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RockTalk



As a Catholic school we recognize providing opportunities for our students to grow daily in their faith is incredibly important. We also recognize that the formation of parents and adults in our Catholic community is equally as important. Last March, our school was told we would not have a chaplain assigned to it any longer. As a school, we chose to be proactive in this area to make sure that we stayed true to one of

the core missions of Scotus. A group of 12 administrators and faculty created a Catholic Identity committee that would help fill the void. Out of this committee came the idea of RockTalk. This program is based on the idea of small group evangelization. Our students are divided into groups of 7-8 students and have two adult volunteers assigned to them. Once a month these groups get together to discuss the Gospel for that week and how

it can apply to their lives. Most importantly we are building community. There are over 90 adult volunteers that are part of this program. We are so thankful to be in a community where adults and students are committed to growing in their faith and helping each other accomplish that task.

--Jeff Ohnoutka, Scotus President

SEF 15 Extension Update

The very first Scotus Education Fund drive (SEF 1) began in 1969 with the goal of providing a resource to keep tuition as low as possible for our school families. Traditionally the SEF campaigns have involved three-year pledges. This year, 2019, is the third and final year of SEF 15 and Scotus is asking our supporters to extend SEF 15 for a fourth year. In effect, we are asking our supporters to give one-third of their total SEF 15 pledge for this extension year, 2020. Our extension year goal is built in the school's 2019-20 fiscal budget and is \$335,000. As of October 18, we have raised \$262,181.

Scotus needs **every Shamrock** to consider supporting the SEF 15 Extension drive – we can't rely on just our previous supporters to reach our goal. Several of the companies and individuals who provided donations for SEF 15 are simply not able to add a fourth year to their pledges.

Help us balance our budget for this school year and make a donation today! Donations can be sent to the Scotus development office (in the envelope provided in this newsletter) or you can make an online donation by going to the Scotus website at: www.scotuscc.org and click on the yellow "Donate" button. You will be directed through a secure link to Scotus' PayPal account.

Worth Noting

- Drew VunCannon, a senior at Scotus was named as one of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. This pool of semifinalists represents less than one percent of all U.S. high school seniors. Scholarship winners will be announced late next spring. Drew also scored a perfect 36 on the ACT test when he took it in December of his junior year.
- Scotus senior, Lauren Ostdiek, was named as a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Lauren placed among the top 50,000 scorers in the scholarship program.
- In the junior and senior classes at Scotus there are five Archdiocesan mandated lectors and nine EMHC.
- Last summer, 90 Scotus students traveled to Missouri for the annual Steubenville Conference. Mass is offered on Tuesdays and Fridays each week in the school chapel at 7:20 a.m. and Scotus also offers the Divine Mercy Chaplet led by students on Thursdays at 7:20 a.m. in the chapel. All are welcome.
- The junior high marching band, directed by Kristen Cox, made an appearance in the annual Lions Club Parade in Norfolk.
- The Scotus girls won the 27-team Class C division of the UNK Cross Country Invite. The boys competed hard as well, they placed 11th out of 34 teams. Later in the season the girls captured the Centennial Conference championship and the boys finished as runner-up. The girls were led by Olivia Fehringer (3rd), Liza Zaruba (4th) and the boys top medalist was Benjamin Juarez (2nd).
- The 2019 Shamrock Open was a tremendous success. Besides bringing together 109 alumni, alumnae and friends to celebrate Scotus tradition, the tourney netted the highest figure in the event's twelve-year history: \$15,445.25. In addition to providing financial support to install new flooring in all of the Scotus' locker rooms and training room, Shamrock Open funds helped the school purchase a pre-owned four-wheel drive pickup that will become the maintenance department's main snow removal vehicle and general service vehicle. The pickup will also be used frequently to pull: the Scotus Central Catholic mobile STEAM lab trailer for visits to the Columbus Catholic elementary schools, the athletic department trailer that will haul equipment to games, and the band trailer that is used to move instruments to parade sites. It is always amazing when Shamrocks gather together to have fun and at the same time make a real difference for our school. We want to thank all of the tourney sponsors and participants, and especially tourney organizers, Nick Puetz '97 and Joe Puetz '01.
- The CHS tennis team finished in second place at the GNAC Tournament. Scotus senior, Adam Kamrath, #1 Singles, won a GNAC tournament title going 5-0 to score 10 of the teams' 17 points. The #2 Doubles team including Scotus senior, Drew VunCannon and Landen Hastreiter went 2-3 and finished in 4th place. Scotus senior, Connor Wiehn, #2 Singles, finished in 5th place.
- The Scotus marching band received a Superior (1) rating at the Harvest of Harmony Parade in Grand Island.

- The girls' golf team under the direction of Coach Tanya Niedbalski won the Class C, District 2 title with a team score of 402. Individually, MaKenzie Enderlin finished in 3rd place, Jaycee Ternus in 7th place and Jaelyn Podolak in 9th place. Also qualifying to compete at the state tourney in North Platte were Alaina Dierman and Avery Dierman. At state the team finished in 10th place out of 15 teams and MaKenzie Enderlin medaled with a 14th place finish.

Here and There...

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

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

GABRIELLE MIDDENDORF '16 – was welcomed by the community of the School Sisters of Christ the King into the novitiate on August 5, 2019. During the Rite of Initiation ceremony, Gabrielle received the habit of the community, a copy of the constitutions, and her new religious name, Sister Mary Chiara, for Blessed Chiara Badano Luce.



EMILY FEHRINGER '16 AND ANNA WICKHAM '16 – were both named as princesses for the 123rd Aksarben Ball. The official announcement took place on July 28th at the CHI Health Center in Omaha. Emily is a senior at UNL majoring in English and Anna is also a senior at UNL pursuing a degree in business management. The Aksarben Ball honors volunteerism and community service and recognizes individuals and families for their contributions to their communities and state.

ADAM SMITH '16 – was selected as the 2019 homecoming king at Wayne State College. Adam is a senior majoring in organizational communications & political science and minoring in pre-law. His college activities include: Student Senate, Navigators (Campus Tour Guide), PRIDE, Black Student Association, Men's Club Volleyball, Political Science Club, Lambda Pi Eta (Communications Honor Society), Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society), Holland Academic Success Center Tutor, Rural Law Opportunities Program Member.



—RETRACTION—

With regret, as the editor of the Shamrock Alumni News, I did not practice good judgement in allowing copy submitted to the newsletter about a child through surrogacy to be printed. As a Catholic High School, Scotus Central Catholic upholds the doctrines of the Catholic Church and it does not endorse this practice in any way. *John Schueth*

Memorials

(Received between 7/19/2019 and 10/17/2019)

Ron Bogus

MM Ronald Asche
Pam Bolte
Rebecca Dittrich
Susan Doty
MM Todd Duren
Mary Kay Finnigan
Melissa Foltz
MM Norbert Foltz
Bob Gangel
MM William Gumm
MM Mike Goos
MM Dennis Hiemer
MM Dwayne Johnson
MM Merv Keefer
MM Dan Kruse
Gary Kruse
MM Ronald Liebig
MM Rande Luckey
DRM Larry Malicky
MM Mike Moser
MM Mike Novicki
Alice Rhode
MM Dennis Ryba
Schumacher, Smejkal,
Brockhaus & Herley PC
Maxine Sliva
Val Steiner
Connie Teece
Lu Torczon
MM Eugene Trouba
MM Samuel Welch
MM Keith Willis
MM Vern Younger
Kris Yungdahl
Phyl Zabawa
MM Tom Zabawa
Joyce Zuroski
Class of 1985
Paul "Dutch" Ernst
Bill Mimick
Ken Euteneuer
Leo Thiele

Ray Gattermeyer '43

Bill Mimick
Anita (Augustine) Jarecke '56
Dick Gdowski
MM Dave Harrington
MM Milo Herink
Pat Keitges
Bill Mimick
Mildred (Roddy) Korger '51
Curt Melliger

Burnetta Kratky

Angela Swanson
Bill Micek '64
MM Robert Mimick
Thomas Molczyk
MM Rick Ebel

Joe Moore

MM Bill Wondra

David Murphy

Bill Mimick
Myra (Olk) Obrist '66
Bill Mimick

Bruce Pandorf

Denise Pandorf
MM Vern Younger

Jim Puetz

DR Jason Citta
MM Brian Palmer

Jeanne Raimondo

MM Ray Staroscik

Ruth Rickert

MM Terry Hash
MM Dave Liebig
MM Gene Mohnsen
MM Bob Rickert

MM John Sidzyk
MM James Spurgin
MM Gene Trouba
Friends & Family

Lowell Rounph

Bill Mimick

Arlene Schumacher

Family

Richard Sliva

MM Tim Harrington
MM Doug Sokol

Dean Soulliere '54

Patricia Anderson
Deanna Augustin
MM Bill Backes
MM Mark Baratta
Cecilia Bartholomew
MM Tom Bertsch
Carol Bottum
Marian Cattau
MM Steven Chambers
Carolyn Cielocha
MM John Codling
Martha Davidson
MM Todd Duren
Mary Kay Finnigan
MM William Fitzgerald
Mary Flannery
MM Jeff Gokie
DRM Charles Gregorius
MM Richard Grennan
Joan Grinbergs
DRM Rick Haney
MM Scott Harsh
MM David Heim
Nancy Huber
MM Jerry Jilek

MM Jim Kamrath
MM Keith Karel
MM William Klug
MM John Kopetzky
MM Chris Kratochvil
MM Ralph Kroenke
MM Dan Kruse
MM Dave Kudron
MM Tim Kudron
MM Robert Lange
MM Tom Lange
Christopher Leitner
DRM Art Liebenritt
Beverly Loseke
Bill Mimick
MM James Morris
MM Leo Moschenross
Marilyn Murray
Brenda Naughton
MM William Naughton
MM Dan Neville
Mary Nickolite
MM Bob Niedbalski
Carroll Novicki
MM Jay Olson
MM Duane Ostdiek
Mable Pekarek
Barbara Pensick
MM Kevin Pfeifer
MM Gary Puetz
MM Joseph Quattrocchi
Thomas Rohan
MM Joseph Roth, Jr
MM Richard Ruth
MM John Schembari
Loren Schmit
MM John Schueth

MM Rick Schumacher
MM Paul Shotkoski
MM Patrick Sokol
MM Dwayne Johnson
Anne Stanco
MM Ron Starzec
MM Charles Stevens
MM Neal Suess
Lorraine Tooley
Lana Torczon
Lu Torczon
DRM Jay Trofholz
MM Doug Van Dyke
MM Greg Van Dyke
MM Tim Van Dyke
MM Randy Van Dyke
MM Michael Walter
Sherry West
MM Vern Younger
And many more
friends/relatives

Angela (Johnson) Swanson '44

MM Gene Engelbert
MM Bill Wondra

Sonja Vandell

MM Jason Mielak
MM Mike Dreesen

Phyl (Foltz) Zabawa '42

MM Bob Rickert

David Zimmerman

Bill Mimick

Patricia Zuerlein

Janet Brezinski
Gina Debord
Richard Gdowski
MM Dwayne Johnson

Deceased Member of the

Class of 1959

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Deceased Members of the

Class of 1969

Class of 1969

Mark Your Calendars!

The 39th annual Gala dinner/auction will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2020. This year's theme will center on, "vintage circus." Our 2020 co-chairs are: Dan & Jill (Hoebing '84) Clarey, Mike & Nicole Fleming and Joe & Shelly Steffensmeier. Our 2020 vice-chairs are: Tim & LeAnn Parker, Bobby & Rachel Pensick and Joe & Amy Wemhoff. This event is Scotus Central Catholic's largest annual fundraiser and all of the income supports the school's annual budget. Our goal for fiscal 2019-20 is to raise \$200,000. In addition the Gala features a fundraising request to support a special project. Last spring, Gala 2019 raised \$30,118 to provide a mobile STEAM Lab to provide on-site STEAM experiences at Columbus' three Catholic elementary schools.

