The First Annual Deacon and Hall of Fame Awards

The Fargo Catholic Schools Network and Shanley High School held its 1st Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday, September 27th in the gymnasium at Shanley/Sullivan. The recipients of the Inaugural Deacon and Hall of Fame Awards were honored by the FCSN and over 200 members of our Deacon Family. It was a memorable evening of celebration and stories with alumni, teachers, coaches, administrators, parents and friends spanning over 7 decades of involvement with our Fargo Catholic Schools.

The Deacon Award recipients were nominated and selected for their extensive service and outstanding contributions of time, talent and/or treasure to the Fargo Catholic Schools. The Hall of Fame recipients were nominated and selected for their exemplary achievements during or after their time at Sacred Heart/Shanley.

The evening was even more momentous with the permanent naming of the Deacon Award. To recognize their significant leadership in service and support for over 25 years, it is now the Mike and Karen Hofer Deacon Award. The recipients of the Award for 2008 who reflect the commitment and sacrifice essential to the tradition of excellence in our Fargo Catholic Schools for over 125 years were Mike and Karen Hofer, Ken Collins, John McCormick, Jr. and The Presentation Sisters.

Mike and Karen (Cossette, ‘66) Hofer have demonstrated a leadership level of commitment in time, talent and treasure to our schools for over 25 years. This leadership came at a critical time in our schools’ history with challenges in enrollment, aging facilities and rising expenses with the transition from religious educators. Mike and Karen served on Boards, dedicated their time each year to many endeavors including the Shanley Auction and provided leadership to our many fundraising efforts including the 2nd Century Campaign to build the FCSN Foundation and chairing the Annual Drive. Their leadership and commitment culminated in their chairing and leading the Cornerstone Campaign to build the new facility for Shanley High School and Sullivan Middle School. The school opened in 2002 and
next year Shanley will realize its highest enrollment in over 20 years. Mike and Karen continue to share their gifts now that their children Michael, Scott and Rachel have graduated from Shanley.

Ken Collins quietly provided 4 decades of service to our schools until his death in 1988. Ken was always there to help when our schools needed vehicles, books, uniforms or there was a construction project to complete. He assisted families with tuition even while he and Pauline’s 8 children attended Holy Spirit and Shanley. The help Ken provided was often done in the background. Brother Michael Collins shared a memory regarding a meeting in Brother’s office where Ken provided financial assistance for a student and when asked about repayment only responded that the student should help someone in need in the future.

Ken was a member of GROW and the 1st inductee to the Shanley Athletic Club (Quarterback Club) Hall of Fame. Ken’s award was accepted by his children Leo ’63, Mike ’65, Mary ’71 and Beth ’73. Leo Collins spoke on behalf of his family.

According to Tom McCormick, his father John McCormick, Jr. was an Irish Catholic road contractor who followed Ken Collins. John’s support for our Fargo Catholic School projects is inspirational. Not only did he support our schools through personal commitments but also through his company, Northern Improvement, and as a trustee of The Alex Stern Foundation. A significant project still referenced today is the foundation for the Turf at Dakotah Field that constituted Shanley’s donation to the project. John provided significant support for all of our major projects including the 2nd Century and Cornerstone Campaigns. John’s support for our schools not only spanned many decades but continues today. He provided a legacy gift from his estate and continues to fund our many projects through the John L. McCormick Memorial Trust. John was a member of GROW and is a Lifetime Member in Memoriam of the FCSN Foundation. John’s award was accepted by his sons Joseph, Maurice and Tom ’68. Tom McCormick spoke on behalf of his family.

The Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary founded our schools and were the primary educators for most of their 110 years of teaching in our schools. They were close to 150 Sisters who taught in our schools at Sacred Heart Academy, Shanley, St. Mary’s, St. Anthony’s, Holy Spirit and Nativity. Their commitment and sacrifices to provide an affordable, quality, Catholic Education was a life changing event for generations of our families. “Doing What Needs To Be Done” was more than a motto or slogan for The Presentation Sisters. They demonstrated this for over a century as they opened, staffed and administered Catholic Schools including fundraising like selling raffle tickets all the way out to Bismarck in the late 1800’s. While they may not be actively teaching in our schools today, they will forever guide and support the faith development of our children through their example and the beautiful Presentation Chapel that is the Cornerstone of Sullivan and Shanley. The Presentation Sisters’ Award was accepted by 19 Sisters and Sister Frances O’Neill spoke on their behalf.

The Hall of Fame Award winners span wide areas of achievement across many decades. Their influence and accomplishments are recognized nationally. The recipients of the Award for 2008 were Roger Maris, Sid Cichy, B. John Barry and Brother Michael Collins.

Roger Maris graduated from Shanley High School in 1952. He was a 4 sport athlete who competed in football, basketball, track and baseball. He was All-State in football and MVP of the State Champion

Roger Maris Award

American Legion Baseball team. Roger played Major League Baseball for 12 years from 1957 to 1968 with the Cleveland Indians, Kansas City Athletics, New York Yankees, and St. Louis Cardinals. Roger’s many
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professional achievements as a left handed hitting outfielder include:

- Major League Single Season Home Run Record of 61 in 1961 (surpassing Babe Ruth)
- American League Most Valuable Player (MVP) 1960
- American League Most Valuable Player (MVP) 1961
- Gold Glove Award 1960
- Played in 7 World Series
- Played in 4 All-Star games

Roger was a member of GROW and continues to positively impact the Shanley and Fargo Communities through his legacy and the Roger Maris Celebrity Benefit Golf Tournament. Roger’s Award was accepted by Pat Colliton and Todd Mickelson who spoke on behalf of Pat Maris.

Sid Cichy was a nationally acclaimed, Sacred Heart Academy/Shanley High School coach, teacher, athletic director and administrator from 1948 to 1978. His leadership on and off the field was instrumental in developing Shanley's “Deacon Pride”. Mr. Cichy instilled commitment, preparation, confidence and respect on the field, in the classroom and in students’ personal lives.

Mr. Cichy’s accomplishments at Shanley/Sacred Heart Academy include:

- 16 Football State Championships
- 54 game winning streak spanning 7 seasons (ND record since 1971)
- Undefeated in playoff games at 16-0-1
- Career winning percentage of 86% (#th nationally all-time)
- Career record of 231-38-3

Mr. Cichy’s many awards include:

- National High School Sports Hall of Fame
- National Athletic Hall of Fame
- North Dakota Athletic Hall of Fame
- NDSU Athletic Hall of Fame
- Associated Press National Coach of the Year: 1950
- National High School Coach of the Year: 1975

Mr. Cichy’s legacy extends way beyond his achievements. Generations of Deacons benefitted due to his commitment to family and Shanley that kept him Fargo. He was a member of GROW. Mr. Cichy’s award was accepted by his daughter Kate and son Nick. Nick Cichy spoke on behalf of the Cichy family.

B. John Barry graduated from Shanley High School in 1958. Mr. Barry realized great success in banking including numerous bank holding companies across the United States. Sun Country Airlines was another of Mr. Barry’s abundant business interests. A lifelong commitment to youth, education and Philanthropy is evidenced by The Barry Foundation who recently relocated to Fargo from the Twin Cities. The Barry Foundation sponsors a Youth in Philanthropy program for Fargo Area High Schools. Shanley is participating in this ongoing program where students assess area non-profit organizations and distribute funds provided by The Barry Foundation. Marty Hoffmann, Executive Director of The Barry Foundation accepted the award for Mr. Barry and spoke on his behalf.

