

# The Grapevine

Winter 2002-03

For Alumni & Friends of Prince of Peace College Preparatory,  
Mater Dei High School, St. Mary's High School,  
Mount St. Clare Academy, Our Lady of Angels Academy

## Letter From the Administrator

Dear Friends of Catholic Education,

Another year has passed with many joys and some sadness. As many of you have experienced, sadness comes when we learn of the passing of former classmate or teacher as well as joy when we learn of a promotion, birth of children or grandchildren, marriages and the like. In either case, I'm always thankful that our alumni make an effort to communicate and share life events with us. I believe that by doing so we all remain connected because of our common experience of a Catholic education.

I'm also grateful for those who have supported us in many different ways through the years. As in most communities educational institutions are experiencing budget crunches. Unfortunately, we are not escaping the pinch either. Trying to provide a just wage for teachers and staff, keeping science equipment and technology upgraded while keeping tuition affordable for our families are the challenges we face.

There are numerous ways that you can help us meet these challenges. Buying a ticket to a fund raiser such as our annual dinner auction, Sunset Social or our \$100,000 raffle in the spring are just a few. Simple things help us as well. Just call us and we can provide our punch list. Making sure we have your correct mailing information saves us many hours of trial and error research. Perhaps you would consider an annual gift to your alma mater. Finally, keeping our school in your prayers-priceless!

On behalf of Prince of Peace Prep we wish you a most happy and holy Christmas season and a wonderful New Year!

In Christ,

Nancy L. Peart

## Letter From the Pastor

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Our children say the darndest things! Have you heard the story of the kindergarten students who as a class decided to help deliver lunches to the elderly? On returning back to the classroom the little students were asked what they discovered. They were amazed by all the appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One little boy said he saw the most amazing thing: a pair of teeth floating in a glass! The teacher braced herself for the next comment and then he blurted out: "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

Children are a joy and a treasure! They give us life and put a smile on our faces. Through Prince of Peace Schools we help to develop the gifts and talents of our children. In our day when challenges are great and people take God for granted, we have the ability to share not only about reading, writing, and arithmetic, but about our religion as well. The word "religion" comes from a word that refers to a "binding or holding together." Our faith in God and his revelation of love through Jesus holds us together when everything else appears to fall apart.

Prince of Peace Schools gives our children a solid foundation of faith in a precarious world. Please support Prince of Peace Schools. We believe that by sharing our Catholic faith with our children, the world becomes a more secure and loving place. We have a great school system. Your support is appreciated. On our part, we promise you our prayers.

In the Peace of Jesus,

Fr. Tony Herold, pastor

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Blue and Gold

# Presenting Our Most Recent Alumni...



**Christi Joy Anderson**  
(daughter of Paul & Nancy Heun)

**Christi Anderson** - Honor Roll; Soccer, Big East Conference Player of the Month; Basketball; Cross Country; Chorus, choir tour; Art Fest participant, yearbook staff; Homecoming attendant; summer intern volunteer for youth pastor at church; church camp volunteer; youth counselor; Slamma Jamma volunteer  
Attending Mount Mercy in Cedar Rapids

**Nicole Harms** - Class Salutatorian; Honor Graduate; National Honor Society, 3 years; vice-president senior year; Student Council, officer senior year; Rotary Youth Leadership Conference; Basketball, 4 years, Volleyball, 4 years; theater; 1st Grade Volunteer; Lunch room volunteer; Slamma Jamma volunteer; nominee for Des Moines Register 2002 Iowa Academic All-State; President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Attending University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls studying in business



**Nicole Elizabeth Harms**  
(daughter of Jim & Joan Harms)



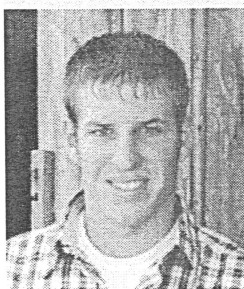
**Molly Patrice Bly**  
(daughter of Pat & Deb Bly)