If you have an item to donate, or wish to receive an invitation to attend the event, contact Janice Rosenquist in the Scotus development office: 402-564-7165 ext. 154 or jrosenquist@scotuscc.org. Whether you volunteer, donate or attend the Gala, your involvement will be key to our event's success and that's why we urge you to mark your calendars today!

Welcome Taylor Dahl



Taylor Dahl is the new Marketing and Communications Director for Scotus Central Catholic. He will manage marketing aspects for SCC, including social media, videography, and web stories. He will also work closely with the development office and will be available to support the three Columbus parishes and schools.

Taylor was born and raised in Scribner, Nebraska. He graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Bachelor's in Journalism and Mass Communications. During college he interned with HuskerVision. He has multiple years of experience working on the creative, news and marketing teams for 1011 News in Lincoln and North Platte. He also worked for the Sid Dillon network of car dealerships throughout eastern Nebraska.

Taylor, his wife Kristin and daughter Nora live in Columbus and are members of St. Bonaventure Catholic Church.

Reunions

Class of 1975. The Scotus graduating class of 1975 will celebrate their 45th reunion on August 21-22, 2020. Save the date! More information will follow.

REUNION SEARCH...The Class of 1974 is organizing a 45-year reunion and needs contact information on the following classmates: JoLene Dvorak, Mary (Liss) Pinney, Debbie Holys and Doreen Petter. If you have information on any of these individuals contact Shelly (Michaelsen) Adcox, shellyadcox@inebraska.com or the Scotus development office, jschueth@scotuscc.org.



Class of 1959

St. Bonaventure's 1959 Class graduates gathered on September 17-18 for their 60th reunion. **Shown bottom to top of the stairs:** Ken Soulliere, Lorraine Jarecki Gourka, Catherine Huhman Placzek, Phylis Mahoney Spitz, Carol Johnson, Carol Swantek, Carolyn Backes Cheloha, Bob Hanke, Jim Bothe, Walt Niedbalski, Joyce Haney Schuele, Don Gablenz, Bernie Paprocki Podraza, Bill Schuele, Frances Pfaff Sleddens, Ron Jonas and Rich Morgan. Those attending made a \$305 donation to Scotus in honor of the deceased members of the Class of 1959 and the proceeds were applied to the SEF 15 Extension fund drive.



Class of 1964

Eighteen members of the Class of 1964 celebrated a wonderful 55th reunion on Labor Day weekend. Included in their 55-year celebration was an informal gathering at the Bator cabin on Friday evening and a dinner at the VFW Club on Saturday evening. Those able to attend contributed a total of \$1,405 to Scotus that was directed to the Chuck Hagel STEAM Lab. **Shown front row, l-r:** Ron Paproski (seated); **second row:** Mary Ellen (Wilhelm) Cremers, Cindy (Staroscik) Wendt, Mary Kay (Zabawa) Finnigan, Bernie (Peterson) Cinadr, Phyllis (Tworek) Prososki, Doris (Dvorak) Helfrich, Carol (Brownell) Bator, Gene Paprocki; **back row:** Les Krings, Rita (Egger) Fleischer, Chuck Hagel, Bernie Staroscik, Dave Kudron, Joe Pensick, Bob Mimick and Larry Brenner. Also attending: Mark Micek; Dave Nansel and Kathy (Swanson) Burt.



Class of 1969

Those attending the Class of 1969's 50th reunion last August were: **front row, l-r:** Barb (Tognetti) Brakenhoff, Sharon (Pavel) Trofholz, Kathy (Tworek) Randles, Sue (German) Gonka, Jane Cromwell, Diane (Wieser) Vanecek, Suzanne Gilsdorf, Linda (Egger) Micek, Helen (Wozny) Gunderson and Mike Krzycki. **second row:** Christine (Wilhelm) Mazour, Alda (Lange) Karel, Mary (Siegel) Narans, Jean (Shadle) Kamrath, Marlene (Liebig) Rickert, Linda (Bierman) Wemhoff, Darlene (Novotny) Wemhoff, Nancy (Nosal) Kamrath, Viann (Volkmen) Augustine, Joann (Heimann) Spurgin, Joan (Wieser) Wrabel, LuAnn (Warholoski) Hoelscher, and Linda (Czapla) Patocka; **back row:** Tom Wolpert, Rosie (Czuba) Fleeman, Anita (Micek) Aguilar, Walter "Jack" Lueke, Donna (Wennekamp) West, Mary Ellen (Lange) Reed, Pat Feehan, Cecelia (Liss) Nielsen, Rozee (Beller) Kloke, Gerald Zoucha, Ken Bator, Mike Moser and Tom Korgie. Attending but not shown: Barb (Staroscik) Glaser, Mary "Bunny" (Olsufka) Hassenstab, Ken Henggler, Bob Kretz, Leon Kuta, Greg Lower; Deb (Kobus) Sander; Terry Thiele and Frank Torczon. Also attending in honor of departed classmates: Jim Legenza '67 for Linda (Kush) Legenza, Diane '68 Melliger Blahak for Joe Blahak, and Mary '68 Keuter Carraher for Paula (Keuter) O'Donnell.

In addition to the Class of 1969's 50th reunion activities, the classmates decided to remember those who the Class has lost over the years. They decided to take up a collection in honor of the deceased members of the Class of 1969 and set a goal of donating \$50 for each lost Shamrock. A few weeks later, the Class of 1969 presented a donation of \$500.00 to the Scotus Central Catholic and the money was directed to support Scotus athletics. Those honored Shamrocks were: Joe Blahak, Shirley (Ebel) Hall, Robert Hruska, Larry Kosch, Linda (Kush) Legenza, Kathy (Gregorius) Lilly, Paula (Keuter) O'Donnell, Kathy Pieters, Debbie (Zuerlein) Schraer and Kathy (Nansel) Torczon.



Class of 1979

The Class of 1979 celebrated their 40th reunion by attending the Columbus horse races together on Friday evening, taking a tour of the school Saturday afternoon and gathering at Dean and Tracy Cerny's cabin at Duncan Lakes for Saturday evening.



Class of 1999

The Class of 1999 celebrated their 20th reunion the weekend of October 12-13 with a school tour and a gathering at Country Shadows for dinner and watching the Huskers play on television. The class has decided that it will sponsor the commissioning of Fred Hoppe to create a bronze prayer box that will be mounted to the exterior of Scotus' chapel.



SCOTUS MOTHERS' CRAFT BOUTIQUE

Sunday, December 1, 2019

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.*

- Four areas of shopping including the Cafeteria, Memorial Hall Gym, Dowd Activity Center and the 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.



Blessed John Duns Scotus

The feast day of Blessed John Duns Scotus is November 8. Blessed John was born in Duns, Berwickshire, Scotland sometime around 1265. He entered the Franciscan order at the age of 15 and was ordained a priest on March 17, 1291. He later earned a doctorate in Theology from the University of Paris, taught at Oxford and Cambridge and became the third most influential scholar and philosopher in the history of the Franciscan order.

Drawing on Scotus' writings and public defense that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was born without original sin, Pope Pius IX established the formal Church doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of Mary in 1854. Blessed John's writings on the universal primacy of Christ were also formally established as Church doctrine when the feast of Christ the King was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. He died November 8, 1308 and is buried in Cologne, Germany. Using his authority as Pope of the Catholic Church, St. John Paul II beautified John Duns Scotus on Mary 20, 1992. An original Carrara marble statue of Blessed John is hung in Scotus Central Catholic's hallway next to the main office and we are proud to have our school named after him!



The 2019 Homecoming king and queen were Eric Mustard and Brea Lassek.



Shamrock 7th grader, Rebecca Policky, used her birthday money to purchase all of this for the Scotus FBLA's Troops project. Scotus FBLA collected items to send overseas to those serving in the military.



In Sympathy

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

Ron Bogus – survived by his wife, Bonnie; daughters, Deb '76 (Paul) Schlickbernd, Tami '77 (Larry) Buntgen; sons, Randy '74, Rick '85 (Dawn); ten grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Patricia (Noonan) Coupens '42 – survived by her daughter, Sharon (Dennis) Olsen; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Edward Diederich – survived by son, Keith (Jennifer); sisters, Marlynn '50 (Dave) Krings, Sr. Antonita Diederich, OSF, Sr. Carol Diederich, OSF.

Paul Glen Diederich '48 - survived by wife, Nancy; daughters, Jane (Brett) Fee, Judy (Kevin) Matthews; sons, Tony (Jill), John (Mary Rose); sisters, Sr. Antonita & Sr. Carol of Holy Family Convent in Manitowoc WI, and Marlynn '50 (Dave) Krings, 4 grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Patricia (Slovenske) Dyer '67 – survived by her husband, Rich; daughter, Stacy (Kyle), grandson Alec; and sister, Jane Slovenske '66.

Kenneth Euteneuer '50 – survived by his wife, Mary; sisters, Mary Ann '52 Ciecior, Bea '56 (Robert) Carey; brother, Ray '64 (Lois); sisters-in-law, Elaine, Helen; and brother-in-law, Bob Holzbach.

Dale Hittner '49 – survived by daughters, Lynn (Jack) Gadzala, Cynthia (Jim) Cannia, Kimberly, Susan; and four grandchildren.

Anita (Augustine) Jarecke '56 – survived by daughters, Judy '77 (Jerome) Gates, Julie '79 (Davin) Gebauer, Jeanne '85 (Bill) Schaffhausen, Janine Jarecke; sons, Jeff '81 (Carleen), Jay '82 (Suzie), Jon; sister, Imogene (Jim) Magnuson; brothers, Tony '53, Bob '58, Sam (ViAnn); brother-in-law Frank Jarecke; thirteen grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Jeffery “Jeff” Mielak '83 – survived by his mother, Barbara; sister, Debra; four uncles and several cousins. Jeff was an honorary graduate and member of the Class of 1983.

Tom Molczyk – survived by his wife, Janice; daughter, Marla Graff; son, Kevin '83 (Lana); sister, Anita '59 (Ray) Ksiazek; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Bruce Pandorf – survived by his wife, Denise; daughter, Sarah '07; sons, Matt '11, Trevor '15; brothers, Phillip (Karen), Paul (Karina); and two grandchildren.

Elaine (Braun) Reuss '62 – survived by daughters, Rena Pepper, Rachel Reuss; sons, Michael (Debra), Marty; sisters, Mary Lee '68 (Pat) Kluever, Rose Braun; brothers, Don '71 (Peg), John (Narka), Rick (Lisa), Bob (Christy) Norman, Al (JoAnn Stavas '63) Svajgr; sisters-in-law, Viven Reuss, Darlene Reuss; brother-in-law, Robert '59 (Joanne) Reuss; nine grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Dean Soulliere '54 – survived by his wife, Colleen; daughters, Kelly '80 (James) Shefelbine, Kim '81 (Charles) Gabaldon, Kathy '82 (Scott) Coziahr, Karen '84 (Greg '83) Van Dyke; son, Mark '89; sisters-in-law, Kathy Soulliere, Peggy Soulliere and Jane Kelly; fifteen grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Dean coached football and track and taught industrial arts, P.E. and driver's education at St. Bonaventure HS from 1959-1965. As head coach, his 1964 track team won the state Class B title and later that fall his football team finished undefeated in Class B with a 9-0 record and finished ranked 3rd in the state. He was named “coach of the year” by the Lincoln Journal Star and was later inducted in the Shamrock Athletic Hall of Fame.