Brother Michael Collins was an Administrator and Music Director at Shanley from 1967 to 1978. Brother Michael helped lead Shanley to our highest enrollment in our history. He was responsible for developing the musical and organizational talents of over a decade of Deacons through the Musicals, Sandpebbles and Boys Chorus tours, concerts and albums. The tours included 2 trips to Washington, DC where the Shanley Boys Chorus sang as part of the Cherry Blossom Festival. Upon leaving Shanley, Brother Michael continued his 50 year dedication to Catholic Education and led numerous Catholic High Schools as their Administrator. Brother Michael’s alma mater, Minneapolis De La Salle, has benefited from his passion for Catholic High School Education since 1991. Brother Michael has served in numerous national leadership positions with the National...
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Catholic Education Association NCEA and the De La Salle Brothers of the Christian Schools including:

- NCEA
  Board of Directors: 1996-2004
  Board of Directors: Vice Chair 2001-2004
- Sister Catherine MacNamee Award for promoting diversity in Catholic Schools
- Lasallian Secondary Schools Administrators’ Association (US & Toronto Region): Inaugural President
- St. Mary’s University of MN: Board of Trustees – 25 years
- Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis: National Leadership in Catholic Education Award
- De La Salle High School Minneapolis: Inaugural Lasallian Award

The Awards Dinner was a special evening of connection for members of our Fargo Catholic Schools Family including the Class of 1968 who attended the dinner as part of their 40th Reunion. It was a long awaited opportunity to recognize and share the stories of success and commitment of our alumni, educators, administrators, parents and friends and the inspiration they provide.

Displays for the Mike and Karen Hofer Deacon and Hall of Fame Awards are being installed in the main activities hallway at Shanley/Sullivan. We look forward to celebrating the next recipients at the 2nd Annual Awards Dinner on September 26, 2009 during Homecoming. Nomination forms are included in this issue of the Deacon and can be found online at http://www.fcsn.k12.nd.us/development/index.htm.

by Todd J. Mickelson

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Deacon & Hall of Fame Nomination Form

- **Hall of Fame Award**
  - Graduates, teams or employees
  - 10 years since graduation
  - 5 years since employment
  - Level of excellence in Athletics, Arts, Academics, Leadership, Service, Career or Professional either at SHA/SHS or following graduation
  - Reflect honorably on the FCSN

- **Mike and Karen Hofer Deacon Award**
  - Graduates, parents, employees & friends
  - Exemplify ideals of a Deacon through extensive service and outstanding contributions of time, talent and/or treasure to the FCSN.
  - Reflect honorably on the FCSN

Nominee: ___________________________ Nominee Class Year or Employment Years: _______
(if applicable)

Address (if living): ________________________________________________________________

  Street __________________________ City __________________________ State ____________
  Zip __________________________

Phone: ______________ Email: __________________________

Profession: __________________________

Reason for Nomination (what, where, when including honors or awards):

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Nominator’s Name: __________________________ Nominator’s Relationship: __________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

  Street __________________________ City __________________________ State ____________
  Zip __________________________

Phone: ______________ Email: __________________________ Date: __________________

Forms should be Postmarked by April 15th

FCSN
5600 25th Street South
Fargo, ND 58104
Attn: Development Office
Alumni

Reunions

Class of 1958

The Class of ’58 held their 50th Reunion on August 22-23, 2008. Sixty-eight people participated in the events, 39 of whom were classmates.

The Reunion began Friday afternoon with a bus tour of Fargo-Moorhead that included familiar locations such as the former Shanley site (which is now the location of Lon and Mary Jo Pettinger Cooke’s condo), the former Crystal Ballroom site where students spent many happy Friday nights, and part of the “AC” campus, now known as North Dakota State University. The bus even “dragged Broadway”! There was a steady buzz of conversation throughout the tour as classmates became reacquainted and often cries of “there’s my old house” or “I remember that place” could be heard. We were amazed by Fargo-Moorhead’s growth and the fact that it has become so cosmopolitan.

Following the F-M tour, the bus took the group to classmate John Barry’s lake home on Pelican Lake, where he hosted an incredible party. In addition to providing his home, food, and beverages, John had Bobby Vee’s band “The Shadows” playing ’50’s tunes. Morrie Lamb, Lowell Jacobson, and Cleo Kramer drove up to John’s home in restored vintage cars “of our era”. Father Leo Stelton also attended the two days of events and seemed to have as much fun as his former students.

On Saturday afternoon, Shanley FCSN Development Director Todd Mickelson conducted a tour of the new Shanley campus in south Fargo. Following the tour, Father Stelton celebrated a mass in the new Shanley Presentation Chapel. The mass was dedicated to the memory of deceased classmates Allyn Ambuehl, Mary Black, Joseph Blakely, James Brady, Llwellyn Burgess, Bob DeForest, William Georgeson, Thomas Hilber, Dennis Jones, Mary Kodelka, Doughlas Mulhair, Kenneth Marcotte, Thomas Murphy, Benetta Ness, Bonnie Reger, and Jeanne Collins Weiler.

A reception and dinner were held Saturday evening at Seasons, a restaurant at the Rose Creek Golf Course in South Fargo. Classmates with mementos of their Shanley years displayed them on tables and poster boards. In addition, tickets were distributed and during the evening raffles were held for Shanley jackets, vests and other items, many donated by the FCSN Development Office. Scherling Studios took a class photo and this group photo and other event photos can be accessed at the FCSN Alumni web site: http://alumni.fcsn.k12.nd.us/.

Many classmates provided additional funds to support the Class of ’58 Reunion activities. In addition to covering Reunion costs, there was enough money to purchase an engraved floor tile for the student forum. It will say:

THE INCREDIBLE CLASS OF 1958 50TH REUNION

Everyone enjoyed this reunion so much that we discussed doing another one in five years!

submitted by Scottie Miller ’58
Alumni

Class of 1963 - 45 Year Reunion

We began our fun-filled weekend on August 8, 2008 at the 8th Annual Sam DuBois Memorial Golf Tournament. Some classmates golfed and others met us at Hagge’s Bar & Grill for a picnic supper, door prizes and time together to share stories and memories. Thirteen (13) classmates attended and we were blessed with a visit from Marilyn Jamieson (Lang) and Margaret Hartze (Sapa). Some went home early (before 10 pm) but a handful of us made it to midnight.

Saturday, August 9, 2008, the “boys” met for lunch and the “girls” met for lunch and yes, we did it separately. Haha.

Saturday evening was spent at Seasons Restaurant and we enjoyed a wonderful meal, lots of stories and went down memory lane too. A total of twenty-nine (29) people spent a very warm, casual evening together.

Sue DuBois asked for some input for our 50th reunion. She would like to hear from you.

Sue would like to thank her committee for all their help. Committee members included Bob Gibb, Jane (LeClerc) Bietz, Mary (Conobay) Schroeder, Larry Holzer, Linda (Ghertz) Johnson and Tom & Margi (Kipples) Fischer.

Class of 1968

The Class of 1968 gathered for their 40th Reunion during the weekend of Homecoming: September 26-27, 2008.

Class of 1968 at first Annual FCSN Awards Dinner
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Classes of 1977 and 1978

The Classes of 1977 and 1978 held a joint 30ish year Reunion the weekend of August 8th. The kickoff for the weekend was Friday evening at the Fargo Theatre with a showing of the Roger Maris movie “61” and a social. The nostalgia was deep as some attendees recalled Sunday matinees and dates in the balcony at the Theatre. Catching up between the classes made the evening more fun and suspenseful as alums placed faces with names and classes.

The weekend resumed on Saturday morning with golf at the Meadows in Moorhead with massive quantities of coffee necessary to kick start the sleep deprived. A tour of Shanley with Mass in the Presentation Chapel took place on Saturday afternoon. The festivities wrapped up on Saturday evening at the Plains Art Museum in downtown Fargo. The excellent dinner was followed by a memory challenging trivia competition orchestrated by Steve Conlin and Doug Andring. Deacon clothing items for greatest distance traveled were awarded to Bruce Schmith and Mary Ann (Sittauer) Brock from the Class of ’78 and Kathy (Artz) Long and Tom Helms from the Class of ’77.

The combined reunion created even more opportunity to connect across the decades with friends from our years at Shanley. Commemorative tiles from the Reunion have been purchased and will be installed in the Shanley student commons. Many thanks to the folks who made the reunion and pictures (check out the Alumni web site) possible including Diane (Schons) Dalton, Sue (Deilke) Thoreson, Mary (Gerdes) Broberg, Annette Rabideaux, Mike Walsh, Steve Conlin, Lisa (Fisher) Halseth, Lisa (Noah) Harvey, Linda (Lee) Sand, Doug Andring, Jane Grove and Jim Traynor.

by Todd Mickelson

Class of 1988

The Shanley Class of 1988 celebrated their 20-year class reunion over the weekend of August 1-3. The good times and memory-swapping began on Friday evening at Fort Noks Bar in downtown Fargo. Approximately 50-60 classmates and spouses showed up and enjoyed the beautiful weather on the bar’s outside deck. Former Shanley teacher Kim Colwell made a surprise appearance and visited with the class. Old class photos were on display for everyone to enjoy. And yes, some of our old hairdos could be mistaken for the plumage of an emu.