**Molly Bly** - Honor Graduate; President's award for Academic Excellence; National Honor Society, 3 years; Student Council, vice-president senior year; year book staff; theater; basketball, 4 years All Conference; cross-country, 3 years; soccer, 3 years; softball, 2 years; track and field; Homecoming Queen; 2nd grade volunteer; Eucharistic Minister at school and parish Masses; Martha Seeser Verfaillie Scholarship; PEO Scholarship; US Army Reserve National Scholar-Athlete Award  
Attending Mount St. Clare College/ The Franciscan University, academic scholarship

**Joy Jensen** - Honor Graduate; Honor Roll; Student Council; Art Fest Participant; Theater; Yearbook; Elementary Tutor; Volunteer at school and parish Masses and liturgies; Basketball, 4 years; Cheerleading, 2 years; Soccer, 2 years; Volleyball, 4 years; softball, 2 years; track & Field, 2 years; President's Award for Educational Achievement; Principals' Leadership Award  
Attending University of Northern Iowa to study interior design



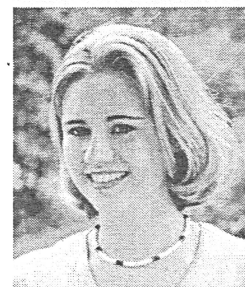
**Joy Michelle Jensen**  
(daughter of Eric & Mary Jensen)



**Scott James Crigger**  
son of James & Carol Crigger)

**Scott Crigger** - Honor Roll; Christian Leadership; Sophomore class officer; Basketball, 4 years; Cross Country, 3 years; Golf, 3 years; Soccer, 4 years; Track and Field, 3 years  
Attending Mount St. Clare College/ The Franciscan University

**Aubrey Jungen** - Valedictorian; Honor Graduate; National Honor Society, 3 years, officer junior year; Student Council, 4 years, President senior year; Rotary Youth Leadership Conference; Yearbook; Theater; Basketball, 4 years; Golf, 2 years; Soccer, 2 years; Softball, 3 years; Volleyball, 4 years; Substitute Teacher for Parish children's liturgy; ministry at School and parish Masses and liturgies; Valedictorians' scholarship from University of Iowa; Presidents' Award for Educational Excellence; Rotary Scholarship;  
Attending the University of Iowa to major in physical therapy



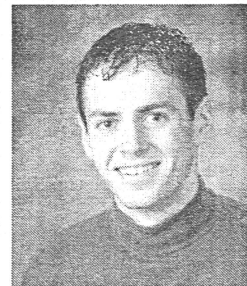
**Aubrey Marie Jungen**  
(daughter of Rich & Sue McMahon)



**Jamie Wegener Ewers**  
(daughter of Michael & Cindy Ewers)

**Jamie Ewers** - National Honor Society, 3 years, Officer; Student Council; Class Officer; Academic Quiz Bowl; basketball, golf, soccer, volleyball; All-State Academic Volleyball Team; Theatre; Yearbook; Prom Queen; Parish Youth Council; Student Representative to Parish Pastoral Council; Cantor and Eucharistic Minister; Who's Who; Knights of Columbus Scholarship; U.S. Army Scholar Athlete  
Attending St. Ambrose University to major in criminal justice

**Anthony Leslie** - Student Council; Student volunteer at school and parish events; Basketball, 4 years; Cross Country, 4 years, All Conference; Soccer, 2 years; Track & Field, 4 years  
Attending Mount St. Clare College/ The Franciscan University



**Anthony Michael Leslie**  
(son of John & Pam Leslie)

**Bells of Ireland**

**Sarah Kathleen Rolfes**  
(daughter of Gary & Carmen Rolfes)

**Sarah Rolfes** - Honor Graduate; Honor Roll; National Honor Society, 3 years, president senior year; Rotary Youth Leadership Conference; Student Council, officer senior year; Theater; Cheerleading, 4 years; Basketball, 2 years; Golf, 3 years; Soccer, 2 years; Volleyball, 4 years; Softball, 3 years; Tutor for kindergarten and Algebra; Eucharistic minister for school and parish Masses and liturgies; Student Volunteer for school and parish events

