with food provided by the Canadian Honker restaurant and catering. Proceeds support the Senior Class Party, an all-night celebration following graduation that provides an opportunity for seniors to enjoy a safe and memorable night of great food, prizes, and entertainment.



Spaghetti servers dish it up!



Hi-Lighters & Center Street Singers Perform at MSU Jazz Festival

The talents of the Lourdes Hi-Lighters jazz band were recognized at a state-wide Jazz Festival held at the University of Minnesota – Mankato Saturday, March 3rd. After performing during the day, the group was selected from a field of 14 to open the evening's grand finale concert. The LHS group received an award for outstanding jazz ensemble performance and individual honors were awarded to Patrick Sitzer (bass) and Sheldon Kunkel (drums) for outstanding rhythm section.



Award winners Sheldon Kunkel (drums) and Patrick Sitzer (bass).

Both the Hi-Lighters and Center Street Singers performed and attended music clinics throughout the day. The Jazz Festival's evening concert included performances by the MSU Jazz Band and Jazz Singers along with featured guest artists nationally known Wayne Bergeron on trumpet and vocalist Kevin Mahogany.



Statewide Recognition for Lourdes Drumline

Besides superior entertainment, it's just impressive to see and hear...there's nothing like watching the energy and precision of a talented drum line performance. It makes your heart beat faster while your toes can't resist tapping. Once you've attended a competition, you want to go again.

The Lourdes Percussion Ensemble and Winter Drumline was honored to perform at the Minnesota Music Education Association (MMEA) Convention Friday, February 16, 2007 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The 36 member LHS group, selected by a distinguished panel of Minnesota music directors, presented its 2007 Drumline Show and also provided a clinic to all Minnesota band directors on "Developing and Managing Your Percussion Section: Strategies for Success."

The MMEA invitation is unique among local and regional high schools. This is the third consecutive MMEA performance honor for Lourdes High School: the Lourdes Choir performed at the MMEA Convention in 2005 and the Lourdes Center Street Singers in 2003.

Lourdes High School also hosted the 3rd Annual Indoor Percussion Festival on Sunday, March 11th at Century High School in Rochester. In addition to Lourdes, featured performers included drum lines from Burnsville High School, Coon Rapids High School, Eagan High School, Farmington High School, and Sartell High School in Minnesota as well as Whitnall High School from Wisconsin. The popular event was open to the public.

"The indoor percussion activity is the fastest growing music activity in the country," stated Lee Krueger, Percussion Director at Lourdes High School. "The number of groups involved in the Minnesota Percussion Association has more than tripled in the past decade; this activity teaches our students that outstanding performances are achieved through dedication and hard work."

Congratulations to the Lourdes Drumline on their accomplishments during this year's performance season!



Student Council Focuses on Service

Last fall the Lourdes Student Council started the school year by focusing awareness on the issue of homelessness in the Rochester community. As a service project the group provided all the groceries and supplies as well as hosted a meal for local homeless at Christ United Methodist Church. The church hosts a weekly Saturday noon meal throughout the year. According to Monte Imming, LHS Student Council Advisor, over 90 guests were served, "No questions are asked and all are treated to a hot meal in good company with the utmost respect." This year students hope to increase participation by sponsoring more Saturday meals with additional volunteers from the student body at large.



Monte Imming, Will Newkirk, and Luke Hendrickson

In October Student Council members participated in the Cardboard Box City Project on the grounds of the Rochester YM/YWCA. The annual event raised

over \$21,000 for the Interfaith Hospitality Network, Dorothy Day House, and Salvation Army.

With donations from students and friends of Lourdes the student council members sponsored a box for the burgeoning city. Participants stayed overnight in the makeshift city to experience homelessness besides raising funds. Lourdes students contributed over \$2300 as part of this year's campaign.

December brought the "Warm Hands/Warm Hearts" project. Over 300 items including hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves were collected for local grade schools in need. Students also collected 32 coats for teens in need. Also in December council members hosted their annual gourmet holiday breakfast for Lourdes faculty and staff complete with holiday decorations and crispy waffles made on the spot!

During the Lenten season in March \$500 was collected for the Channel One Food Shelf through several promotions including "Jeans Day" where for \$1 students and faculty are allowed to wear jeans for the day (a popular fundraiser!).

The LHS Student Council serves our community – both on and off campus – through activities that emphasize respect, hospitality, and social commitment. It provides opportunities for students to experience the satisfaction that comes in service to others...a tradition that's been a part of Lourdes High School from the very beginning.

LHS Music Department Celebrates Jazz

On Friday evening, February 23rd Alumni Hall at Lourdes High School was transformed into the 6th Avenue Jazz Club – a 1920's club. Guests were seated at cozy tables and enjoyed a strong "cuppa Joe" and tempting sweets for "da sweet" while listening to big band numbers, jazz tunes, and vocal selections including "Dream a Little Dream," "It Had to Be You," and "Sweet Home Chicago."

The annual Night of Jazz is a favorite of both students and concert-goers. The Center Street Singers, Hi-Lighters, Junior High Jazz Band, Swing Street ensemble, and many talented LHS vocalists presented a variety of musical selections throughout the evening. This popular event provides an opportunity for students to perform in a very different venue. It also raises important funds that support the LHS Music Department.

"We appreciate the many volunteers who give their time and talents in putting this evening together. It truly enriches our music program." stated Bonnie Poterucha, Director of the Lourdes Hi-Lighters.

In the words of jazz great Count Basie, "Everything was mostly fun, the whole thing!"