Saturday morning’s golf scramble at Edgewood began bright and early (too early for some over-sleepers). Tucker Sturdevant travelled through the night from Gillette, Wyoming to make it just on time. Justice was served for Tucker (and his teammates Tate Bosak and Matt Friederichs) as they won the scramble over five other teams. Sara Obermiller’s long trip from Colorado was rewarded with winning closest to the pin on hole number 4. She was literally inches away from a hole-in-one! Keith Montplaisir and Lana (Curt) Palmer
The amazing weekend came to a close on Sunday. That morning a few dozen class members and their families attended Mass at the new Shanley High School. The Mass was said by Father James Meyer, a former Chaplain at Shanley. Many people stayed after Mass and received a tour of the new facilities. We also found out (from somebody’s curious youngster) that the cord for the emergency shower in the chemistry laboratory works! The day and the reunion came to a satisfying close with a family picnic at Rheault Farm. Dozens of classmates, spouses, and children enjoyed a lunch of catered Mexican food under the pavilion. They visited with people they hadn’t had a chance to yet and watched as their kids played with their classmates’ children at the playground.

We were glad to see everyone in good health and feel blessed that we still have classmates who are great, lifelong friends. We can’t wait for 2018 (or even 2013?)!

### Class of 1998


What a fun weekend we had! Classmates traveled from California, Washington D.C, Minneapolis, and even Missouri, to be with us for the weekend. It was hard for all of us to believe that it really had been ten years since we graduated from, as we put it, “the Old Shanley.” We had great weather to kick off our reunion with a Redhawks game and a Redhawks victory. It was a great night...although Angie Welle did almost get hit by a ball because she was too busy talking. As the temperature cooled, we continued our gathering at Labby’s where several games of shuffle board took place, stories/updates shared, and pictures taken.

Saturday’s dinner at the Avalon was accompanied by the greatest hits of Y94 from our high school days. And who could forget the intense trivia game with prizes to be won! Although the Avalon forgot about air conditioning in July as the thermostat read 81 degrees, we made up for it with great conversation, trivia questions, and eventually by moving on down the street to Rooters. It was a fabulous weekend to get reacquainted with some we haven’t seen for awhile. Plenty of stories were shared about those not in attendance as well! Many of us have even continued to keep in touch through Facebook. It was great to see everyone, and I look forward to our twenty year reunion to see where everyone is then and how many more children there are!

*by Sarah Lacher and Angie Welle*
Alumni
Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1999 - 10 year reunion

Save the date – our 10-year class reunion will take place the weekend of June 26th – June 28th, 2009. You should receive an informal invitation within the next couple of months and a formal invitation in the spring.

We need to collect contact information as soon as possible. Please help us by spreading the word to our classmates and sending your current contact information (including e-mail and mailing addresses) to lehauff@hotmail.com.

Registration and payments for the reunion must take place via mail, so be watching for that invitation due out this spring. You may also sign up for the reunion on the Shanley alumni web site at http://alumni.fcsn.k12.nd.us/ so everyone can see who’s coming, but please keep in mind you are not officially “registered” for the reunion until your registration and payment is received via mail.

If you have not already done so, please become a registered community member on the Shanley alumni web site so we can all keep in touch!

Thanks,
1999 Reunion Committee – Laura Hauff (chair), Rochelle (Kochmann) Dingmann, Sarah Hilgers, Jessica Monson and Jake Rodenbiker

Class of 1989 - 20 year reunion

Save the date ~ 20 Year Reunion
June 12th - 14th 2009
If you would be willing to help, please contact Bill Dietz or Kara Paul

Preliminary Schedule:

**Date: Friday, June 12th**
Time: 7PM-9PM
Event: Reception
Attendees: Classmates with spouses
Location: Hotel Donaldson—Stoker’s
Attire: Evening Casual (i.e.—dress pants, dress shirt, any attire that’s a little more formal than jeans & t-shirt)
Food & Beverage: Cash bar with appetizers

**Date: Saturday, June 13th**
Time: Noon-3PM
Event: Family Picnic
Attendees: Classmates with spouses and kids
Location: TBD
Attire: No requirements
Food & Beverage: Everyone responsible for bringing their own food & beverage

**Date: Saturday, June 13th**
Time: 7PM-Whenever
Event: Bowling & Casual Dinner with Awards Ceremony and showing of class video
Attendees: Classmates with spouses
Location: The Bowler
Attire: Jeans
Food & Beverage: Food while bowling; pizza during awards ceremony; cash bar

**Date: Sunday, June 14th**
Time: 10:00AM-Noon
Event: Mass at Shanley; Tour of Shanley; Reception after mass
Attendees: Classmates with spouses and kids
Attire: Whatever people want
Food & Beverage: Refreshments & cookies at reception
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The following classes have reunions scheduled in 2009 or 2010. Included below is basic information with detailed information on the website as it becomes available and in mailers from Class Reunion Committees.

**Watch for updates online at http://alumni.fcsn.k12.nd.us and click on Event & Reunion Calendar**  Post your pictures and reconnect with classmates before your reunion.

Class of 1959 - 50 year reunion

Weekend of September 25-27, 2009  (Homecoming)
Contacts:  Bob Hoss & Brenda (Cruz) Eid
bobhoss13@aol.com

Class of 1969 - 40 year reunion

Weekend of July 10-12, 2009
Contact:  Deb Williams Hinderliter
615-794-8815 (home)
615-812-9595 (cell)
dshin6@comcast.net

Class of 1979 - 30 year reunion

Weekend of August 7-9th, 2009
Contact:  Jim Traynor
jimtraynor@comcast.net
701-237-5218

Class of 1980 - 30 year reunion

July 9-10, 2010

Class of 1989 - 20 year reunion

Weekend of June 12-14, 2009
Contact:  Bill Dietz or Kara Paul
dietzhome@comcast.net

Class of 1999 - 10 year reunion

Weekend of June 26-28, 2009
Contact:  Laura Hauff
lehauff@hotmail.com
## Alumni

### News

#### 1940s

**Patricia Melarvie ('44)** became a Trinitarian Sister and is still an active Catholic after leaving the convent. She is a retired Limousin Cattle Breeder and has donated a 769 acre ranch for women and children in Spencer, West Virginia.

**Mary (Kelly) Kelly ('47)** is a Kelly who fell in love with a Kelly and married him! She has since worked as a Public Health Nurse in Fargo, raised seven children and worked as a Hospice nurse in Lansing, Michigan. Mary currently is retired and is a Hospice volunteer. She has 19 grandchildren and loves to knit and quilt. Her brothers Jack ('58) and Larry ('58) also went to SHA.

#### 1950s

**Ivan Erickson ('55)** has recently published a three volume, 1700 page religious fiction novel entitled, “Song of the Storm Winds”. It is currently being marketed via Amazon as well as his own personal web site: www.ivan-erickson.com.

**Class of 1958:** Thanks from Scottie Miller, Kathy Jamieson Enghauser, and Helen-Jeanne Fitzgerald for participating in our Class of ‘58 50th Reunion. We only facilitated -- you are what made it fun!

#### 1970s

**Kevin Brennan ('71)** was named the National Wildlife Refuge Association’s 2008 Refuge Manager of the Year. Kevin is the manager of the Fergus Falls, MN Wetland Management District and was honored for his achievements during his 34-year career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Rick Albrecht ('74)** was featured in the May 2008 edition (page 22) of *Kiplinger* personal finance magazine.

**Rosemary (Hoffman) Hirchert ('75)** has recently been promoted to the Scheduling Lead RN at the Roger Maris Cancer Center, after being interim supervisor over all the schedulers, registration and receptionists.

**Rhonda Hinsperger ('79)** graduated from Eastern Washington University in May of 2007 with a Masters in Social Work. She is currently employed with the Colville Confederated Tribes in Nespelem, Washington as a Mental Health Therapist. Rhonda and her 13 year old son reside in Malo, Washington.

#### 1980s

**Mary (Braun) Widiger ('85)** is the Public Relations Coordinator for Lakeland Hospice & Home Care in Fergus Falls, MN, serving 16 counties in West Central Minnesota, and North and South Dakota.