Attending the University of Iowa's College of Engineering

**Shaylen Sexton** - Art Fest participant; Theater; Lector at school liturgies  
Attending Clinton Community College

**Jennifer Sisneros** - Cheerleading; Chorus; Student Volunteer; Basketball; Track and Field  
Attending Clinton Community College

**Nicholas Williams** - Emil Johannsen Scholarship; Theater; Boys' State; basketball; cross country; soccer; track and field; volunteer at school and parish events  
Attending Mount St. Clare College/ The Franciscan University, awarded athletic scholarship



**Jennifer Marie Sisneros**  
(daughter of Richard & Sue Sisneros)

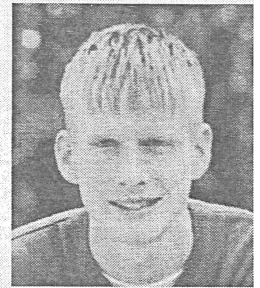


**Shaylen Janelle Sexton**  
(daughter of Carrie Sexton)

**Class Motto:**

*What lies behind us and what lies before us  
are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.*

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson*



**Nicholas Allan Williams**  
(son of Paul & Theresa Williams)

## Greetings from your Alumni President

I'd like to take the opportunity to share a few thoughts with you in this edition of our newsletter. This Association is comprised of graduates from Mount St. Clare Academy, Our Lady of Angels Academy, St. Mary's High School, Mater Dei High School and Prince of Peace College Prep. We send out almost 2,300 copies all over the country and a few abroad. Many of you still live in the surrounding area and the events that will be happening in the upcoming months (Irish Auction, Pot O' Blue & Gold, Sunset Social) are ideal times for us to gather and show support for the excellent parochial school system we have available for our young people. The faculty and staff make every effort to strive for excellence, which in turn is reflected in the results from our students. I would encourage all of you to come and share in the fun.

Our Shootout/Spikeout is a weekend of fun, exercise and remembering. We always look forward to seeing all of you. This is also an opportunity to support our efforts to make scholarships available for students at Prince of Peace Academy and College preparatory.

Congratulations to the 1953 State Champion Basketball Team who will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in March at the State Tournament. You were a pride to the school when you won and we hope your success then has continued for all of you

I wish all of you a Blessed Christmas and Wonderful New Year. -Fran Hallinan

## Development Department Up and Rolling

Over the past year, I've learned quite a lot about how our school system works and what needs exist in order to maintain our high quality standards of education. The development committee along with all of our parish, alumni, parents and friends of our great school successfully completed our first Pot O' Blue & Gold Raffle initiated to supplement our other terrific fund-raisers-The Irish Auction, The Athletic Booster events, The Sunset Social, Market Day and the many others that go on throughout the school year. Next year we plan to add an annual school campaign to our list as a Fall events as well.

In addition, I've been busy gathering and preparing information needed for grant proposals and hope to supplement some of our specific program areas with those funds. Its been terrific and I enjoy working with the great people we have at our school. -Paula Mayer

## Welcome New Prince of Peace Staff!

Additions to our staff this year include: Denise Mangin, high school librarian; Holly Kooistra, high school English; Donna Harris, first-grade assistant; Rebecca Oliver, K-12 Spanish; Luann Hosette, elementary librarian and computer instructor; Jess Everhart, high school business; Sean Singewald, high school science; Lynn Helle, Kindergarten assistant; and Margaret Dodd, fifth-grade instructor.

## Class Reunion Lists

If you need class lists for reunions or addresses of old friends, the information is available by contacting Paula Mayer in the Development office. Requests take about a week to process.