LHS Hi-Lighters perform a jazzy tune.



Student Accolades

Maria Becker was selected by Rochester Mayor Ardell Brede as the winner of the Rochester ARTSoberFEST button contest. Maria's work entitled "Fall into Art" was featured at the ARTSoberFEST kick-off event hosted by the mayor September 30, 2006 and was featured at all ARTSoberFEST events held throughout the month of October.

At the end of the fall sports season **Lourdes High School** was the Class A leader for the 2006-07 Minnesota State High School League Challenge Cup. The Challenge Cup is a statewide, year-long competition where points are awarded to schools based on their success in tournament play. The two schools that earn the most points at the end of the school year - one in Class A, one in Class AA - are awarded the traveling Challenge Cup trophy.

Katherine Flesher earned Minnesota All-State Honors in Girls Varsity High School Soccer.

The **Lourdes Varsity Football Team** played in the Class AAA quarterfinals at the Metrodome last November after winning the Section 1AAA championship. It was their first appearance since winning the Class A state title in 1979. Senior **Jake Duda** was named to the Minnesota All State Second Team in the defensive line.

The **Lourdes Girls Varsity Tennis Team** won the Minnesota State Class A Championship for the 10th consecutive year. **Molly Noser** also placed 4th in individual competition.

The **LHS Girls Cross Country Team** took 3rd place at State last fall - the **Boys CC Team** placed 9th.

The **Lourdes Lego Robotics Team** won first place at the Lego Robotics Competition in December 2006. The design by **Mark Doyle, Travis Hettwer, Matt Larson, Eric Schluttner,** and **Mike Williamson** won "Best Functioning Design," "Best Overall Design," and was the top team overall winner for long-term project.

Michael Bagwell received the National Hispanic Recognition Award which identifies outstanding Hispanic high school students nationwide based on verbal, math, and writing skill scores on PSAT/NMSQT testing taken in the student's junior year.

Caitlin Alexander and **Paul Schaettle** were named All Conference during Conference One-Act Play competition in January 2007. The Lourdes one-act play also proceeded to section level competition at Winona State University.

The *Rochester Women Area Home & Healthy Living* magazine recognized a Lourdes High School junior, **Becky Fishbune**, with their Extraordinary Rochester Women Award in the Artist/Musician category. Becky was featured with awardees in four additional categories on the front cover of the January/February 2007 issue. The Extraordinary Rochester Women Award is given to recognize women in five separate categories who have made a difference by giving a



little "extra" to inspire others to make their lives the best they can be. Nominations were made in the form of essays explaining the nominee's qualifications and also by letters illustrating how the nominee caught the attention of their nominators, and how they continue to make a difference in our community.

Lourdes senior **John Delmundo** swimming for Rochester John Marshall qualified for the Minnesota State Swim Meet in Class AA in two relay events - the 200 freestyle and 200 medley and the 100 breaststroke.

Dan Martin and **Ben Sparks** were named top varsity players at the Rochester High School Annual Chess Championship in March. Ben was also named to the "All League" varsity team. The Lourdes Chess Team took the Junior Varsity Championship. Several players also advanced to the Minnesota High School Chess Tournament in Eagan.

James Oeth was selected to compete in the 2007 Art Institute's Best Teen Chef Competition semifinals in March at The Art Institute of Seattle in Seattle, Washington. Selection was based on his three-course menu plan, essay, and high school transcript. He currently works as an assistant chef/line chef at the Rochester restaurant, Sontes. He will also be vying for one of 20 spots at the national Best Teen Chef 2007 event to be held May 5th at The Art Institute of Dallas. The competition awards one high school senior a \$35,000 scholarship to study culinary arts at The Art Institutes.



Lourdes seniors **Amy Bannon** and **Grace Kimmel** were named 2007 National Merit Scholarship Finalists. Eight seniors were named Commended Students: **Nicholas Anderson, Joseph Cossette, Christopher Glenski, Katherine Jacobsen, Megan Johnson, Frances Kellogg, Elizabeth Olive,** and **Nathaniel Weigel.**



Senior **Gretchen Leyendecker** and freshman **Michelle Bonapace-Potvin** were named to the Associated Press 2007 All-State Girls Hockey Team.

Dani Techentin (percussion) and **Marko Bajzer** (bassoon) were named to the 2006 Minnesota All State High School Band and **Rafael Nuguid** (violin) was named to the All State Orchestra. Marko, along with **Chris Kennedy** and **Nathaniel Weigel** also won 1st Place in Southwest Regional Competition in the prestigious Minnesota Music Listening Contest, advancing them to state competition. The Music Listening Contest is a statewide event where teams of three students compete based on their knowledge of a wide range of musical compositions, their composers, and historical context of the music.



The **Lourdes Math League Team** won the Dynamic Hiawatha Division and placed six students in the top ten for the region: **Karl Schaettle** (3rd), **Mike Resman** (4th), **Matt Techentin** (5th), **Patti Geisler** (7th), **Tucker Ward** (8th), and **Lauren Pemberton** (10th). The division win earned the team a trip to state where they were honored with a 3rd place Tier II trophy for regular season play. Also at the state tournament the team consisting of **Patti Geisler, Robert Kim, Sheldon Kunkel, Lauren Pemberton, Mike Resman, Karl Schaettle, Matt Techentin, Tucker Ward,** and alternate **Melissa Bagniewski** earned second place honors in State Tier II competition and placed 6th in State overall. The team was coached by Marilyn Riederer with assistance from Ann Oldenburg, John Resman, and Jenny Scott.