**William J. Biwer, Jr. ('87)** married Dawn MacDonald on May 10, 2008. The couple lives in Fargo, ND.

**Anne (Sweeney) Blake ('87)** and her husband, Brian, welcomed a baby girl, Elizabeth Anne, on July 13, 2008.

**Carrie (Cluever) Kasang ('87)** won the Mrs. Fields 30th Anniversary Cookie contest in November 2007. Her recipe for Oatmeal Peanut Butter Scotchys was chosen from over 600 entries. She appeared on the Today Show to announce that this would be Mrs. Field’s new flavor. She also won a kitchen full of new appliances. The cookie was so popular that they couldn’t keep them in stock in their online store.

**Carrie (Cluever) Kasang ('87)** married Daniel Kasang on September 16, 2007 at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

**Lori Magelky ('87)** was named one of the Forum’s “20 Under 40” people making a positive impact on others’ lives in the region. She was nominated because of the hundreds of hours she and her volunteers spend in their Fargo clinic spaying and neutering cats and dogs.

**Nancy (Gallagher) Anderson ('88)** and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of their son, Nicolas, born in May 2008.

**Matt Friederichs ('88)** and his wife, Julie, announce the birth of their daughter, Noelle Eva, born December 3, 2007.
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Tania (Bohnet) Leevers (‘88) and her husband, John, welcomed John Wesley Thomas Leevers into their family on March 8, 2008.

Greg McManus (‘88) married Reann Stradling on October 18, 2008.

1990s

Tom Baumgartner (‘90) and his wife, Jessica, announce the birth of their son, Thomas Lee, born September 5, 2008.

Marcia (Halverson) Pulczinski (‘90) and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their daughter, Ava Caroline, born August 2, 2008.

Jocelyn (Dignan) Sloan (‘90) was named one of the Forum’s “20 Under 40” people making a positive impact on others’ lives in the region. She was nominated because she started the Autism Society of North Dakota in 2006 to serve as a resource for people affected by autism.

Kimberly (Brager) Bader (‘92) has accepted the position of Art Director for Spray-N-Grow, an international gardening products company based in Rockport, TX. She previously was employed as the Assistant Creative Director for Sport Clips, Inc. based in Georgetown, TX. She and her husband John, along with son Nicholas (age 7) look forward to living on the Texas coast.

Debra Gallagher (‘92) married Chad Bolte on January 18, 2008. The couple lives in Fargo, ND.

Stephanie (Abel) Bares (‘93) and her husband, Bob, announce the birth of their son, Landon, born June 4, 2008.

Denae (Engelhardt) Burkhardt (‘93) and her husband, Cory, announce the birth of their son, Skyler Wayne, born November 5, 2008.

Sheila (Dullea) Cotton (‘93) and her husband, Bill, announce the birth of their son, Austin William, born August 19, 2008.

Melissa (Dahl) Flaherty (‘94) and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their daughter, Molly Catherine, born May 27, 2008.


Josh and Sarah (Berg) Deutsch (‘96) announce the birth of their daughter, Bergin Grace, born May 14, 2008. Bergin joins a big brother, Holden (18 months).

Justin Henke (‘96) married Amanda Baumgart on April 30, 2008.

Michael Ste. Marie (‘96) married Sarah Sutherland on October 20, 2007. The couple lives in Denver, CO.

Jessica (Rustad) Stimpson (‘96) and her husband, Chad, announce the birth of their daughter, Brooke Marie, born December 4, 2007.

Jay Thomas (‘96) married Melissa Kramer on September 6, 2008.

Kelly (Libner) Harris (‘97) and her husband, Joshua, announce the birth of their son, Will Charles, born August 15, 2008.


Erin Walker (‘97) and J. Bradley Beitz announce their engagement. A June 2009 wedding is planned in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Jim Zavoral (‘97) married Michelle Helland on October 12, 2008.

Jill (Bozovsky) Backlund (‘98) and her husband, Corey, announce the birth of their son, Christian Paul, born June 23, 2008.

Matthew Cook (‘98) married Ashley Houkom on September 13, 2008.

Trisha Gronso (‘98) married Aaron Mesna on September 27, 2008.

Scott Hofer (‘98) married Kristi Wanner on June 21, 2008. The couple lives in Issaquah, WA.

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Lisa Schwinden (’98) was named one of the Forum’s “20 Under 40” people making a positive impact on others’ lives in the region. Lisa was the first female PGA head professional in North Dakota and is one of only 115 PGA professionals nationwide certified to instruct by the PGA’s Certified Professionals Program.

Jake Rodenbiker (’99) has been employed in Bismarck as Legal Counsel for the North Dakota Insurance Department since mid-August. A member of the Florida Bar since 2007, Jake was recently admitted to the North Dakota Bar and also received an appointment as a Special Assistant Attorney General.

2000s

Brandon Donahue (’00) and his wife, Melissa Marek-Donahue, announce the birth of their son, Elijah, born April 17, 2008. Melissa is the speech/debate coach at Shanley.

Michael Lorz (’00) married Stephanie Carney on July 12, 2008.

Tara Mathern (’00) married Joe Lewis on October 4, 2008.

Bradley Mercil (’00) married Melissa Rogahn on July 12, 2008.

Amy Ruzicka (’00) married Craig Coil on February 2, 2008. The couple lives in Forest Lake, MN.

Brad Burns (’01) married Michele Wolf on August 16, 2008.

Megan Clark (’01) married Kyle McCamy on May 17, 2008. The couple lives in Fargo, ND.

Pennie Fike (’01) married Eric Monacelli on August 9, 2008.

Chad Prososki (’01) married Sarah Allmaras on August 16, 2008.

Carmella Varriano (’01) married Tony Biesiot on June 7, 2008.

Sarah Luski (’02) married Tony Swartz on August 2, 2008.

Krista Mathern (’02) married Bryce Bakkedahl on August 8, 2008.

Megan Uselman (’02) married Derek Blackburn on August 23, 2008.

Tracy Buth (’03) married Joshua DeCock on August 22, 2008.

Meghan Walker (’03) married Christopher Moody on July 19, 2008.

Mark Zerr (’03) married Jennifer Falck on June 7, 2008.

Amanda Gapp (’04) married Paul Wilburn on July 18, 2008.

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In Memoriam  
(information from Fargo Forum or provided by families)

We extend our sympathies to the friends and families of:

Margaret (Mohr) Smith (*28) passed away on September 16, 2008. Margaret was the mother of Teryll (Smith) Beach (*52) and the sister of the late Agnes Mohr (*29).

Eunice (Conlon) Leppert (*30) passed away on February 18, 2008. Eunice was the mother of John Leppert (*59) and Richard Leppert (*61).

Frank Gerlach (*37) passed away on October 7, 2008. Frank was the father of John Gerlach (*59), James Gerlach (*60), Thomas Gerlach (*61) and Susan (Gerlach) Kobets. Frank was also the brother of Marian (Gerlach) Skauge (*33), Rose (Gerlach) Moe (*35) and Lucille (Gerlach) Wayman (*39).

Geraldine (Clarey) Deutsch (*40) passed away on August 26, 2008.

Roberta (Ridley) Deutsch (*42) passed away on May 8, 2008. Roberta was the mother of Tad Deutsch (*65), Jim Deutsch (*67), Michael Deutsch (*68), Chuck Deutsch (*70), Bob Deutsch (*72) and Bill Deutsch (*73). She was also the grandmother of James Deutsch, Jr. (*92), Joshua Deutsch (*96) and Maureen (Deutsch) Splettstaszer (*97).

Larry Cullen (*43) passed away on August 20, 2008. Larry was the husband of Colleen (Cronin) Cullen (*45) and the father of Maureen (Cullen) Ness (*67), Joleen (Cullen) Hertzberg (*68), Kim (Cullen) Niemeyer (*73) and Cheryl Cullen (*76). Larry was also the brother of Dan Cullen (*55), Mary Marilyn (Cullen) Gully (*57) and the late Richard Cullen (*52), Monte Cullen and Jim Cullen.