## Address Updates

If you or someone you know has had an address change in the last year or two or has not received a newsletter and would like one, please let us know names and addresses so we can update our records.



## Irish Auction January 25, 2003

What better Christmas gift than tickets to the Irish Dinner/Auction "Irish Blessings." The date is January 25th and tickets are \$25.00 per person. You may purchase tickets by calling the school office, 563/242-8929. Some of the auction items include: a trip to Ireland, a Caribbean Cruise, 4 tickets to the Indianapolis 500, tickets to the Clinton Area Showboat Theatre, Notre Dame football tickets, GE Microwave oven, a night's stay at Great Wolf Lodge in Wisconsin Dells, a reserved parking spot and pew for Christmas and Easter Mass, a Royal Electric Fireplace and Mantle Cabinet, and a Panasonic 53" Large Screen TV.

Help support Prince of Peace Academy (P-8) and College Prep (9-12) by attending "Irish Blessing."

## "Shootin' with the Oldies" Shootout/Spikeout March 7- 8, 2003

Need something fun and entertaining to do this Spring? Join us for the Ninth Annual Irish Shootout/Spikeout! This event provides a way for you to get back to your alma mater, be a part of a fun basketball tournament and run the court with your former classmates. It will be held in the Central Catholic Auditorium on March 7 and 8, 2003. Get your team together and reserve a spot to play. Contact Shootout Team Coordinator John Griffin at 563/242-2001 by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Annual "Pot O' Blue and Gold Raffle" a Huge Success-2003 Next!

How would you like to win \$100,000? Jamie Charnoski, Lynn Leavens, Mary Ann Studemann, and Dawn Dalston like it very much. They were the four shareholders of the 2002 winning ticket and received \$25,000 each of the \$100,00 grand prize. They all four found out the night before Jamie's wedding day! What a surprise to her and her fiance!

Prince of Peace Academy and College Prep will hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual raffle fund-raiser to build upon our endowment for Prince of Peace faculty and staff salaries and for other critical needs.

"There once was a man who prayed to God asking God to let him win the lottery. He prayed week after week and finally one day he looked up into the sky and said out loud, 'God why won't you help me-all I ask is to win the lottery.' Lightening flashed and through the thunder he heard a voice, 'I hear you, but you can't win unless you buy a ticket.'"

Raffle volunteers will issue and sell only 2,500 tickets at \$100.00 each. The grand prize is a cool \$100,000. The winning ticket will be drawn at the 2003 Sunset Social. Go in on a ticket with friends and family!

If you live in the area and would like to serve as a team captain, team member, or a raffle board member please contact Paula Mayer in the development office. The first meetings will be held early February-watch for times and dates.

## Sunset Social June 6, 2003

Mark your calendars for the 2003 Sunset Social to be held Friday, June 6, 2003 for an evening of fun, food and gathering of friends in a garden setting-watch for more information coming soon. Be on hand to find out whether or not you are the lucky winner in the "Pot O' Blue & Gold raffle.

## MSC Becomes The Franciscan University

With plans to continue to increase its educational scope, Mount St. Clare College became "The Franciscan University" December 5, 2002. The University will maintain "Mount St. Clare" as the name of its college for undergraduate studies.

The change to University status was approved by the College's Board of Trustees during its November meeting and then by the Sisters of St. Francis, sponsors of the College. The change in status was effective December 5 but there will be a transition period in order to totally complete the change.

Sister Marilyn Huegerich, President of the Sisters of St. Francis, said, "The name change is not about letting go. It is about embracing the Franciscan mission in a new way. It is time to expand to university status in recognition of recent ventures into graduate education. The new name makes clear the Catholic identity of the institution and the universal Franciscan values it espouses."

Athletics teams, academic clubs and other student organizations will continue to use "Mount St. Clare" through the spring 2003 semester. Winter and spring graduates will receive diplomas having the MSC name. The University's athletic teams will be known as the Saints and the institution's colors will remain gold and purple.