Abbie Farmer placed first in the Great Speeches category and **Joseph Pyfferoen** placed first and **Caitlin Alexander** placed second in the Humorous category at the Hiawatha Valley League Conference Speech meet in March.

Bayode Adafin, a four-year starter for the Lourdes Varsity Soccer Team who finished his high school career with 78 goals and 35 assists and was named to the Midwest Regional soccer team, has decided to play for Division I Columbia University in New York next fall. Although playing Division I is exciting, it's not the most important reason why Bayode chose Columbia – his primary consideration was their academic program. "I want to get a rigorous education...I like the idea of studying economics," said Bayode. He will join six other Lourdes alumni who have played Division I soccer: **Ben Garry '97** (Pittsburgh), **Eric Hanson '00** (St. John's, New York), **Jon Wagner '00** (Western Michigan), **Chris Glinski '02** (Michigan), and **Tim Macken '03** (Pittsburgh).



From the Principal...

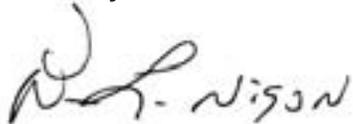
Greetings and best wishes from the students, faculty, staff, and administration of Lourdes High School!

As we enter the final quarter of the 2006-2007 school year the Lourdes community continues to work diligently on an already outstanding school year experience. In reviewing the past three quarters we are very pleased with the many successes our student body has enjoyed. Marvelous accomplishments in academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community service projects, and spiritual growth have served as the catalyst for a school year filled with satisfaction.

Students at Lourdes continue to build on the rich tradition established for them by all those who have been a part of the school's history. During this school year the administration, faculty, and staff have focused on Franciscan spirituality as a conduit for spiritual growth. Sister Romona Miller, an expert on the lives of St. Francis and St. Clare, shared insights into how we can all grow closer to God by following the path of these marvelous saints at our annual retreat. Two RCS members, Barbara Plenge, Principal of St. Francis elementary school, and Robert Gardner, Lourdes Religion Department Chair, also assisted in this effort by sharing their most recent experience as pilgrims to Assisi. Early in the upcoming school year we will send two more pilgrims to Assisi to continue with our effort of infusing Franciscan spirituality into our lives. We are deeply grateful to the Franciscan Sisters for all they did for us when establishing Lourdes many years ago. It is our intention to honor their efforts by applying what we have learned in teaching and every day interaction with our students.

Lourdes High School is blessed to have so many people committed to assuring its perpetuity. Please be assured that all benefactors are remembered regularly in our prayers. We take very seriously our responsibility in continuing Lourdes' rich tradition!

Sincerely,



Dennis L. Nigon, '64, Principal
Lourdes High School

Coach Carroll Marks 400th Win

During halftime at the January 26th girls basketball game against Winona Cotter, Girls Assistant Varsity and B-squad Coach **Mike Carroll '69** was honored for his 400th B-squad coaching win earlier in the month. Coach Carroll was presented with a basketball signed by members of both the B-squad and Varsity teams.

Mr. Carroll started coaching at Lourdes for 9th grade football in 1982 and during his 25 year tenure the team has had only one losing season. He began coaching B-squad girls basketball in 1986 as well as assistant coaching the varsity team. Coach Carroll has a current B-squad record of 413 wins – 52 losses and the 2006-07 team compiled a 21 game winning streak. Besides football and basketball, he has coached B-squad baseball since 1987. Coach Carroll is one of the original baseball coaches along with **Bernie Carlson '82** and Doug Hudson.

"It has been a joy to work with all of the great kids I have coached over the years – they are the ones who have achieved the records, I just happened to be there when they came by," said Coach Carroll. "The joy of being able to coach my three children, **John-Howard '01**, **Fae '02**, and **Tim '03**, was truly a blessing. And finally, none of this would have been possible without the love and support of my beautiful wife, Kathy."



Coach **Mike Carroll '69** and son, **John-Howard '01**



Coach Myron Glass and Alumni Pat Clark Inducted into Hall of Fame

Myron Glass, Lourdes Girls Basketball and Cross Country coach, and **Pat Clark '57**, standout athlete in football and track, were both inducted into the Rochester Quarterbacks Club Hall of Fame during their annual dinner at the Mayo Civic Auditorium in Rochester April 16, 2007.



Coach Glass with the 1990 girls starters.

Coach Glass is the most successful coach in the history of Minnesota high school sports. He has led Lourdes teams to 16 state titles. During

his 23-year tenure as head girls coach he guided the Eagles to a 586-75 record with 14 appearances in the state tournament and eight state championships. In one four-year span, 1989-90 through 1992-93, his Lourdes teams won 112 of 115 games and captured three state titles. Coach Glass began his career at Lourdes in 1970 coaching the boys B-squad basketball team to a 149-94 record before starting his very successful run as girls head coach.

Besides basketball, Coach Glass has also led the boys and girls cross country teams for 33 years. His boys teams won four straight state titles from 1978 through 1981. Both the boys and girls teams won state championships in 1981 as well. He has

Tom Murphy Named RASC Coach of the Year

With a crowd of about 500 people on hand at the Mayo Civic Auditorium January 29th, the Rochester Amateur Sports Commission recognized 30 finalists in six categories during the second annual RASC Banquet. Retired Lourdes High School Golf Coach **Tom Murphy '69**, was named this year's RASC Coach of the Year.

