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Scotus Loses a Legend

Legendary coach and teacher, Jim Puetz, passed away on September 1, 2018. Mr. Puetz coached and taught social studies and physical education at Scotus from 1967 to 2007 and directed five state championship teams, boys track (1978, 1979) and football (1967, 1984 and 1993.) During his 31 years as head football coach he compiled a career record of 236-96-6. In 27 years as the head track coach he collected in addition to the two state championships, two state runners up (1969, 1973) and 18 district championships. He also coached the boys' golf team from 1996 to 2005. He was named the Nebraska High School Football Coach of the Year in 1985 and 1997 & Nebraska High School Coach of the Year in 1994. He had a passionate love for Scotus Central Catholic, for family and his Catholic faith; and he inspired thousands of Scotus students and athletes during his tenure. Many will remember his "unannounced" quizzes, the "Scotus Factor" and of course, Rudy Kolache. Coach Puetz was a player's coach and a true Shamrock.



Fellow Shamrocks,

As you well know, the Shamrock Nation lost one of their truest "Green" members on September 1st. Coach Jim Puetz taught and entertained, coached and motivated many of you during his years at Scotus. If you crossed paths with Coach Puetz in the classroom or on the field of play, you probably have a Coach Puetz story to tell.

Because of what Coach Puetz has meant and done for Scotus during his 39-year tenure, we would like to, with your help, endow a scholarship in his name to be presented annually at the Scotus athletic banquet. Mr. Puetz's family has presented to the school hundreds of memorials given in Jim's honor (totaling \$6,500) to establish a scholarship; however to make the award truly meaningful, more is needed. We are asking the Shamrock

Nation to step forward, like you have on many other occasions, and make a contribution to the endowed Coach Jim Puetz Scholarship Fund.

Our hope is to reach an amount that would annually provide a \$1,000 scholarship. That would take an endowed fund of \$25,000 to accomplish. This is a lofty goal, but the "legacy" of Coach Puetz is well worth the effort. Please forward your contribution (*checks made out to Scotus Central Catholic*) and earmark your gift for the endowed Coach Jim Puetz Scholarship Fund. You can also donate online through the Scotus web site at: scotuscc.org. Thank you for considering this worthy cause.

Former Shamrock coaches who also bleed "Green."

Vern Younger
John Petersen
Gary Puetz

Mark Your Calendars!

The 38th annual Gala dinner/auction will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019. This is the school's largest annual fundraiser and all proceeds are used to balance the annual budget. Every year the Gala effectively provides a \$550 tuition scholarship for each student attending our school. Last April, even though we had a blizzard warning all day, 474 guests helped us raise a total of \$206,740 for the budget and an additional \$33,474 to make improvements to the school's media center.

We are blessed with many wonderful donors and volunteers including 2019 co-chairs: Mark & Nicole Lindhorst, Scott & Amy Schaecher and Mark & Andrea Schumacher. And our 2019 vice-chairs are Dan & Jill Clarey, Mike & Nicole Fleming and Joe & Shelly Steffensmeier.

If you would like to participate by donating an item for the silent or oral auctions, volunteer to help, or if you wish to receive an invitation to attend please contact our co-chairs, vice-chairs or Janice Rosenquist in the Scotus development office at 402-564-7165 ext. 154 or jrosenquist@scotuscc.org. Your involvement will be key to our event's success and that's why we urge you to mark your calendars today!

Reunions

Class of 1969. The 50th Reunion for the Scotus Class of 1969 is scheduled for August 16 & 17, 2019. Mark your calendars! Letters with events and schedules will be mailed directly to the alumni and alumnae. Please make sure to update your information with the SCC alumni/nae staff. Those wishing to serve on the planning committee please contact: Jane L Cromwell, PO Box 503, Schuyler NE 68661. (402) 615-0305. Email: janelcromwell69@yahoo.com.

Class of 1958

The Class of 1958 held their 60th Reunion at the Ramada Inn on August 18th. Attending were twenty-one classmates: Mary Jo Dush Boro, Marge Pensick Gonka, Mary Ellen Minette Laughlin, Leroy Hamling, Dale Hanke, Jerry Kneifel, Gaylord Kafka, Bea Micek Pensick, Bob Augustine, Judy Tylle Melcher, Janet Smith Vetick, Joe Adamy, Delores Shefcyk Swanson, Mary Kay Wozny, Elaine Blahak Kurtenbach, Kathy Kurtenbach Engelbert, Joann Bothe Roberts, Jan Sliva Paprocki, Jane Smith Buresh and Delores Zywiec Case. Old times were remembered by everyone!



Class of 1968

The class of 1968 (pictured above) enjoyed a wonderful 50th reunion with activities shared with the 1968 CHS class reunion, a tour of Scotus and dinner at the country club.



Class of 1978

42 class members and 20 spouses gathered for the Class of 1978's 40th reunion. On one of the evenings, the Class of 1978 (pictured above) sponsored a blanket race at the horse races at Agricultural Park in Columbus.



Class of 1963

The Class had a great time at its 55th reunion and they are already planning to get back together in two years! Pictured above. Front: Jane Frazer Ferris, Ann Maguire Kudron, Linda Schroeder Holy, Diane Wheeler Foltz, Gary Jones, Jim Jasper, Tom Byrnes, Bill Shonka, Barb Shonka Hunter; Back: John Torczon, Mary Altmanshofer Wilson, JoAnn Stavas Svajgr, Jane Tooley, Jim Jonas, Patti Threan Jonas, Barb Micek Engel, Judy Woodworth Miner, Darlene Soukup Asche, Jim Threan, Tom Obal. Not pictured Ginny Evelyn Smejkal.



Class of 1983

The Class of 1983's 35th reunion was held on September 7th in Omaha at the Kona Grill. Seventeen classmates (pictured above) were in attendance and good stories were shared by all.



Class of 1993

The Class of 1993 celebrated their 25 year reunion this summer on the weekend of July 13th & 14th in Columbus. On July 13th, classmates went to Country Shadows where they enjoyed food, drinks, friends and talking! They also ran into their past German and art teacher Mrs. Jeannie Kiser-Jensen! Pictured (bottom left) that evening: Matthew Gonka, Jim Springer, Brad Wangler; Suszi (Kudron) Munson, Kristie (Puetz) Kallemeyn, Becky (Drum) Brandenburg, Candice Mustard-Scott, Nicole (Sand) Vossen, and Jill (Kruse) Zaruba. Heidi Krings not pictured was in attendance but late! The 14th was quite eventful! Some girls went to Amy's parents' house to boat in the afternoon before heading to the school tour of Scotus! That is a must if your class has not done so! Thanks John Schueth! We then headed to the Platte County Fair Bar & Grille and then to the Fair Concert that evening. Pictured (above) that attended are: Jim Springer, Dan McGrane, Steve Beiermann, Suszi (Kudron) Munson, Ryan Kobza, John Hain, Chad Dohmen, Stacy (Borer) Bascon, Amy (Tubbs) Eigenberg, Becky (Drum) Brandenburg, Nicole (Sand) Vossen, Carey (Henggeler) Serafini, Candice Mustard-Scott, Kristie (Puetz) Kallemeyn, Jill (Kruse) Zaruba, Trish Wielgus-Inselman, Heidi Krings, and in attendance Saturday but not pictured: Daren Buettner, Matthew Gonka, and Stacy (Swierczek) Underwood.



Class of 1998

The Class of 1998 enjoyed an evening together at the Sahara on Friday, shared a "Husker Tailgate" at the Henry Building on Saturday, toured Scotus after Mass at St. Bon's and returned to the Henry for pizzas and reminiscing. Shown in this photo taken Saturday evening, front row sitting, l-r: Kristie (Korth) Brezenski, Angie (Laudenklos) Trausch, Lisa (Hegemann) Slater, Renee (Boman) Stull, Amanda Levos, Reena (Morris) Mohatt, Holly (VanAckeren) Sutter, Melissa Shemek, & Kim (Rickert) Dreesen. Back row, standing, l-r: Scott Kuehler, Travis Beiermann, Jason Herdzina, Rocky Kudron, Jon Brezenski, Aaron Legenza, Bode Hill, Mark Weeder, Bryan Pekny, Tim Tworek, Amon Medinger, Jeremy Blahak, Evan Trofholz, Sean Mohatt, & Ross Fuhr. Others that attended the reunion weekend, but not pictured: Adam Cieloha, Brian Dolezal, Kara (Kudron) Perry, Alan Swanson, Kevin Sypal, Judy (Wemhoff) Myashita, and Paul Wrobel.



SCOTUS MOTHERS' CRAFT BOUTIQUE

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Scotus Central Catholic High School

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Adults \$4.00 ~ Grades 1-6 \$2.00

*Nearly 100 vendors selling
homemade, handmade and upcycled crafts.*

- 4 areas of shopping including the Cafeteria, Memorial Hall Gym, Dowd Activity Center and the school's South Hallway.
- Free shuttle service from and to your car.
- Breakfast and lunch served in the cafeteria.

All proceeds go to Scotus Central Catholic.

Find us on Facebook: Scotus Mothers' Craft Boutique
or contact: scotuscrafboutique@gmail.com.



Class Reunion Donations

Kudos to the Scotus Class of 1968 who fully funded the replating of the chalice and paten used for the celebration of Mass in the school's Chapel of Immaculate Conception. The Class celebrated their 50th reunion at Scotus on August 18th and raised \$1,500 for the replating project—which includes electroplating a layer of sterling silver on the sacred vessels and then adding a layer of 24-karat gold. The vessels are then polished to perfection. It was wonderful for the Class of 1968 to make this their reunion gift back to Scotus!

The chalice and paten are part of a collection of religious items donated to Scotus in honor of the late Vincent Feik '50. Donations that were sent to Scotus in memory of Mr. Feik when he passed away in February of 2004 funded the purchase of the chalice, paten, ciborium bowl and monstrance for the Scotus chapel.



It is common for items used daily such as a chalice and paten to need replating after time. Vincent and Lorraine (Hilbert) Feik, who were both 1950 graduates of St. Bonaventure HS, were responsible for many technology donations to Scotus in the 1990's and early 2000's and they established an endowed fund to provide perpetual support for technology at SCC. Lorraine continues to be an active Shamrock supporter and again kudos to the Class of 1968—we hope you had a great reunion!

The class of 1978 also made a donation from their 40th Reunion weekend. Altogether, classmates donated \$500 to Scotus Central Catholic's general fund and in honor of deceased classmates Chris Merrill, Carl Maca, Kevin Kaminski and Ken Zoucha. The donation will be used to help the school balance its annual budget. Thank you, Class of 1978!

SEF 15 Update

In the SEF 15 fund drive conducted in the fall of 2016, we received 851 pledges totaling \$1,156,662 and to be paid over the years 2017-2019. Pledge payments as of October 3, 2018 were \$820,164. The campaign's main goals were: 1) \$125,000 to pave the new north parking lot, 2) \$975,000 in tuition assistance support for students during the school years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, and 3) \$135,000 to make our final HVAC loan payments. The school received \$124,522 in pledges restricted for the parking lot and \$135,000 for the HVAC loan so the parking lot project was completed and the HVAC loan debt retired. And through other fundraising resources, Scotus hopes to raise the money needed to fully fund the tuition assistance provided for the 2018-19 school year.

School president, Jeff Ohnoutka, is working with a strategic planning committee to develop the goals for the SEF 16 campaign which will take place in the fall of 2019. Thank you for your loyal support of the SEF drives!



In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of the following deceased alumni, alumnae and friends of Scotus Central Catholic.

Elizabeth “Betty” Bogus – survived by daughters, Carole ’67 (Keith) Willis, Sandy ’71 (Chuck) Kiess; sisters, Alice Jarecki, Florence (Herman) Carlson; nine grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren.

Elaine Demuth – survived by her husband, John; daughter, Michelle ’84 (Gary) Wiese; sons, Douglas ’85 (Sandi), Michael ’86 (Gretchen), Daniel ’94 (Jennifer); sister, Betty Keller; brother, Melvin Jisa; and twelve grandchildren.

John T. Dineen ’47 – survived by his wife Y’Vonne (Pfeifer ’48); daughters, Michelle, Cheryl; sons, Michael, John Pat; sisters, Lois ’50 (Dr. Arnold) Pieri, Betty ’56 (Bruce) Brandenburgh; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Donald Dworak – survived by his wife, Judy; sons, Don ’82, Tony (Tamera); sister, Mary (Burke) and three grandchildren. Don was a strong supporter of Catholic education, a politician and businessman.

Marilyn Gangel – survived by her husband, Bob; daughters, Alice (Charles) Ward, Mary (Matthew) Sommers; brother, Dr. George Coupe; sister-in-law, Charlene Gangel; and three grandchildren. Marilyn substitute taught at Scotus for more than thirty years, was passionate about education and was endeared with the faculty and students at Scotus.

Florine “Mickey” Gates – survived by her husband, Jack; sisters, Mary Ann ’51 Henggeler, Patricia ’56 (Patrick) Schumacher, Phyllis ’64 (Don) Proskoski, Lorraine (Jerry) Buechler, Kathy ’69 (Bub) Randles; brother, Jerry ’72 (Connie) Tworek; two stepdaughters; six stepsons, fifteen grandchildren and three great-step grandchildren.

Marie Gray – survived by her husband, Joe; daughter, Diane (Derrick) Posthumus; sons, Tim ’83, Dan ’88; sister, Helen Sharkey; and two grandchildren.

David Grinbergs – survived by his wife, Joan Sojka ’86; daughters, Rachel, Sara; son, Andrew; mother, Valda Grinbergs; sisters, Sandra, Linda (Neil) Coleman; one niece and one nephew.

Pamela Ray (Bowers) Hanes – survived by her husband, Jim; daughters, Kristen (Mark) Cox, Julie Hanes (fiancé’ Blaine Peterson), Lyndsay (Jonas) Randall; son, Jamie (Brandy); sister Donna (Dave) Dennis and nine grandchildren. Kristen Cox is the instrumental music teacher for Scotus and the Columbus Catholic elementary schools.

Clara (Nickolite) Hopkins – survived by daughters, Jane (Joseph) Kiser, Jill (Paul) Mohr; sons, Jess (Brenda), Jeffrey, Jake (Jennifer); sisters, Joan Cech, Nancy (Jerome) Gabel, Sharon Nickolite; brothers, Eugene ’47 (Virginia), Theodore (Birdie), Mark, William (Mary); sixteen grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Clara attended St. Bonaventure schools.

Patricia Hughes – survived by her husband, Howard; daughters, Linda (Dan) Kuhlen, Susan (Bob Searle) Skinner, Sharon ’83 (Jim) Karmann; sons, Paul (Victoria Marshall), John (Gina), David (Anna), Richard ’84 (Beth); brother, Ron (Carolyn) Harmon; thirteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Timothy “Tim” Korgie ’67 – survived by his wife, Kim; mother,

Claire Korgie; sister, Michelene ’65 (Ray) Pilakowski; brothers, Thomas ’69 (Susan Zabawa ’70), Robert ’74 (Dianne), Ronald ’78 (Renee); twelve nieces and nephews; two aunts; one uncle; and many cousins.

Helen (Ternes) Melcher ’51 – survived by daughters, Anne (Paul) Fullmer, Jane Nelson; son, Tom (Michelle); brother, Dick ’43 (Rose) Ternes; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Dorothy (Kroenke) Muhlheisen ’63 – survived by family and many friends.