For more information visit their website at [www.clare.edu](http://www.clare.edu).

## Former Teacher Nominated as Poet of the Year

Former Prince of Peace Academy and Trinity Elementary teacher Georgene Krogman watched the news September 11, listening to reports about the terrorist attacks and envisioning Ellis Island and the people of New York and all the turmoil. "I wondered, 'What would our Statue of Liberty say if she could speak? What message would she send us?'" Krogman said from her home in Tennessee. "Our lives are very fragile: life can change in a heartbeat. Krogman was moved to write a poem, "Our Lady Speaks," which has earned her a nomination as one of the International Poets of the Year 2002.

She was presented with an engraved silver award bowl and medallion at the August International Society of Poets convention and symposium in Washington, DC. She also has been offered a chance to publish a book of her poems.

### Our Lady Speaks

I stand upon an island  
An island in a raging sea  
Proudly I have raised my torch  
A timeless harbinger of liberty.

Amid the fingertips of blazing flames  
Ever rising in the smoke-filled sky  
Within the inferno of melting steel  
The helpless silent bodies lie.

But I stand, undaunted  
Through the early morning haze  
As a new day dawns  
Against the faceless cowards craze.

We have suffered monumental loss  
With agonizing pain  
Yet Americans will rise  
In triumphant unity again.

I am your icon of hope  
An illuminated beacon for the world to see  
Join hands in patriotism and faith in God  
America! Courageous leader of humanity



-Georgene Krogman



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Float Places in Annual Mardi Gras Parade

Prince of Peace Academy's 2<sup>nd</sup> graders received the honor of 2<sup>nd</sup> place in this year's Mardi Gras parade held in conjunction with Halloween. Congratulations to all of the children, parents, and other volunteers who contributed to the success of the float! Nice job on the wonderful tail-wagging, fire breathing dragon!

## Irish Girls Soccer Regional Winners

Ranked No. 13 after their 11-0 regular season Prince of Peace rolled to a 7-0 victory over Monticello in an Iowa Class 1A regional girls soccer quarterfinals where Prince of Peace out-shot Monticello by a whopping 20-1 margin in June of this year. They were stopped on their way to state in their regional semi-final game against Davenport Assumption. Terrific season girls!

## How do we stack up? Fact Sheet profiles POP

### School Profile

<b>High School Graduation Rate:</b> 99.5% over past 10 years	<b>Graduates continuing to college:</b> 85.1% over past 10 years
<b>Enrollment for 2002-2003:</b>	<b>Geographic area of students (K-12):</b>
Grades 9-12 67	Clinton school district 308
Grades 6-8 68	Northeast school district 8
Grades K-5 149	Fulton/Albany 8
Preschool 49	Camanche 7
Total 333	Savanna school district 1
	Thomson school district 1

**Institutional credits:** Iowa Department of Education accreditation for preschool and K-12; North Central Association (NCA) accreditation for K-12

**Open Policy:** No student is denied an opportunity for an education based on their religion, sex, race, color, national or ethnic origin.

**Christian Service Opportunities (K-12):** Students participated in 39 community service events

**Percentage of non-Catholic students:** 11%

**Average student attendance rate (7-12):** 97% (based on a 180 day school year)

**Working students:** 42% of students (grades 10-12) work an average of 16 hours per week at a job during the school year

**Extra curricular activities (7-12):** 93% of students are involved in one or more activities; 44% of students are involved in five or more activities; Grades 9-12 are offered 36 extra curricular activities; Grades 7-8 are offered 12 extra curricular activities

**Student Academic awards:** Presidential Awards for Academic Excellence and Leadership, National Merit Scholars, State of Iowa Scholars, Department of Defense math/science awards, Published Poets, Who's Who in American High Schools, National Merit Commended Scholars, et al.