Joseph Stavas – survived by his wife, Marie; daughter, Jackie '71 (Warren) Pletan; sons, Joe (Maureen), Kenny; sister, Joann '63 (Al) Svajgr; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. After his career in broadcasting, Joe served Scotus for decades by helping to decorate our facility for the Scotus Gala, Prom and other special events.

Angela (Johnson) Swanson '44 – survived by daughters, Kathy '64 (Buzz) Burt, Joan '68 (Ralph) Laird, Kristi '76 (Tom) Yungdahl; son, Jim (Sandra); fourteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Sr. Rosemary Wass '47 – survived by her brother, Dr. Donald Wass; many nieces and nephews; and great nieces and nephews. Rosemary was a member of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, Nashville, TN and she held a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Cincinnati.

Philomae “Phyl” (Foltz) Zabawa '42 – survived by daughters, Mary Kay '64 (Roger Barnes) Finnigan, Sue '70 (Tom '69) Korgie, Lori '82 (Brian '81) Kuta; sons, Dan '65 (Joyce), Tony '66 (Nancy), Tim '68 (Joanne), Tom '73 (Sue), Dave '75 (Randi); sister, Sr. Valeria Foltz, OLVMI; brother, Wilfred Foltz; sister-in-law, Luella '48 Zabawa Forrai; twenty-three grandchildren and twenty-nine great-grandchildren.

Patricia Zuerlein – survived by her husband, James; daughters, Tami '85 (Chip) Pippert, Tara '87 (Brad) Kearney; sons, Terry '77 (Nancy), Todd '79 (Sheri); fourteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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12th Annual Soccer Tourney



150 players returned to Columbus in August to take part in the 12th annual Shamrock Alumni/nae Soccer Tournament. The division champions were: Green Division (Team 1998-99), Gold Division (Team 2012-14) and Women's Division (Team 2015-19.) This was the 6th championship for Team 1998-99 and the first championship for both Team 2012-14 and the women's division champion, Team 2015-19. Celebrating tradition! Go Shamrocks!

Special thank you's to Evan Trofholz Ground Care ('98), Mike and LaVonne Kaup, Jeff Thiele ('81), Nicole (Frauendorfer) Saalfeld ('04), Steve "Woody" Hoffman ('75) at Sahara and Joe Niedbalski ('97) at Runza, for sponsoring this year's tournament. The next alumni/nae soccer tourney will be held August 7 and 8, 2020! Make plans to attend and enjoy another great weekend!



Green Division (left to right): Justin Fry ('98), Troy Van Dyke ('98), Jon Brezenski ('98), Robbie Diederich ('99), Kevin Sypal ('98), Adam Cieloha ('98), EJ Brezenski ('99), Scott Kuehler ('99), Tom Rogers ('99), Jason Cieloha ('99), Evan Trofholz ('98), Sean Mohatt ('98) and Kip Kudron ('08).



Gold Division: Ian Ostdiek ('14), Taylor Johnson ('13), Dylan Kuta ('13), Austin Wendt ('13), Jake Huss ('13), Nick Pandorf ('13), Chris Hernandez ('12), Zach Zarek ('13) and Jake Gilson ('13).



Women's Division: Courtney Kosch ('19), Maggie Feehan ('18), Kelsey Wiehn ('17), Emma Brandt ('19), Allie Johnson ('16), Anna Wickham ('16), Emily Fehringer ('16), Eastyn Klink ('17), Emma Strecker ('17), Grace Wickham ('18), and Emily Stutzman ('19).



Attendance at athletic events by the student cheer section has been outstanding this fall!



2019 Life Chain

On Sunday, October 6, Scotus had 71 students take part in the 2019 Life Chain in Columbus—more than double the number who participated in 2018!



Scotus began a new tradition this fall of offering the Divine Mercy Chaplet led by students every Thursday at 7:20 a.m. in the school's Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The chaplet is sung and is an inspirational way to begin the school day. The public is also welcome to attend.

Taking Required Minimum Distributions?

Remember, if you are taking required minimum distributions from your IRA because you are 70 ½ 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!



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39th Annual Gala

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the 39th annual Gala. Faced with a weakened farm economy and the COVID-19 outbreak, the Gala committee experienced difficult challenges with little time to respond to the new social distancing measures prior to the April 18th event date. The in-person dinner/auction had to be cancelled and the Gala was presented totally online.

Scotus marketing director, Taylor Dahl, was instrumental in providing video messages on social media during the weeks prior to and on the day of the event. With our online platform provider, QTEGO, Scotus presented 261 silent, super silent and grand auction items for online bidding. Bidding began on April 3rd and concluded on the evening of April 18th. 384 guests registered to bid online and guests also had the options to purchase online one of 200 jewelry boxes (3 of which had diamond jewelry) or one of 200 coozies (for a drawing prize of \$1,000.) Guests could also make a donation to this year's special project: to help fund the campus ministry program which will be led this fall by a lay campus minister for the first time in the school's history.

Gala Lottery winners were: Knights of Columbus Council #938, Columbus (\$12,000); and \$500 each to Gary Luchsinger, Mark Pflum, Bob & Kathy Podraza and Dwayne Johnson, all from Columbus. All 595 of the \$100 lottery tickets were sold (5 were given away as incentive prizes.)

Winners of the jewelry were Lela Schaecher, Kendra Pavlik and Tyson Owens '99 and Randy Cline won the \$1,000 coozie drawing.

The average Gala net over the last five years is \$202,950 and preliminary figures for this year provide a net of \$147,040—a nice figure in light of the circumstances! Our budgeted goal for this year was \$200,000. Donations to the campus ministry program total about \$23,000 of our \$30,000 goal. Over all, Scotus is very grateful for the truly remarkable support we received this year from our individual and business partners.

The Gala committee worked hard all year to present the Gala and it was unfortunate that they could not be recognized publicly at the event for their efforts. The Gala

co-chairs were: Dan & Jill (Hoebing '84) Clarey, Mike & Nicole Fleming and Joe & Shelly Steffensmeier. Gala vice-chairs were: Tim & LeAnn Parker, Bobby & Rachel Pensick and Joe & Amy Wemhoff.

Our theme this year was, "Under the Big Top" and the plan was to present a 1920's circus theme for the Gala guests to enjoy. With all of the decorations purchased for this year that were left unused, it is likely that we will use the same theme again for Scotus Central Catholic's 40th Gala dinner/auction planned for April 17, 2021.



Gala Coordinator, Janice Rosenquist and Development Director John Schueth monitoring the action in the Scotus development office as Gala online bidding neared conclusion on April 18th.

Here and There...

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Worth Noting

• The Shamrock Open was postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak and at the time of this publication, a *tentative* new date for the tourney is July 25. 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.

• The alumni/alumnae basketball tourney set for March 20-21 was postponed indefinitely due to the outbreak.

• The Chip Kaup Golf Tourney date was moved from April 25th to July 25th.

• Shamrock senior, Drew VunCannon was named a National Merit Finalist.

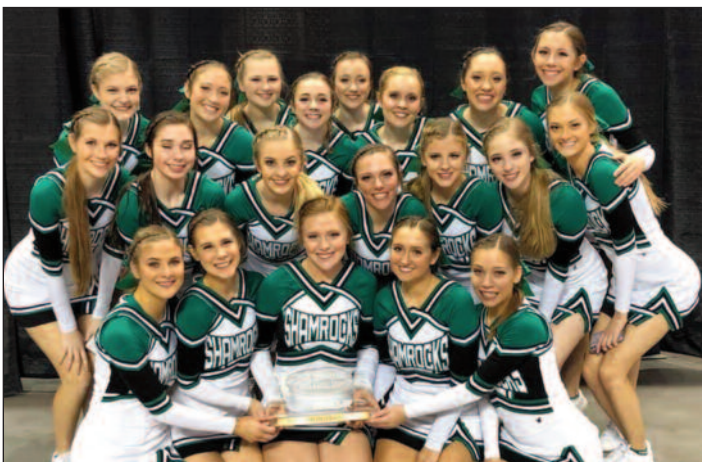
• Two senior Shamrock wrestlers qualified for state: 182-Evan Hand (30-10), and 132-Nick Taylor (23-7).

• On February 13th from 1:45 pm to 3:25 pm, the Scotus Dowd Activity Center was “jumping” with the 3rd and 4th graders from our three Catholic Elementary Schools. The students were doing their part to raise \$5,372.61 to fight heart disease, which is the number one killer in America today. Proceeds were sent to the American Heart Association.

• The Scotus Dance team finished in 6th place at the Nebraska State Cheer and Dance Championship.



• Competing at the 2020 state cheer competition, the Shamrock cheer squad finished 4th place in Gameday C1 and runner-up in Non-Tumbling C1.



• The Scotus robotics team earned hardware at their first robotics competition. In the middle school division, Rocks 3 earned 1st place in Autonomous and Rocks White earned 2nd place in Autonomous. In the high school division, Rocks 1 earned 1st place in Autonomous.



• The Scotus speech team was named the Centennial Conference Runners-Up. This is the first top two finish in our conference meet in 17 years. Individual medalists were: Emily Ferguson – 2nd Informative, Josh Styskal – 3rd Informative, Lauren Ostdiek 3rd – Persuasive Speaking, Katie Stachura, Noah Korth, Zoe Euteneuer, Luke Przymus, & Gwen Stachura – 3rd OID, Maddie Blaser & Luke Przymus – 4th Duet Acting, Noah Korth – 4th Serious Prose, Chris Adame – 4th Entertainment, Debanhi Adame, Josh Styskal, Roxanne Beshalar, Nathan Eisenmenger, and Stephanie Hoenk – 5th place OID. Conference Speech Runners-up. Standing l-r: Josh Styskal, Noah Korth, Luke Przymus, Maddie Blaser, Hailey Steffensmeier, Gavin Brabec, Nathan Eisenmenger. Kneeling, l-r: Kavan Splittgerber, Roxy Beshalar, Zoe Euenteuier, Lauren Ostdiek, Keira Feehan, Abaigeal Aydt, Dominic McPhillips, Chris Adame. Sitting, l-r: Maria Aydt, Jasmine Jackson, Hannah Pflum, Stephanie Hoenk, Debanhi Adame, Emily Ferguson, Vijay Wemhoff.



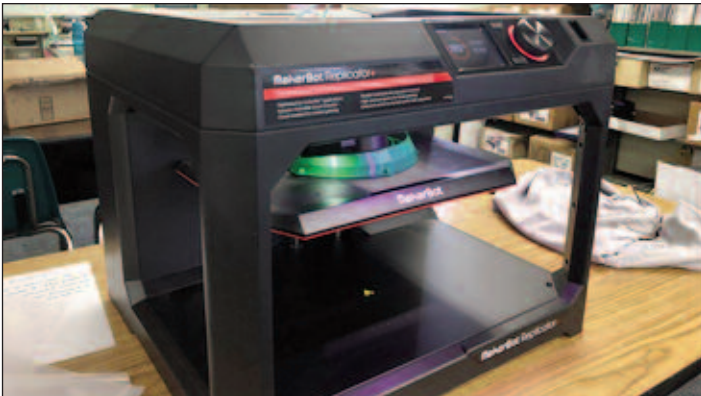
• Our Quiz Bowl team placed 3rd out of 19 teams at the ESU7 Competition. They were only a few points away from making it to state. Mrs. Gail Bomar is the team coach.

• The Scotus Red Cross blood drive had: 120 presenting donors, 95 whole blood units and 16 Power Red units for 111 total productive units collected—surpassing the school’s goal of 109.

• The Shamrock powerlifting team won the Co-Ed State Championship for the second consecutive year in Class B. Both the boys and girls teams received runner-up trophies and Kade Wiese was named the meet’s best boys lifter.