"It was such a privilege to coach at Lourdes, my old school, for 29 years; it's just been a great ride. All the relationships with the kids over the years were the best thing. Everything that happens for them afterward (high school) is what's most important, and that's what I remember most," said Coach Murphy during his acceptance speech.



also coached boys and girls track, leading the girls to three state titles including back-to-back championships in 1981 and 1982.



1957 State Championship Team – Pat Clark back row, 2nd from left

Pat Clark '57 won four letters in both track and football at Lourdes. He led the team to state Catholic track titles in 1955, 1956, and 1957. He won individual state championships in the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes as a junior and senior, setting state meet records in both events. He also won a state title in long jump. As a running back in football Pat was named All-State in 1955 and was selected to the All-Catholic All-American high school team in 1956. He attended Northwestern University on a football scholarship before leaving college to join the Marines. He played on a Marine football team in California and was named to the All-Marine national team.

Coach Murphy retired in 2006 following 29 seasons at Lourdes. He was inducted into the Minnesota Golf Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2004. He led Lourdes to 19 HVL Conference titles and advanced to the state meet 17 times. Four of his players were state champions.



1995 Boys State Championship Golf Team

Lourdes Grad Kathleen Marek Gleich Receives NCEA Distinguished Teacher Award

Kathleen Marek Gleich '79, a religion teacher at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School in Hastings, Minnesota, was awarded the National Catholic Education Association's Regional Distinguished Teachers Award during their annual convention the week of April 9th, 2007.

Each fall all member NCEA schools are invited to submit a nominee for this prestigious award. The award was established in honor of Sister Miriam Joseph Farrell, PBVM, in 1981 and is presented yearly to a teacher in each of the 12 NCEA geographic regions. Nominees must be a teacher with a clear integrated philosophy of Catholic education, a teacher held in high regard by peers, students, and parents, and a Catholic elementary school teacher for at least 10 years. Besides completing an in-depth application form, nominees must also secure the principal's endorsement and include three letters of reference.

According to Ms. Rita Humbert, principal of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School, "I cannot think of a more deserving candidate for the NCEA Distinguished Teacher Award. I supervise 25+ teachers and Kathy clearly stands out as my choice for nomination."

In her letter of recommendation fellow teacher, Ms. Collene Petersen stated, "She truly understands and loves the adolescent child, a very complex being...she is always willing to help and be there in any way she can."

Kathy and her husband, Peter, have three daughters: Mary, 19, a freshman at St. Mary's University in Winona; Elizabeth, 16, a junior at Cretin-Durham Hall High School; and Anne, 12, a 6th grader at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Her husband is also a religion teacher at Cretin-Durham Hall. Kathy's parents, Philip and Beverly Marek, reside in Rochester. All six of their children attended St. Francis School and graduated from Lourdes High School. Kathy attended St. Mary's College and graduated in 1983 with a double major in religious education and youth ministry. She completed her master's degree, also at St. Mary's, in 2004.



The Gleich family (left to right): Mary (19), Peter, Kathleen, Anne (12), and Elizabeth (16)

According to Kathy, her favorite Lourdes teachers included: Mr. Nigon, Speech – who pointed out that she played with the pleat in her uniform when giving a speech; Mr. Kroska, English – who called her the "French fry queen" since she worked at McDonald's; Mr. Jewison, Latin – who taught her that "sophomore" meant "wise moron" (something she reminds her daughters of when they reach 10th grade!); Mrs. Libera, Spanish – where we prayed the "Hail Mary" in Spanish every day for four years which she now teaches to her 8th graders and they pray it each day); and finally, Fr. Joe Fogal and Fr. Peter Klein, Religion – teachers who were shaping her to be a religion teacher and "I didn't even know it!"

Stated LHS Principal **Denny Nigon '64**, "We are very proud and honored to congratulate Kathy on receiving this national award in recognition of her exceptional accomplishments as a Catholic school teacher."

NCEA is the largest private, professional education association in the world. Founded in 1904, the association's membership represents more than 200,000 educators serving 7.6 million students in Catholic education at all levels.



A Break in the Clouds... Impressions from the African Bush

*Lourdes has a long tradition of fostering community service and active citizenship. **Kris Hickmann '01** is currently a member of the Peace Corp serving in Keemba, Zambia at the Keemba Rural Health Center helping with HIV/AIDS prevention training.*

Regarding her new home...

Since being posted to my new home in Keemba, Zambia, I have been adjusting to the rigors and complexities of bush life. I have had more firsts than in my first 23 years of life...namely cooking over coals, hauling water from the well, and bathing out of a bucket. I've had to keep reminding myself, "You're not camping Kris! This is real life and it will continue for the next 700 days!"

The bumpy roads, the lizard in my bed at 4 in the morning, the stench of body odor and animal excrement in the marketplace, the women wrapped in brightly colored chitenges and balancing impossibly big buckets on their heads...it makes a person feel alive.

Work challenges...

Zambia is 16% HIV positive. As an HIV/AIDS volunteer, I will be helping with the Community AIDS Task Force in my village. Zambia's cultural context does not make it easy to educate people about HIV/AIDS. Those of us in public health here must always walk the line.

So many contrasts...

Africa as a cohesive unit is an illusion – it's a hodgepodge of peoples, cultures, and histories... Zambia is only a tiny part of the melting pot.

It's more complex than its dreams – those faded postcards of fiery sunsets, hippos wallowing in wide waterways, or women walking in a stately line with water containers balanced precariously on their heads. It's also much more than its nightmares – disease, hunger, and desperation brought on by colonial rule and the home-grown corruption that followed.