### Financial Profile

<b>Sources of school financial support:</b>	Catholic Parish 47.0%
	Tuition 47.0%
	Fund-raising 5.5%
	Federal/State .5%
	Total \$473,800 per year
<b>Catholic Parish support:</b>	Grades 9-12: \$2,245 Parish / \$2,695 non-Parish student
<b>Tuition/fees per student:</b>	Grades 6-8: \$1,395 Parish / \$1,895 non-Parish student
	Grades K-5: \$1,315 Parish / \$1,815 non Parish student

**Prince of Peace cost of education:** \$2,850 (P-12)

**Cost of Iowa public education (K-12):** \$4,217 Iowa average per student (excludes AEA, T&G, dropout, and special education costs)

**Taxpayer savings from Prince of Peace Schools:** \$1,273,534 (minimum)

**Payroll budget this fiscal year:** \$655,675 (42 employees)

**Economic impact factor of employment:** \$2,294,862 (using a 3.5 industry multiplier factor)

## IN MEMORIAM

*Word has reached us of the deaths of the following alums and friends. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.*

Rosemary Desimone Hill (OLA '56) Apr 2, 2001	LaVonne E "Terry" Dekker (SMHS '43) Mar 23, 2002
Donald Bly (SMHS '42) Apr 9, 2001	William "Marv" Adams (SMHS) Apr 12, 2002
Michael Francis McMeel (SMHS '44) Apr 21, 2001	Carmella M O'Neil Burg (SMHS '34) May 1, 2002
James McKenna (SMHS '33) Aug 3, 2001	Jim Witt Jun 7, 2002
David Dermody (SMHS '49) Nov 20, 2001	Dr Marvin F Ohsann (SMHS '39) Jul 2, 2002
Marilyn F Jordan (SMHS) Dec 6, 2001	Roy Glendenning (SMHS '38) Aug 4, 2002
Charles R Klaes (SMHS '67) Dec 31, 2001	Philip "Pat" Burke (SMHS '69) Aug 25, 2002
Anna Marie Delaney Vulich (SMHS '44) Jan 4, 2002	Myrnah Glendenning O'Connor (SMHS '32) Sep 5, 2002
Mary Clare Spain McCutcheon (OLA '42) Jan 6, 2002	Ann Jamison Foster (OLA '48) Sep 19, 2002
Sr Theresa McGrath, BVM (SMHS teacher/principal '53-'55) Jan 16, 2002	Eleanor Carson McGrath (SMHS '35) Nov 18, 2002
Sr Blandina Mosgrove, BVM (SMHS teacher '62-'63) Jan 23, 2002	Joan Banker Walker (SMHS '49) Oct 14, 2002
Mary Lou Sadler Killean (SMHS '45) Feb 10, 2002	Mary Vance Klaes (SMHS '42)
Joseph Ruddy (SMHS '67) Feb 10, 2002	Carol Ann Holdgrafer
John Vance (SMHS '43) Feb 20, 2002	Edward J Kenney
David J Zaehringer (SMHS '49) Mar 15, 2002	

## NOTEWORTHYS

Its been another year since our last Grapevine and we have received many noteworthys since then. If you are trying to get in touch with a friend or classmate, call or E-mail Paula Mayer for an address, phone number or class lists. If you do not see your noteworthy this month, please update us again or look for it in the next issue scheduled for spring 2002.

Thank you for keeping in touch and for your support.

### 1930'S

**Audrey Rickerl (SMHS '33)** celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday with a family gathering in February! She is the mother of six children, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Rita Kenter Anton (OLA '38)** My youngest son, Bill Anton, is a cowboy artist and nationally known. View his work on Trailside Galleries on the Internet. I'm an author myself.