Vertis Nathan – survived by daughters, Nanci, Lori Frauendorfer, Traci Sweeney; son, Cris (Robbie Malmstrom ’69); sisters-in-law, Laverne Herbolsheimer, Becky Lewis; nine grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Paula (Keuter) Wilson O’Donnell ’69 – survived by daughters, Sarah Wilson (John) Polli, Maggie Wilson Carraher, Katie O’Donnell (Collin) Cameron; sister, Mary ’68 Carraher Keuter; aunt, Margaret Briggs; uncle, Robert Carraher; five grandchildren; one niece and numerous cousins.

Sally O’Hearn – survived by daughters Michaela ’70, Patricia ’72 (Don) Cieloha, Colleen (Masoud) Shirazi, Erin ’78 (David ’78) Kantor, Bridget ’92 (Shawn ’92) Diederich; sons, Callen ’74 (Carol), Kevin (Lyn), Brian ’77 (Cheryl), Terry ’81, Michael ’81 (Patti), Daniel (Carolyn); sister Judith (Gary) Luick; brother, Richard Korth; sister-in-law, Josie Korth; twenty-one grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Rosemary Preister – survived by daughters, Jeanette ’64 (Ron) Pinger, Sharon ’68 (Randy) Van Winkle; sister-in-law, Rosemary Moore; eight grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Jim Puetz – survived by his wife, Judy; daughters, Becky ’89 (Claude) Michel, Kristie ’93 (Bill) Kallemeyn, Jamie ’99 (Justin) Parker; sister, Nancy (Ron) Zahourek; brother, Gary (Judy); sister-in-law, Patti (Higgins ’66) Puetz; six grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Helen (Galley) Sohl ’58 – survived by daughters, Joyce Sohl, Janice Sohl; son, Jon; sisters, Jean (Adrian) Iwan, Cathy Sansoni; brothers, Vincent “Earl” ’54 (Linda), Cliff; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Richard Toof – survived by daughters Mary Ann Smith ’71, Rebecca ’88 (William) Allen; sons, Fr. Daniel ’73, John ’75, Lawrence ’76; sister, Patricia Clow; and four grandchildren.

Joseph Woerth ’57 – survived by daughters, Deborah (Michael) Burling, Patricia (Greg) Bailey, Cathy; son, Alan (Zulema); brother, John ’55 (Barb Mitera ’55); three sisters-in-law, ten grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Margaret Witt – survived by daughters, Joan ’75, Janice ’79 (Tim) Sommers, Coleen ’83 (Bob) Lange; sons, Dan ’67 (Teresa), Gary ’70 (Molly), Norman ’72; daughter-in-law Lisa Schaeffer ’84 (Joel) Long; sister, Joletta Mejsstrik; brothers, Jerome Knobbe, Richard Knobbe; twenty-two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Cyril Zoucha – survived by his wife, Phyllis; daughters, Deb ’78 (Jim) Bogus, Chris ’80 (Gene) Schumacher; sons, Ron ’76 (Joanne), Rick ’86 (Cheryl), Randy ’86; sister, Josephine Groski ’60; brothers, Lawrence (Jean), Sal ’57 (Rose); sister-in-law, Betty; twelve grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Blessed John Duns Scotus

The 2 statues at SCC of Blessed John Duns Scotus and Mother Mary are both made of white Carrara marble from Pietrasanta, Italy, and from the same quarry from which Michelangelo sculptured his world famous Pieta and David. The statues were designed specifically for Scotus Central Catholic HS by the Ecclesiastical Art Studio of Omaha and installed at the school by then school superintendent Fr. James McManamon O.F.M. on March 13, 1967. The statues were gifts to Fr. McManamon from his parents and sister. The statue of Blessed Scotus is located in the school's main entrance hallway and next to the central office and the statue of Mary is located in Scotus Central Catholic's Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Both statues were originally in the school's commons area.

Mother Mary

Dave Czapl '67
Class of 1967

Deb Kessler

MM Al Beiermann
MM Tim Harrington
MM Paul Jazwick
MM Don Mroczek

Wanda Dallegge

MM John Whitehead

John Dineen '47

Catherine Wibbels

Cyril Dreifurst

MM Dennis Duren
MM Todd Duren

Dennis Duffy

MM Ron Bogus
MM Paul Jazwick
MM Tim Harrington
MM Sam Prososki

Don Dworak

Ann Gannon
MM Dan Riley
MM John Whitehead
Rick Zoucha

Marilyn Gangel

MM Ron Bogus
MM Kevin Collins
MM Dave Duren
MM Bill Ferguson
Ann Gannon
Dick Gdowski
Rick Grubaugh
MM John Hoebing
MM Paul Jazwick
MM Jerry Jilek
MM Randy Johnson
Gary Kruse
Theresa Kumpf
Madelyn Kuska
Ruth Ann Lind
MM Tom Maul
MM Carroll Novicki
MM Larry O'Neill
DRM Joe Quattrocchi
MM Dan Riley
DRM Louis Sojka
MM Matthew Sommers
Lu Torczon
MM Gene Trouba
MM Charles Ward

Gene Wieser Hayden '83

MM Todd Duren

Pamela Hanes

MM Milan Levos
MM John Schueth

Patricia Hughes

Gary Kruse

Frank Keiderling

MM Mike Rambour



Memorials



(Received between 7/17/2018 and 10/17/2018)

Tim Korgie '67

Class of 1967

Jerry Liss '73

Rey Liss, Jr

Carroll Melliger '41

MM Rex Sasso

Lois Skorupa Miller '64

MM Chuck Hagel

Paula Keuter O'Donnell '69

Jane Cromwell
Jean Kamrath
Walter Lueke
MM Kevin Wibbels

Sally O'Hearn

Bonnie Kudron

Jim Puetz

MM Jerry Avery
Beatrice Health & Rehab.
Therapy
Karen Beck
MM Mike Behrns
MM Steve Beiermann
Daniel Beller
Jeff Beller
MM Byron Belina
MM Jesse Benda
Rose Berkey
MM Tom Bertsch
MM Colman Bieber
Diane Blahak
MM Gary Bock
MM Ron Bogus
MM Dave Boman
Joyce Bonk
MM Shane Borer
Bo's West
Gloria Brandenburg
MM Ed Brezenski
Janet Brezinski
MM Robert Brock
MM Pat Brockhaus
MM Jim Bulkley
MM Jack Cheloha
Carolyn Cielocha
MM Mike Cielocha
MM Tim Cielocha
MM Melvin Cihal
Irene Clayburn
MM Tom Cleary
MM Bob Cockson
MM Allen Cooke
Conestoga Education
Assoc.

MM Rollie Davidson
MM Lloyd Diamond
MM Kevin Dodson
MM Bryan Dreckman
MM Greg Drum & Family
MM Dave Duren
MM Jerry Duren
MM Don Dworak
MM Rick Ebel
MM Bruce Ebner
Carroll Ebner
Mike Ebner
Keith Edison
MM Gerry Engelbert
MM Pat Engelbert
Leroy Ernst
DRM Ed Fehringer
MM Jim Fehringer
MM Ken Fleaman
MM Shane Fleming
Jan Fremarek & Family
Ann Gannon Family
Terry Gaver
Gerry Gdowski
Jane Gehlbach
MM Rich Gillespie
MM Chuck Gonka
MM Jim Goulet
MM Chuck Greco
MM Tim Grossnicklaus
MM Tracy Grubaugh
Rick Grubaugh &
Jena Grubaugh
MM Dennis Hall
MM Leo Hamling
MM Dave Harrington
MM Tim Harrington
DRM Rick Haney
MM Terry Hash
Bob Heimann
MM Ed Heimann
MM Don Heimes
Sue Henggeler
MM Ed Herdzina
Sara Hill
DRM Randy Hinze
MM Chris Hoffman
David Horne
MM Lee Hroza
Trish Hroza
Pat Ivers
MM Roger Iwansky
MM Greg Jarecke

MM Jerry Jarecke
Eleana Jarecki
MM Rey Jarecki
MM Paul Jazwick
MM Jerry Jilek
MM Matt Jilek
MM Don Johnson
MM Randy Johnson
MM Boyd Jones
MM Earl Kallemeyn
MM Gaylen Kamrath
MM Mark Keating
Carol Keller
Jane Kelly
MM Tim Kelly
MM Bob Kobza
MM Todd Koehler
Patsy Konecky
MM Rick Kopecky
MM John Kopetzky
MM Kevin Kosak
MM Bill Kosch
Joan Kozisek
Karen Kozisek
MM Dennis Kresha
MM Dennis Kriz
MM Dan Kruse
Gary Kruse
MM Rick Kubler
MM Craig Kucera
Bonnie Kudron
MM Dave Kudron
MM Mark Kudron
MM Phil Kudron
MM Joe Kuehler
MM Greg Kuhnel
MM Bret Kumpf
DRM Rex Kumpf
Theresa Kumpf
MM Richard Kunneman
MM Alvie Kurtenbach
MM Gary Kurtenbach
MM Mark Kurtenbach
MM William Kurtenbach
MM Merlin Lahm
MM Chris Langan
MM Tom Lange
Richard Lemburg
DRM Art Liebenritt
MM Stan Liss
MM Joel Long
MM Kelly Loschen
Walter Lueke

Richard Mahoney
Sandra Mahoney
DRM Larry Malicky
Marda Mayhan
MM Don Martin
Kelli Martin
MM Andy Mausbach
MM Chris McGill
MM Rich McGill
Elaine McGuire
MM Rich McPhillips
Doris Melliger
MM Gregg Melliger
Clara Meysenberg
MM Gerald Meysenberg
MM Jerry Micek
MM Denny Miller
MM Scott Miller
MM Ron Mimick
MM Wayne Morfeld
MM Don Mroczek
MM Chris Mulligan
Helen Neemeyer
MM Al Niedbalski
MM Bob Niedbalski
MM Jeff Niedbalski
Luke Niedbalski
MM Richard Nosal
MM Mike Novicki
MM Pat Novicki
MM Jeff Ohnoutka
Winnie Olson
MM John Pachta
REV Wayne Pavela
MM Jeff Pekarek
Mable Pekarek
MM Jay Pelan
MM Ken Pelan
MM John Petersen
MM Larry Pickeral
MM Joe Pilakowski
MM Ray Pilakowski
MM Stu Pospisil
MM Sam Prososki
MM Gary Puetz
Patricia Puetz
DRM Joe Quattrocchi
MM Terry Reardon
MM John Riha
MM Marv Rinkol
MM Dan Reisdorff
MM Jack Romshek
MM Tom Rogers
MM Roland Rueschhoff
MM Dennis Ryba
MM Pat Sackett
Monte Schmidt
MM Bob Schnitzler
Lora Schroeder

MM John Schueth
 MM Jeff Schumacher
 MM Jim Schumacher
 MM Rick Schumacher
 MM Carl Seckel
 MM John Shadle
 MM Bill Shanle
 MM Larry Sleddens
 MM Bernie Sliva
 Denny Sliva
 MM Pat Sokol
 MM Bob Soulliere
 MM Gordon Specht
 MM Robert Stachura
 Alice Staroscik-Chleboun
 MM Ron Starzec
 MM Dan Steiner
 Dave Steiner
 MM Steve Steinhoff
 Marv Styskal
 MM Joe Szatko
 MM John Thomazin
 MM Tom Tira
 MM Tim Tooley
 MM Rick Torczon
 MM Tim Torczon
 Dana Trofholz
 MM Gene Trouba
 MM Jim Tubbs
 MM Mark Vance
 MM Chad VanCleave
 MM Dick Van Dyke
 MM Greg Van Dyke
 MM Justin Vossen

MM Jerry Votava
 MM John Whitehead
 MM Roger Wiese
 MM Mark Wilke
 MM Tom Williams
 MM Gary Witt
 Norman Witt
 Marc Wolfe
 Tom Wolfe
 MM Charlie Wozny
 MM Jack Young
 MM Vern Younger
 MM Steve Zach
 MM Ron Zahourek
 Randy Zoucha
 MM Rick Zoucha
 MM Gary Zywiec

Richard Rice '50

MM Charles Orr

Dave Robak '66

Bill Mimick

Joan Sokol

MM Travis Bock
 MM Chris Hoffman
 MM Larry Sibley
 MM Doug Sokol
 Lori Sokol
 MM Pat Sokol

Richard Toof

Rick Grubaugh

Denis Torczon

MM Leroy Semerad

Randy Wieser '75

MM Todd Duren

Margaret Witt

MM Gary Batenhorst
 MM Alan Beiermann
 Gail Benesch
 MM Tom Bertsch
 MM Travis Bock
 MM Bob Bothe
 MM Greg Boulay
 MM Jim Bulkley
 MM Dean Cerny
 MM Mike Cielocha
 MM John Csukker
 C.U.E.S.
 MM Rollie Davidson
 Betty Dine
 MM Larry Dohmen
 MM Dave Duren
 MM Mark Duren
 Carroll Ebner
 Mary Kay Finnigan
 Ann Gannon
 Sue Gonka
 Rick Grubaugh
 MM Jim Hassenstab
 Deanna Hoffman
 Lynette Hogelin/Dance
 Studio
 MM Terry Hyland
 MM Paul Jazwick
 MM Jeff Johnson
 MM Boyd Jones
 MM Jim Kamrath
 MM Greg Kluck
 Gene Konwinski

Theresa Kumpf
 MM Brian Kuta
 MM John Lehr
 MM Joel Long
 MM Jay Lueke
 Lutz and Co.
 DRM Larry Malicky
 Rachel Mass
 MM Tom Maul
 MM Tom McCawley
 MM Gregg Melliger
 MM Don Mroczek
 MM Al Niedbalski
 MM Jack Nosal
 Mable Pekarek
 MM John Petersen
 MM Jerry Placzek
 MM Joe Plance
 Dawn Posey
 MM Gary Puetz
 MM Mark Rauenhorst
 Alice Rhode
 MM Dan Riley
 MM Marv Rinkol
 Mary Rogers
 Valeria Schlecht
 MM John Schueth
 MM Gene Schumacher
 MM Rick Schumacher
 MM John Sernett
 MM Terry Slattery
 DRM Louis Sojka
 MM Roy Sommers
 MM Vince Stanco

MM Al Starzec
 The Tooley Family
 MM Gene Trouba
 MM Russ Tschauener
 MM Greg Van Dyke
 LuAnn Warth
 Dolores Wieser
 MM Chuck Wilhelm
 Anne Wisniewski
 MM Vern Younger
 MM Dan Zabawa
 MM Dave Zabawa
 Phyl Zabawa
 MM Tony Zabawa, Jr
 MM Tom Zabawa
 And many Friends

Joe Woerth

Rick Grubaugh

Henrietta Zach

MM Dwayne Johnson

Cyril Zoucha

MM Lyle Borer
 Janet Brezinski
 Ann Gannon
 Rick Grubaugh
 MM Scott Harsh
 MM Paul Jazwick
 MM Dwayne Johnson
 MM Don Mroczek
 MM Pat Novicki
 MM Gary Puetz
 Lu Torczon
 MM Dan Zoucha

A SECURE FUTURE

Through their passion for our school's mission, many loyal Shamrocks make an annual donation to Scotus without a second thought—and their financial support helps keep Scotus Central Catholic on a fiscally sound foundation while providing a Catholic education area families can afford. But what happens when a Shamrock supporter makes the journey to heaven's gates? Obviously we will miss their energetic support, and a void is left in the fundraising needed by our school.