Worth Noting *cont.*

• During March and April the Scotus STEAM Lab and its director, Betsy Rall, used its 3D printers to create face shield frames for the local medical community. Scotus produced 14-16 frames daily by running the machines from 5:00 am to past 10:00 pm. The frames had clear plastic fronts attached to them and elastic on the back side for use by the wearer. The project was in partnership with Behlen Mfg. Co., Central Community College, Columbus Public Schools and the East Central District Health Department.



• Congratulations to the three seniors and four juniors who earned winter Academic All-State honors in an NSAA activity. Receiving this award shows dedication in the classroom and out on the field/course/stage/diamond/court by each student. Those named were: boys' basketball: Josh Faust (junior), Eric Mustard; girls' basketball: Amber Buhman, Camille Pelan (junior); speech: Lauren Ostdiek, Maddie Blaser (junior) and wrestling: Ben Kamrath (junior.)

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Reunions

NOTE: The 2020 Columbus Horse races are planned to run May 29 – June 21 but due to the outbreak the Nebraska State Racing Commission has yet to approve the dates at the time this newsletter edition was run. The following reunion dates are also subject to the conditions of the outbreak.

Class of 1955. The class is planning a gathering on June 13th.

Class of 1975. The Scotus graduating class of 1975 will celebrate their 45th reunion on August 21-22, 2020. Save the date! More information will follow.

Class of 1980. Save the date! The 40th reunion for the Scotus class of 1980 is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 7th and 8th, 2020. The preliminary plans for Saturday include a tour of school and Mass together with Fr. Carl in the Scotus chapel and then it's off to Chris "Moon" Dreifurst's place east of Columbus for dinner and drinks. The "planning committee" is open to any/all ideas for Friday night. We have been in contact with Alan ("Murph") Haney to see when Columbus High is planning their reunion; it may work out that we do something jointly with CHS on Friday night. Please update your preferred e-mail and phone contact information by sending it to Mark Kurtenbach at: mark.kurtenbach@licor.com.

Class of 2000. The class is planning its reunion for August 8th.

Class of 2005. The class is planning its reunion for July 11th.

SEF 16

Plans are underway to launch the 16th edition of the Scotus Education Fund Drive (SEF) early this fall. Since 1970, Scotus Central Catholic has conducted the SEF drives to primarily support tuition assistance and make a Scotus education affordable for our families. The fund drives have invited our parishioners, community business partners and school alumni/nae to invest in Scotus and provide two of God's most precious gifts: Faith and Education.

2020 Alumnae Volleyball Tourney

Mark your calendars!

The 17th Bi-Annual Alumnae Volleyball Tourney is set for Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Scotus. More details will be available in later newsletter editions.



Senior Chloe Odbert signed her letter of intent to play volleyball at Central Community College. After her studies at CCC, Chloe plans to transfer to UNMC to earn a degree in Radiography.



Thirty-nine Scotus students along with faculty and other adult sponsors attended this year's March for Life in Washington DC.



A cast and crew of 38 students presented the musical, "Hello Dolly" in mid-February. The production was directed by Laura Salyard '11 and Andrea Lemmer.



Maintenance director, Joe Schoenfelder, disinfecting school lockers after classes were suspended due to the Covid-19 outbreak.



After it was announced that school was suspended due to the Covid-19 outbreak, students were given certain time slots on March 17th to clean out their lockers. Several senior girls thought correctly that it could be the last chance to wear their uniforms in school and so they did! The entire student body spent the rest of the semester finishing their studies at home while the faculty quickly shifted to electronic education. Honors programs and graduation ceremonies were postponed.



In Sympathy

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

Eleanor (Lakers) Alexander '47 – survived by daughters, Marie (Larry) Wilkinson, Kathy Grove, Judi (Paul) Rinear, Sue; son, Bob (Paula); brother, Tom '55 (Patricia Badstieber '59) and eight grandchildren.

Sister Carol Diederich – survived by the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity; sisters, Marlynn '50 (Dave) Krings; and in-laws, Max Earl, Raye Ann Diederich and Nancy Diederich.

Eugene “Herb” Dierks, Jr – survived by his wife, Maria, daughters, Becky '99 Degn, Jana (Stephen) Meyer; sons, Herb, Joe '96, Michael Andrew '98; his mother, Irene; sisters, Kathy Kunselman, Mary Jo Schutte, Jackie Dierks, Debbie Montgomery; brothers, Steve, Harry; and seventeen grandchildren.

Cecelia “Cec” Feehan – survived by daughters, Eileen '70, Mary '71, Lori '73, Anita '80 (Ron) Freimuth; sons, Patrick (Kelly), James '77 (Donna); sisters-in-law, Cece Williams, Doris Rhody; and nine grandchildren.

Tracy (Dreifurst) Goos '82 – survived by her husband, Mike; daughters, Abby, Allison; son, Jacob; mother, Bev Dreifurst; sister, Terri '78 (Jerry) Mancusco; brother, Todd; and many uncles, aunts, niece, nephews and cousins.

Joseph Gray – survived by daughter, Diane '84 (Derrick) Posthumus; sons, Tim '83, Dan '88; and two granddaughters.

Janet (Hilger) Hurley '60 – survived by sons, Jim Jr (Lisa), Robert (Jennifer), Jeff (Kristi); sister, Mary Rezapour '58; brother, Charles '70 (Cathy); and eight grandchildren.

LaVetta Janicek – survived by her husband, Gerald; daughters, Gail (Mel) Bomar, Wendy (Myron) Marquis, Joyce (Allan) Thorson, Jeri (Dan) Truksa, Theresa (Mark) Ingram; sons, Gary (Connie), Greg (Ronda); twenty grandchildren and twenty-nine great-grandchildren. Gail Bomar is a Spanish teacher at Scotus.

Robert “Bob” Kline – survived by daughters, Kathleen '71 (Murray) McArdle, Barbara Becker; sons, Douglas (Mary Ann), Kurt '75 (Carole); ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

James “Jim” Kropatsch – survived by daughter Susan '89 (Jamie) Towles; sons, Dan '91, Tom (Dawn), Scott; sister, Patricia Kropatsch; brother, Don (Betty); and four grandchildren.

James Maslonka – survived by his wife, Mary Ann (Zarek '52); daughters, Connie '77 (Glen) Labenz, Jamie (Steve) Miller, Nicole Henderson, Meri (Terry Daniels) Maslonka, Mindy (Rory) Sindelar; sons, Tim '79 (Cynthia), Jon (Becky Fox), Gary, Brent; sister, Karen Carpenter; brother, Charles (Lenore); fourteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Lois LuRae Moersen – survived by daughter, Linda '77 (Gregory) Kading; sons, Kenneth, Stephen (Melanie); brother, Leslie (Shirley) Arndt; sisters-in-law Camilla Nelson '43, Sister Winifred Moersen, OSF; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Leland “Bud” Sackett – survived by daughters, Sue '70 (Don) Gulzow, Karen Beck, Mary (Mark) Wangler, Nancy (Mike) Thiem, Cathy (Rey) Filipowicz; sons Pat '72 (Cindy), Jim (Mary), Mike (Jan), Tom (Chris Martinez); sisters-in-law, Shirley Sackett, Sherry Schaefer '61 Howell, Joyce Schaefer '56 Cooley ; twenty-nine grandchildren and thirty-two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Josephine “Joann” (Cielocha) Schuele '54 – survived by her husband, Joe; daughter Lynn '88 Krohn; and sister, Barbara Adamy '56.

Sr. Dolores Smagacz – survived by one aunt and several cousins. Sr. Dolores is an honorary member of the Class of 1953 after leaving school early to enter the convent. Sr. Dolores taught in school for 54 years including 21 years in Nebraska most of which was at St. Bonaventure Elementary School.

Lawrence “Larry” Timoney – survived by his wife, Janet; daughter Alison; sons, Brandon, Jack; parents, Ted & Carolyn; sister, Monica Crawford; brother, Kevin (Shawn); and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Alison Timoney teaches Mathematics at Scotus.

Cecilia Zoucha – survived by daughter, Geraldine '65 (Jerry) Semin; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

CARES Act

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress has passed several acts in an attempt to stimulate our economy. One of these, the CARES Act, not only provides direct cash payments to individuals but it also encourages charitable giving. CARES provides individuals with a \$300 above-the-line income tax deduction for gifts made to qualified charities such as Scotus Central Catholic. This deduction is immediately available in 2020 to those who claim the standard deduction on their income tax forms and it is possible that this deduction will be extended to future years.

The CARES Act also provides that individuals may deduct cash gifts to charities up to 100% of their adjusted gross

income. (The 100% limit is reduced for each non-cash gift such as appreciated stocks or physical property and this deduction is not available for cash gifts to donor-advised funds.) The cash contribution limit for corporations was also increased from 10% to 25% and gifts above 25% may be carried forward for five years. Individuals should discuss these two changes with their tax professional.

Finally, the CARES Act suspends the requirement for individuals to take Required Minimum Distributions from their retirement plan for 2020. However, donors are still allowed to make qualified charitable distributions from their IRAs of up to \$100,000 beginning at age 70 ½.

+ Memorials +

(Received between 1/22/2020 and 4/20/2020)

Virgil Chochon	MM Earl Gilsdorf	Bruce McDonald	Bill Shanle Family	MM Bob Rickert
MM Milo Herink	Jan Grange	Elaine McGuire	MM Jerry Smith	DRM Dan Rosenquist
Eugene "Herb" Dierks, Jr	MM Doug Gubbels	MM Tom McGuire	MM Gary Soper	MM John Schueth
MM Vern Younger	RG Guggenberer Family	MM Rich McPhillips	MM Ray Staroscik	Mike Johnson
Cec Feehan	Kathy Haas	MM Tom McPhillips	Alice Staroscik-Chleboun	MM Gregg Melliger
Anonymous	MM Doug Hahn	MM George Morrissey	MM Tim Tooley	Jerry Liss '73
Shelly Adcox	MM Ken Hajek	MM Don Mroczek	MM Gene Trouba	MM Rey Liss
Gregory Aliff	DRM Rick Haney	MM Bob Niedbalski	Scott Wagner	Leland "Bud" Sackett
MM Robert Agnes	MM Tim Harrington	Nolan, Olson & Strycker PC	MM Robert Weiler	MM Vern Younger
Mary Armour	MM Terry Hash	MM Jack Nosal	MM Dale Wessel	Joan Sackett
Wilma Arp	MM John Hoebing	MM Les Nosal	Cheryl Weyers	Janet Brezinski
Karen Beck	Jennifer Hollmann	MM Pat Novicki	MM Gerry Wiese	MM Mike Dreesen
MM Marc Beller	Linda Inman	Dorothy O'Kane	Norman Witt	MM Tom Korgie
Jane Bonczynski	MM Jerry Jarecke	Mary Ann Olk	MM Bill Wondra	Gregg Melliger
Janet Brezinski	MM Paul Jazwick	MM Mike Olson	MM Roy Yardley	Marilyn Pile
MM Pat Brockhaus	MM Boyd Jones	MM Brian Oppliger	Mary Yokley	DRM Jim Pillen
MM Greg Brumond	Penny Kampschneider	MM Jeff Pekarek	MM Vern Younger	Sandra Rhode
Lauren Casteel	Jean Kamrath	Mable Pekarek	MM Tom Zabawa	MM Bob Rickert
MM Dean Cerny	MM Tim Kelly	MM Gary Puetz	MM Gary Zywiec	MM Tim Tooley
Contran Corporation	MM John Kopetzky	Marilyn Pile	Friends & Family	MM Gene Trouba
Joyce Cruickshank	MM Kent Kopetzky	MM Mike Pile	Tracy (Dreifurst) Goos '82	Josephine (Cielocha)
Alex DeRuyscher	MM Mark Kruger	MM Jerry Placzek	DRM Dan Rosenquist	Schuele '54
MM Chris DeRuyscher	Gary Kruse	MM Mike Placzek	James Tarnick	MM Mert Keefer
MM Simon DeRuyscher	Bonnie Kudron	MM Sam Prososki	Joe Heimann '65	Elaine Cielocha Family
Eileen Dingwerth	Mark Kurtenbach	Ron Reilly	Edward Hruska	Art Sutko
MM Jerry Duren	Rose Kuta	Ann Reynek	MM Mike Shonka	Tamara Pippert
MM Rollie Dvorak	MM Merlin Lahm	Sandra Rhode	LaVetta Janicek	MM Tom Zabawa
Carroll Ebner	MM Joel Long	MM Bob Rickert	DRM Rick Haney	Marcella Thiele
MM Stuart Essman	MM Donald Loseke	MM Dan Riley	MM Terry Hash	MM Dave Kudron
Mary Pat Farrell	Walter "Jack" Lueke	MM Dennis Ritter	MM Aaron Kosch	Lawrence "Larry"
MM Jim Fehringer	DRM Larry Malicky	MM John Schueth	Clara Meysenburg	Timoney
MM Bill Flint	MM Joseph Matejka	MM Gene Schumacher	MM Rich Odbert	DRM Dan Rosenquist
Karen Freehill	MM Mike Mazankowski	MM Fritz Schwank	MM Jeff Ohnoutka	MM John Schueth
MM Howard Gaffney	MM Murray McArdle	MM Steve Shadle	MM Vern Ramaekers	

Our Friend, the Codicil

The codicil, as you probably know, is an appendage to a will that adds to or modifies something in the will. For example, if you want to change the personal representative named in your will, you can do so with a codicil. If you want to add the name of someone to receive a bequest, you can use a codicil. If you want to delete the name of someone, a codicil will work fine.