Colleen (Cronin) Cullen (*45) passed away on November 16, 2008. Colleen was the mother of Maureen (Cullen) Ness (*67), Joleen (Cullen) Hertzberg (*68), Kim (Cullen) Niemeyer (*73) and Cheryl Cullen (*76).

Sister Mary Alberta Grimm (*46) passed away on September 10, 2008 in Leavenworth, Kansas. She was the sister of Sr. Catherine Rose Grimm (*46).

Sister Yvonne Nelson (*46) passed away on March 5, 2008. Sister Yvonne taught English for many years at Shanley High School. She was the sister of Sr. Claudia Nelson (*42), Lois Nelson (*52) and Ann Marie Nelson.

James D.F. Grim (*51) passed away on September 2, 2008 in St. George, Utah. James was the brother of Calverna (Grim) Schloesser (*46), Mary (Grim) Anderson (*54), Joseph Grim (*55), Ralph Grim (*58), Terrance Grim (*62), John Grim (*64) and the late August Grim (*42).

Patricia Garvey (*52) passed away on February 26, 2008 in Mesa, Arizona. She was the sister of Donna (Garvey) Elledge (*50) and the late Gerald Garvey (*45).

MaryAnn (Gress) Vise (*58) passed away on October 22, 2008.

Judith (Larson) Schmitz (*60) passed away on April 12, 2008. Judith married and is survived by her husband Art Schmitz (*60).

Gail (Wanner) Fleming (*64) passed away on June 16, 2008. Gail was the sister of Daniel Wanner, David Wanner (*65), Gloria (Wanner) Mielke (*67) and Geri (Wanner) Wright (*70).

Timothy Kennelly (*64) passed away on August 13, 2008. Timothy was the brother of Dan Kennelly (*57), Mary (Kennelly) Hanigan (*59), Kathleen (Kennelly) Salado (*62) and Thomas Kennelly (*64).

Paul McLaughlin (*67) passed away on March 15, 2008. Paul was the father of Andrea McLaughlin (*00), Sean McLaughlin and Elizabeth McLaughlin.

Michael E. Somes (*67) passed away on September 5, 2008. Michael was the brother of Kathleen (Somes) Stockstad (*70), Timothy Somes (*71), Jayne Somes-Schloesser (*76) and Jim Somes (*80).

Margaret Morriss (*69) passed away on June 28, 2008. Margaret was the sister of Susan Morriss (*73), Patrick Morriss (*76), Gregory Morriss (*79) and the late Robert Morriss (*71).
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Robert W. Morriss (’71) passed away on May 13, 2008. Robert was the brother of Margaret Morriss (’69), Susan Morriss (’73), Patrick Morriss (’76) and Gregory Morriss (’79).

Wayne Fischer (’72) passed away on May 13, 2008. Wayne was the son of Robert S. Fischer (’39) and the brother of Steve Fischer (’69), Doug Fischer (’70), Diann Fischer (’75), Keith Fischer (’79), Carol Fischer (’81), Susan Fischer (’83) and Mary Fischer (’86).

Michael Ebner (’86) passed away on May 26, 2008. Michael was the brother of Tom Ebner, Brenda (Ebner) Richert (’76) and Patricia (Ebner) Arneson (’79).

Dennis Benesch passed away on March 10, 2008. Dennis was the father of Laurie (Benesch) Delvo (’79), John Benesch and Bill Benesch.

Kathleen Bernstein passed away on May 2, 2008. Kathy was the mother of Mark Bernstein (’73), Michelle Bernstein (’74), Kimberly (Bernstein) Barstad (’76) and Tim Bernstein (’78).

Irene Christesen passed away on March 7, 2008. Irene attended Sacred Heart Academy and was the mother of David Christesen (’66), Jeraldine Christesen, Donna (Christesen) Kjorsvik, Dan Christesen and Christina Christesen.

Elaine Cichy passed away on March 13, 2008. Elaine was the wife of the late Sid Cichy and mother of Michael Cichy (’62), Catherine (Cichy) McLaughlin (’64), Margaret Cichy, Joe Cichy (’67), Mary (Cichy) Grady (’69), Nick Cichy (’71), Greg Cichy (’74), Elizabeth (Cichy) Almstrom (’77) and Steve Cichy (’78).

Laurence “Larry” Cossette passed away on August 23, 2008. Larry was the father of Helen (Cossette) Bye (’64), Gerald Cossette and Betty (Cossette) Swanson.

Charles Croal passed away on May 17, 2008. Charles was the father of Chuck Croal (’67), James Croal (’74) and Frank Croal.

Terry DeVine passed away on July 10, 2008. Terry was the father of Taylor DeVine (’89), Nate DeVine and Erin (DeVine) Parker.

Larry Frimanslund passed away on November 3, 2008. Larry was the husband of Connie (Wrabek) Frimanslund (’64).

Dolores Fritz passed away on October 31, 2008. Dolores was the mother of Patty Fritz (’78), Steve Fritz (’80) and Jason Fritz (’82).

Geoffrey M. Hilber passed away on August 2, 2008. Geoffrey was the son of Gary J. Hilber (’62) and the brother of Nativity first grade teacher, Stephanie Kautzman.

Phil Huck passed away on May 19, 2008. Phil was the father of Eileen (Huck) Fike (’70), Fr. Chuck Huck, Jerry Huck, Gary Huck, Mary Jo (Huck) Kollitz (’75), Phyllis (Huck) Thompson (’78), Greg Huck (’79), Mike Huck (’80), Karen (Huck) Schreiner (’82), Colleen (Huck) Kuhn (’85), Debbie (Huck) Stroh (’88) and Carol (Huck) Thoma (’93).

Carol Johansen passed away on July 19, 2008. Carol was the mother of Dean Johansen (’77). Carol was also the secretary at Nativity Elementary School for 46 years.

Rosemary Kennelly passed away March 31, 2008. Rosemary was the mother of Colleen (Cleary) Bassett (’66), Regina (Cleary) Mandy (’71), Catherine (Cleary) Ordal (’75), John Cleary (’79), Michael Cleary and Marlys (Cleary) Pedrick.

Robert Krogen passed away May 11, 2008. Robert was the father of Barbara (Krogen) Samb (’74), Bonnie (Krogen) Kupperion (’75) and Mark Krogen (’80).

Clara LaBore passed away on July 5, 2008. Clara was the mother of Mary (LaBore) Weiler (’61), Susan (LaBore) Schnell (’64), Christine (LaBore) Jacobson (’65), Rene LaBore (’68), Barbara (LaBore) Joraanstad, Henry LaBore III and Jane (LaBore) Klaers.

Beatrice Langer passed away on May 17, 2008. Beatrice was the mother of Gary Langer (’64) and Monica (Langer) Schloesser (’70).

Michael J. Morgan passed away on May 15, 2008. Michael was the father of Heidi (Morgan) Vachon (’98).
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Ted Namenuik passed away on March 18, 2008. Ted was the father of current Network parent Dave Namenuik (Sheryl (Altobell) Namenuik (‘86) and grandfather of current FCSN students Amanda and Theodore Namenuik.

Daniel Nemcek passed away on July 7, 2008. Daniel was the son of Sandy (Rheault) Nemcek (‘76) and her husband, Gary.

Vernette “Vaughnie” Olivieri passed away on September 16, 2008. Vernette was the mother of Dino Olivieri (‘82), Mario Olivieri (‘82), Gio (Olivieri) Cerise (‘83) and Linda (Olivieri) Patterson.

Leland “John” Rapp passed away on March 23, 2008. John was the husband of Mari (Bush) Rapp (‘61).

John “Jack” Ruddy passed away on June 12, 2008. John was the father of Daniel Ruddy (‘90).

Henry David Sandvig passed away on October 22, 2008. Henry was the father of Henry Deryk Sandvig, Nathan Sandvig (‘96) and Michelle (Sandvig) Hoffman (‘97).

Alois Schluender passed away on May 6, 2008. Al was the father of David Schluender (‘68) and Mary (Schluender) Haataja (‘70).

Edwin Maine Shafer passed away on August 24, 2008. Edwin was the father of Gerri Shafer-Smith (‘58), E. Maine Shafer Jr., Treacy Shafer-Schmidt, and Janie Shafer (‘75).

Scott Sorensen passed away on May 1, 2008 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Scott was the husband of Melissa (Gruman) Sorensen (‘87).