If you are one of our loyal financial supporters, consider ensuring that Scotus will never miss your annual support by making a donation to the school's endowment. It takes a donation of twenty-five times your usual annual gift to make certain that Scotus will continue to receive your support every year and in perpetuity. If you annually give \$100 per year, an endowed fund of \$2,500 should produce annual income of \$100—and as an endowed fund, the original \$2,500 gift will never be spent. For individuals who would like an endowed fund named after themselves or a family member, saint, etc., a minimum gift of \$5,000 is suggested.

It is ideal for the school to have unrestricted endowed funds so that the annual income may be used to keep tuition low and to balance the annual budget. However, individuals and families can

restrict the earnings of their named endowed fund to provide for a specific purpose. Your endowed fund can provide for the general budget, or a scholarship to help students attend Scotus, or perhaps support for the campus ministry program, the science department, bus fund, or even the football team.

Here are a few examples currently in the endowment supporting Scotus: 1) Kevin and Jacquie Ingemansen established the endowed Kevin & Jacquie Ingemansen Family Scholarship in 2017 with a donation of \$25,000; and this year the fund provided two current students each with a \$500 scholarship that was applied to their 2018-19 tuition bill; 2) In her will, Jeanne Kopetzky DeRuyscher '71 left \$8,500 to the endowment to support the school's general scholarship fund. This year the fund distributed \$432 in earnings, and in the five years that the Jeanne Kopetzky DeRuyscher Endowed Fund has existed, it has distributed a total of \$2,014; 3) The children of William and Edna Boettcher wanted to honor their deceased parents and established the William and Edna Boettcher Family Fund with donations totaling \$51,210. The annual distributions are divided equally to support the school's media center, vocal music and the band. In sixteen years, the fund has distributed nearly \$34,000.

Scotus tries to be a good steward of all donations, and our last example illustrates the power of an endowed fund that is managed well. In 1988, an anonymous donor gifted \$1 million dollars to the endowment supporting Scotus. In 30 years, the fund has distributed \$2,154,037 (through fall 2017) to the school and at the same time the fund's market value has grown to \$1,309,400 (as of June 30, 2018.)

We hope you will consider endowing your current level of support with a named gift today or perhaps in your will. In return, you will receive the satisfaction that you helped secure the future of Scotus Central Catholic with a gift that will provide income to the school every year and in perpetuity as long as our school continues to serve the Church.

Our school's legal name is: **Scotus Central Catholic Secondary School of Columbus, Nebr.** Contact the Scotus development office for more details about how you might craft your current or planned gift.

Just before this newsletter was printed, the Marilyn Gangel family established an endowed scholarship in Marilyn's honor. The family of Don & Joan Sokol established an endowed scholarship in honor of their parents. Also being created are an endowed scholarship for the "Class of 1968" and one in honor of Jim Puetz.

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JOHN ECKHOLT '81 – was recently inducted into the Nebraska Bowling Hall of Fame sponsored by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC.) John began to bowl at age 9, he has been a member of USBC for thirty-nine years and he has managed Westbrook Lanes in Columbus for more than thirty years. An accomplished bowler, Eckholt has participated in thirty-seven state bowling tournaments, three hundred and thirty-two national tournaments and in his career he has bowled eighty-one '300's and 20 '800's.

CURT MELLIGER '74 – is a freelance writer with a resume of more than eighty articles published in a variety of magazines, newspapers and literary journals including: Alaska, Bird Watcher's Digest, Catholic Digest, Chicken Soup for the Soul, Cribbage World, Mountain Gazette, New Mexico, Oregon Coast, and Snowy Egret. His first book, Heaven Here on Earth was released on September 15, 2018 from Ozark Mountain Publishing. For more information about the book, visit Curt's website at: curtmelliger.com.

BILL MIMICK '66 – in June 2018 was inducted into the Sertoma 8-Man Coaches Association "Hall of Fame." His career record is 233 wins, 161 losses, and 2 ties with a state championship at Spencer-Naper HS in 1988. Bill's sons, both graduates from Spencer-Naper, Tom (1993) and Jeff (2005) were also inducted in the Hall of Fame—creating the first family legacy of the Hall of Fame. Bill's daughter, Amy, is a volleyball coach at North Bend; and daughter, Lisa, is at Butler Junior College, El Dorado, KS. Bill's brother, Ron (Scotus '75), is the football and track coach and athletic director at David City Aquinas. Bill still teaches and coaches at Holy Family School in Lindsay and was inducted in the Scotus Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000.

JEFF WHEELOCK '17 – has been bullfighting for four years and is currently involved in Shorty Gorham's American Freestyle Bullfights tour. Bullfighters are judged on and will gain points by how well they maneuver around the bull, working in close with the bull, staying in control, working in both directions and "SELLING" the fight. They also must maintain control of the barrel if the bull attacks the barrel. Bullfighters are often known as "cowboy protection" and they help keep bull riders safe.

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The KC Columbian Squires donated \$250 to Scotus in August. Shown are Scotus seniors, Abe Perault and Caleb Kosch presenting the check to Scotus president, Jeff Ohnoutka. The Squires raised more than \$8,000 through their baby bottle boomerang fundraiser and have donated most of the funds back to the community. Each Columbus Catholic school received \$250, donations including diapers were made to the Center for Survivors and the Simon House, and a donation was made to the Archdiocesan Seminarian Fund. And plans are in the works to donate meals to those in need.

Worth Noting

- The girls' golf team placed 2nd as a team, with 2 individual medalists (Hannah Allen 6th, MaKenzie Enderlin 7th) at the district meet in Beemer and qualified to participate in the state tournament for the eighth consecutive year. The girls golf team placed seventh at the state tourney.
- The Scotus Marching Band earned a Superior rating at the Harvest of Harmony Parade in October.
- Both the boy and girls cross country teams won their district titles. Sophomore Olivia Fehringer led the girls with a third place finish and senior Elliott Thomazin led the boys also with a 3rd place finish. The girls had five medalists and the boys picked up two medalist honors. At State, Olivia Fehringer placed 15th and Elliott Thomazin placed 10th individually. As a team, Scotus girls placed 3rd and the boys placed 6th.

Recently Lost Alumni/nae

Our last newsletter was returned as undeliverable for the following individuals. If you can help Scotus acquire their new mailing addresses we would appreciate the help!

Katie Breidenbach '13

Jody Olivetti Brown '49

Steve Bruegger '73

Kelly Cheloha '04

Patty Ogden Flamme '85

Marie Krzycki Keith '69

Donald Langan '49

Bill '85 & Jolene (Sleddens '77) Soulliere

WHAT OUR SUPPORTERS ACCOMPLISHED IN 2017-18

Project

Funded By

Installed air conditioning in the Dowd Center & weight room.....	Annual Appeal 2017-18
New LED Lighting main office/chapel hallway.....	Annual Appeal 2017-18
Raised \$299,100 for the new STEAM Lab & Program.....	Chuck Hagel Legacy Dinner
Completed the final payment on the HVAC loan debt	SEF 15 Campaign/Ignite the Faith Campaign Parish Rebates
Provide tuition assistance over 2016-17, 17-18, 18-19 school years (\$975,000 goal)	SEF 15 Campaign
Funded needed tuition assistance grants to students.....	Lottery 2017
Began remodeling of the Media Center.....	Gala 2018
New cage lockers/flooring for locker rooms.....	Shamrock Open 2018
New exterior door to the courtyard and Chemistry Lab stools.....	Columbus Big Give
Provided Faculty wish list items and \$15,000 to STEAM Lab (2 gifts)	Scotus Mothers
Purchase of a Sousaphone, 2 tenor marching drums, Euphonium	Donald Schrad Estate Gift
Improvements to the McLaughlin Activity Field.....	Building Fund
New Controlllers installed for AC system in some rooms.....	Building Fund
Lenovo computers for study hall and funding for future laptop & Lenovo replacements	Feik Endowed Fund
New Security Cameras.....	Building Fund

I PLAYED FOR SCOTUS

This wonderful read about Shamrock Athletics is available for sale on the publisher’s website (iUniverse) at a price of \$24.95 plus shipping. Half the proceeds of the sale of the books will go directly to Scotus. You may see the book available through other distributors such as Amazon or Barnes and Noble, but purchasing the book through iUniverse will maximize the profit that is returned to Scotus. The link to the iUniverse website is:



<http://bookstore.iuniverse.com/Products/SKU-001041628/I-Played-for-Scotus-Volume-1.aspx>

Annual Appeal 2018

How can you continue to make a difference at Scotus? Consider the opportunity through this fall’s Annual Appeal to help Scotus make significant improvements to our school’s classrooms. The appeal’s goal is to raise \$105,000 to make the following improvements in our classrooms: replace 54-year old fluorescent light fixtures with efficient LED lighting, paint walls, replace flooring, add storage furniture such as bookshelves or cabinets, install new HVAC controllers (like thermostats) in each room and replace some of the faculty desks.

We are most excited about the LED lighting and controllers since they will both improve the environment in our classrooms. LED lighting is not only more energy efficient but it makes the printed word easier to read, and the new controllers will provide faculty greater control of the temperature in their classrooms.

Last fall’s annual appeal was a tremendous success and we exceeded our \$100,000 goal! Scotus received 624 donations totaling \$123,075.92 to support the addition of air conditioning in the Dowd Activity Center and in the weight room. And because of your extra support, we were also able to install LED lighting in the main office hallway. For the 2018 appeal, we are off to a nice start with \$1,200 in donations that were made at the end of calendar year 2017 and directed to this fall’s effort. Thank you in advance for your support, and watch for the appeal mailing that will be sent in October!

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Alumni/Alumnae Soccer Tourney



The 11th Annual Scotus Alumni/Alumnae Soccer tournament was held on August 3-4, 2018 at the Warren and Shirley McLaughlin Activity Field. There were 150 players in the men's and women's divisions this year, an all-time high for the tournament. This year's winners were: Men's Green Division – 2002/05, Men's Gold Division 2017-18, Women's Division 2004-14. The weekend concluded with an evening social at Sahara. Thank you to all who attended and participated in the weekend. Next year's tournament will be held August 2 and 3, 2019.



1993 Football Reunion



Celebrating a twenty-five year reunion, twenty-two members of the Shamrock 1993 state Class B championship football team gathered at the Scotus home football game on September 7th and were recognized at halftime. Go Rocks!

16th Biennial Alumnae Volleyball Tourney Registration

The sixteenth biennial Shamrock Alumnae Volleyball Tournament will be held on Saturday, November 24, 2018.

Registration deadline is November 8. All Scotus alumnae are welcome to register!

Cost is \$35 (checks may be made out to: Jamie Heine.)

Please clip and send form to or contact for more information::

Kim (Rickert) Dreesen, 362 S Deer Creek Pl, Columbus 402-290-6529 OR email: kkdreesen@yahoo.com

Jamie (Tooley) Heine, 414 5th St. Columbus 402-779-1744 OR email: jtooley@regis.edu

Shanna (Melliger) Niedbalski, 3478 25th Ave, Columbus 402-276-4071 OR email: smniedbalski@gmail.com

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At the conclusion of the tournament, a party will follow for all the players & significant others at
Scotus Memorial Hall cafeteria – Time TBA



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Gala 2019: A Night at Castle Shamrock



Members of the 2019 Gala committee dressed for this year's castle theme were, front row, l-r: Jill (Hoebing '84) Clarey, Nicole Fleming, Nicole Lindhorst, Amy Schaecher, Scott Schaecher; back row, l-r: Dan Clarey, Mike Fleming, Mark Lindhorst, Andrea Schumacher, Mark Schumacher, Shelly Steffensmeier and Joe Steffensmeier.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the 38th annual Gala dinner/auction, "A Night at Castle Shamrock." 430 seated guests enjoyed a superb meal prepared by Husker House that was served by 25 parents and 42 students; and by the end of the evening, Scotus raised an estimated \$187,000 to help balance this year's 2018-19 school budget. In addition, our Gala supporters donated nearly \$39,000 for a new mobile STEAM Lab, including a new fitted out trailer donated by our friends at B-D Construction. The portable STEAM Lab will visit our three Columbus Catholic elementary schools during the school year to share some of the exciting and stimulating STEAM academic experiences with our grade school students.

Scotus used remote bidding provided by Qtego for the first time at the Gala and we hope that it provided both entertainment for everyone and an opportunity for those who

couldn't attend to be involved in the silent auction bidding. We are very grateful to everyone who donated and attended, and it was wonderful to have our experienced auctioneers, Travis Bock and Rick Grubaugh donate their services once again. Gala Lottery winners were: Amy Harrington (\$12,000), Dan Dostal (\$500), Jill Jakub (\$500), Kim Svehla (\$500) and Joe Chohon (\$500) and the jewelry box winners were: Kristi Heng, Bonnie Schumacher and Annie Sokol.

And of course, kudos to our Gala Committee who helped put the entire event together! The Gala co-chairs were: Mark & Nicole Lindhorst, Scott & Amy Schaecher and Mark & Andrea Schumacher, and our vice-chairs were: Dan & Jill (Hoebing '84) Clarey, Mike & Nicole Fleming and Joe & Shelly Steffensmeier. And mark your calendars, Gala 2020 is set for Saturday, April 18th!



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36th Annual Alumni Basketball Tourney

The 36th annual Shamrock Alumni/nae Basketball Tourney brought 176 graduates back to Scotus for a celebration of tradition and camaraderie. "A" Division was captured in a buzzer beater by the Class of 2016A Team. The "B" Division went to Team 2004/2006 and the "C" Division was won by 1981/1982/1980/1979/1978/1974. One Ladies Division game was also played along with two Legends Division games. A social and dinner followed the tourney featuring guest speaker and tourney founder, former Shamrock coach, Frank Spenceri.



ALUMNI BASKETBALL "A" DIVISION CHAMPIONS



ALUMNI BASKETBALL "B" DIVISION CHAMPIONS



ALUMNI BASKETBALL "C" DIVISION CHAMPIONS



LADIES DIVISION PARTICIPANTS

COLUMBUS BIG GIVE

The Columbus Big Give provides an opportunity for a large number of donors to collectively make a significant impact to the quality of life in the Columbus community and region. It's a wonderful opportunity for people to give to their favorite charity and to perhaps support several new organizations for the first time.

Through this year's 24-hour Columbus Big Give event, set for May 10th, Scotus Central Catholic hopes to purchase new stools for tables in our

art room. The total cost of this project is approximately \$800.

Matching gift dollars are again available this year for the BigGive event and donations can be made online or in person up to seven days before the event.

For online donations, go to: www.columbusbiggive.org and select Scotus Central Catholic as one of your donation recipients. Donations can also be made through the donate button on the Scotus website, www.scotuscc.org.

Both links use the school's PayPal account to process donations.

On May 10th in-person donations can also be made at Scotus, Hy-Vee, Super Saver and many other Columbus area donation stations. Please remember Scotus on May 10th and pass the word along to your friends and family. Any additional funds raised beyond our goal will support additional classroom improvements.

Worth Noting

- The Scotus cheerleaders placed 5th in Sideline and 6th in “Game Day” at the state cheer competition in Grand Island.
- More than 900 guests were served dinner at the very successful 2019 band dinner/concert in February. Later in April the band earned a 1+ rating at District competition which means that all three judges scored the band with a superior rating.



The concert following this year’s band dinner in January, packed the Dowd Center.