1. Codicils are effective.

They do the job. They are just as legal and binding as the main document. Some of our alumni/alumnae and friends may want to add Scotus Central Catholic to their wills and others may want to adjust the amount they had previously decided to give. In either case, this can be done effectively through a codicil.

2. Codicils are inexpensive.

You would probably be surprised to learn the relatively low cost of a codicil. It is considerably less than the expense of drafting an entire will. A quick call to your attorney will tell you just how reasonable this service is compared to other estate-planning documents.

3. Codicils are easy.

The codicil presents an easy way for our friends to include Scotus Central Catholic in their estate plans. It's not necessary to go through the time and expense of redoing the entire will; all it takes is the creation of a brief legal document that is then stored in a safe place with the will.

On your codicil, or in your will, consider gifting a fixed amount or a percentage of your estate to Scotus Central Catholic. Or perhaps gift to Scotus all or a percentage of what is left of your estate after the distributions to your family members and loved ones.

If you would like more information about how you can include Scotus Central Catholic in your estate plans, contact the Scotus development office. Our school's legal name is, *Scotus Central Catholic Secondary School of Columbus, Nebr.*

New Endowed Scholarship

Scotus Central Catholic is grateful to the family of the late Leonard and Cec Feehan who established an endowed scholarship in honor of their parents. The Leonard and Cec Family Scholarship will provide needed tuition assistance to a student who is chosen each year by a school committee. As an endowed scholarship, the corpus of the fund will never be spent and only the annual earnings will be distributed through the award.

State Championship Celebrations



This fall and winter we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the 1995 volleyball team's state championship and the 1995-96 girls' basketball team state championship. Details to follow in a future newsletter.

Scotus Mission Statement

Scotus Central Catholic High School assures all students the opportunity to receive a faith-based Catholic education through academic excellence and diverse extracurricular activities.

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During Catholic Schools Week, students from the Columbus Catholic schools grades 4-12 gathered in the Dowd Activity Center to celebrate Mass together.

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President's Message on SEF 16

On June 30th we concluded the 2019-2020 fiscal year and I'm sure you agree with me, it was a school year we will never forget! It was gratifying to provide our seniors and their families a modified commencement ceremony on June 27th and I asked our new graduates to be strong and adaptive to change as they march into their future. Obviously the challenges of the pandemic remain with us, and so does the Scotus Mission Statement goal of "providing a faith-based, Catholic education through academic excellence and diverse extracurricular activities." I know you believe in our school and in our service to the Church and I ask you to support Scotus Central Catholic through our SEF 16 campaign, "*Stronger Together.*"



Please consider joining me by offering a three-year pledge of support for our school and you will help accomplish these important and essential goals:

- A. Main Goal: Provide tuition assistance to every student attending Scotus over the next three school years.
- B. Stretch Goal #1: Help us respond to the pandemic with important safety measures including touchless faucets, auto flushers, hot water heaters, stairwell windows that can be opened to improve ventilation, LED lighting and moving our attendance desk next to the school's main entrance for screening everyone entering the school.
- C. Stretch Goal #2: Install a new hardwood floor in the Dowd Activity Center. The original 1980 floor has only 2-3 years of usable service remaining and this will be a perfect time to recognize coach John Petersen and his former staff's accomplishments by naming the floor the *Coach John Petersen Court*.

I firmly believe that together we can accomplish these goals and help continue Scotus Central Catholic's tradition of excellence. I also promise that we will be good stewards of your investment and will always keep you in our prayers.

Gala 2020 Update

The unusual challenges of offering this year's Gala totally online due to the pandemic created some stress and it also impacted the bidding particularly on our grand auction items (which was down \$45,000 from the previous year.) Four grand auction items had to be removed due to COVID-19 related cancellations. However the event benefitted from an increase of sponsorships—some coming after the event and Scotus was very fortunate when KC Council #938 refused to accept the \$12,000 Gala Lottery first place prize it won and allowed Scotus to

keep all of the proceeds. As a result, and barring any refund requests that the pandemic might create due to cancelled events sold on the auction, the Gala ended with a net of \$180,500—only \$19,500 below the amount needed for the school's annual budget.

In addition to the Gala net, donations to the campus ministry program collected through the Gala totaled \$26,103. Scotus is very grateful for the truly remarkable support we received this year from our individual and business partners during such a challenging time in our society and

world. We are also grateful that the 2020 Gala co-chairs (Dan & Jill (Hoebing '84) Clarey, Mike & Nicole Fleming and Joe & Shelly Steffensmeier) have offered to return and serve one more year on the Gala committee. That means they will serve as co-chairs with Tim & LeAnn Parker, Bobby & Rachel Pensick and Joe & Amy Wemhoff along with three vice-chair couples yet to be named. We will have great leaders to present the 40th Gala dinner/auction planned for April 17, 2021.

Welcome Class of 2020!

Joining the ranks of Scotus alumni and alumnae this spring were 42 graduates. The Class of 2020 witnessed their graduation date come and pass without a formal ceremony and after several weeks of waiting, they learned that social distancing measures had been relaxed enough to allow a modified graduation ceremony limited only to the graduates and six guests per graduate. The ceremony was held on June 27th with class president Amber Buhman giving the senior address. Named as the Spirit of Scotus Award winner was Breana Lassek daughter of Jeff & Kerry Jo (Robak '92) Lassek. This class surely missed their spring school activities, and the milestones that only the last quarter of high school can provide. We hope these challenges will make the Scotus Class of 2020 stronger and prepared to make their mark in the future!

Debanhi Adame-Hernandez	McKenna Hoefler
Mariano Azurduy	Adam Kamrath
Jared Beaver	Rachael Lam
Sarah Bichlmeier	Breana Lassek
Dalton Borchers	Allison Mielak
Mackenzie Brandenburg	Emily Miksch
Ryan Brandenburg	Eric Mustard
Emmitt Broberg	Chloe Odbert
Amber Buhman	Lauren Ostdiek
Molly Carstens	Joseph (Tyler) Palmer
Antonio Chavez Quiroga	Levi Robertson
Haylee Cielocha	Katherine Smith
Jacey Clarey	Katelyn Stachura
Brock Clarke	Nicholas Taylor
Cole Demuth	Jaycee Ternus
Collin Dreher	Samantha Tonniges
Timothy Ehlers	Tyler Vaught
MaKenzie Enderlin	Drew VunCannon
Evan Hand	Connor Wiehn
Jayden Heng	Kaleb Wiese
Kyle Hiemer	Liza Zaruba

POST-SECONDARY PLANS OF 2020 GRADUATES

42 Graduating Students in the Class of 2020 including:
1 International student (Bolivia)

79% of the Graduating seniors received scholarships for post-secondary studies.

Enrolling in a 2-year college 10 – 24%

Enrolling in a 4-year college 29 – 69%

Entering Military (Marines) 3 – 7%

IN-STATE INSTITUTIONS

Bryan College of Health – 1
CCC, Columbus – 5
Creighton University – 2
Midland University – 2
Nebraska Wesleyan – 1
NECC, Norfolk – 1
SECC, Lincoln – 4
University of Nebraska, Kearney – 4
University of Nebraska, Lincoln – 11
University of Nebraska, Omaha – 1
Wayne State College – 3



OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTIONS

Augustana University – 1
Coe College – 1
Northwestern University – 1
University of Notre Dame – 1



Amber Buhman, class president, offering the senior address at graduation.

Spirit of Scotus



Breana Lassek, Spirit of Scotus Award winner

Worth Noting

- The Shamrock Club and the Scotus Mothers Club recently merged to form the Scotus Booster Club. The new booster club will perform the same functions as in the past but with a new emphasis of participation of all Shamrocks and their families in support of Scotus Central Catholic.

- Lauren Ostdiek was named to the All-State Omaha World-Herald Academic Team. Lauren was one of only nine students selected throughout Nebraska to be on the team; and she also was named to the All West Central Academic First Team. Lauren was a Senior Class Officer and NHS member. She was #1 in her class, a Believer & Achiever and she received National Merit commendation.



Lauren Ostdiek

Lauren plans to attend the University of Notre Dame this fall and major in Global Affairs and Spanish.



Drew VunCannon

- Drew Vun Cannon received Honorable Mention honors to the Omaha World Herald All Academic West-Central Team. He earned Academic All-Conference/All-State, was an NHS member, scored a composite ACT of 36 and was a National Merit Finalist. Drew helped pilot our school's new STEAM program.

- Selected to the All West Central Academic Honorable Mention team were: Amber Buhmen, Kyle Hiemer, Brea Lassek, Eric Mustard, and

Liza Zaruba. To be selected to the honorable mention team, students had to be ranked either first or second in their class or have an ACT of 32 or higher or an SAT of 1450 or higher.

- Faculty and staff receiving years of service recognition this spring included: Laurie Hergott (5), Oliver Loseke (5), Jo Moody (5), Laura Salyard (5); Jeff Ohnoutka (15), Angie Rusher (15); Joan Lahm (25), Patti Salyard (25); and Cathy Podliska (30).

- Seniors Amber Buhman and Kate Smith earned 1st place awards in the Class B State Journalism Competition. Amber earned first place in the category of News/Feature Photography, while Kate earned first place in the category of Headline Writing. As a team, Scotus finished in fourth place. The Shamrocks are one of the smallest schools competing in Class B and in the last five years they have gained much respect finishing in first place (2018, 2017) and 3rd place (2020, 2019, 2016.) The other 2020 award winners: Advertising- Keira Feehan, 8th Place; Editorial Cartooning - Ava Kuhl, 2nd Place; Editorial Writing - Liza Zaruba, 3rd Place and Tyler Palmer 5th Place; Entertainment Review Writing - Ava Kuhl, 3rd Place, Sarah Bichlmeier 8th Place; Newspaper Feature Writing: Brea Lassek, 6th Place; Sports News Writing - Brea Lassek 4th Place, Chloe Odbert 6th Place and Tyler Palmer 8th Place; Yearbook Feature Writing - MaKenzie Enderlin, 7th Place; Yearbook Theme Copy Writing: Amber

Buhman, 4th Place; Newspaper Layout - Liza Zaruba, 4th Place; Yearbook Theme Development - Amber Buhman, Haylee Cielocha and Jayden Heng, 5th Place; Broadcast News Story-Kade Wiese, 3rd Place and Brea Lassek, 4th Place; Broadcast Sports Story - Haylee Cielocha, 2nd Place and Kade Wiese, 3rd Place. This virtual state competition was the only NSAA spring contest that took place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Recognized as NSAA spring Academic All-State award winners were: Music - Debanhi Adame (band), Janae Rusher (vocal); Journalism - Brea Lassek, Lauren Ostdiek; Baseball - Tyler Palmer; Golf - Josh Faust, Drew VunCannon; Soccer - Kamryn Chohon, Samantha Tonniges, Ross Thorson, Connor Wiehn; Track & Field - Amber Buhman, Liza Zaruba, Michael Gasper and Ben Juarez. Note: there was also a late addition from CHS for the winter awards in Swimming: Emily Miksch.