Theodore Albert Steinberg passed away on October 2, 2008 in Pearland, TX. Theodore was the father of Carla (Steinberg) Guillot (‘76) and Jeanne (Steinberg) Butler (‘81).

Andrew Tessier passed away on August 24, 2008. Andrew was the father of Jacqueline Carol (Tessier) Keller (‘56), Diane (Tessier) Bachmeier (‘57), Renee (Tessier) Dulski (‘61), Sandy Tessier (‘62) and Gary Tessier.

Marjorie Tierney passed away on March 23, 2008. Marjorie was the mother of Maretta (Tierney) Clauson (‘63), Dan Tierney (‘66), Patricia (Tierney) Crean, Sheila (Tierney) Jamieson, Colleen (Tierney) Barta, Kelly (Tierney) Mondloch and the late Jim Tierney (‘64).

Milton Tinjum passed away on May 10, 2008. Milton was the father of Patrick Tinjum (‘81), Paul Tinjum, Debra (Tinjum) Blackburn, Wanda (Tinjum) Lukes, Sandy (Tinjum) McChesney, Nancy (Tinjum) Larson and Yolanda (Tinjum) Peterson.

George Vettel passed away on November 11, 2008. George was the husband of Betty Ann (Germaine) Vettel (‘55).

Martin Walsh passed away on August 7, 2008. Martin was the father of Michael Walsh (‘78), David Walsh (‘80) and Daniel Walsh (‘87).

Leo Wanzek passed away on April 16, 2008. Leo was the father of Jon Wanzek (‘82), Juliet (Wanzek) Everist and Jantze (Wanzek) Haley.

Vincent Webber passed away on March 31, 2008. Vincent was the father of current Network Parent David (Laurinda Pyle(’80)) Webber and the grandfather of James Webber (‘07) and current FCSN students Stefan Webber and Tristan Webber.

Jean Wilken passed away on March 8, 2008. Jean was the mother of Sandra (Wilken) Dickson (‘68), Pamela (Wilken) Clark (‘69), Lori (Wilken) Bartsch, Tim Wilken (‘73), Mark Wilken (‘75) and Scott Wilken (‘88).


If you would like to inform classmates and other alumni of a loved one’s passing, please submit information either by phone or by email to Maria Dahlin at: 701-893-3233 or maria.dahlin@sendit.nodak.edu.
What’s Happening in our Schools

Shanley/Sullivan Robotics Team Takes First

The Shanley/Sullivan Robotics team, Deaconi Volatus or Deacon Aviation, placed first in the Bison BEST Robotics competition at North Dakota State University on Nov. 1, 2008.

Bison BEST Robotics is a program to promote engineering among young men and women. Twenty area high schools competed this year. The goal this year was to build a robot that could pick up plane parts in a warehouse, deliver them to an assembly area, and then hang them up to simulate flying. The Shanley/Sullivan team averaged over 100 points per round more than the other schools in the competition.

The team members were Matthew Donahue, Alex Abdullah, Ali Abdullah, Andrew Bossert, Grant Christianson, Brett Johnson, Max Tolstedt, David Kasper, Anna Marsolek, Thomas Ames, Nico Hanson, Colton Keller, Paige Knain-Blanchard, Craig Needham, and Josh Zetocha. The mentors were Gail Ringey, Kevin Cowles, Brian Bossert, Chuck Needham, and Jonathan Tolstedt.

The Shanley/Sullivan robot, Phoenix, and the team also won several special awards: Most Robust; Blood, Sweat, and Duct Tape; Founder’s Award for Creative Design; Most Innovative Design; and Bobcat Teamwork Award. The students work very well as a team and have learned a lot about the engineering process.

The students will travel to Fort Smith, Arkansas on Dec. 3-7 for the regional BEST competition. They are hoping that Phoenix can perform as well against the 38 other teams that will be competing.

(by Gail Ringey)

FCSN Students Participate in Second Annual “Fill the Dome” Food Drive

Students from Holy Spirit, Nativity, Sullivan and Shanley all participated in the record-breaking second annual Fill the Dome student-led food drive event. Holy Spirit was awarded the top elementary school for the 2nd year in a row out of all the Fargo/West Fargo elementary schools with the most food in their designated square for the event.

Lofty goals to top last year’s first Fill the Dome meant reaching $50,000 in donations and 50 tons of food. Instead, the community and 51 area schools raised $57,735 and 67 tons of food.

The 134,788 pounds of cans and bottled water sprawled across the concrete floor of the Fargodome filled four semi truck loads shipped to the Great Plains Food Bank. The food will be reloaded back into trucks between now and mid-December, shipped to many of the 240 food shelves across the state.

“You took it to the next level,” U.S. Rep. Earl Pomeroy told the students. “You’ve taught us again as adults what Thanksgiving’s all about.”

Congratulations to Holy Spirit Elementary who won the elementary division for the second year.

Source: The Fargo Forum

Photo Courtesy: The Fargo Forum
What’s Happening in our Schools

Deacon Boys Soccer Wins First State Title

Coach Michael Breker’s preseason prediction that his team probably wouldn’t be the top team in the state wasn’t unique. In addition to losing 12 players from the year before, Shanley hasn’t had a rich soccer tradition. Despite the outlook, the Deacons won their first state championship in October with a 1-0 victory over Fargo North.

“I can’t believe it,” Breker said. “I thought we wouldn’t be the best team, but we wouldn’t be the worst team either.”

Matt Glogoza, who scored 16 goals during the regular season, scored the winning goal in the 55th minute of the match at the Fargo North field. “I tried to cut in and put it in the back corner,” said Glogoza, a junior. “The program has come so far with Breker. We are so much better.”

The Deacons took third place at the tournament last season, but had never played for a state championship. The school has a total of four state-tournament appearances.

Breker has coached the Deacons the last two seasons. He is also the head coach of the Fargo South girls’ team. Last year was his first year coaching the Bruins, and the team won the girls’ state championship.

“My assistant and I were saying that now we have to go for a four-peat,” Breker said about the prospect of repeating championships in both girls and boys soccer.

Breker will have a lot to work with in his quest to repeat the boys’ championship. The team had just four seniors and returns the team’s top five scorers, including Glogoza, who finished the regular season with 42 total points.

Source:  The Fargo Forum
Photo Courtesy:  Jim Traynor

Fall Sports Recap

Cross-Country:

The Deacon Cross-Country season ended well. The boys finished 3rd in the EDC, which is the best that Shanley has ever placed, and the girls finished tied for 5th in the EDC. Four runners made all-conference. Both teams are already looking forward to a great season next year.

Girls Golf:

The Fargo Shanley girls golf dynasty appeared to be in jeopardy this season. The Deacons graduated three all-state players from a team that captured three-consecutive North Dakota Class A team titles, leaving a pair of sophomores nicknamed the “little girls” to become leaders. Those “little girls” stepped up in a big way. The team once again took 1st place in the EDC. They fell just short of another state title and took 2nd behind 1st place Minot.
What’s Happening in our Schools

Girls Swimming & Diving:
With a new head coach, three seniors and eight juniors, the Deacon swimming & diving team saw a lot of growth throughout this year. They are already looking forward to a great season next year. Junior, Alexis Halberstadt brought home two individual state titles in the 50 Freestyle and the 100 Butterfly. Congratulations to her and the entire team on a job well done!

Boys Tennis:

The Deacon Boys Tennis team placed 3rd in the EDC this year and advanced to the State Tournament in Bismarck after losing 7 of the top 12 players from last year. The team worked hard at State and brought home the 5th place trophy in this rebuilding year.

Football:
The Shanley Football team was greatly improved in Coach Steve Laqua’s second year at the helm. They beat a quality Minot team on the road in the second game of the season and qualified for a play-in game for the State Playoffs. They landed 4 players on the EDC All Conference Team in seniors Logan Hushka, Andy Schweigert, Eric Jagim and sophomore Connor McGovern.

Volleyball:

Deacon Volleyball had a good fall in Coach Wendy Zeiher’s 9th year leading the program. The varsity team placed 3rd in the EDC regular season including sweeps of Fargo North and Fargo South. While they did not qualify for State due to a red hot Fargo North team in the EDC Tournament, they placed Aubrey Fraase and Sammi Post on the All-EDC team and Aubrey was All-State. The future of the program is positive with the sophomores winning their EDC Tournament and the freshmen bowing in their Championship game.
Yours in Service

Deacon Alerts & Memorials

The FCSN Development Office would like to thank all of the alumni who have expressed their appreciation for receiving Deacon Alert information about classmates or the family of classmates. It is a service we are more than happy to provide.