### 1940's

**Donna Gabriel (MSCA '40)** Serves on the Blue Cross Advisory Board, Governors Health Advisory Committee, Director of the State Gerontology Society, served 15 years as an AARP volunteer at the state level, locally a member of the Ecumenical Housing Board, a commissioner of the Housing Authority and a board member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

**Maureen Cain Witt and Eileen Cain Bly (both MSCA '42)** have been named the Mount St. Clare Academy Hall of Fame awardees for 2002. After graduating from the Academy, the two attended nurses training at Mercy Hospital, Clinton, and entered the US Navy Cadet Corps. Later they returned to Clinton and worked as obstetric nurses at Mercy Hospital.

**R Elaine McAllister Winkelman (SMHS '45)** 50 years of marriage this year! She has five children and seven grandchildren. "I always liked school so I added a college degree after a three-year nursing program, an MS in Education, a technical degree in Commercial Art and a BA in Fine Arts. More learning to come..."

**Hazel J Meyers Miller (SMHS '46)** Every time I get my Grapevine I look for something of my classmates. We have two children, Janice lives in Brandon, Florida and Tom in St. Louis. We have one granddaughter and three grandsons. We are blessed and are in Florida again this winter. Husband Richard and I are in pretty good shape. God Bless.

**Msr. Francis Henricksen (SMHS '46)** Invested as Monsignor, a Chaplain to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II on November 21, 2001. Retired as editor of the diocesan paper July 1, 2002 after serving in that capacity since 1967. frfrank@netins.net.

### 1950'S

**Jack Dermody-deceased (SMHS '53)** posthumously received the first ever "Clinton Herald Spirit Award" for his dedication to work at hand and civic organization deeds.

**Carol Dever Bruland (SMHS '55)** remarks: "Always enjoy being back and touching base with friends and family."

**Warren Haring (SMHS '57)** After my mom passed away I decided to go West to escape the cold. I retired in 1990 due to a heart attack so am now retired on VA and SS being service connected disabled. nickAK3@adelphia.net.

**Edmund (SMHS '58) and Jeanne Doherty Swamberger (MSCA '58)** watched as their daughter Jennifer married Michael Neumann this past summer.

**Mary Ann Hallinan (SMHS '59)** and her sister **Fran Hallinan (SMHS '64)** met and received a blessing from Pope John Paul II during a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi led by Father Jobert Gruss, pastor of St. Mary parish in Pella.

### 1960's

**Thomas Rastrelli (SMHS '65)** has reached his \$10 million career sales milestone as division manager of Vector Marketing Corporations' Iowa/Nebraska "Storm" division based in Des Moines and was inducted recently to the company's corporate Vector/Cutco Hall of Fame in Olean, NY.

**Bob Josten (SMHS '66)** has raised and coached a basketball standout. His son Jared, Webster City High School senior, has verbally committed to play basketball at the University of Northern Iowa. Bob has been Webster City's coach for 26 years and taught and coached at St. Mary's during the 1972-1973 school year where he also coached varsity football and sophomore basketball.

**Elizabeth Hansen Bruns (OLA '60)** MA in education, reading specialist employed at Carmel High School in Mundelein IL. Son Mike married to Julie have one son Alec, son Steve married to Linda has one daughter Brittney, daughter Michelle married to Chip Reeves have three children Christopher, Sarah, Samantha. This is my 33<sup>rd</sup> year of teaching-19<sup>th</sup> at Carmel.

**Jane Manion Brown (SMHS '68)** carried the Olympic torch through Chicago streets for the 2002 Winter Olympics. She was chosen by the Salt Lake 2002 committee and the Coca-Cola Bottling Company as one of the 11,500 best people signifying the American Spirit.

## 1970's

**Joe Cossman (SMHS '74)** also carried the Olympic torch in January through Evanston, Illinois streets for the 2002 Winter Olympics. He was nominated as part of an employee recognition program and chosen by the Salt Lake 2002 committee and the Coca-Cola Bottling Company as one of the 11,500 best people signifying the American Spirit.

**Robert Soesbe (SMHS '76)** I've been in Law Enforcement since 1977, now with the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department in Florida. I have 4 children; Rachael (28) in Clinton, Andrew (25) Florida, Amanda (18) Florida, and Philip (11) Florida. I get back to Clinton at least once a year and would like to hear from any old or new friends.