Scattered thoughts...

- ▶ Most Zambians lead quite tidy, comfortable, and hygienic lives without the advantages of electricity and running water. The simple life can be a blessing to be sure and adjustment to the lack of amenities really isn't so hard.

- ▶ Fat is a compliment here! It's almost impossible for a Western woman to believe, but when Zambians want to pay me a compliment they say, "Ah, Choolwe, how fat you are getting! You are looking very fat today!" It is an insult to imply someone has lost weight.
- ▶ It gets cold. The climate here isn't the oven pop culture would make it out to be. During the cold season (May – July) there is sometimes frost on last season's husks of maize. Whoever thought you could freeze in Africa?
- ▶ Zambians are direct in conversation. They simply fix you with a stare and an eyebrow furrow and interrogate, which is not considered rude here.
- ▶ Zambians can't stand to see anybody without a family. You become a part of one immediately. They really do believe that it takes a village.

Until next time...

I'm thankful for everything I've got, and every day that I've got it, and I'm glad I'm here two years because I think I have a lot more to learn from these people than they do from me.

*To read more about Kris' experiences or send her a note, check her web site blog:
<http://www.getjealous.com/getjealous.php?go=krishickman>*



Kris Hickman and her first Zambian foster parents Andrew and Christeta Mumbwata.



(In honor of all LHS veterans, and with his permission, the following is from an article written by Rich Daly '66 for a supplement to the Rochester Post Bulletin.)

Viet Nam and the Class of 1966

By Rich Daly '66

It was October 1968 when my classmate and good friend **Bill DeWitt '66** and I were students at Rochester Junior College after both graduating from Lourdes High School in 1966. I had come home from school for lunch and there was my draft notice. When I got back to campus that same day, over a dozen other students had also received their draft notices, including Bill. By early December Bill and I had both enlisted in the Army with orders to report in January. About the same time our close friends and classmates **Nick Wagner** and **John Bruzek** joined the Marines. John was the first to go, so to commemorate the first of our departures, we cut a dollar bill into four pieces and promised we would join them back together when all of us were out of the military and back in Rochester.

Before Bill and I left, we spent a lot of time with longtime friend and Lourdes classmate, **Gary Schoenfelder '66**. Gary, a Marine, had just returned from Viet Nam where, among other things, he survived the 1968 siege at Khe Sahn. One story Gary told about Viet Nam sticks in my mind. During a mortar attack, Gary dove into a foxhole to avoid the fire. While he was in there, another Marine landed on top of him. When Gary looked up, it was former classmate, Joe Flees.

Army Basic Training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky in January 1969, was the beginning of my and Bill's military experience. But we weren't alone. Good friends and classmates **Rich Lawler '66** and brothers **Matt '66** and **Ed Kuisle '65** were also there. Rich Lawler went from Kentucky to serve in Germany, and Matt Kuisle continued his service in Alaska. Ed Kuisle, like me, would go on to Fort Polk, Louisiana, and eventually Viet Nam.

For the four of us that cut up that dollar bill, we spent our tours in different parts of the world. John Bruzek served in Okinawa. Bill DeWitt was stationed at Bien Hoa airbase outside of Saigon, Viet Nam. Nick served with the 3rd Marines just south of the demilitarized zone (DMZ) in Viet Nam. After that, Nick served as a Marine MP in Okinawa and then at Camp LeJune in South Carolina. With only a few weeks left in the Marines Nick was severely wounded while serving as an MP on a late night bus back to camp.

My unit, the Army's 11th Infantry Battalion, 5th Mechanized Division actually replaced Nick's 3rd

Marines on the DMZ. On the morning of August 10, 1969, while in a night time position near the DMZ, our company was attacked by a unit of the North Vietnamese Army. Several of us were wounded by the RPG round that launched the attack and as a result left Viet Nam a few days later.

On New Years Eve, 1970 the four of us, Bill, Nick, John and I, met as agreed on what was known back then as Dayton's corner at the intersection of 2nd Street SW and Broadway in Rochester and put that dollar bill back together. The Post Bulletin recorded our story and featured us in an article.



William DeWitt, John Bruzek, Nicolas Wagner, and Richard Daly

Many other LHS graduates served our country during this time. Fellow classmate and good friend **Jeff Brown** was also at Fort Campbell in

January 1969. Jeff had already returned from a tour in Viet Nam. Jeff's brother **Greg '69** served as Navy Corpsman taking care of Viet Nam vets at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Another close friend and classmate, **Pete Markus**, was already in Viet Nam. Pete served two tours with the Navy Seabees.

Jim Wagner (no relation to Nick) was the only Viet Nam fatality from the LHS Class of 1966.

Other friends and classmates that served include: Jim Carter and his brother **Nick '64**, both Marines who served in I Corps near the DMZ not far from where I was stationed. **Mick Kane '69** served as an infantry radioman with the Army's Americal Division at about the same time. Classmates **Steve Breese**, **Steve Brossard**, **Dan Dinneen**, **Scott Kuluvar** and **Mike Wolters** all served in Viet Nam as did **Pooky Delaney '65**. Those are just the ones I can remember!

Veterans tend to be very proud of their service to their country. I am proud and honored to have known and served with the veterans mentioned above.