Please remember to let our office know about any situation for which either you or a classmate may need prayer. The only source we check for obituary information is *The Fargo Forum*, so if a death notice is not posted there, we most likely will not know about it.

Also, if we receive a Deacon Alert request for prayer for something other than a death and the request does not come directly from the family needing the prayers, please understand that we must get permission from the affected alumnus before sending out a Deacon Alert.

We’ve changed the Deacon Alert process whereby any visitor to the alumni web site at [http://alumni.fcsn.k12.nd.us/](http://alumni.fcsn.k12.nd.us/) can view Deacon Alert information and the obituary for recent Deacon Alerts. Deacon Alerts will still only be sent out via e-mail to the classes who are affected by the information, but if you want to see other recent Deacon Alerts, simply click on the “DEACON ALERTS” link from the alumni web site home page.

The current list of Deacon Alerts includes:

- **James D.F. Grim** ’51 (sent 11/21/08)
- **Colleen (Cronin) Cullen** ’45 (sent 11/20/08)
- **George F. Vettel** (sent 11/14/08)
- **Larry Eugene Frimanslund** (sent 11/10/08)
- **Henry David Sandvig** (sent 11/4/08)
- **Dolores A. Fritz** (sent 11/4/08)
- **MaryAnn (Gress) Vise** ’58 (sent 10/23/08)
- **Theodore Albert Steinberg** (sent 10/20/08)
- **Frank R. Gerlach** ’37 (sent 10/19/08)
- **Vernette “Vaughnie” Olivieri** (sent 9/22/08)
- **Michael E. Somes** ’67 (sent 9/16/08)
- **Andrew Tessier** (sent 8/27/08)
- **Edwin Maine Shafer** (sent 8/27/08)
- **Laurence “Larry” Cossette** (sent 8/26/08)
- **Larry “Moon” Cullen** ’43 (sent 8/22/08)
- **Timothy Kennelly** ’64 (sent 8/15/08)
- **Martin E. Walsh** (sent 8/10/08)

**Geoffrey M. Hilber** (sent 8/6/08)
**Carol Johansen** (sent 7/22/08)
**Terry DeVine** (sent 7/15/08)
**Daniel Nemeck** (sent 7/9/08)
**Clara LaBore** (sent 7/8/08)
**Margaret Morris** ’69 (sent 7/2/08)
**Gail (Wanner) Fleming** ’64 (sent 6/18/08)
**Michael J. Morgan** (sent 6/18/08)
**John “Jack” Ruddy** (sent 6/17/08)
**Michael Ebner** ’86 (sent 5/29/08)
**Wayne Fischer** ’72 (sent 5/22/08)
**Phil Huck** (sent 5/21/08)
**Charles R. Croal** (sent 5/20/08)
**Beatrice M. Langer** (sent 5/20/08)
**Robert W. Morriss** (sent 5/16/08)

Memorials

Memorials may be sent in memory of ANYONE by ANYONE and they can even be completed securely and conveniently online via the alumni web site at [http://alumni.fcsn.k12.nd.us/](http://alumni.fcsn.k12.nd.us/). When you click on the “Memorials” link, there’s also an added bonus — if you have media player capabilities on your computer, you will be able to hear a recording of Brother Michael Collins, the Shanley Boys Choir & Sandpebbles performing “Oh Happy Day”!

Don’t forget that all memorial gifts from alumni DO count toward your Class Act Challenge giving, so you can boost your class participation and average gift by sending a gift in memory of someone.

Memorials given so far this fiscal year (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) include:

**Geraldine (Clarey) Deutsch** ’40
Dan and Ann Deutsch Murphy

**Dolores A. Fritz**
Todd and Dr. Margaret Traynor Mickelson

**Frank R. Gerlach** ’37
The Commercial Mortgage Group at American Equity
M. Gail Gerlach
Frank and Patricia Gerlach Witte

**Phil Huck**
Todd and Dr. Margaret Traynor Mickelson
Yours in Service

Carol Johansen
Todd and Dr. Margaret Traynor Mickelson

Mary Helen Sapa Kowneko ’68
Diana (Dee) Doyle Olson

Daniel Nemcek
Todd and Dr. Margaret Traynor Mickelson

Martin E. Walsh
Sally Kasper
Todd and Dr. Margaret Traynor Mickelson
Paul and Geneva Noah
Donald and Mary Kay Schott
William and Larisa Sornsin

To view all Memorials given since 2006, please visit the “Memorials” link on the alumni web site home page. Also remember that when you give a memorial gift, the family of that person is notified that you have given a gift in their loved one’s memory.

We also conduct a Memorial Mass every spring here at Shanley/Sullivan for all Sacred Heart and Shanley graduates, parents and friends who have been memorialized. We will keep all alumni posted on the date for that Mass as the time draws closer.

Shanley Alumni Web Site Updates

Over 1300 Deacon graduates can’t be wrong! The Shanley alumni online community is the place to re-connect with classmates, view and upload reunion photos and keep up to date on all the latest news and events from your alma mater.

If you are already one of the over 1300 registered users, we hope you are enjoying the site. If you’re not already a member, here are just a few of the reasons you should become a member TODAY!

- Set up your own password-protected profile and photo albums to share with classmates and fellow Deacon alumni registered users
- Stay up-to-date on any upcoming class reunions and after the reunion, you can upload and share photos in the class photo album
- Secure and convenient online giving to either the Annual Drive or Memorial gifts
- Receive “Deacon Alert” e-mails when a classmate or classmate’s family needs your prayers (death or illness of a loved one, etc.)

So, what are you waiting for? Join today! Simply log on to the site at http://alumni.fcsn.k12.nd.us/ and click on “Register” to get started.

Ps: Parents of Shanley Grads are also welcomed and encouraged to register and stay in touch with other parents and their children’s classmates.
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Yours in Service

FCSN Provides Cemetery Service for Deacon Families

There are many of our Deacon Alumni who have family members buried in Fargo but no longer have anyone living nearby to tend their loved ones’ grave sites.

“We believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen”

Father Charles LaCroix, Shanley and Sullivan Chaplain reflects on our deceased in our Catholic faith. “As Catholics, we are blessed to be able to bury our deceased in grounds that have themselves been blessed. We believe that the body is holy because it is part of God’s beautiful creation and because, once baptized, the body becomes the dwelling place of the Most Holy Trinity. Our bodies are destined to be resurrected and glorified at the end of time to enter the glory of eternal life.

Therefore, it is necessary to honor our deceased by honoring their bodies on these hallowed grounds. When we visit and maintain the grave sites of our loved ones, we honor them by our presence and we actively bear witness to our beliefs and perhaps most importantly, our visit becomes a prayer to God on their behalf. In this way, we help hasten the day when they will see God face-to-face in the beatific vision of Heaven.”

To serve and support our Deacon families who no longer live in the area or are unable, the Fargo Catholic Schools Network (FCSN) offered prayers and flowers at the grave sites of loved ones. Memorial Day Weekend this year, members of your extended Deacon family planted flowers and prayed for the following Deacon family members:

Gerald & Ramona Flashe
Ludwig and Marie Anne Ladner
Eleanor & Robert Livingston
Raymond & Bernita Ludwig
Oliver & Florence Sedlack
Mary Louise Sedlack
Baby Boy Sedlack
Ester Speckeen
Ted & Gertrude Wright
Gerald Obert
P.W. Clemens Family

The first year of this service, we offered this primarily to members of our Alumni website with deceased family members in Holy Cross North Cemetery.

If you are interested in this Deacon Cemetery Service for your loved ones or have questions, please contact Todd Mickelson prior to Memorial Day weekend at 701-893-3234 or todd.mickelson@sendit.nodak.edu.
The Joy of Giving

The 24th Annual Shanley Dinner Auction a Record Success

The 24th Annual Shanley Dinner Auction was held on Saturday, April 26th at the Fargo Holiday Inn under the co-chairmanship of Rondi McGovern and Mary Montplaisir. This year’s entire event raised a record-breaking $406,000 to benefit all four schools within the Fargo Catholic Schools Network!