**Mary Pat Witt Connell (SMHS '77)** received statewide award as the Woman Entrepreneur of the Year for all of Iowa. Connell was recognized by the Iowa Small business Development Center, an outreach arm of Iowa State University's College of Business.

**Geoffery M Gabriel MD CPT (P) (SMHS '79)** Moved my family to Seoul, South Korea where I am now Attending Psychiatrist and Chief of Inpatient Psychiatry at the 121st Army General Hospital. Selected for promotion to the rank of Major in the Army Medical Corps and received the Army Achievement Medal.

**David Schnier (SMHS '79)** was recently promoted to the rank of commander by the United States Naval Reserves. He currently serves as the commanding officer of the Fleet Industrial Supply Center, Yokosuka, Japan. The unit is assigned to the Naval Reserve Center, Dubuque. He and his wife Laura, have eight children and reside in Clinton where he is employed with Prince of Peace Parish as business administrator.

## 1980's

**Jay Herkelman (MDHS '81)** guided his junior college team, Coffeyville, Kansas' Red Ravens to a national runner-up finish.

**Monica Michl (MDHS '81)** recently graduated from the police academy in Anchorage Alaska. She is employed as a correctional officer at the Alaska State Correctional Facility in Anchorage.

**Lisa Blohm Herkelman (MDHS '81)** Moved to Maquoketa April of 2001. Jeff (SMHS '79) is teaching and coaching varsity boys' basketball. I am still working in Clinton as a part time x-ray technician. Son Spenser is 12 and in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, son Conner is 9 and in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Both boys love all sports.

**Nate Soesbe (MDHS '85)** Lives in the Chicago area where he works as a Senior Marketing Manager for AT&T/Comcast. When not spending time with his two sons, Trey (13) and Beau (12), Nate enjoys performing stand-up comedy. Shout out to Sister Martha! nsoesbe@yahoo.com.

**Master Sgt. Mark J. Merdian (MDHS '86)** is now an aircraft systems craftsman for the US Air Force. He has 15 years in the service and has served in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Pride Comfort, Operation Allied Force and currently Operation Enduring Freedom. Mark, his wife Stephanie and son Justin live in Spangdahlem, Germany.

**Tim Swamberger (MDHS '87)** and his wife Leasa became the new owners of Gateway Chem-Dry, Clinton, Iowa.

## 1990's

**Peter Rastrelli (MDHS '92)** was recently awarded a doctorate degree in education from National Louis University in Evanston, IL. His doctoral dissertation is called "The Oversight of Heterogeneity and Perceived Utility of Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation Programs Among High School Students." He and his wife, Candice, live in Wilmette, IL with their daughter Megan.

**Tom Uppena (MDHS '94)** Graduated from Iowa State in 2000 with a degree in Civil Engineering. Currently working for Chicago Bridge & Iron in San Luis Obispo, California as a project manager.

**Alicia Reed (MDHS '97)** Alicia works in accounting in Madison, Wisconsin. She graduated cum laude from Edgewood College with a degree in Business Administration and Managerial Accounting with a minor in computer information systems.

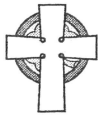
## 2000's

**Matthew D. Ugarph (POPCP '01)** is now Machinist Mate Petty Officer Third Class after completing the second phase of his training at the Naval Nuclear Training Center in Goose Creek, SC in August finishing 13th in a class of 345. He will be transferred to Balston Spa, NY to complete his nuclear training. He graduated from U.S. Navy basic military training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center earlier this year. Ugarph is now stationed at the Navy Nuclear Poser Training Center in Goose Creek, SC, where he completed A School and graduated first in his class.

## Faculty

Former Prince of Peace Academy kindergarten teacher, **Jeni Van Buer**, received the Clinton Jaycees Young Educator of the Year Award 2002.





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