PEACE

Sympathy and prayers are offered to the families and friends of these Lourdes Alumni who have died:



- **Michael A. Bourassa '88** (son of **Patty LaBarre '56**)
- **Henry "Hank" Doran '54**
- **Maybelle A. Finn '22** (Heffron High School)
- **Joanne (Koehnen) Frutiger '55**
- **John "Jack" Joyce '45**
- **Robert F. Kittley '47**
- **Donald Kleist '46**
- **Maryellen (Mulvihill) Kunde '36** (St. John's High School)
- **David M. Ryan '61**
- **Robert J. Wilson '55**
- **Thomas Wolf '47**

Sympathy and prayers are offered to the families and friends of these Lourdes Alumni who have lost loved ones:

Elise Doucette '96, John Doucette '01, Paul Doucette '93 & Therese Doucette '98 on the death of their grandmother, Mary Forestell.

Bob Krebsbach '61, Tom Krebsbach '65, Mary (Krebsbach) Simpson '70 & Ann (Krebsbach) Sparks '72 on the death of their father, Robert F. Krebsbach.

Laurie (Herold) Wooner '78, Mary Benedict, Pete Herold & Anthony Herold on the death of their father, Ken P. Herold.

Linda (Muyres) Becker '65, Daniel Muyres '76, Gail (Muyres) Ripley '81, Greg Muyres, John Muyres, James Muyres & Carol Muyres on the death of their father, Dick Muyres.

Lou Reitemeier '70, Paul Reitemeier '71, Joseph Reitemeier '72, Sue (Reitemeier) Grohs '74, Robert Reitemeier '75, Patrick Reitemeier '80 & Daniel Reitemeier '83 on the death of their father Richard Reitemeier. Dr. Reitemeier was a founding member of the Lourdes Foundation.

The family of **Ralph Peterson**. Mr. Peterson taught high school and coached football at Lourdes High School from 1951 to 1956.

Rev. Paul Nelson '53, Bernard Nelson '56 & Richard Nelson '60 on the death of their mother, Lenora Nelson.

Sr. Charlotte Hesby '66, Marcia (Hesby) Goodmanson '72, Colleen (Hesby) McManus '73, James Hesby '69 & Richard Hesby '70 on the death of their mother, Marguerite Hesby.

Robert Hughes '75, Kevin Hughes '79, Maureen Hughes '72, Karen (Hughes) Spading '73 & Brigh Hughes '78 on the death of their mother, Margaret Hughes.

Carolyn Aksamit '98, Victoria Aksamit '01, Peter Aksamit '09 & James Aksamit '09 on the death of their grandfather, Allen Aksamit.

Donna Kay (Buske) Almstead '60, Thomas Buske '64, John Buske '68 & Joseph Buske '73 on the death of their mother, Catherine Buske.

Jeanne (Norrie) Kremer '53, Catherine (Norrie) Wirtz '65, Paul Norrie '57, Ken Norrie '71, Thomas Norrie & Michael Norrie on the death of their mother, Dorothy Norrie.

Ronald Colvin '59, Larry Colvin '72 & Joanne (Colvin) Walters '66 on the death of their father, Art Colvin.

Thomas Starcken '61 & Suzanne Beaver on the death of their mother, Parmalee Starcken.

Mark Bendel '01 & Jenna Bendel '03 on the death of their father, Markus Bendel.

Thomas Lindeen '65 on the death of his mother, Isabelle Lindeen.

Charlotte (Fritsch) Riddle '58 & Shirleyann (Fritsch) Dee '64 on the death of their father, Richard "Don" Fritsch.

Charleen (Riddle) Huber '79, Cheryl (Riddle) Caron '80, Cristin (Riddle) Oelfke '86, Troy Dee '88 & Tara Dee '95 on the death of their grandfather.

Craig Freeman '77, Michelle (Freeman) Schurhammer '78, Cynthia Jensen & Diane Arnold on the death of their mother Beverly Freeman. **Bill Kesler '54** on the death of his sister. **Melissa (Jensen) Saunders '97 & Shane Jensen '00** on the death of the grandmother.

Every effort is made to publish accurate alumni memorial information. Please accept our apology for any unintentional omissions. To update our records contact the Foundation Office at 621 West Center Street, Rochester, MN 55902, call 507-289-2584, or email lourdesfoundation@rochestercatholic.k12.mn.us.



1950's

Joseph Weis '50 – was chosen to receive the Congressional Medal of Distinction from the National Republican Congressional Committee. He was selected because of his “unyielding support of the Republican Party, outstanding leadership in business and contributions to the local economy.”



Class of 1956 – The Class of 1956 celebrated their 50th reunion the weekend of September 8 -10, 2006. Events included lunch at Beetles restaurant in Rochester, a visit to Assisi Heights with class member Sister Joan Hrabe as tour guide, and a casual dinner gathering at Michael's Friday night. On Saturday the group met for a tour of Lourdes, attended 4 p.m. mass at St. Pius X Church, and afterwards joined together for a banquet dinner at the Radisson hotel. Classmates enjoyed renewing old friendships and reminiscing about their years at LHS!

Edward McBride '57 – retired from the DuPont Company after working for 39 years as a research scientist. After retirement, he moved to Medford, Oregon.



Class of 1959 – The Class of 1959 gathered to celebrate their 47th reunion over the weekend of October 6-8, 2006. Thirty-eight classmates and 22 guests participated in several activities beginning with a Friday night get-together at Michael's restaurant. On Saturday morning a golf outing took place. That afternoon the class had a tour of Lourdes High School with guide and former teacher Dick Sherman followed by a mass in the chapel celebrated by classmate Father Dale Tupper. That evening the group enjoyed dinner at the Rochester

Golf & Country Club. The reunion ended with brunch at the Radisson on Sunday morning. Classmate Jesse Lovelace, a freelance writer, put together a special “yearbook” with Class of '59 highlights as well as “live after graduation” stories. According to Jan Fuller, one of the reunion planners, “It was a memorable weekend with renewed friendships and anticipation for our upcoming 50th reunion in 2009.” Classmate Sharon Hand O'Brien commented, “It went so well...we had a ball!”