- NSAA Academic All-State winners for the 2018-19 winter season were: Basketball - Courtney Kosch, Eric Mustard, Caden Pelan, Abbie Zoucha; Speech - Hannah Allen, Isaac McPhillips; and Wrestling - Ben Kamrath.
- Scotus Central Catholic’s NHS sponsored Red Cross blood drive was a success. A total of 85 whole blood units and 18 double red donor units for a total of 103 productive units were collected from 113 people who attempted to donate. Scotus was recognized by the American Red Cross in USA Today as one of 50 Nebraska “Winter Superheroes” for our school’s effort to save lives.
- The Scotus powerlifting team was successful at the Class B state competition—competing with Lexington HS, Columbus HS, Omaha Skutt HS and Shelby-Rising City HS. Scotus won 1st place in the co-ed team division and the girls’ team finished as runners-up. Girls state champions were: Katelyn Bayer, Emma Brandt, Michaela Kresha, Rylie Olson and Kate Smith. Boys state champions were: Adam Kamrath and Kaleb Wiese. The team is coached by Tom Woodward and Brooke Taylor. *Photo below from Scotus Journalism.*



- The following basketball players were named to the 2019 All-Conference Teams: Courtney Kosch, Caden Pelan and Camille

Pelan. Tyler Palmer, Grant Shanle and Abbie Zoucha were honorable mention choices.

- Mira Liebig, Kelsey Faust, Logan Bennett, Maddie Sueper and Kendra Korger all qualified for the HOSA International Leadership Conference in Orlando. Each Shamrock placed in the top 3 in their events at the State Leadership Conference.
- In February, Scotus’ junior high students participated in the Hoops for Heart campaign raising \$3,880.50 for the American Heart Association and its critical research on heart disease and stroke.
- The Scotus speech team placed 3rd at the district meet sending eleven students to the state meet. At state, Lauren Ostdiek, finished 6th in Entertainment Speaking; Patrick Herchenbach, Isaac Ostdiek, Julia Pichler, Lauren Ostdiek and Maddie Blaser were 11th in OID; and Debanhi Adame, Katie Stachura, Noah Korth, Zoe Euteneuer and Gwen Stachura, finished 17th in OID.
- Six Scotus students qualified for the state wrestling tourney.



Six Scotus students qualified for state wrestling. Shown l-r: Daniel Tworek, Nick Taylor, Evan Sliva, Evan Hand, Landyn Maschmeier and Jackson Neville. Also shown, is head coach D.J. Brandenburg.

- Scotus students earned 18 superior ratings and five excellent ratings in instrumental music at District Music. The Scotus band earned a 1+ Superior rating and earning the other superiors were: Trumpet Quartet (Braden Labenz, Lizzie Parker, Ben Merrill, Josh Styskal), Trumpet Ensemble (Braden Labenz, Lizzie Parker, Ben Merrill, Josh Styskal, Camille Cox, Carson Czarnick, Zane Beiermann), Clarinet Ensemble (Abigail Stuart, Emily Ferguson, Maddie Blaser, Kyanne Casperson, Sydney Quinn, Abee Hutchinson), Flute Ensemble (Tara Kamrath, Ashtyn Preister, Anna Ehlers, Camille Pelan, Cassie Kouma, Allie Baumert), Saxophone Ensemble (Isaac Ostdiek, Katie Stachura, Stephanie Hoenk, Alaina Dierman, Emiliano Rodriguez), Trombone Quartet (Elliott Thomazin, Debanhi Adame, Madison Wittwer, Christopher Adame), Drumline (Sam Blaser, Drew Zaruba, Caden Pelan, Blake Sucha, Logan Johnson, Henry Hernandez, Ben Juarez, Josh Kratochvil, Noah Korth, Michael Gasper, Jamison Kozak, Zoe Euteneuer), Tuba solo (Isaac McPhillips), Flute solo (Katie Stachura), Clarinet Solo (Lauren Ostdiek), Trumpet Solo (Lizzie Parker), Clarinet Solo (Emily Ferguson), Trombone Solo (Madison Wittwer), Piano Solo (Patrick Herchenbach), Piano Solo (Madison Wittwer), Piano Solo (Camille Cox) and Tuba Duet (Dominic McPhillips & Nick Ehlers.) Excellent ratings were earned by: Violin Solo (Josh Styskal), Saxophone Duet (Stephanie Hoenk & Emiliano Rodriguez), Trumpet Trio (Zane Beiermann, Carson Czarnick, Camille Cox), Violin Solo (Tara Kamrath) and Trombone Solo (Elliott Thomazin.)
- At District Music, Scotus earned 7 superior ratings and 4 excellent ratings in vocal music. Superior ratings were earned by: Girls Trio (Mattie Johnson, Maddie Sueper, Jayden Heng),

Worth Noting *cont.*

Sophomores-Double Quartet (Janae Rusher, Ava Kuhl, Michaela Kresha, Clarissa Kosch, Noah Korth, Josh Styskal, McKenna Mausbach, Maddie Blaser), Seniors-Mixed Septet (Patrick Herchenbach, Isaac McPhillips, Maddie Sueper, Mattie Johnson, Rebekah Hergott, Julia Pichler), Duet (Isaac McPhillips & Luke Przymus), Solo (Janae Rusher), Solo (Isaac McPhillips) and Solo (Patrick Herchenbach.) Receiving excellent ratings were: Shamrock Singers, Duet (Maddie Blaser & Patrick Herchenbach) and Duet (Camille Cox & Josh Styskal.)

- Scotus students received additional awards from District Music Contest. Each judge is allowed to give one Honorable Mention Award and one Outstanding Performance Award. The following groups/individuals received one of these awards: Trombone Quartet--Chris Adame, Madison Wittwer, Debanhi Adame, Elliott Thomazin: Honorable Mention. Piano Solo--Camille Cox: Honorable Mention. Piano Solo--Patrick Herchenbach: Outstanding Performance. Vocal Solo--Patrick Herchenbach: Outstanding Performance. Girls Trio--Jayden Heng, Mattie Johnson, Maddie Sueper: Honorable Mention.

- At the state FBLA Leadership Conference, the following students were recognized for their performance: Patrick Herchenbach, (Impromptu Speaking and Advertising Honorable Mention, Business Communication 5th place and 8th place in the finals in Job Interview); Cassie Kouma, (Introduction to Business Communication and Introduction to Business Procedures, both Honorable Mention) and Gavin Brabec, (Middle Level Business Math and Financial Literacy 7th Place.)

- As of mid-April, the 2018-19 Scotus Annual Appeal had generated 591 donations totaling \$82,117.89. School improvements already completed as a result of campaign support include: LED lighting in the hallways and new HVAC controllers in the classrooms. This summer, LED lighting will be added to the Dowd Center and some classrooms will receive new painting, flooring and storage furnishings. Since gifts continue to arrive at the school a new update will be available in the summer issue of this newsletter.

- As of mid-April the 15th Scotus Education Fund Drive (SEF 15) has generated donations totaling \$993,205.36 or roughly 85.9% of the three-year campaign's pledge total of \$1,156,662 from 852 individual supporters. SEF 15 launched in August of 2016 and as of May 1st there will be 8 months left in the SEF 15 pledge payment period. 80% of the campaign's goal was to provide tuition assistance for our students over the 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years and 20% of the campaign goal was to pay off the remaining debt on the HVAC system installed in 2007 and to hard surface the school's new north parking lot. Work is currently underway to formulate the goals for SEF 16 which will begin sometime late this summer.

- The Scotus Journalism team finished in 3rd place at the state competition and boasting three individual state champions: Amber Buhman (Yearbook Sports Feature Writing), Blaney Dreifurst (News/Feature Photography) and Julia Salerno (Newspaper News Writing.) A total of 16 students received medals. *Pictured right*

- Thank you to the Scotus Mothers for providing funding this spring for the following faculty-requested items: Performax 10" worksite table saw - \$329.00 (STEAM Lab & Maintenance Department), three 42 gallon trash receptacles - \$306.54 (Maintenance), 7 hanging stage microphones - \$1,372.00 (vocal music/musical), two Lycian club spot 7.5 stand spotlights - \$3,500.00 (vocal music/musical), 24 Lenovos plus storage cart - \$5,500.00 (technology), new countertops, stainless steel sinks and faucets plus installation - \$1,294.00 (Family & Consumer Science) and life skill activity units: Living in the Real World - \$250 (Family & Consumer Science.)

- The NSAA Academic All-State winners for the Spring 2019 seasons were: Baseball – Caden Pelan; Golf – Bryce VunCannon, Drew VunCannon; Journalism – Emma Brandt, Mariana Valdez Ortiz; Music – Patrick Herchenbach, Isaac McPhillips; Soccer – Zack Beiermann, Courtney Kosch, Braden Labenz, Abbie Zoucha; Track & Field – Kelsey Faust, Grant Shanle, Elliott Thomazin, Liza Zaruba

- Receiving years of service awards this year were: (5 Years) Kris Andresen, Fr. Matthew Capadano, Kelly Koranda, Jarrod Ridder, Janice Rosenquist; (10 Years) Shelly Adams, Wade Coulter; (15 Years) Lauri Diamond, Marge Zegar; (20 Years) Pam Weir; (25 Years) Kristen Cox; (30 Years) Carmen Johnson; and (35 Years) Annette Hash.

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AMY HEUSINKVELT '16 and DANA HOPPE '16 – were two of thirteen University of Nebraska-Lincoln junior students who were selected to join the UNL Innocents Society. Founded in 1903, the Innocents Society is the chancellor's senior honors group, recognizing student academic achievement, leadership and service to both the university and to the community. Amy is a secondary English major and Dana is a computer science major with minors in art, philosophy and mathematics.



State Journalism Team



Courtney Kosch signed to play soccer for the College of St. Mary in Omaha. Seated with Courtney l-r, are her mother, Cindy and CSM soccer coach Jordan Irsik. Standing are 3 of Courtney's siblings: Emily '14, twin brother Caleb and Rebecca..



Mr. Shamrock. 12 Shamrock boys participated in the Mr. Shamrock Pageant on Sunday. Senior Elliott Thomazin was chosen as the event's champion and all of the event proceeds went to support the Simon House.



Julia Salerno signed to play volleyball for Nebraska Wesleyan University. Seated with Julia are her parents, Christine and John and standing is her grandmother Doris Horne and sister, Jenna.



Playing to the band dinner/concert's theme, several students dressed in pirate attire.



Emily Stutzman signed to play soccer and study for a career in occupational therapy with the College of St. Mary, Omaha. Shown with Emily in the photo, l-r, are CSM head soccer coach, Jordan Irsik, and Emily's parents Deb and Travis.



Musical. 47 students and director Laura Salyard '11 presented the musical, "Anything Goes" in Memorial Hall on February 15-17.



State Speech qualifiers





In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of the following deceased alumni, alumnae and friends of Scotus Central Catholic.

Elsie (Sokol) Ball '42 – survived by daughter, Sue (Stan) Healzer; sister, M J VanBerg; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

William “Peanuts” Dreifurst – survived by his wife, Bev; daughters, Terri '78 (Jerry) Mancuso, Tracy '82 (Mike) Goos; son, Todd (Bernadette Soesbe); sisters, Donna (Frank) Laska, Jane (Bob) Pensick; sister-in-law, Velma Shupe; brother-in-law, Dale Holley; nine grand-children; four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

David Eisenmenger – survived by his wife, Karen; daughter, Tonya (Jeremy) Davis; son, Richard '83; sisters, Elaine (Virg) Chochon, Helen (Junior) Weidner, Alice Labenz, Leona Hastreiter, Mary Lou Nienaber, Phyllis Albright; brothers, Paul (Jody), Erv (Elaine), Larry (Mary); sister-in-law, Elaine; brother-in-law, Erv Zach; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ronald Lassek – survived by sisters, Gloria Brandenburgh, Elaine Ahrens Hall, Jeanne '67 (Robert) Akerley; seven nieces and nephews and sixteen great-nieces and great-nephews.

Alvin “Alvie” Kurtenbach – survived by his wife, Elaine (Blahak '58); daughter, Lora (Jim) Schroeder; sons, Gary '79 (Linette), Mark '80 (Janet); sisters, Joan (Ed) Heimann, Kathy '58 (Gerry) Engelbert, Norma Jean Beiermann; eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Alvie served as St. Bonaventure HS/Scotus CCHS maintenance director from 1961 to 1981.

Marie (Reifenrath) Meyers '46 – survived by daughters, Tarris (Paul) Carter, Carolyn (Gerald) Morrison, Barbara (Bob) Harrison; sons, Robert, James; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Ted Micek – survived by daughter, Linda Anderson; sons, John, Ted (Cathy), Gary; brother-in-law, James Beck; sisters, Virginia Iwan '53, Mary Nickolite '54; brothers, Alvin, Bob (Maxine); ten grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

David Murphy – survived by his wife, Susan; daughter, Shelley (Robbie) Beguin; son, Steven (Deb); sisters, Colleen '68 Ewert, Michelle '74 (Jerry) Foral; brother, Don '65 (Karen); six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Eugene Nickolite '47 – survived by his wife, Virginia; daughter, Joy Nickolte; sons, Edward (Patricia), Daniel; sisters, Joan Cech, Nancy (Jerry) Gabel, Sharon Nickolite; brothers, Ted (Birdie), William (Mary Zelasny '68), Mark; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Anthony “Tony” Pensick '53 – survived by daughters, Mary (Kurt) Heimbrecht, Eva (Chad) Shepherd, Kirstie; brother, Dr Allen Henry Pensick '56; and seven grandchildren.

Patricia (Johnson) Poe '54 – survived by daughters, Kelli, Colleen '89 (Marc) Gilson; sons, Michael '75, Mark; sister, Angela '44 Swanson; special friend, Richard Knopik; and four grandchildren.

Terry Reardon – survived by his wife, Robin; daughter, Chelsea '05 Czapla; sons, Shane '06 (Satarah), Kirby '09 (fiancé Dana Nielsen); father, Pat Reardon; and two grandchildren.

Rev. Wayne W Schlautman – survived by sister, Jean (Gary) Brodecky; three nieces and one grandnephew. Fr. Wayne taught senior high religion and served as the Sodality sponsor at Scotus for five years beginning with the 1964-65 year through the 1968-69 school year. Fr. Wayne also served at St. Isidore Parish in Columbus from 1965-1969.

Lucille Sobotka – survived by her husband, Leo; daughter, Carol '74 (Tom) Becker; son, Tom '76 (Sherri); brothers, Frank Jauernig, Marvin Jauernig; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Larry “Butch” Staroscik '60 – survived by his wife, Teri Lutz; daughters, Lori (Kenny) Reneau, Kirby (Schuyler Sutton) Staroscik; son, Steven (Kate); step-sons, Brian (Stacey) Lutz, Kevin (Traci) Lutz; sisters, Cindy '64 (Michael) Wendt, Candace (Richard) Dunn; brother, Jerry '55 (Linda); seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Terri (Kresha) Stuart '95 – survived by her husband, Chad; daughters, Abigail, Sydney; son, Tyler; sister, Jennifer '02 (Matt) Mestl; brothers, Ron '88 (Wendy) Kresha, Jeff '90 (Kerin) Kresha; parents, Dennis & Carolyn Kresha; brother-in-laws, Charles (Carol) Stuart, Scott Stuart, Brian (Paula Kneifel '89) Stuart; and many nieces and nephews.