- Scotus had to say farewell to four outstanding professionals at the end of the school year. Gail Bomar retired after teaching Spanish for 12 years, Julie Blaser retired with 29 years of teaching Mathematics and Pam Weir retired after serving 21 years as guidance counselor. In addition, after teaching at Scotus for 10 years, Wade Coulter has accepted a position at Lincoln Lutheran to be the girls head basketball coach.



State Journalism Class B individual champions, Amber Buhman and Kate Smith.

Reunions

Class of 1963. The St. Bonaventure Class of 1963 plans to get together in Denver this September 11-12. Classmates will stay and share good memories at the Drury Inn in Westminster, CO. For more information, contact Jane Tooley, 402-367-2319, or deputytooley@hotmail.com.

Class of 1980. The 40th reunion for the Scotus class of 1980 has been postponed to 2021. Please update your preferred Email and phone contact information by sending it to Mark Kurtenbach at: mark.kurtenbach@licor.com.

Class of 2000. The class is planning its reunion for August 8th.

Class of 2005. The reunion has been postponed from July 11, 2020 to October 24, 2020. Class contact: Haley Peterson, hbuelt@gmail.com.

Class of 2010. Planning is still underway for this reunion.

Shamrock Hall of Fame

Inducted to the Shamrock Athletic Hall of Fame last spring were Monica Boeding '10, Ted Wemhoff (booster) and Eugene "Geno" Williams (booster.)

Monica Boeding played Shamrock volleyball for 3 years and was a key member of the 2008 and 2009 state championship teams. She is the current school record holder for career kills (835) and single match kills (26), was selected first team all-state in both 2008 and 2009 and named to the 2009 all state tournament team. Monica also played in the 2010 Nebraska Coaches Association volleyball all-star game.



Monica Boeding '10

In basketball Monica played for 4 years and was selected as honorable mention all-state in 2009, and 2010. In track she ran 3 years, was a member of the 2009 Class B state championship team, and holds a current school record as a member of the 2009 400M relay team with a time of 49.99. Monica was named the 2010 Scotus Female Athlete of the Year and KLIR 2009-2010 Prep Club Student Athlete of the Year. She went on to play volleyball at Briar Cliff University, Sioux City IA as a 4-year starter and 2013 team captain. At Briar Cliff she earned recognitions including: NAIA GPAC first team all-conference, AVCA all regional honorable mention and 2014 Briar Cliff Female Athlete of the Year.

As a booster of Shamrock athletics, **Ted Wemhoff** supported the Catholic values that our students learned through athletic competition. He was a member of the Shamrock Booster Club from 1996 to present day, assisted with the development of the McLaughlin Activity Field and the girls' soccer East Practice Field, helped with the removal of the old bleachers in the Dowd Activity Center and was involved in many Scotus Gala fundraisers as well as other smaller projects at Scotus.



Ted Wemhoff

Ted is mostly known for his involvement in the Shamrock Club's split the pot work. He volunteered taking split-the-pot at all home football, volleyball and basketball contests for 18 years – the last 15 years as the split-the-pot fundraising coordinator. Ted was instrumental in helping the Shamrock Club raise thousands of dollars which were then given to the Shamrock athletic activities.

Eugene "Geno" Williams was also inducted as a booster in recognition for his 25 plus years as one of the school's most loyal Shamrock fans. Geno's attendance at athletic practices and games is a constant, and he often travels with the teams to lead the fan cheering section at away contests. Athletes, coaches and fans all know Geno; and although he did not attend Scotus or have any family connections with the school, he has an unmatched passion for Shamrock athletics and wears his Scotus gear with intense pride.



Eugene "Geno" Williams

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

SEF 15 & SEF 15 Extension Update

The very first Scotus Education Fund drive (SEF 1) began in 1969 with the goal of providing a resource to keep tuition as low as possible for our school families. Traditionally the SEF campaigns have involved three-year pledges. The third and final pledge payment year of SEF 15 was 2019 and the campaign generated a donation total of \$1,120, 006 or 96% of the \$1,169,175 in pledges received. SEF 15 supported \$975,000 in student tuition assistance over three years, paving the north parking lot and making the final payments for the school's HVAC loan.

As SEF 15 was concluding, Scotus was not ready to name the goals for the SEF 16 drive. Therefore in the fall of 2019 Scotus asked our supporters to extend their SEF 15 payments for a fourth year in 2020. Pledges for the SEF 15 "extension year" totaled \$339,228 and all of the payments were restricted to support student tuition assistance. As of 6/30/2020 pledge payments totaled \$234,400 with six months remaining in the pledge payment period. SEF 16 launches this fall.

Here and There...

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CHRIS (PLACZEK) SOMMERS '90 – was selected to be the new Human Resources director for the Archdiocese of Omaha. Chris, her husband Noel and children are members of St. Gerald Parish in Ralston.

Striv

Starting this fall Scotus Central Catholic home activities will be live streamed via Striv! We are excited to provide the Shamrock Nation another avenue of watching Scotus games and activities--especially for the alumni, supporters and families outside of Columbus! Striv provides an outstanding streaming service for over one hundred Nebraska high schools. Not only does this give our students competing in a basketball game or the band concert a larger audience, Striv also gives our students real life experiences working with different types of technology, learning elements of a broadcast, video production, media and so much more. This was a huge selling point for Scotus to join the #StrivCommunity. Scotus also plans to offer marketing benefits to our advertisers in the Dowd Center through our Striv events. Save this link and access our live streams of activities during the school year!

<https://striv.tv/channel/columbus-scotus/>

Alumni of the Year



Receiving the 21st annual Alumnus/Alumna of the Year award were brother Shamrocks, Nick '97 and Joe '01 Puetz. In the year 2007, Nick and Joe contacted Scotus to ask if they could help organize and revitalize the Alumni & Friends Golf Tourney—held annually in Columbus since its beginning in the year 2000. The Puetz brothers moved the tourney to Omaha (where they thought more golfers and more sponsorship support might be secured) and from that point the tourney took on the new name, Shamrock Open. In the first year the event was held at Tara Hills GC in Papillion, and thereafter it has been hosted by the Tiburon GC in Omaha.

Nick and Joe provided almost all of the planning for the event: securing sponsorships, banners & signage, flag and raffle prizes and making the arrangements with the host golf course. Although the original intention of the tourney was to promote comradery among Shamrock alumni and alumnae, the tourney's popularity soared and attracted players and sponsors from outside of the Shamrock Nation. Normally 26 to 36 foursomes participate each year and every year generous flight and flag prizes along with a dinner are provided for the golfers.

Along with the good participation numbers, the tourney has also raised some funding for the Scotus athletic department. The first Shamrock Open netted \$3,000 and the 2019 tourney brought in \$15,445. In the 12 years of the tourney, \$93,993 has been raised to help Scotus make improvements to the locker rooms and weight room, provide new equipment and tables in the athletic trainer's room, add a new storage rack for a Scotus bus, buy new record boards for the school, purchase new half racks for the weight room and provide a padded scorer's table for the Dowd Activity Center. Nick and his wife, Julie, have one child and reside in Kirkwood, MO where Nick works for Netskope, a cyber-security firm. Joe and his wife, Jill, have two children and reside in Elkhorn, NE where Joe has his own firm, Atlas Retirement Planning & Wealth Management.

Nick and Joe Puetz identified a need and offered a wonderful example of Catholic stewardship for their alma mater. The two alumni will be publicly acknowledged at a fall Scotus activity.

Athletes of the Year



With the pandemic, the athletic and honors award programs were postponed to the fall. However, seniors receiving honors were recognized through a virtual program. The 2020 Scotus Athletes of the Year and winners of the Hroza Family Scholarships were Chloe Odbert and Tyler Palmer



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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.

Mary Eileen (Wiedel) Ainars – survived by sons, Jason (Melissa) Kubicek, Chad (Shelly) Kubicek; sister, Patricia '57 (John) Bennett; and six grandchildren.

Richard Bernt – survived by his wife, Eva; daughters, Teresa '79 (Bill '78) Van Lent, Debra '80 (Rocky) Weber, Ann '87 (Steve) Dush; and seven grandchildren.

Lawrence “Larry” Czaplá '66 – survived by daughter, Nicole (Brad '93) Wangler; son, Toby; sister-in-law Gina Czaplá; and two grandchildren.

Kevin Knake – survived by his wife, Christine (Kuta '80); father, Willis; brother, Michael; brother's-in-law, Bob '82 (Becky) Kuta, Patrick '85 (fiancée, Rhonda) Kuta; sister-in-law, Barb '78 (Tim) Cave; seven nieces and nephews and nine great nieces and nephews.

Ronald Locher '44 – survived by six children, sister, Marcia Locher '50; eleven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Doris Melliger – survived by daughters, Diane '68 Blahak, Kate '70 (Boyd) Jones, Jacki '77 (Dennis '77) Ryba; sons, Dave '72 (Susie Mrzłak '76), Gregg '75 (Cindy); brother, Don (Judy) Lemp; sisters-in-law, Shirley Lemp, Margaret '46 (Richard) Nosal; fifteen grandchildren and thirty-three great-grandchildren.

Mary Diane (Hughes '64) Mertz – survived by husband, Greg Mertz and former husband Robert Wieck; daughter, Stephanie (Dave) Distefano, Kelli (Jerry Harvat) Wade; son, Chad (Lynette) Wieck; step-children, Stacey (Dave) Padovan, Wesley (Nevie) Mertz; sister, Patti Peetz '71; brothers, John Brian '62 (Kay), Bob '68 (Mary Pat Oberhauser '69); seventeen grandchildren; one great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

Charles “Chuck” Micek '57 – survived by his wife, Joyce; daughters, Linda (Randy) Perry, Darci; sons, Rick (Jodi), Chick (Casey), Tracy (Staci); sister, Maureen “Bea” '58 (Richard '57) Pensick; eighteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Marlene Niedbalski – survived by daughters, Susan '72 (Edwin) Odom, Cindy '77 (Matt) Johnston, Jane '79 (R. Scott) Foutch; son, Steve '73 (Kathy); sister, Elaine Campbell; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Spies, Barbara Incontro, Myrtle Niedbalski; brother-in-law, Walter Niedbalski '59; fifteen grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; four Godchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

George Pelster – survived by his wife, Linda; son, Shane '92 (Stephanie); sisters, Carol (George), Joan (Dan), Anne (Ed); brothers, Dick (Kay), Ralph (Deb), Cyril Jr. (Joyce), Roger (Julie), Steve (Jeanette), Jim (Janet), Vic, Ted (Julie), Ron (Jennifer), Bill (Linette), Marty (Becky); three grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Geraldine (Zoucha '65) Semin – survived by her husband, Gerald; daughter, Shelley (Steve Arrants) Snyder; son, Todd (Aimee); and two grandchildren.