1960's

Michael T. Sheehan '64 – won the William Komiarski Transportation Advocate Award. This award is presented to an individual or unit of government that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in improving Minnesota's transportation infrastructure.

1970's

Jim Gander '77 – was recently named president of the Minnesota Builders Association. Jim owns Superior Plumbing and Heating, which has approximately 150 employees and offices in three cities.

1980's

Paul Krolak '81 – is the current president of the Rochester Community Youth Basketball Association. He has been involved with RCYBA since 2000 and was recently featured in a Post Bulletin article talking about RCYBA and what it offers for local youth.

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

welcomed their son, Michael Alexander Price, on January 20, 2007. Michael weighed 6 lbs., 2 oz.



1990's

Patricia (Reardon) Price '92 – received her doctorate degree in Psychology from the University of St. Thomas in August 2006.

Heather (Woxland) Kantor '95 – married Steven Kantor on December 31, 2006.

John Beatty '97 – has joined the Dunlap & Seeger law firm in Rochester as an associate attorney in the firm's Litigation section.

Melissa (Jensen) Saunders '97 – has joined the Estate Planning and Probate section of the Dunlap & Seeger law firm as an associate attorney.



Chad D. Silker '98 – ran his second Chicago Marathon on Sunday, October 22, 2006. He finished in 3:04:50 and qualified to run in the Boston Marathon. Chad and his wife, Beth, live in Ballwin, Missouri.

2000's

Joe Poterucha '00 – and his wife, Amy, welcomed their second child, Daniel Joseph, to their family on January 29, 2007. Daniel joins his older sister Annabella at home.

Becky A. (Silker) Hughes '00 - Becky and her husband, Andrew, welcomed a new addition to their family on July 28, 2006. Marley Malia Hughes weighed in at 9 lbs. 15 ounces and 22 inches. Becky works in Human Resources for Gunderson – Lutheran Medical Center in La Crosse, Wisconsin. The family resides in Cashton, Wisconsin. Becky graduated with honors with a B.S. degree in Business Administration – Human Resources from the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse in 2004.

Joshua Bargfrede '01 – married Kathryn Hughes on October 14, 2006 at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Rochester. The couple is making their home in Rochester.



John-Howard Carroll '01 – married Carrie Ann Gruenwald on April 14, 2007 at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Rochester.

John Crowley '01 – married Rebecca Clark on November 4, 2006 in Onalaska, WI. The couple is living in Onalaska. John works at Fastenal in Winona as a computer programmer and Becky works at Rottinghaus Company in La Crosse as a payroll coordinator.



Matthew C. Silker '02 - ran his first marathon at the Chicago Marathon on Sunday, October 22, 2006. He ran with an upper respiratory infection, but still finished with a time of 5:45:54. Matthew graduated

with a B.S. degree in Electronic Media from the University of Northern Iowa in December 2006. He was commissioned during graduation ceremonies as a Second Lieutenant with the U.S. Army Aviation and is stationed at Fort Rucker, AL. Matthew married Megan Hetzler from Muscatine, Iowa on February 16, 2007.

Julie Riederer '03 - was nominated as outstanding Liberal Arts Graduate of Marquette College, Milwaukee, WI. She was also awarded the Outstanding Psychology Student of the Year Award and was co-recipient of the Richard Nash Memorial Award for students demonstrating excellence for their work in statistics.

Kelsey Stadtherr '03 - was nominated for her work as stage manager of the University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse production of “Marisol” to participate in the 39th Annual Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in January 2007. She was selected by a regional AKCACTF adjudicator after critique of the main stage presentation in November. The festival recognizes promising theater students in various categories on and off stage.

Ben Passe '03 - a junior midfielder/defender for the St. John's University soccer team was named to the 2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American Third Team. He was also named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Five soccer team and first-team All MIAC for the 2006 season. **Tyler Kodet '05**, a sophomore forward, was also named to the MIAC first-team.

Neil Murray '03 – is currently stationed at Kandahar Air Field in Afghanistan as part of the Wisconsin Air National Guard. He is a Senior Airman in the 128th Air Control Squadron based at Volk Field near Camp Douglas. He was recently featured in a Rochester Post Bulletin article describing the Afghan hockey rink where he plays with fellow soldiers who all love the game. Their rink doesn't have ice, but rather is smooth concrete complete with wooden boards and chicken wire fencing to keep the ball in play. According to goalie Neil, “We're just out there to have a good time and get some time away from work.”

Tim Carroll '03 - The male A Cappella group “Undeclared” from Luther College including bass singer Tim performed for Lourdes music students on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 in the LHS auditorium. The group went on to compete in the 2007 Varsity Vocals International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) Midwest regional competition at Michigan State University later that month. They earned third place honors.



2000's

Jenny Shaughnessy '05 - continues as a standout swimmer for the University of Minnesota women's swimming and diving team. For the second straight year the Gopher sophomore assured herself of a spot in the NCAA national meet. The Gophers set eight school records including four individual event records by Jenny in the 100 and 200 freestyle, 200 backstroke, and the 200 individual medley. Jenny also received All American Honors for the 200 individual medley and the 400 free relay.