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Memorials

(Received between 1/19/2019 and 4/18/2019)

Elsie Sokol Ball '42

MM Travis Bock
Linda Cox
MM Paul Healzer
MM Stan Healzer
DRM Stephen McClure
Gloria Gerber Messing
Carol Park
Red Hat Ladies
MM Robert Riley
MM Larry Sibley
Joan Sokol
MM Jerry Sokol & Family
MM Jim Sokol & Jack
Lori Sokol & Ryan,
Ian & Noah Jones
MM Pat Sokol
MM Steven Sokol
MM Paul Steitz
MM Paul Stonestreet
Ralph Williamson
Camille Yoder
Friends & Family
John Bulkley
MM Paul Jazwick
Frank & Lois Coufal
Jean Cheloha
Dale Crocker
MM Mark Morris
Charlotte Dreifurst
MM Dennis Duren
DRM Larry Malicky

Mildred Roddy Korger '51

Janet Brezinski
MM Mike Cielocha
Carroll Ebner
MM Vince Galley
MM Jerry Jarecke
MM Paul Jazwick
MM Dwayne Johnson
Jane Kelly
Gary Kruse
MM Mark Morris
MM Mike Novicki
MM Jeff Pekarek
MM Pat Sackett
MM Bill Shanle
MM Vern Younger
MM Gary Zywiec
Friends & Family
JoAnn Kozak
MM Larry Sleddens
Alvin Kurtenbach
Ron Albracht
MM Ken Backes
MM Al Beiermann
MM Tom Beiermann
Tim Beller
Janet Brezinski
Louise Bridges
MM Loys Caldwell
MM Dean Cerny
MM Mike Cielocha
Dan Duren
Alan Engelbert

MM Gerry Engelbert
James Essay
Traci Gragert
Rick Grubaugh
MM Tracy Grubaugh
MM Phil Hajek
MM Leo Hamling
MM Dennis Hansen
MM Dave Harrington
Bob Heimann
MM Steve Heimann
MM Dwayne Johnson
Jane Kelly
MM Alvin Korth
Bonnie Kudron
MM Dale Kurtenbach
Elaine Kurtenbach Family
Walter Lueke
MM Bob Niedbalski
MM Mike Novicki
MM Pat Novicki
MM Gene Paprocki
MM Joe Paproski
Mable Pekarek
MM Gary Puetz
Judy A. Puetz
Teena Rawhouser
MM Gene Schumacher
MM Jeff Schumacher
MM John Shotkoski
MM Ray Staroscik
MM Harry Starzec
MM Ron Starzec

MM Dan Steiner
St. Joseph Basketball
League
MM Dick Tooley
MM Tim Tooley
MM Greg Weiland
MM Tom Wrigley
MM Vern Younger
MM Gary Zywiec
Jacqueline Micek Mason '49
MM James Brooker
Leslie Frank
Bob Gangel
Janet Greenwald
MM Jerome Jilek
Theresa Kumpf
MM Mark Morris
MM Calvin Strong
Ralph Mausbach
MM Larry Dohmen
Bill Merrill '48
DRM Larry Malicky
MM Mark Morris
Marie Meyer
MM Mike Novicki
Jim Puetz
Alumni Basketball
Tourney
B-D Medical Matching
Funds
MM Tim Brock Family
MM Donald Determan
MM Dave Jarecke

MM Eric Kluever
Jacqueline Loseke
MM Dan Martin
MM Tim Michaelsen
Patricia Peetz
Mandy Phillips
Norman Witt
Terry Reardon
Jared Rickert & the
Class of 2006
Terri Kresha Stuart '95
Anonymous Donor
MM Tom Jarecke
Joseph Pilakowski
MM Randy Johnson
MM Ken Hajek
Tim Schneider
MM Mark Morris
Clarence Torczon
MM Scott Harsh
Lana Torczon
Betty Markytan Weiss '59
MM Ed Birkel
Claudia Blaser
MM Bill Haney
MM Ron Lambert
Joyce Wieser
Gerald Whalen
MM Evan Pichler
Jared Rickert & the
Class of 2006
Cyril Zoucha
MM Mark Morris

Your Next Career Move is Waiting in Columbus, NE

By Kara Asmus, Workforce Development Coordinator, Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce

Job growth in Columbus, NE is outpacing the availability of employees. We've seen it happening for a number of years and it is only expected to accelerate as those in the baby-boomer generation enter into retirement. On any given day, you will find at minimum, 600 jobs advertised in our city. These are really great jobs too. Accountants. Engineers. Teachers. Healthcare providers. One employer plans to add one hundred employees in six weeks. Another one is adding one hundred and fifty. Other businesses need to fill specialty positions in lab research, development and genetics. Every business is in growth mode, but for every one person entering the workforce, there are three people retiring from it.

If it has ever crossed your mind to return to your hometown, you should know it will be the best move you'll ever make. And you'll join a growing number of alumni from the three local school systems who are returning home. It's because Columbus residents enjoy a lifestyle that is difficult to match. Our schools are outstanding. The cost of living is low, while the standard of living is high. Healthcare of every specialty is available making our hospital and its technology competitive with larger cities.

Whatever you are looking for, you'll find it here. Columbus is a safe community with hard-working residents. It's a place where the good life still exists. Where you not only know your neighbors, but you also know your mayor, senator, and city administrator on a first-name basis. It's a place where we take it for granted that you can be to the grocery store in five minutes and all the way across town in less than fifteen. It's a great place to raise a child and become involved in a community that cares about you.

So, it's time to ask yourself, what's really important to you? What do you value? Then, contact me at the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce. Let me help you find your way back home and into a career that will quickly allow you to live your best life.

Kara may be contacted at the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce / 753 33rd Avenue / Columbus, NE 68601. 402.564.2769 / drive45@megavision.com.



The 5th grade retreat took place at Scotus and it included a scavenger hunt to help the students get to know the layout of the school.

Scotus Mission Statement

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12th Annual Shamrock Open Golf Tourney

Saturday, June 1, 2019

1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

Tiburon Golf Course - Omaha

Entry Fee: \$90 / participant

(Entry deadline May 25)

Early deadline May 10: \$75



The 12th Annual Shamrock Open is set for Saturday, June 1, 2019 with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. The tournament will again be held at Tiburon GC in Omaha, and it is open to everyone. Players can count on a tourney known for its excellent flight and flag prizes, good food and exceptional camaraderie! Tourney organizers will also be adding a hole in one contest and a split the pot contest on the course.

New this year, the tourney will provide coach bus transportation to the event for Columbus area golfers (free-will offering suggested). This year's tentative tourney goal is to help Scotus update the girl's locker rooms including new flooring.

For more information about registration or becoming a tourney sponsor, contact Nick Puetz '97 at: shamrockopen@gmail.com or Joe Puetz '01 at puetzfinancial@gmail.com or John Schueth in the Scotus development office at jschueth@scotuscc.org 402-564-7165 ext. 109.

Too Young for a Will?

Many people put off getting a will because they feel they are not old enough to need one. They say to themselves, "I'll take care of this when I retire." Actually, there are several good reasons for having a will earlier in life. First, there is the possibility, though remote, that death could come by accident or illness. And this means that having a will makes good sense. Second, having minor children makes planning for their care extremely important. Through a will, you can name custodians for dependents and trustees of family trusts. Third, though your estate may be modest, you still have the right (and obligation) to make your own decisions regarding the disposition of your assets. This includes designating bequests for organizations like Scotus Central Catholic HS that reflect your interests and values. Fourth, getting your first will in place while you are younger will make it easier for you to adjust it later as the need arises.

Finally, peace of mind is a wonderful blessing at any age. Having a valid will in place will give you a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. You will appreciate knowing that you have cared for one of the most important responsibilities in life. If you care to include your high school alma mater in your will, our legal name is: Scotus Central Catholic Secondary School of Columbus, Nebr.



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A Note from SCC President, Jeff Ohnoutka

We are coming to the close of a very successful SEF 15 campaign. As you know, the money raised during this three-year campaign benefits every student who attends our school by helping to make tuition affordable. Along with tuition assistance, SEF 15 also helped Scotus pay off our school loan debt and hard-surface our new parking lot, and we sincerely appreciate everyone who supported this campaign.

During the past year we have been developing a facility strategic plan for the future. A building assessment was completed by an architectural team to determine the current needs of our school and to address possible future plans. It is important that Scotus Central Catholic continues to provide our students with a high quality, Catholic education. Over the course of the next year, we intend to continue to survey our parents, students, alumni & alumnae and benefactors about their ideas and suggestions for our school. Anytime you start a process like this it requires time to get it right.



Our SEF 15 campaign will conclude this year (2019.) As we take our time to develop the strategic plan, I am asking you to consider an extension year to this SEF campaign. Our goal is to raise \$335,000 to offset our cost to educate a Scotus Central Catholic student.

Average tuition per student (2019-20)	\$2,907	(34.0%)
SEF 15 Extension Tuition Assistance	\$ 946	(11.0%)
Parish Tuition Assistance	\$2,529	(29.5%)
Other fundraising, endowment	\$2,189	(25.5%)
Cost to educate a Scotus student in 2019-20	\$8,571	(100%)

Please consider pledging one-third of what you pledged for SEF 15 for this extension year (2020.) God bless you for supporting the important ministry of Catholic education at Scotus Central Catholic!

Sincerely,

Jeff Ohnoutka, President

Editor's note: If you pledged or donated for the SEF 15 campaign, you will be contacted this fall with information about your previous pledge. And if you were unable to support SEF 15 but you want to give this year, go to the Scotus website (www.scc.org) to donate online or send your check to: Development Office, Scotus Central Catholic HS, 1554 18 Ave, Columbus NE 68601-5132.

Make your Scotus Investment the Easy Way!

Go to: www.scotuscc.org

Click on the "Donate" button



Complete the simple form and you've made your gift to accomplish so much for our students!



\$12/month educates a Scotus student for 3 School Days

\$21/month educates a Scotus student for 5 School Days

\$82/month educates a Scotus student for 20 School Days

Taking Required Minimum Distributions?

Remember, if you are taking required minimum distributions from your IRA because you are 70 1/2 or older, you can transfer all or a part of your required distribution to Scotus Central Catholic and avoid paying income taxes on the amount you transfer. You must ask your IRA administrator to make the transfer directly from your IRA to Scotus Central Catholic. And don't forget to inform the Scotus development office that you plan to make a transfer and how you might prefer the school to use your generous support!

Welcome Class of 2019!

Joining the ranks of Scotus alumni and alumnae this spring were 59 graduates who participated in commencement. Nathan Schumacher, senior class president, provided the senior welcome; Elliott Thomazin offered the scripture reading; Fr. Matthew Capadano provided a greeting and homily; and Caleb Kosch, Student Council President read the intercessions. ***The Class of 2019:***

Hannah Kathleen Allen	Isaac Vincent McPhillips
Zackary Steven Beiermann	Jackson Daniel Neville
Logan Carol Bennett	Rylie Jo Olson
Luke Anthony Bettenhausen	Daniela Valdez Ortiz
Sam Steven Blaser	Mariana Valdez Ortiz
Emma Grace Brandt	Isaac Charles Ostdiek
Bailey Daniel Christensen	Hallie Maria Parker
Inri Byram Dimas	Caden James Pelan
Han Hong "Hanna" Bao Doan	Abram James Perault
Blaney Ann Dreifurst	Julia Diane Pichler
Prestyn Scott Engel	Cheydon John Puntney
Kelsey Jean Faust	Julia Rose Salerno
Callan Margaret Fuchser	Lucas Donald Schaecher
Colby Marcus Gilson	Nathan Richard Schumacher
Yuyang "Gary" He	Grant William Shanley
Patrick James Herchenbach	Evan Richard Sliva
Rebekah Lynne Hergott	Abigail Kay Stuart
Jaden Rose Hollmann	Emily Megan Stutzman
Logan George Johnson	Blake Jonathan Sucha
Mattie Layne Johnson	Madeline Elizabeth Sueper
Cameron Michael Johnston	Elliott Johnathan Thomazin
Tara Lynn Kamrath	Carter Daniel Thorson
Kendra Morgan Korger	Eduardo Isaac Torres Horta
Caleb Todd Kosch	Daniel Lawrence Tworek
Courtney Renee Kosch	Bryce Kenneth VunCannon
Konner Jerome Kudron	Tyler James Wurtz
Braden Edward Labenz	Xiuyuan "Tommy" Yu
Bailey Sharon Lehr	Andrew Arlen Zaruba
Mira Kelley Liebig	Abbie Elizabeth Zoucha
Kaitlyn Sue Lovell	

POST-SECONDARY PLANS OF 2019 GRADUATES

59 Graduating Students in the Class of 2019 including
3 International students (2 China, 1 Vietnam)

Enrolling in a 2-year college 13 – 22%
(6 students plan to transfer to a 4-year college)
Enrolling in a 4-year college 44 – 75%
(Includes 2 attending seminary)
Entering workforce 2– 3%

IN-STATE INSTITUTIONS

CCC, Columbus – 4
College of St. Mary – 2
Creighton University – 2
Midland University – 1
Nebraska Wesleyan – 2
NECC, Norfolk. – 5
Peru State College – 1
SECC, Lincoln – 1
The Creative Center – 1
University of Nebraska, Kearney – 5
University of Nebraska, Lincoln – 12
University of Nebraska, Omaha – 6
Wayne State College – 3

OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTIONS

Benedictine College – 1
Indiana University – 1
Iowa Western – 2
Michigan State University – 1
Mt. Marty College – 1
Newman University – 1
St. John Vianney Seminary – 2
Temple University – 2
University of Notre Dame – 1



Abbie Zoucha (left) and Julia Salerno were all smiles as they processed out of the commencement exercises.

Spirit of Scotus



Caleb Kosch was recognized as the 2019 Spirit of Scotus Award winner at commencement.

Worth Noting

- The Chip Kaup Golf Tourney was held on April 27th with 100 golfers on a cold, windy day. Receiving scholarships from the tourney were Scotus 2019 graduates: Braden Labenz and Emma Brandt. Each will receive a \$3,000 scholarship (\$1500 before the 1st and 2nd years of college.)



The 2019 Scotus Athletes of the Year were: Bailey Lehr, Grant Shanle and Courtney Kosch.

- 6 district track qualifiers (in 9 events) represented Scotus at the State Track Meet at Omaha Burke. The qualifiers and their events were: Kelsey Faust, 3200 M; Olivia Fehringer, 800M, 1600 M; Grace Mustard 100 Hurdles, 300 Hurdles; Grant Shanle, Discus, 110 Hurdles; Justin Sliva 300 Hurdles; Liza Zaruba, 3200 M. Grant Shanle was the only Scotus athlete to win a state medal, finishing 8th in the discus with a throw of 152-02.
- 36 Scotus athletes were named in the Lincoln Journal Star Academic All-State listing. Scotus had 10-3 sport athletes, 15-2 sport athletes and 11-1 sport athletes.
- Scotus junior Emily Miksch played on the CHS number one doubles team at the state competition. Playing with CHS senior Aspen Luebbe, the duo won their first match and then were eliminated by the top seeded doubles team.
- Chosen for Class B Second Team All-State soccer were Courtney Kosch and Braden Labenz. Honorable mention All-State: Kenzie Brandenburg, Kamryn Chohon, Julia Salerno, Emily Stutzman, Abbie Zoucha, Zack Beiermann, Luke Bettenhausen, Henry Hernandez, Carter Thorson, Tyler Vaught, Connor Wiehn.

- Elliott Thomazin was named to the Omaha World Herald's All West-Central Academic Team-2nd Team. Receiving honorable mention recognition were: Patrick Herchenbach, Caden Pelan, Nathan Schumacher, Bryce VunCannon and Andrew Zaruba.