Clifford Speicher '51 – survived by daughters, Kathy Miller, Kris (John) Killough, Karlie Speicher-Clay; sons, Kent (Karen), Kurt; brother, Bob '47; ten grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Chad Swierczek '89 – survived by his daughters, Nicole (Kyer) Halpin, Natasha, Kaitlyn, son, Troy; parents, Dave (Mary) Swierczek; sister, Stacy '93 (Matt) Soward; brothers, Brett (Kim), JJ '99 (Misty), Adam '02 (Ashley Bowns '06); special friend, Becky Jorgenson, and many nieces and nephews.

Lambert “Lambo” Torczon – survived by his wife, Barbara; daughters, Doreen '79 (Augie) Runge, Stacey '86 (Jon) Schefus; sons, Tim (Stephanie), Rick (Carol); sister, Joan Duesman; sisters-in-law, Bonnie, Lugene and Lucille Torczon; eleven grandchildren; and eighteen great-grandchildren with one on the way.

Nancy “Elaine” Tworek – survived by her husband, Mike; daughter, Denise '91 (Dan) Fleeman; sons, Christopher '93 (Lindsay), Steven; sister, Jean (Larry) Dohmen; brothers, Dale (Marilyn) Greisen, Ronald (Christine) Greisen; and four grandchildren.

Shirley Zoucha – survived by her daughters, Virginia '77 (Dan) Schmidt, Jane '81 (Mark) Wachal, Mary Lynn '83 (Dave) Zadow; sons, Dan '79 (Elaine), Dale, Troy (Elaine); brothers, Harry (Debbie) Schmidt, Bruce (Diane) Schmidt, Brian (Becky) Schmidt; sisters-in-law, Florence (Dick) Schmidt, Pat (Tom) Schmidt, Theresa (Jim) Schmidt; brother-in-law, Harry (Diane) Korus; thirteen grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Missing Spring Edition

For the first time in 23 years, Scotus Central Catholic did not provide a printed spring edition of the Shamrock Alumni News. With the COVID-19 outbreak, the Scotus Gala fundraiser had to be offered virtually, and as a result, the event numbers at press time were short about \$31,000 of the goal to support the school's annual budget. Consequently, the newsletter was created in a pdf format, to save on printing and postage expenses, and sent by Email to alumni, alumnae and friends of the school.

We need your Email address! Scotus discovered that many of our Email addresses on file were no longer valid and instead of reaching 4,100 homes as we normally do with the printed newsletter, the spring issue was electronically delivered to less than 700. Several of our Email recipients enjoyed receiving the newsletter electronically and they also liked the fact that the newsletter was delivered in color! If you would like to receive the newsletter by Email, please send us your Email address and we will add you to our growing list of recipients who prefer that method of delivery. With your Email address, we can also inform you about special events and breaking news at the school. Contact the development office at: jschueth@scotuscc.org.

Your planned gift will enable Scotus to continue its long tradition of serving our faith community with a quality Catholic education.

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Outstanding Service Award



Former Scotus president and principal, Wayne Morfeld, was presented with the 2020 Scotus Outstanding Service Award. Mr. Morfeld joined Scotus in 2000 and served as the school's principal for his first six years. With the retirement of the late Bill Gannon in 2006, Wayne was selected to take on the role of president/principal.

During his tenure as president/principal, Scotus Central Catholic experienced extensive facility improvements including the installation of air conditioning to the school, remodeling of the locker rooms, expansion of computer technology, addition of school security and safety systems, new hallway lockers and classroom desks and the school's first parking lot for students. He guided the school through the 2007-2009 Great Recession while managing a \$1.1 million debt from the new HVAC installation. Moreover, as a former public school mathematics teacher and coach, Mr. Morfeld was proud of the strong ACT scores of each senior class, the high percentage of student involvement and success in NSAA and school activities, the academic accomplishments of the students and the dedication of the teaching and coaching staffs.

Foremost on his agenda every year was the mission of Scotus Central Catholic to serve our Catholic faith community. In the way he interacted with students, parents, faculty and donors, Wayne offered a strong witness to his faith and an example of prayerful Catholic stewardship. After his retirement in June of 2016, Mr. Morfeld remained on the staff part time for several years to assist with the paperwork and payroll challenges created by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. He continues to serve Scotus on the school's endowment board and he is the present board chairperson. Wayne's wife, Peg, taught at Scotus for six years and retired from full-time teaching when Wayne retired.

Perpetual Adoration in Chapel

Perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has continued uninterrupted at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church since it began on February 14, 1961. In 2002 the parish received permission to have the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament "perpetually" except for times of Masses, sacraments, rehearsals or special programs in the church. With the start of construction of the parish's new narthex and social hall, adoration was moved to the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at Scotus Central Catholic. Adorers enter through the chapel's south door and use a key code to gain entry through the locked door. Many adorers comment on the intimacy they experience with our Lord in the chapel's relatively smaller environment compared with St. Bonaventure Church.



Senior Mackenzie Brandenburg signed her letter of intent to play soccer at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Shown with Kenzie are her parents and step-parents.



Shamrock Senior Katie Stachura signed a letter of intent to continue her softball career at Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska. With Katie are her parents, Todd & Amy and her sister Gwendolyn who will be a junior at Scotus this fall.



Senior Tyler Vaught signed his letter of intent to continue his soccer career at Central Community College, Columbus. Shown with Tyler are his parents, LeRoy and Tammy and Scotus head coach PJ Miller.



Memorials



(Received between 4/23/2020 and 7/09/2020)

Rich Bernt

MM Keith Brown
Class of 1985
MM Bart Cline
MM Joe Dahlkoetter
MM Pat Feehan
MM Jerome Gates
MM Tom Jarecke
MM Mike Kaup
MM Mert Keefer
MM Mark Kurtenbach
Kelli Martin
FR Wayne Pavela
MM Jim Pieper
Lenore Pokorny
MM Sam Prososki
MM Gene Schumacher
Carmen Shively
Alice Staroscik-Chleboun
MM John Thomazin
MM Roger Van Klopenburg
MM James VanLent
MM Vern Younger

Evangeline Chlopek

MM Lonnie Ciecior

Lawrence "Larry"

Czapla '66

Bill Mimick

Herb Dierks

Rick Grubaugh

Cec Feehan

Rick Grubaugh
MM James Shefelbine

Janet (Hilger) Hurley '60

MM Roger Brestel

LaVeta Janicek

MM Gene Schumacher

Jim Kropatsch

Rick Grubaugh

Doris Melliger

MM Gary Abegglen
MM Tom Adams
Michael Anderson
Sandy Bargmann
Karen Beck
MM Steve Becker
MM Randy Berlin
Ron Blaser
Claudia Blaser

Bonnie Bogus
Bill Bogus
MM Larry Buntgen
MM John Codling
Drew Collier &
Diane Duren
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MM John Hoebing
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MM Bob Jones
MM Kurt Kline
MM Al Kluever
MM Tom Korgie
MM Bill Kosch
MM Jeff Kosch
Vicky Kovar
Gary Kruse
MM Don Kummer
Debbie Kummer
MM Brian Kuta
MM Rob Lane
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MM Richard Nosal
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Dave Oppliger
MM Gary Pearce
Pershing Elementary School
MM Mike Pile
MM Myron Placek
MM John Price
Sandra Rhode
MM Bob Rickert
MM Kevin Saalfeld
MM Pat Sackett
MM Terry Shaughnessy
MM Glenn Schmidt
MM John Schueth
MM Gene Schumacher
MM Fritz Schwank
MM Fred Spies
MM Bob Sprunk
MM Darrell Spulak
MM Ray Staroscik
Connie Teece
MM Tim Tooley
MM Gene Trouba
MM Garth Vopalensky
Carroll Wemhoff
MM David White
Lora Wieser
MM Jack Young
MM Vern Younger
MM Tom Youngdahl
MM Tom Zabawa
MM Dave Zabawa
MM Rick Zoucha
Anonymous

Mary (Hughes) Mertz '64

Mary Kay Finnigan
Coni Dowd-Molvig
Patricia Peetz

Lois LuRae Moersen

Winnie Olson
Patricia Puetz

Marlene Niedbalski

MM Steve Niedbalski
MM Gregg Melliger

George Pelster

Rick Grubaugh
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Leland "Bud" Sackett

MM Mike Dreesen
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DRM Jim Pillen
Judy K Puetz
MM Bob Rickert
Family & Friends

Geraldine (Zoucha) Semin '65

Winnie Olson

Kathy Kuta Sweenie '59

MM Peter Ward

Chad Swierczek '89

Rick Grubaugh
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MM Vern Younger

Lambert Torczon

Janet Brezinski
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MM Bob Rickert
MM Vern Younger
MM Rick Zoucha

Tony '42 & Phyl (Foltz '42)

Zabawa

Mary Kay Finnigan
MM Tom Korgie
MM Brian Kuta
MM Dan Zabawa
MM Dave Zabawa
MM Tom Zabawa
MM Tony Zabawa, Jr

Shirley Zoucha

MM Vern Younger

Thank You

Scotus wishes to thank the following families for the memorials and family donations they directed for special projects at Scotus. Thank you to the family of the late Tony '42 & Phyl (Foltz) Zabawa '42 for funding the refinishing/repair of the pews and addition of kneelers to the pews in the school's Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Thank you to the family of the late Bud & Joan Sackett for the replacement of the chapel lighting with LED fixtures. We also thank the family of the late Carroll '41 & Doris Melliger for sponsoring the beautification of the school's courtyard. Finally, we thank the family of the late Jeff Van Lent '82 for sponsoring a new scholarship in Jeff's honor to a returning Scotus underclass student who excelled in speech and theatre this past year.



Congratulations SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC 2020 Graduates!



13th Annual Alumni/Alumnae Soccer Tournament



This year's tourney will be held on August 7-8 at the Warren & Shirley McLaughlin Activity Field. For more information, contact tourney organizer, Jon Brezenski '98 at coachbrez@gmail.com.

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17th Biennial Alumnae Volleyball Tourney Registration

The 17th Biennial Shamrock Alumnae Volleyball Tournament will be held on Saturday, November 28, 2020. *Thanksgiving weekend.*
Registration deadline is Monday, November 2. All Scotus alumnae are welcome & invited!
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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Yearbook and School Newspaper Project

The Scotus archives display case includes many treasures like a photograph of the first graduates of St. Francis Academy (1895), a 1962 lunch ticket stamped by Clara Fletcher, various letter jackets & uniforms and the football signed by such notable Shamrock athletic banquet speakers as Johnny Unitas, Dick Butkus and Bob Devaney. However, perhaps our most precious archives are seldom seen by the general public and have always been kept in the school's main office safe: the historical copies of the school newspapers and yearbooks. The Scotus collection of school newspapers dates back to the 1936-37 school year and totals 518 editions (with only the following years missing: 1996-97, 1997-98 and 2007-2008.) The yearbook collection is complete and dates back to the 1949 edition.

Over the years, the development office has photocopied some of the school newspapers for class reunions but the majority of the collection has not been available to the public. The yearbooks presented a different challenge and couldn't be photocopied because our scanner was too small. And with each passing year the newspapers and older yearbooks were becoming more and more brittle and discolored—especially the editions from the 1930's and 40's. The development office researched ways to get the yearbook and newspaper archives digitized to preserve them and to make them available to the public, but it seemed like there was a dead end at every road.

This past fall, and following a lead from the local public library, we learned that there is a company in Oklahoma that might help with our needs. Oklahoma Correctional Industries, better known as OCI, offers a special service called the "Yearbook Project." This service allows high schools to have their yearbooks scanned and processed at no cost. The service originally was provided for Oklahoma schools to preserve their archived yearbooks from the ravages of tornadoes; and now the service has been expanded nationwide. The company sent free shipping labels to Scotus and we mailed our entire yearbook collection to be digitized at no cost to Scotus Central Catholic. We also contracted with the company to have all of our school newspapers digitized and although the shipping there and back was free, Scotus will have to pay between \$600 and \$1,000 for the work. All of our 71 yearbooks were returned to Scotus in early January and we now have a DVD that contains an individual pdf of each yearbook. We hope to receive the original newspapers and their DVD soon.