Christopher Riederer '06 - By achieving high scores in four Advanced Placement classes – Literature, Biology, and Calculus taken at Lourdes High School along with Physics taken at Mayo High school, Chris was named an AP Scholar with Honor by the College Board Advanced Placement Program in September 2006. Earning the award signifies completion of upper level college courses prior to high school graduation and enables students to earn college credit as well as enhanced academic placement prior to enrollment. Christopher is currently a college freshman at Yale.

Lauren Luebbe '06 - a member of the Regis University girls basketball team, played in the NCAA Division II North Central Regional Tournament in March. Regis made its third straight appearance in the tournament.

From the EAGLE Archives...



Do you remember?

(Reprinted from the December 1943 issue of the Lourdes EAGLE:)

"The unconquerable spirit of the Lourditers has won for them the honor of collecting more paper per student in the recent nationwide paper drive sponsored by the War Production Board and "Truth or Consequences" (TV game show) than any other school in the state...The telegram announcing our triumph, received by Father Perizo on December 1 (1943) read as follows:

On behalf of the government agencies involved and "Truth or Consequences" we commend your school for being state winner in the national paper salvage contest. A scroll of commendation from the War Production Board will be forthcoming.

*Yours in Victory,
Ralph Edwards*

Lourdes students collected 109,030 pounds of paper, or 542 pounds per student.

Article submitted by Margaret Cooper '44

History Mystery



Correct identification of the 2006 Fall Aquila inaugural History Mystery photo was made by Roger Daly. He was the first person to identify (from left to right) Hank Doran, Beaver Murphy, and Bob Blake as the football threesome, and took home a snazzy Lourdes tee shirt for his prize.

As promised, here's another photo from the Lourdes archives. If you know who they are, be the first to contact us and win your choice of a Lourdes tee shirt, baseball cap, or visor.



Happy grads! Can you name them?

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RCS employees ineligible for contest.



Calendar Spring/Summer 2007

April 2007

20th – **Twin Cities Lourdes Alumni Event**

O’Gara’s Bar & Grill
164 Snelling Avenue North
St. Paul, MN
6:00 pm

28th – **Lourdes High School Prom**

Mayo Civic Center
6:00 pm

30th – **Round Table Reception**

Lourdes High School Main Foyer & Old Gym
5:30 – 7:30 pm

30th – May 4th

Lourdes High School Art Department
Fine Arts Week
Lourdes High School Main Foyer

May 2007

16th – **City-wide Baccalaureate**

University Center – Rochester
7:00 pm

22nd – **Lourdes High School Awards Day**

Alumni Hall
8:00 am & 1:00 pm

29th – **Closing Mass of the Year**

St. John the Evangelist Church
1:30 pm

June 2007

1st – **Lourdes High School Graduation**

Alumni Hall
7:30 pm

23rd – **Lourdes Foundation “Under the Big Top”**

Lourdes High School Front Lawn
12:00 – 3:00 pm

August 2007

4th – **Jessica Murray Memorial 5K Run/Walk**

Silver Lake Park
9:00 am

For a complete listing of LHS activities and sporting events, please visit www.rochestercatholic.k12.mn.us and click on the Lourdes icon.

2007 CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1957 • August 24-26, 2007

Friday – Informal mixer at Holiday Inn South

Saturday – Informal banquet at Holiday Inn South

Sunday – Mass at Lourdes High School followed by a light breakfast and tour of the school

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Class of 1967 • August 17 & 18, 2007

Friday – LHS only dinner & dance at Somerby Club House, Byron, MN

Saturday – City-wide reunion with John Marshall HS & Mayo HS at Kahler Heritage Hall

Please visit the website for the city-wide reunion:
www.rochester67.com

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Class of 1987 • August 10-12, 2007

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Class of 1992

Please visit the following website for Class of 1992 reunion updates.

<http://digital.music.cornell.edu/lourdes>



The Lourdes High School Alumni Association proudly announces its 8th Annual Summer Rochesterfest Event

“UNDER THE BIG TOP”

Saturday, June 23, 2007; 12 – 4 p.m.
Lourdes High School – front lawn

Hot dog OR root beer float FREE
with a Rochesterfest button,
tours of LHS & door prizes!

LIVE MUSIC, CARNIVAL GAMES, &
FACE PAINTING!



Plans for LHS Sports Hall of Fame Announced!

It's coming soon – a Lourdes High School Sports Hall of Fame! Lourdes Foundation is excited to announce that plans are underway for an inaugural event in 2007!

Retired LHS teacher, coach, and historian, Dick Sherman, has been instrumental in assisting the planning committee in researching archive information about Lourdes sports, standout athletes, and coaches. Athletes like Armand Gentling and his brother, Richard, from 1941. And Joe Weis, a football and basketball star from the late 1940's. Many of you will remember Coach Joe Mayer's string of state football championship wins. The list goes on and on - we have so many outstanding athletes, coaches, and athletic achievements to celebrate!

The first induction process will begin this year. An athlete will be chosen from each sports season (fall, winter, and spring) as well as one coach. Tentative plans include an induction ceremony with a dinner and key note speaker in early December.

Watch for more details coming this fall...and if you have a favorite athlete or coach to nominate; don't be afraid to talk to some of the seasoned athletes on the committee: **Roger Daly '53, Doug Glasenapp '71, or Kevin Nigon '73.**



2006 Class A State Tennis Champions – 10-peat for the LHS girls!



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