- Presenting the spring play, "The Treasure of Shiver River" were Mattie Johnson, Kyanne Caspersen, Isaac Ostdiek, Maddie Blaser,



Elliott Thomazin

Clarissa Kosch, Gavin Brabec, Simon Pichler, Regan Sucha, Elliott Thomazin, Levi Robertson, Roxanne Beshaler, Hannah Allen, Camille Cox and Abee Hutchinson. Directors were Julia Pichler, Patrick Herchenbach. Supervisor: Mr. Ericson.

- In soccer both the girls and boys teams lost their district final games and did not advance to the state tourney. The girls finished the season at 13-4 and the boys finished at 13-5.
- 670 donors participated in the 2019 Columbus Big Give helping the thirty participating non-profits raise a total of \$62,375.33. Scotus received \$1,768 in cash donation and expects some matching funds later this summer.
- Scotus Central Catholic recently changed its fiscal year to begin on July 1. In past years, the Scotus fiscal year ran from September 1 through August 31—making our school the only school or parish in the archdiocese that didn't follow a July 1 through June 30 timeline.
- After earning at least one NSAA Cup in the last ten years, Scotus faced a down year in 2018-19 activities. The boys finished tied for 13th place in the Class C standings, the girls placed 4th and the school place a combined boys and girls at 8th place. Norfolk Catholic captured 1st place for the boys, Bishop Neumann for the girls and Kearney Catholic took the combined cup.

Here and There...

-- Tell us What's Happening in Your Life!

E-mail to: jschueth@scotuscc.org Photos encouraged!

ELIZABETH PREISTER '15 – was one of only ten athletes in District 7 (Illinois, Indiana & Ohio) named to the first team Academic All-District for the 2018-19 year by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Elizabeth was a successful singles and doubles tennis player for St. Mary's College in Indiana and finished with a career singles record of 59-13. She recently graduated from St. Mary's as valedictorian with a degree in Speech Language Pathology. While attending St. Mary's, Elizabeth was also involved with the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra and the Notre Dame Women's Liturgical Choir. She plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this fall to earn an advance degree. (Information source: *Columbus Telegram*.)

Shamrock Hall of Fame

Inducted to the Shamrock Athletic Hall of Fame at this year's Scotus Athletic Awards Program were Katie (Beiermann) Herman '09 and Samantha (Spenner) Richardson '09, two women who had a storied athletic career at Scotus.

Katie played four years of volleyball, three years of basketball and four years of soccer for the Shamrocks and was known for her work ethic. In volleyball she played on three state championship teams in 2005, 2006 and 2008 and she holds the current school record for most blocks in a game at 9. Her volleyball career was capped with a 2nd team all-Nebraska and 1st team all-state selections in 2008 and she participated in the 2009 Nebraska Coaches Association volleyball all-star game. In basketball, Katie received conference and tournament honors and all-state honorable mention in her 3 participation years. In soccer, Katie was selected first team all-state in Class B in 2007, 2008 and 2009 and second team super state in 2008. She was selected for the 2009 soccer Shrine Bowl and she was named co-athlete of the year at Scotus and finalist for the 2009 Omaha World Herald Female Athlete of the Year. In volleyball at Central Community College, she was named IAVCA All-American and two-time NJCAA All-American. Katie played volleyball for two seasons at CCC and Wayne State College, and soccer for one year at Northwest Missouri State University.

Sami was a multi-sport athlete at Scotus participating in volleyball, basketball, soccer and track. She played on two state championship volleyball teams in 2006 and 2008 and



Katie Herman and Samantha Richardson

was selected to the first team all-state in volleyball in 2008. In basketball Sami received honorable mention all-state honors in 2009 and she holds one current school record making 47% of her 3 point shots in a season. In 2008 Sami

receive honorable mention all-state recognition in soccer. But it was in track and field where Sammy really shined. She was a member of the 2009 girls' state championship track team where she captured the gold medal on the 400 meter relay team with a time of 49.9, 2nd place in the 200 meter dash, 3rd place in the long jump and 3rd place in the triple jump. Sammy also holds the current school record in the long jump with a mark of 17' 7.75." She was named

the Sertoma athlete of the year and Scotus co-athlete of the year in 2009. She went on to have an extraordinary career in track & field at the University of Nebraska at Omaha with 24 all-conference honors, the American collegiate record holder in the pentathlon, finished 2014 ranked 12th in the world in the pentathlon, participated in the 2016 Olympic Trials in the heptathlon, and was a 4-time Team USA member.

The Shamrock Hall of Fame was established in 1999 to recognize student-athletes who made significant contributions to their sport at Scotus, for coaches and athletic directors who exhibited extraordinary leadership of Shamrock Athletics, and to recognize boosters for special support given to Shamrock Athletics.



Scotus senior Bryce VunCannon, earned a 3rd Place medal at the State Class B Golf Championship hosted by the Elks Country Club in Columbus. Bryce shot a 75 in the abbreviated competition that ran only one 18-hole round instead of a two-day 36-hole competition. Shown with Bryce is Scotus golf coach, Tyler Swanson. Go Rocks!

Alumna of the Year



Dr. Dale Zaruba, Jill (Kruse '93) Zaruba & Scotus President Jeff Ohnoutka

The 20th annual Alumna of the Year and Honorary Alumnus of the Year Award winners were Jill (Kruse '93) and Dr. Dale Zaruba. Jill and Dale Zaruba are exemplary Scotus parents and when they frequently volunteer to support the school it is always with enthusiasm and ownership. They have volunteered for the Scotus Gala for a number of years and served as vice-chairs in 2015 and co-chairs in 2016. They currently help on the Gala decorating committee. Dale has served on the Scotus board of education for the last 5 years—and one year (2017) as the board president. The Zaruba's are active in their parish, St. Isidore's, and they have 3 children attending Scotus, Isabel will be in 8th grade, Liza who will be a senior this fall and Drew who graduated, May 2019.

Chip Kaup Classic



Construction is underway at St. Bonaventure parish for a new social hall with room for 350 in banquet seating, and a new narthex to the church that will greatly expand the previous space, be connected to the new social hall and have a grade level entrance—that's right, no steps into the church! New parking will be constructed on the north side of the parish campus where 17th Street has been closed and several houses removed. Because of the \$5.5 million dollar construction project, all Masses were moved to the Scotus cafeteria beginning on July 13, 2019 and may continue to the end of the year. In addition, the St. Bonaventure perpetual adoration program which began in 1961 and has continued uninterrupted, will temporarily move to the Scotus Central Catholic's Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.

Reunions

Class of 1959. 60-Year Reunion. Everyone: come join the fun and celebrate 60 years! On Tuesday, September 17, 2019 we will gather at the Friedhof Building (old Schwesers) at 4:00 pm for conversation, social, etc. Then on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 everyone will meet at the Husker House at 2:00 pm for refreshments, dinner, etc. Dinner will be between 4:30 and 5:00 and everyone will order off the menu. It will be a lot of fun! For more information, contact: Lenore Pokorny at lpokorny@hotmail.com; Cathy Placzek at cplaczek@gmail.com; or Carolyn Cielocha at kcielocha@neb.rr.com

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Shown l-r: Girls Head Coach Kristie (Korth '98) Brezenski, Emma Brandt '19, LaVonka Kaup, Braden Labenz '19 and Scotus boys head soccer coach PJ Miller.

The 4th Annual Chip Kaup Classic was held on April 27, 2019 at The Elks CC. One hundred golfers participated in this year's event, which featured a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest sponsored by Evan Trohholz '98 Ground Care. There was also overwhelming support from the community, with nearly 50 sponsors for the event.

The tournament is an effort to celebrate Chip Kaup's life and to raise money for the Chip Kaup Memorial Scholarships, a character-based scholarship awarded to a senior boy and girl soccer player that best exhibits Chip's outstanding personality. Chip was a member of the 1997 State Championship soccer team, homecoming king, and most importantly, a great human being. He was unselfish, loyal, compassionate, and determined in everything that he did. His outgoing personality and open-mindedness allowed him to get along with everyone he met. He made a point of seeing the good in everyone and went out of his way to make sure that nobody felt left out. The scholarships are intended to encourage others to strive to be more like Chip and to recognize those that have already exhibited his personality traits. This year's scholarship winners were each awarded \$3,000 to help further their education. This year's scholarship winners were Emma Brandt '19 and Braden Labenz '19.

Winners of the Chipper Flight were Pat Diederich '89 and Jeremy Archer. Winners of the Hacker Flight were Travis Beiermann '98 and Scott Kuehler '98. Winners of the Ladies' Flight were Erin Miles '97 and Kristen Kuhlen.

The Fifth Annual Chip Kaup Classic is set for April 25, 2020 at The Elks CC in Columbus, Nebraska. To sign up or to become a sponsor, please e-mail ChipKaupClassic@gmail.com.





In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of the following deceased alumni, alumnae and friends of Scotus Central Catholic.

Shirley (Sullivan) Coulter '54 – survived by daughters, Tammy (Pat) Brewington, Deb (Mark) Wilsey, Lisa (Dave) McElhose; sons, Jim (Cindy), Ed; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Alois “Junior” Jarecki '58 – survived by his wife, Susan; daughters, Stephanie (Michael) Urkoski, Shyla; son, Scott (Alejandra); sisters, Dorothy '54 (Ron) Shotkoski, Lorraine '59 (Jim) Gourka, Margaret '60 (Dick) Borer; sister-in-law, Karen Jarecki; brothers-in-law, Ray Alt, Ralph Wemhoff; and five grandchildren.

Jerome Korth – survived by his wife Betty; daughter, Nancy; sons, Rick (Cindy), Bob, Russ (Patty), Charles '85, Doug '86 (Maria), Matt '94 (Jenny); fifteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Alice (Bernt) Kuta '48 – survived by sister, Rita Barba; and many nieces & nephews.

Kenneth Lisko – survived by daughter, Lori (Aaron) Brown; sons, Jamie '93 (Terri), Cory (Ann); mother, Clara Lisko; sister, Sandra Zipse; and six grandchildren.

James “Jim” Loseke – survived by his wife, Judy (Pillen '60); daughters, Carla (Robert) Andreessen, Deb (A.J.) Walton; son, Dave; sister, Shirley Loseke and seven grandchildren.

William “Bill” Micek '64 – survived by his wife, Chris; son, Kent (Brooke); sisters-in-law, June (Bob) Grosvenor, Shell (Jeff) Heinemeyer, Susan Smith, Mikki Smith, Mary Smith; brothers-in-law, Terry (Gayle) Smith, Lin (Mary Lou) Smith, Dennis (Theresa) Smith, Randy (Tonia) Smith, Bob Smith, Dean (Marlene) Smith; two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Joyce Niedbalski – survived by her husband, Walter (honorary member of the Class of 1959); daughter, Patty '85 (Mark '85)

Krings; sons, Dan '84 (Ida), Jeff '88 (Kelli), Joe '97 (Becki), Mike '99 (fiancé Devan); and fifteen grandchildren.

Myra (Olk) Obrist '66 – survived by her husband, John L.; son, John '96 (Tara); sister, Denette '68 (Greg) Drum; nephew, Brandon '95 (Cecilia) Drum; niece, Andra '97 (Cory) Vandenberg; two grandchildren and many other nieces, nephews and relatives.

Michaela “Mickey” O’Hearn '70 – survived by sisters, Patricia '72 (Don) Cieloha, Colleen (Masoud) Shirazi, Erin '78 (David '78) Kantor, Bridget '92 (Shawn '92) Diederich; brothers, Callen '74 (Carol), Kevin (Lyn), Brian '77 (Cheryl), Terry '81, Michael '81 (Patti), Daniel (Carolyn); and many nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Jeanne Raimondo – survived by her husband, Anthony “TR”; daughters, Diana '89 (fiancé Joshua Porter), Linda (Tom) Myers-Bock; sons, Philip (Mary), Anthony, Jr (Sharon); thirteen grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Myrl “Bud” Rhea – survived by his wife, Betty; daughter, Lisa '87 (Richard) Weyers; sons, Bryan (Kathy), Daniel; sisters, Beryl Vachal, Janice (Chris) Ladewski; sisters-in-law, Debbie Schmid, Sharon Cemper; brothers-in-law, Gene (Sonny) Cemper, Larry (Laurie) Cemper, Victor (Janice) Cemper; ten grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

John Schmidt – survived by wife, Mary Ann; daughters, Sheila (John Novack), Misty '96 (Thad) Swanson; sons, John (Rachael), Rich (Adriene), Monty '96; brothers, Jim (Darlene), Richard (Barbara); four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Louise Stopak – survived by her daughter, Sheila '81 (John) O'Brien; brother-in-law, Robert (Diane) Stopak, one grandchild; six nieces and nephews; numerous aunts and uncles; and special friends Roma Kudera, Bob & Wilma Arp.

David Zimmerman – survived by his wife, Judith (Kampschneider '66); daughters, Michelle (Gary) Lukens, Renae (Tim) Lesiak; sons, Dale (Risa), Ken (Crystal), Galen (Megan); and fifteen grandchildren.



Memorials



(Received between 4/19/2019 and 7/18/2019)

Kenneth Cielocha '54

Dr. John Prososki

Jerome Korth

MM Kurt Kuta

Lois Kuta

Scotus Class of 1985

MM Rick Zoucha

Alvie Kurtenbach

MM Gregory Ernst

MM Daniel Hile

MM William Mahan, Jr

Dr. John Prososki

James “Jim” Loseke

MM Ray Staroscik

Ralph Mausbach

Friends & Family

Joyce Niedbalski

Janet Brezinski

MM Tom Jackson

MM Greg Jarecke

MM Jim Kielian

DRM Larry Malicky

Doris Melliger

MM Gary Puetz

MM Ed Rosenthal

Theresa Seipel

Paul Shotkoski

MM Larry Sleddens

Alice Staroscik-Chleboun

Class of 1985

Myra Obrist

MM Paul Jazwick

MM Charles McLaughlin

Judy Puetz

MM Gary Puetz

MM John Schueth

MM Doug Sokol

MM Ray Staroscik

Friends & Family

Patricia (Johnson) Poe '54

Kris Yungdahl

Anthony “Tony” Pensick '53

Louis Kosiba

Jim Puetz

Luke Fendrick

Jeanne Raimondo

Scotus Staff

Terry Reardon

MM Robert Rickert

Robin Reardon & Family

John Schmidt

DRM Larry Malicky

Lucille Sobotka

MM Tom Sobotka

MM Ron Starzec

Louise Stopak

MM John O'Brien

12th Annual Shamrock Open Golf Tourney

The 12th Annual Shamrock Open took place at Tiburon Golf Course in Omaha on June 1st and under ideal weather conditions. Twenty-seven foursomes took on two of the three 18-hole courses and capturing the 1st Flight, 1st place and shooting -19 were Chad Mustard '96, Ross Fuhr '98, Wes Kosch and Nate Karges '96. The winners (*pictured below*) are shown wearing the regal, annually-recycled tourney jackets.