The over 500 people in attendance enjoyed an evening full of silent auctions, wonderful food & fellowship and of course a very lively live auction event. Unique getaways to Costa Rica, the Masters Golf Tournament and Mackinac Island were just a few of the highlights of the live auction. Auction goers also had the opportunity to bid on some of the latest electronics, unique wines and beautiful jewelry.

One of the most exciting highlights of the evening was the FCSN Special Projects bidding during the live auction. Every year, one or two “needs” are identified for auction goers to “bid” (donate) any amount of money to benefit our schools in that identified key area of need. This year’s identified need was to help grow the new Susan Barry Meckstroth Educator Endowment. This endowment in the FCSN Foundation generates earnings in perpetuity to compensate FCSN educators above their contracted salary.

The excitement for this year’s Special Project began well before the bidding when Tom Wold (’55) offered to MATCH all bids (donations) to the Susan Barry Meckstroth Educator Endowment up to $50,000! Auction goers delivered above and beyond by donating over $92,000 to the Susan Barry Meckstroth Endowment in an exciting round of bidding during the live auction! This $92,000 created the Presentation Sisters Fund within the Susan Barry Meckstroth Educator Endowment. Together with the match, over $142,000 was placed into the Endowment to benefit our FCSN educators for years to come.

Thank you to EVERYONE who played a part in making the 24th Annual Shanley Dinner Auction such a huge success. From the volunteers to the bidders, it wouldn’t have been the success it was without you.

Donations are now being accepted for the milestone 25th Annual Shanley Dinner Auction to be held Saturday, April 25th at the Fargo Holiday Inn.

If you missed out on last year’s successful auction, there’s never been a better time than now to get involved! The 25th Annual Shanley Dinner Auction promises to be even bigger and better than years past, but it’s going to take the effort of everyone who cares about the future of our schools to make it so.

Even if you no longer live in the Fargo-Moorhead area, you can help! This year, we’d like to put together even more getaway packages to all areas of the country. If you’re an alumnus who has season tickets (or access to tickets through an employer, etc.) for events in your area, we want to hear from you. It’s a great way to showcase your area of the country and receive a tax deduction for any donations you’re able to make.

We want to work with alumni to put together some great packages for next year’s Auction. We can easily put together hotel and dining packages (with suggestions from you) and pair that with tickets or passes to great attractions in your area.

Some examples could include:

- Tickets to national athletic events in your city (we have more than just Vikings & Twins fans here)
- Tickets to Disney World or Disneyland
- Golfing packages at world-renowned golf courses
- New York Broadway show tickets
- Napa Valley wine tour
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- Resort packages
- Tickets/passes to the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics
- Hunting/Fishing Getaways

With over 6,000 alumni all over this great country, the list of possibilities is really endless. If you have any ideas for a great getaway package in your area or have access to tickets/passes to area attractions please contact Joelle Shewey in the FCSN Development Office at 701-893-3225 or e-mail joelle.shewey@sendit.nodak.edu.

And the best part about putting these great packages together? This year, we’re going to let you bid on them! All packages put together with the help of alumni will be available for online bidding this year. The bidding process will be very simple whereby you’ll be able to submit your top bid via e-mail before the Shanley Dinner Auction event on April 25, 2009. We will then have someone bid for you during the live auction event and you will be notified the following week if you were the successful bidder.

So let’s get those creative juices flowing and put together some of the greatest getaway packages for the 25th Annual Shanley Dinner Auction!

Engraved in the Spirit Tile Program

The Engraved in the Spirit Tile Program began with the construction of the new Sullivan/Shanley facility in south Fargo. Even though the building has been finished for some time now, the tile program still lives on.

In the last two years alone, 20 new tiles have been purchased and engraved in the Sullivan/Shanley student commons, and there are still empty tiles available. The commons is often a place for students, faculty, alumni and friends to gather for educational and sporting events, the arts, receptions and reunions. Purchasing a tile in the commons is still a great way to show your school pride and leave a lasting impression for future generations of Deacons.

In the next issue of the Deacon Newsletter, we will provide a complete list of all the tiles that are currently displayed in the Shanley/Sullivan commons area.

If you are interested in purchasing a tile and leaving a lasting impression at Shanley/Sullivan, we want to hear from you! Please fill out the form below, and we will gladly be in touch with you to discuss tile options and inscriptions.

Name: ____________________________ Address: ____________________________
City: ____________________________ State: ____________________________ Zip: ____________________________
Phone number where you can be reached: ____________________________ □ Day □ Evening
E-mail address: ____________________________
I prefer to be contacted by: □ Phone □ E-mail □ Mail
I am interested in a tile at the following level:
□ $250 with up to 2 lines of type
□ $500 with up to 3 lines of type
□ $1000 with up to 4 lines of type

Please send completed form to Joelle at 5600 25th St S – Fargo, ND 58104.

Questions: Call or e-mail Joelle at 701-893-3225 or joelle.shewey@sendit.nodak.edu
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2008-2009 Annual Drive gets $25,000 Boost

The ‘08-’09 Annual Drive is well underway and the need for support for our schools is greater than ever. Leaner economic times make the tuition bill for some Network parents tougher to fit into their household budgets. However, our schools have been through economic downturns several times in our 125 year history and we’ve always persevered thanks to the generosity of alumni, parents, parents of Deacon graduates and friends who care deeply about the future of our schools.

These generous donors recognize that the generations before them cared enough about Catholic education in Fargo-Moorhead to give of their time, talent and treasure when they or their children were students and that now it’s their turn to return the favor to this generation and future generations.

Four anonymous alumni donors have put their commitment to Catholic education into action by putting up a total of $25,000 in a challenge gift to all alumni. All new and increased gifts to the ‘08-’09 Annual Drive from alumni WILL BE MATCHED up to $25,000! This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for all Deacon alumni. We invite our alumni to take advantage of it with a gift of any size. If each Deacon graduate gave just $25, over $150,000 would be raised by alumni alone to support enrollment and quality education by providing tuition assistance and competitive salaries for quality educators!

We know that many of you give more than $25, but if you’ve never had your name listed with your class in the Annual Report Honor Roll of Donors, make this the year your name appears. It will help boost your class’s participation in Annual Drive giving (maybe even leading to a tile in the SMS/SHS Commons) and a first-time $25 gift will become a $50 gift to this year’s Annual Drive.

We also have a match gift of $7,500 from a group of Parents of Deacon grads. All new and increased gifts to the ‘08-’09 Annual Drive from Parents of Deacon graduates WILL BE MATCHED up to $7,500. Each year more of our Parents of Deacons renew their commitment and join us in our Annual Drive to keep up our tradition of excellence and affordability.

How many other ways can you think of to DOUBLE your money and DOUBLE the impact to the Fargo Catholic Schools Network this year?

Congratulations to the Classes of 1949 and 1945 for having the highest average gift and to the Classes of 1945 and 1953 for having the highest class participation in the 2007 Class Act Challenge! Tiles were placed in the SMS/SHS Commons this summer to celebrate your efforts. The Class of 1949 had an average gift of $114 and the Class of 1945 had a participation rate of 50%!

2008-2009 Annual Drive

Annual Drive 2008 - 2009

YES, I’d like to help celebrate over 125 years of Catholic education and keep the tradition going strong with my annual gift!

I want to support the FCSN Annual Drive.
☐ $35 ☐ $75 ☐ $100

I want to honor the Presentation Sisters and be a part of the future Legacy of the FCSN.
☐ $125 ☐ $250 ☐ $500 ☐ $1,250

Name
__________________________________________________________

Address
________________________________________________________

City________________________State_________________Zip_________

☐ Current Parent ☐ Alumni Parent ☐ Grandparent of current student
☐ Friend ☐ Alumni: year_____ birth name________________________

Payment enclosed

☐ Charge my credit card in a single payment of

☐ Pay in installments. Charge my credit card $________

☐ semi-annually ☐ quarterly ☐ monthly

☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ DISCOVER

Card #________________________

Expiration Date________________________

Signature________________________

☐ My employer, ____________________________ will match this gift.

Secure online giving is available at: http://alumni.fcsn.k12.nd.us – “Support FCSN” link.

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