\$1,000 in flight prizes, 7 flag prizes, a hole-in-one contest, split the pot game and a huge raffle were featured and the golfers enjoyed a post-tourney dinner in the club house. Kudos to everyone who participated, to our Tourney organizers, Nick Puetz '97 and Joe Puetz '01 and to the following Shamrock Open sponsors:

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Northwestern Mutual (*Nate Karges '96 and Joe Dierks '96*)

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Fusion Medical (*Dan Beller '97*)
Malibu Homes (*Mike Shotkoski '94*)
Netskope (*Nick Puetz '97*)
Northwest Electric (*Kyle Fritz '03*)

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Mahan Family (*Bill & Alex Mahan*)
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Puetz Family (*Gary & Judy Puetz*)
Quality Dental Care of Bennington (*Alex Mahan*)

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Scotus Alumni/Alumnae Soccer
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Years of Service Awards



Scotus faculty and staff who received years of service awards at this year's achievement program were: (5 Years) Kris Andresen, Fr. Matthew Capadano, Kelly Koranda, Jarrod Ridder, Janice Rosenquist; (10 Years) Shelly Adams, Wade Coulter; (15 Years) Lauri Diamond, Marge Zegar; (20 Years) Pam Weir; (25 Years) Kristen Cox; (30 Years) Carmen Johnson; and (35 Years) Annette Hash. Not shown: Kris Andresen, Janice Rosenquist, Shelly Adams and Marge Zegar.

Outstanding Service Award



Scotus campus minister, Fr. Matthew Capadano was honored with the 2019 Scotus Outstanding Service Award at this year's commencement. Fr. Capadano began his assignment at Scotus in the fall of 2014 and he has been recently assigned to Mary Our Queen parish in Omaha. As a result of the clergy shortage in the Omaha Archdiocese, Scotus will not be receiving a replacement priest to serve as campus minister; however Scotus has developed a response plan including active lay ministry of staff/faculty and parents along with frequent Masses celebrated for Scotus students to attend by area pastors and visiting priests.



The Shamrock Nation is very happy for the June 1st ordination of William James Cremers '11 to the Order of Priesthood in the Arch diocese of Omaha. Fr. Bill received the Sacrament of Holy Orders from Archbishop George Lucas at St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha and the next day he celebrated his first Mass at his home parish of St. Anthony's in Columbus.

Fr. Cremers studied philosophy his first four years at Conception Seminary and later completed his studies at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. His parents are Jim and Marlene (Bonk '81) Cremers and Bill's sister Carly is a 2015 Scotus graduate.

12th Annual Alumni/Alumnae Soccer Tournament



The 12th Annual Alumni/Alumnae Soccer Tournament will be held on August 2-3 at the Warren & Shirley McLaughlin Activity Field. For more information, contact tourney organizer, Jon Brezenski '98 at: coachbrez@gmail.com.

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What Our Supporters Accomplished In 2018-19

Thank you for your wonderful investment in the Catholic education of our students and the future of our school during the Scotus 2018-19 fiscal year!

LED Lighting in Dowd Center gym/hallway & on all floors of 1965 building	Annual Appeal
New HVAC controllers in the classrooms.....	Annual Appeal
New tables for Mrs. Salyard's computer lab.....	Annual Appeal
White boards, flooring and some faculty desks	Annual Appeal
3 new endowed scholarships and continued support for the CSF.....	Community Support
Re-plating of Chalice and paten	Class of 1968 Support
Funding for a new mobile STEAM Lab.....	Gala 2019
Donated ATV with snow blade	Private Donor
New stools for students in the art classroom.....	Columbus Big Give
2 wrestling mats donated for wrestling team practices.....	Private Donor
Hired an architectural firm to assess current facilities and facility needs	Building Fund
Purchased a used coach bus for school activity transportation	Transportation Fund
24 New Lenovos, Spotlights and microphones & other wish list items	Scotus Mothers
Flooring and ceiling fans in girls locker rooms	Shamrock Open
Tuition assistance scholarships.....	Shamrock Lottery
Contributed \$330,000 in tuition assistance	SEF 15
Contributed \$895,000 in tuition assistance.....	Columbus parishes



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Teacher of the Year

The recipient of the 21st annual *William and Barbara Gerhold Family Teacher of the Year Award* for a Columbus Catholic schools teacher was Scotus chemistry teacher, Jane Dusel-Misfeldt. Jane has taught chemistry and served as the head coach for 7th grade volleyball at Scotus since her start in 1992. In addition to her service on many school committees, Jane has been the president and secretary/treasurer of the Scotus Teachers Organization since 1997, the National Honor Society sponsor since 1998, the Scotus Red Cross blood drive coordinator since 2004 and she has been a long-time volunteer for the Scotus Gala.



Jane earned her BAE and MAE degrees from Wayne State College and has completed 36 hours above her MAE, also at Wayne State. She was honored by the University of Nebraska in 2015 with the Freda Battey Distinguished Educator Award and she has presented at two National Chemistry Teachers Conventions.

Jane and her husband, Jon, are active members of St Bonaventure Parish, where Jane is an EMHC and Jon leads the men's choir. Jon is Assistant Activities Director at Columbus High School.

The award announcement was made at a Mass hosted by Scotus for all of the students in the Columbus Catholic Schools grades 4-12. The Mass was part of the schools' celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Besides a trophy, Jane also received a stipend of \$1,500 for her personal use.

The Teacher of the Year award is made possible through funding from the William and Barbara Gerhold Family endowed fund. Besides supporting the annual teacher of the year award, this fund also provides an annual distribution to one of the four Columbus Catholic schools on a rotating basis (\$3,500 to St. Isidore School this year) and Scotus Central Catholic received \$6,884.25 this year to support the academic departments of Mathematics, Science and English.

Jim Puetz Endowed Scholarship

Fellow Shamrocks,

Due to the generous support of many individuals, the Coach Puetz Endowed Scholarship fund has grown to a level that will easily support the awarding of a \$500 scholarship to two returning student/athletes for the 2019-20 school year. And since this is an endowed scholarship, we can be assured that Jim's memory will be celebrated with funded scholarships every year into the distant future! In addition, if the fund continues to grow through additional donations, we are confident that more than two annual scholarships can be provided to help students with their tuition expenses at Scotus. Currently, the Jim Puetz Endowed Scholarship fund has gifts totaling \$29,048. Many Shamrock student/athletes that Coach Puetz touched have contributed to the fund and our hope is that more of you will find a way to become a part of this meaningful scholarship and the legacy of the man it honors.

Yours Sincerely,
Vern Younger
John Petersen
Gary Puetz



One junior and 28 sophomores were inducted last fall into the National Honor Society, bringing the Scotus membership total to 78 sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

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Complete the simple form and you've made your gift to accomplish so much for our students!

Mark Your Calendars!

The 38th annual Scotus Gala dinner/auction will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019. This is the school's largest annual fundraiser and all proceeds are used to balance the annual budget. This year's theme is "A Night at Castle Shamrock" and we are blessed with many wonderful donors and volunteers including co-chairs: Mark & Nicole Lindhorst, Scott & Amy Schaecher and Mark & Andrea Schumacher. Our 2019 Gala vice-chairs are: Dan & Jill (Hoebing '84) Clarey, Mike & Nicole Fleming and Joe & Shelly Steffensmeier.

We will feature online/mobile bidding for the first time this year. That means both Gala guests and those who cannot attend will be able to register to bid electronically on silent auction items beginning the week before Gala and until the silent tables close at the Gala. Use this link in April: gtego.net/qmlink/scotuscc.

We are once again conducting the Gala Lottery – selling 600 - \$100 tickets and offering five prizes: \$12,000 first prize and four \$500 consolation prizes. Two early bird drawings for ticket buyers are also conducted. The **first early bird drawing is on Feb. 6**. 3 sold tickets will be drawn and the ticket buyer of each ticket will receive a free \$100 lottery ticket. A **second early bird drawing is conducted on March 6th** providing the buyers of 2 sold tickets with a free \$100 lottery ticket. For ticket information, contact the Scotus development office.

Here's a sample list of the items we plan to offer this year at the Gala oral auction: dinner for four couples hosted by Archbishop Lucas at his home, Pink Concert box seats at CHI with parking and dinner for 2, Carrie Underwood Concert tickets at Pinnacle for 4 plus dinner, guided rock climbing trip for two with Merlin Lahm, a real tree with more than \$1,000 in gift cards, a Nebraska football package for 4 at Colorado, Benelli Ethos semi auto shotgun, Lake Tahoe condo, Chicago Cubs Dream Day package for four, catered business party at Henry on 11th, Pheasant Hunt at Bunker Hill for 14, Snake Falls Fishing for 2, chef-prepared dinner in your home for 12, Scotus coaches Olympics, Prairie Club Golf for 4, Las Vegas NFR & Cirque du Soleil for 4, two premium NE season football tickets, ladies weekend to Chicago for 4, "Hamilton" for 4, Mountain Thunder Lodge in Breckenridge, Tanking Trip for 12, four-wheeling on the river package, UNO Maverick hockey at Baxter, Culligan Aqua-clear drinking water system, Vineyard wine tasting/dinner for 10, Brisket Meal for 40 at Evan's House, and much more still under development!

If you would like to participate by donating an item for the silent or oral auctions, volunteer to help, or if you wish to receive an invitation to attend please contact our co-chairs, vice-chairs or Janice Rosenquist in the Scotus development office: or 402 564 7165 ext. 154 or jrosenquist@scotuscc.org. Your involvement will be key to our event's success and that's why we urge you to mark your calendars today!



Special Gala Fundraiser

Each year we ask our Gala supporters to consider funding a special capital improvement for the school. This year we hope to raise funds to support the purchase of a trailer and curricular supplies to make a portion of the Scotus STEAM Lab portable. The Scotus STEAM Lab would then be taken to each of the Columbus Catholic grade schools at different times throughout the year to provide a resource for their curriculums and to stimulate the creative thought processes fostered by the STEAM program.

Annual Appeal Update

Thank you to the 576 individual donors who have contributed a total of \$81,863.89 to date for the 2018-19 annual appeal. This year's appeal will support many upgrades we hope to make in Scotus classrooms including the installation of new controllers (thermostats) and LED lighting, painting and flooring in some rooms and new desks and storage units for several faculty.

12th Annual Shamrock Open Golf Tourney

The date for the 12th Annual Shamrock Open has been set for Saturday, June 1, 2019 with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. The tournament will again be held at Tiburon GC in Omaha, and it is open to everyone. Players can count on a tourney known for its excellent flight and flag prizes, good food and exceptional camaraderie!

Sponsorships are available and especially encouraged from class years and Shamrock business owners. If members of a class would like to pool money together to sponsor a hole or purchase prizes, please let us know. This year's tentative tourney goal is to help Scotus update the girl's locker rooms including new flooring.

For more information about registration or becoming a tourney sponsor, contact Nick Puetz '97 at: shamrockopen@gmail.com or Joe Puetz '01 at puetzfinancial@gmail.com or John Schueth in the Scotus development office at jschueth@scotuscc.org 402-564-7165 ext. 109.

Chapel of the Immaculate Conception

In 1965 when St. Bonaventure High School adopted the new name, Scotus Central Catholic High School, a new 20-classroom facility was opened for the school. One of the new facility's featured areas on the southeast corner of the ground floor was a large commons area served by two main entrances into the school. The commons was a popular gathering area for students and it even offered a soft drink machine that poured carbonated beverages into paper cups. With the addition of what is often referred to by staff as the "1965 building" Scotus Central Catholic's campus featured three other main buildings: Memorial Hall, the Northwest wing and the Science wing. However, with the growth of girls' sports, the school had a pressing need for a second gymnasium and SCC did not have a chapel—the celebration of Mass, adoration and private prayer was most often held across the street at St. Bonaventure Church.

In 1980 a new, second gym for SCC was dedicated on November 23, 1980. The new gym was later re-dedicated as the Dowd Activity Center on May 14, 2008 to honor Leo & Eileen Dowd for their important role in the construction of the new gym. Also in 1980 the school's need for its own space of worship was realized and a new chapel was dedicated on Sunday, January 13th by Archbishop Daniel E Sheehan.

The birth of the Scotus chapel came at the expense of the commons area; and the south side entrance to the commons was no longer accessible to students or guests. Plans for the chapel were developed in the spring of 1978 and approved by the school board in

June of 1978. School campus minister, Fr. Michael Gutgsell, spearheaded the project—which gained the financial support of many generous donors. And once the chapel was opened, it immediately became the signature space of our Catholic school. Although the initial student reaction to the new chapel was reserved, it has become a treasured center for worship. The chapel features a round altar made of Georgia marble, but the most distinctive feature is its four stained



glass windows. The windows were originally in St. Mary's Hospital, located just a few blocks to the east of Scotus. When the hospital merged with Behlen Memorial Hospital in 1972 to become the Columbus Community Hospital and at a new location, the Nebraska Public Power District purchased the St. Mary's hospital site for its new headquarters. With the subsequent demolition of the hospital, the stained glass windows found their new home at Scotus Central Catholic.

Two of the windows feature the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The other two windows feature St. Apollonia, a virgin martyr and patroness of dentists whose feast day is February 9th and St. Barbara, a virgin martyr and patroness of construction, towers, firefighters, artillerymen, architects, mathematicians and miners among many others and her feast day is celebrated on December 4.

Because of Blessed John Duns Scotus' brilliant defense of the Immaculate

Conception of Mary which was later declared Church doctrine in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, the chapel was named, "Chapel of the Immaculate Conception."

In 2008, air conditioning was added to the chapel thanks to donor support through the school's Legacy Capital Campaign; and in 2013, the original main entrance doors and stoop on the south side of the chapel were remodeled thanks to the generosity of a Shamrock couple. The new south entrance now has the look and feel of a chapel entrance for passersby.

Today, Mass is celebrated daily in the chapel before school, adoration is available on first Fridays of the month, and the celebration of special "team" Masses before competition is now a school tradition. On the feast day of Blessed John Duns Scotus, November 8th, the daily Mass is celebrated in honor of all the individuals whose names are listed in the school's Book of Memory. (When Scotus receives a memorial donation in honor of a deceased family member, friend, classmate, etc., their names are included in the Book of Memory, located next to the chapel's sacristy.) The chapel is also the occasional location for a class reunion Mass, religion class presentation, and prayerful retreat for guests from outside the school.

The Chapel of the Immaculate Conception may not be the first chapel in our school's 134-year history but it is the first chapel at Scotus Central Catholic and it reminds every person who enters through our school's main entrance that this is a Catholic school and a place where the education and celebration of faith is why Scotus is here!

Worth Noting

- **Corrections:** We made an error in the last issue of the Shamrock Alumni News that we wish to correct! We inadvertently indicated that the late Jim Puetz was head coach of the 1967 state football championship team but that honor belonged to coach Claire Stramel. Jim Puetz was an assistant coach under Claire Stramel in 1967 and coach Puetz later led two state championship football teams in 1984 and 1993. Also, in the 2017-18 Annual Report, we failed to list Ken Schrad's Scotus graduation year—it was 1973! Our apologies!
- Scotus seniors Bailey Lehr and Emily Stutzman were chosen to the All-Conference Volleyball Team and seniors Courtney Kosch and Abbie Zoucha and junior, Chloe Odbert, received Honorable Mention honors. The volleyball team won the District Championship and lost in the first round in the state tourney. Recognized as honorable mention all-state were Bailey Lehr, Courtney Kosch and Emily Stutzman.
- Receiving all district first-team honors in football were Shamrock running backs Evan Sliva and Eric Mustard, tight end Grant Shanle and defensive back Tyler Palmer. Honorable mentions included: Dalton Borchers, Braden Labenz, Caden Pelan and Abe Perault.
- Named as NSAA Academic All-State winners for the fall 2018 season were: Cross Country - Kelsey Faust, Olivia Fehringer, Michael Gasper, Elliott Thomazin; Football - Braden Labenz, Caden Pelan; Golf - Hannah Allen, MaKenzie Enderlin; Play Production - Patrick Herchenbach, Maddie Sueper; Softball - Kate Smith; Tennis - Drew VunCannon, Connor Wiehn; Volleyball - Julia Salerno, Abbie Zoucha.
- Noah Korth was chosen to be a member of the Nebraska All-State Choir.
- Scotus senior, Maddie Sueper, is shown with Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley and Commissioner Dr. Matt Blomstedt at the Commissioner's Recognition for Student Excellence in Career Education. Maddie performed in Conference One Acts, earning an outstanding actor award and then drove to Lincoln with her parents to accept this award for her 8th place finish at the International HOSA Conference in Dallas last summer.



Scotus senior, Maddie Sueper, with Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley and Commissioner Dr. Matt Blomstedt at Commissioner's Recognition for Student Excellence in the Career

- Several new endowed memorial scholarships were recently established. The Don & Joan Sokol Endowed Scholarship was established this fall through \$12,000 donations received from

family members—all of whom attended Scotus: Lori '86 (Ryan Jones), Julie '89 (Chris '77) Hoffman, Jolene '89 (Travis '89) Bock, Cheryl '90 (Larry) Sibley, Doug '88 (Amy Hefti '87) and Pat '96 (Annie.) Two \$5,000 donations from family members and an employer matching gift of \$2,000 were directed to establish the Marilyn Gangel Endowed Scholarship. Marilyn loved education and substitute taught at Scotus for more than thirty years. And several hundred donations have been accepted to establish an endowed scholarship in honor of Jim Puetz—who coached and taught at Scotus for 40 years. The donation total for the Jim Puetz memorial scholarship as of January 21 was \$29,048.69. All of these endowed memorial scholarships will provide tuition assistance for students to attend Scotus.

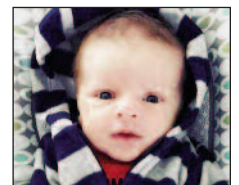
- 34 Scotus students and 2 faculty members and four parents participated in the March for Life in Washington, DC.

Here and There...

JACK ODGAARD – received the “Gospel of Life Award” from the Nebraska Catholic Conference (NCC) at the 2018 annual Bishops’ Pro-Life Banquet and Conference held in Lincoln, NE on October 26-27. The award was presented to recognize Jack’s dedicated years of witnessing in front of Lincoln’s Planned Parenthood abortion clinic. Jack is a member of St. John Parish in Lincoln and the pro-life organization, Helpers of God’s Precious Infants. He attended St. Bonaventure HS through the 10th grade and would have been a member of the Class of 1960 according to our source who submitted this news. The banquet and conference are co-sponsored by the Bishops’ Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life and the NCC.

KAITLIN ROH '08 – delivers trainings and advocates for families with young people who have disabilities. After working on education development projects in Jordan and working with refugee children, youth and families in both host communities and the Syrian refugee camp, Kaitlin joined INCLUDEnyc in New York City. INCLUDEnyc is the New York State-funded Special Education Parent Center for New York City’s four largest boroughs, and helps young people with disabilities and their families make informed decisions to effectively navigate systems and services and to gain the ability to advocate for themselves and other young people. Kaitlin received her bachelor’s degree in Political Science and Educational Studies from Macalester College.

ERIC '10 and AMY '10 REISDORFF TUBBS – welcomed a baby boy on Dec 19th. His name is Asher James and he weighed 7lbs. 15oz. He joins his two furry brothers Harley and Honda, their two dogs.



GABRIELLE MIDDENDORF '16 – recently became a postulate of the School Sisters of Christ the King, whose Motherhouse is located just outside of Lincoln, NE.

Reunions

Class of 1969. The 50th Reunion for the Scotus Class of 1969 is scheduled for August 16 & 17, 2019. Mark your calendars! Letters with events and schedules will be mailed directly to the alumni and alumnae. Please make sure to update your information with the SCC alumni/nae staff. Those wishing to serve on the planning committee please contact: Jane L Cromwell, PO Box 503, Schuyler NE 68661. (402) 615-0305. Email: janelcromwell69@yahoo.com.

Class of 1979. The Class of 1979's 40th reunion will be held in Columbus on August 9 and 10, 2019. More details will be forthcoming. To provide your input contact Mike Cielocha at mike_cielocha@yahoo.com or phone 402-276-2125.



Congratulations to Bailey Lehr who signed to play volleyball and basketball for the Central Community College Raiders! Bailey will also study Ag Business at the school. Also shown in the photo are Bailey's parents, Lance and Joan and her sister Brooke.



Shamrock senior Konner Kudron signed to study at and swim for the Midland University Warriors. Shown seated with Konner are his parents, Dona & Ryan, and his brother Kamren. Standing is Midland University head swimming coach, Ryan Bubb.



The Scotus Junior Mock Trial Team finished in 4th place out of twelve teams at the two-day state competition. Team members were Amber Buhman, Rachael Lam, Brea Lassek, Emily Miksch, Chloe Odbert, Lauren Ostdiek, Kate Smith and Liza Zaruba. The junior team was one of four teams representing Scotus at the district competition level with the Shamrock's sophomore team finishing second at districts.



Our 2018 Shamrock alumnae volleyball tourney champions, team 2007/2009 - and they played with only 5! It was a great day-long tourney with 54 participants and a nice evening dinner/social. Kudos to the tourney committee! Shown in the photo, l-r: Steph Spies '07, Kristin Ostdiek Schmidt '07, Katie Beiermann Herman '09, Liz Hadland Hegge '07 and Sami Spenner Richardson '09.



Chapel of the Immaculate Conception—see story on page 3

36th Annual Alumni Basketball Tourney

Mark your calendars now for the thirty-sixth annual Scotus Central Catholic Men's Alumni Basketball Tournament to be held on Friday and Saturday, March 22-23, 2019.

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In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of the following deceased alumni, alumnae and friends of Scotus Central Catholic.

Barbara (Bonk) Armstrong '59 – survived by daughters, Tamara, Lisa; sons, Leo, Mark; sister, Theresa (Bonk) McAndrews; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Alan Backes – survived by his wife, Roxanne; daughter, Ashley; mother, Irene; sister, Cindy '84 (Bill) Puckett; brother, Larry '88; one granddaughter; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Lucille “Lu” Beck – survived by her husband, Dennis; daughter, Patricia '89 (Troy) Kassmeier; sons, Eric '87 (Robyn Gammill), Kelly '88 (Laura); sisters, Patricia, Elizabeth, Esther; and eleven grandchildren.

Mary (Noonan) Brock '39 – survived by daughters, Cathy '71 (Jim) Rosenbury, Carol, Sandy; sons, Tim (Pat), Dan '72 (Barb), Jim '74 (Janelle); thirteen grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Dolores Byrnes – survived by daughters, Kathleen, Mary Lou Wacha, Tracy Byrnes '81; sons, Larry (Ann), Timothy (Dino), John, Patrick; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Dale “Dick” Crocker – survived by his wife, Clara (Kaipust '49); daughter, Sue '76 (Don) Hensler; son, Bryan '71 (Jan); three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Charlotte Dreifurst – survived by daughter, Shelley '83 (Ron) Brougham; sons, Chris '80 (Lynette), Ben (Vernalie), Mike, Joey (Jeannie), Mark, Steve (Darcie) Blomberg; sisters-in-law, Donna (Frank) Laska, Jane (Bob) Pensick, Velma Shupe; brothers-in-law, Bill (Bev) Dreifurst, Dale Holley; eighteen grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Robert Fischer – survived by his wife, Sandie; sons, Dan, Jesse '99 (Heather); sisters, Bev (Jim) Olmer, Cindy (Jack) Boesch; brother, Bill (Janice); mother-in-law, Theresa Schmidt; sisters-in-law, Barb (Leon) Bender, Lori (Bryan) Reichmuth, Kristin (Tom) Alt, Lisa (Todd) Henke, Jackie (Ted) Wegener, Beverly (Tim) Zach, Kathy (Rick) Kerstiens; brothers-in-law, Bernie and Jeff Schmidt; one grandchild; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Genevive “Jenny” (Edic) Greenfield '70 – survived by her husband, Roy; daughter Angela; sister, Pat Dohman; brother, LaRoy '70 (Donna) Edic; sister-in-law Eunice (Bill) Potter; brother-in-law Orval (Edna) Greenfield.

Debra Kessler – survived by her husband, Jack; daughter, Kelsey '15; son Casey '11; sisters, Joan Frisch, Jolene (Dave) Boothby, Jane (Roy) Schumacher, Peg (Dale) Olmer, Sue (Randy) Smith; brothers, Dick (Evelyn) Hemmer, Don (Denise) Hemmer, Allan (Mary Kay) Hemmer; and eighteen nieces and nephews.

Irene (Reifenrath) Kilduff '40 – survived by daughter, Katherine Kilduff (Paul Peterson); sister, Marie Meyer '46 and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mildred “Millie” (Roddy) Korgor '51 – survived by daughters, Kathy '76 (Tim '79) Bonk, Susie '77 (Darrell '76) Spulak; sons, Dave '72 (Mary), Larry '74 (Susie Connelly), Steve '78 (Deb Goodus), Tim '82 (Tammy), Dan '83 (Kim); very special companion, Carroll Ebner '51; sister, Delores Goebel '62; brother, Milt '72 (Joanie) Roddy; sister-in-law, Mary Ann Roddy; brother-in-law, Don (Lori) Hartl; nineteen grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Michael Kosch – survived by his wife, Cindy; daughters, Emily '14, Courtney, Rebecca; sons, Anthony '17, Caleb; parents, Thomas and Linda; parents-in-law, Richard and Carolyn Wemhoff; sisters, LeAnn (Tim) Parker, Maria (Ryan) Barnes; brothers, Russ (Carla), Kevin (Paula), Gene (Kris), Aaron (Shannon), Duane (Lindsey), Paul (Betsy), Joel (Jessica); sisters-in-law, Michelle Wemhoff, Jean Wemhoff (Don O'Connor), Joan (Jack) Sherman, Sheila Thiem, Sara (Dale) King, Debbie (Joe) Brandl; brothers-in-law, Gary (Geri) Wemhoff, Scott (Bertha) Wemhoff, Cory (Andrea) Wemhoff; fifty-seven nieces and nephews and six great-nieces and nephews.

JoAnn (Czuba) Kozak '67 – survived by her husband, Paul, sons, Chad (Stephanie), Don (Angie), Brian (Taryn); sisters, Darlene Elston '59, Phyllis '65 (Keith) Barg, Mary '68 (Larry) Cook, Dee (Lynn) Artz; brother, Phillip (Liz) Czuba; mother-in-law, Leona Kozak; five brothers and sisters-in-law; two grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Jacqueline (Micek) Mason '49 – survived by daughters, Sue (Dale) Greenwald, Sandi (Jay) Burgess, Sheri (Matt) Robertson; sons Steve (Becky), Scott (Patti); four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

William “Bill” Merrill '48 – survived by his wife, Joyce (Feilmeier '59); daughters, Leigh Ann '76 (Mark '76) Gdowski, Susan '80, Mary '82 (Jon) Appleget; sons, Michael '75 (Sharon), Patrick (Karen Bierman '82), Steven '86 (Sarah); stepdaughters, Vicki Maca, Torri Jackson '82 (Dwayne) Obermiller, Terri Jackson '83 (Kirk) Hanna; stepson, Tom '88 (Lori) Jackson; sister, Frances '56 (Gene) Tollini; twenty grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Fr. Emmett Meyer – survived by sister, Nedra (Andrew) Ushko; brothers, Duane (Kathryn), Merlyn (Linnelle); and many nieces, nephews, lay and priest friends. Fr. Meyer was the first Archdiocesan priest to serve Scotus as superintendent after many years of service by the Franciscan Fathers. Fr. Meyer was the Scotus superintendent and teacher of religion beginning with the 1968-69 school year through 1973-74.

Sr. Viola Miksch, O.S.M. – survived by her sisters, Margaret Miksch, Betty Reinig; brothers, John (Jeanette), Fr. Joe (currently pastor of St. Isidore Parish, Columbus); and many nieces and nephews. Sr. Viola taught in Omaha Catholic elementary schools for sixty years.

Theodore “Ted” Niedbalski '51 – survived by his wife, Marlene; daughters, Susan '72 (Edwin) Odom, Cindy (Matt) Johnston '77, Jane '79 (Scott) Foutch; son, Steve '73 (Kathy); sisters, Josephine Kielian, Dorothy Spies, Barbara Incontro; brother, Walter (Joyce); sisters-in-law, Myrtle Niedbalski, Elaine Campbell; fifteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren.

Sister Betty Obal, SL '61 – survived by her sister, Delores “Dee” Jacobs '71; brother, Thomas Obal '63; brother-in-law, Dick Erickson; many nieces and nephews and the community of Sisters of Loretto.

Rosella (Kush) Santopietro '49 – survived by her husband, Tony; daughter, Angela (Kyle) Santopietro, son, Chris (Chantel); one grandson; and many nieces and nephews.

Richard Savage '46 – survived by his wife, Barb; daughter, Linda '77 (Steve) Becker; sons, David '75 (Dina), Michael '79 (Kim); brother, Eugene '53 (Jan); seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Timothy Schneider '76 – survived by his daughter, Janesa (Scott) Landon; son, Buddy (Anna); sisters, Kitty '66 (Joseph '65) Heimann, Joanie (Harry) Starzec, Nancy '71 Hayes, Mary

Wilcox; brothers Mike '65 (Diane), Mark '79 (Betsy); and five grandchildren.

Aaron Shunk '91 – survived by his mother Patty Portman; father, Tom (Julee); daughter, Cali Britton; step-sister, Erin Lightner; step-brother, Matt Portman; grandmother, Gladys Hladik; one step-niece and one step-nephew and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Karen (Konwinski) Tschuaner '70 – survived by her husband, Russell; daughters, Melissa (Jeff) Hizer, Raechel (Jake) Germain; brothers, Gene '67 (Kathy), Rick '79 (Colleen); four grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Rose Ellen Vanek – survived by her husband, Louis; daughter, Kari '01 (Travis) Kracl; sons, Jeff '91 (Jeanie), Jeremy '94 (Melissa); and five grandchildren.

Elizabeth "Betty" (Markytan) Weiss '59 – survived by her husband, George; daughters, Susan Shirley, Patrice DeVault; son, Glen (Elizabeth); sister Janet '57 Brezinski; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Theodore "Ted" Wiese – survived by sisters, Mary '71 (Jeff) Searcy, Theresa (Tom) DeLaet, Cindy (Alan) Martin; brothers, Pat '64 (Susan), Tim "honorary '66" (Pat), Steve (Tracy), Chuck (Julie); and many nieces and nephews.

✠ Memorials ✠

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Family and Friends	Raymond Korth	Diane Blahak	MM Mike Novicki	MM Dennis Zowada
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Mary Noonan Brock '39	MM Randy Johnson	MM Allen Bruner	MM John Petersen	Theresa Liss
Dan Steiner	MM Gregg Melliger	MM Dean Cerny	Joseph Pilakowski	Richard Savage '46
Dave Steiner	DRM Dan Rosenquist	MM Butch Christiansen	MM Brock Pillen	MM Ron Bogus
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Diane Rasmussen	Sherri Zywiec	MM Gerry Engelbert	MM Gary Puetz	Susie Sleddens
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Peg Gregorius Gaver '60	MM Dwayne Johnson	Bob Heimann	MM Steve Shadle	Family & Friends
Jane Gregorius	MM Jeff Pekarek	MM James Heimann	MM Jerry Shank	Betty Markytan Weiss '59
Tim Korgie '67	MM Fred Spies	MM Tim Hill	Shamrock Club	MM Larry Sleddens
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