Most of the yearbooks can now be viewed on the Scotus website at: www.scotuscc.org. Once you reach the homepage, go to the green "publications" tab on top, click and scroll down to "Yearbooks" and click on that to reach the yearbooks page. We hope to soon have all of the remaining archived material available online so that the Shamrock Nation can enjoy this treasure trove of memories, trivia and shared experiences as Bonnies & Shamrocks!

5th Chip Kaup Classic

The 5th Annual Chip Kaup Classic is set for April 25th at the Elks Country Club in Columbus. The tournament raises money for the Chip Kaup Memorial Scholarships, which are character-based scholarships awarded to a Scotus senior male and female soccer player that best exhibit Chip Kaup'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. These scholarships are intended to encourage others to strive to be more like Chip and to recognize those that have already exhibited his personality traits.

The tournament is a two person scramble and there are three flights (good golfers, bad golfers, and a ladies flight). Entry fee is \$60 per golfer and includes dinner afterward and free giveaways. There are also plenty of on course contests and raffles, including a free \$10,000 hole in one contest, sponsored by Evan Trofholz Grounds Care. To register to golf, become a sponsor (\$200), or volunteer to help, please e-mail: ChipKaupClassic@gmail.com. We are limited to 100 golfers so sign up soon!

Gerhold Teacher of the Year



The recipient of the 22nd annual *William and Barbara Gerhold Family Teacher of the Year* award for a Columbus Catholic Schools teacher was Lynn Harsh, 4th grade teacher at St. Isidore Catholic School. Lynn has taught at St. Isidore for 36 years. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education

from UNL. She is active in the parish as a St. Isidore Christian Mother, leading a weekly rosary for students before school, and selling religious articles at the Church. She is also a volunteer at the Platte County Correctional Facility in Jail ministry, is a past Simon House volunteer, small group facilitator for the Evangelium Institute, volunteer for the Holiday Spirit Coop and she also volunteers as a lodge captain for Cloisters on the Platte Retreat Center. Lynn has also been involved in the Scotus Mothers and served as a Gala silent auction table chair. Lynn and her husband, Scott, have been members of St. Isidore Parish since 1982, and their two children attended Scotus: Justin '01 and Taylor '04.

Here and There...

RENEE BEIERMANN WINKEL '03 – fifth year head volleyball coach for Sergeant Bluff-Luton High School in Iowa, led her team to the school's first state Class 4A volleyball title last fall. It was the third year in a row that SB-L competed at the state tourney and second time in the past three seasons for the state title. The 2019 team swept Western Dubuque HS in three sets to capture the state title and the team finished the season with a 37-3 record. Renee was subsequently named, Coach of the Year by the Sioux City Journal Star and the Class 4A Coach of the Year by the Iowa Girls Coaches Association. Renee was an All-American volleyball player at Briar Cliff University and she also played on three Scotus state title teams in 1999, 2001 and 2002.



JUSTIN ZOUCHA '16 – a senior agronomy major, has been awarded the largest single scholarship ever given by the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The Karl E. Peters Memorial Scholarship, valued at more than \$10,000, was created to assist UNL agronomy students who plan to farm after graduation. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, students must be an agronomy major with a junior or senior class standing, have a minimum GPA of 3.0, graduate from a Nebraska high school and plan to farm after graduating from the university. Justin's family farms near the Platte River in southern Colfax County in Nebraska. *Photo by Lana Koepke Johnson, UNL Agronomy & Horticulture Dept.*






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2013 Scotus graduate Taylor Johnson and his wife Sarah welcomed a new addition to their family. Marlee Johnson was born at 11:44 PM on November 14th, 2019.

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NIKKI HINER '17 – was crowned Miss Eagle Raceway 2019. Nikki is a junior at Wayne State College, majoring in Elementary Education K-8 with an endorsement in Reading and Writing PK - 6. Her college activities include being on the Student Activities Board, member of Theta Phi Alpha, Wayne Student Educators Assn of NE, Northeast NE Teachers Academy, Greek Council, EDUCat Peer Mentoring Program, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and Greeks Advocation for the Mature Management of Alcohol. She substitute teaches at area schools, and has worked at the Wayne bookstore since Aug 2017. She will be representing the Eagle Raceway track this season, interacting with fans and drivers, and helping out with activities there. She is the daughter of Bob and Theresa (Rybinski'84) Hiner.



STEAM Update



Seniors Adam Kamrath and Drew VunCannon stand below a quote they made from the vinyl cutter in the STEAM Lab. More quotes like this one are being put up all around the school.

Scotus Central Catholic is in its second year utilizing the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) lab and it has been a great success for our students. STEAM teaches students to think creatively and apply technology when working on projects.

Betsy Rall teaches the STEAM classes, which include STEAM 1, 2 and 3. She says the popularity of her classes has really grown in a short amount of time. “First semester last year, there were only four STEAM 1 classes,” Rall said. “Currently, we have three STEAM 1 and STEAM 2 classes running concurrently. This includes 8th grade career STEAM, 9th grade STEAM and a STEAM 3 class. The first semester of 2018, I had 23 students. Now, I have more than 80.” Rall says she has enjoyed watching, as the program takes off.

There are many benefits to STEAM. One main takeaway for students, according to Rall, is understanding how technology works. “In this age, you can’t get away from technology. It is everywhere. Being adaptable and flexible is very important. I want our students to understand how machines work, not so much a how-to use them. I want them to understand what the machines are doing.”

Another large part of STEAM involves representatives from local businesses who provide real-world lessons to the students. These businesses include Vishay Electronics, Pillen Family Farms, ADM, and Behlen Mfg. Co., among others.

During a past visit, a representative from Vishay Electronics, a global manufacturer of semiconductors and electronic components, demonstrated what a day in the life of

a Vishay employee was like. During this lesson, students wound resistors and soldered a circuit with different resistors. The lesson provided students with a first-hand demonstration of how these machines work.

Staff from Pillen Family Farms have stopped by multiple times during the past two years to talk about the science behind genetics. Additionally, ADM employees discussed corn processing and Behlen Mfg. Co. representatives talked about their CNC (computer numerical control) machinery.



Mrs. Rall with her STEAM 1 class working with swine.

According to Rall, having so many local business representatives willing to take time out of their days has meant the world to our students and the growth of our STEAM lab. “The support we have received for the STEAM lab is remarkable.”

Speaking of CNC machines, she is also very proud of the CNC equipment currently in the lab. This includes 3D printers,

wood carving machines, a new laser cutter, and a vinyl cutter. She says the intention of these machines is to provide hands-on experience for students, but also to take away any fear or misconceptions that students may have. “I want to take away the illusion that all sorts of machinery or factory work is dirty. In the STEAM lab, it’s not dirty. There is some beautiful artwork that comes out of here. You can hardly use these machines without making a piece of art.”

The STEAM lab is helping our students prepare for their future by teaching career skills for future employment. We are blessed at Scotus to have this growing program. Thank you for your continued support!

Worth Noting

- Both the girls and boys cross country teams finished district competition as runners up and qualified for the state competition. The girls were led by Olivia Fehringer's 3rd place finish and the boys' top finisher was Michael Gasper who placed 6th. The Scotus girls cross country team finished in 3rd as a team in the Class C Nebraska State Meet. Olivia Fehringer was a medalist finishing in 15th place. The Scotus boys cross country team finished 9th as a team at state.
- The girls' golf team finished as district champions and qualified as a team for state in Class C. At state the team finished 10th overall and McKenzie Enderlin finished 14th individually.



Mock Trial Team. Shown with the mock trial team are attorney mentors: left, Erik Klutman and right Jason Mielak '89.

- The Shamrock football team finished with an 8-3 record that included a district runner-up honor and a spot in the Class C1 playoffs. The team was defeated by eventual C1 champion Wahoo in the quarterfinals. Named to the All District team in football were: seniors Tyler Palmer, Eric Mustard, Evan Hand, Levi Robertson, and Dalton Borchers; and sophomore Garrett Oakley. Honorable mention: juniors Alex Novicki, Evan Bock, Kade Wiese and senior Kaleb Wiese. The Shamrocks finished in 10th place in the Lincoln Journal Star's final football ratings for Class C-1 (7th place in the OWH rankings.)
- Named All Conference in football were: seniors Tyler Palmer, Eric Mustard, Evan Hand, Levi Robertson and Dalton Borchers; junior Alex Novicki and sophomore Garrett Oakley. Honorable Mention: senior Kaleb Wiese, juniors Evan Bock, Kade Wiese, Simon Schumacher and sophomores Luke Przymus and Devon Borchers.
- The volley-ball team finished with a 16-11 record, finished 6th in the Centennial Conference and lost to Lakeview in the first round of sub-districts. Receiving All Conference recognition in volleyball

were seniors Amber Buhman and Chloe Odbert. Honorable mention: senior Lauren Ostdiek, and sophomore Kate Maguire.

- The NSAA Academic All-State honorees for the 2019 fall season were: Golf - Alaina Dierman, MaKenzie Enderlin; Cross Country - Michael Gasper, Ben Juarez, Brea Lassek, Liza Zaruba; Tennis - Drew VunCannon; Softball - Kate Smith; Volleyball - Amber Buhman, Chloe Odbert; Football - Eric Mustard, Tyler Palmer; Play Production - Maddie Blaser, Clarissa Kosch.
- In co-op sports with CHS, the varsity softball team featured four players from Scotus, while the JV team featured one. The varsity finished with a 4-29 record. The boys' tennis team featured three Scotus athletes: Adam Kamrath was a #1 single, Connor Wiehn was a #2 single and Drew VunCannon was a #2 doubles player.
- The senior Mock Trial team finished in 3rd place at the State competition held in Lincoln on December 9-10. The team's only loss was to Creighton Prep who finished 2nd at state. Team members were: Amber Buhman, Rachael Lam, Brea Lassek, Emily Miksch, Chloe Odbert, Lauren Ostdiek, Kate Smith and Liza Zaruba. The Team's sponsor was Ms. Alison Timoney.
- Student ticket sales for Scotus' *Dash for Holiday Cash Lottery* totaled \$13,280 last November, up \$1,300 from the previous year. This year's \$1,000 cash prize winner was Linda (Laska '83) Nickeson. Proceeds from the lottery are used to help fund tuition assistance scholarships for Scotus students. In return for their lottery effort, Scotus students are provided free admission to all Scotus home activities.
- The Scotus one-act performers finished in 5th place at district competition.
- The Scotus powerlifting team finished in second place in the coed division at the Peru State College Invite. Kade Wiese won the best lifter award, set a meet squat record of 550lbs & won the 220lb Division. Other Meet Champions included Adam Kamrath, Levi Robertson, Kate Smith, & Arrin Kijjanont.



Scotus Power Lifting team.

13th Annual Shamrock Open

The date for the 13th Annual Shamrock Open has been set for Saturday, June 6, 2020 with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. The tournament will 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. Funds raised through the event are used to support the Shamrock athletic program.

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.

SEF 15 Extension Update

Thank you Shamrock Nation! To date we've had 614 donors contribute or pledge a combined \$337,721 for the SEF 15 Extension fund drive—exceeding our \$335,000 goal! Funds raised in this campaign are directed to provide tuition assistance for each student attending Scotus during the 2019-20 school year.

Donations are still encouraged to the campaign. Since the campaign goal has been met, any new funds received will be designated for use as student tuition assistance in the next school year. Donations can be sent to the Scotus development office or made online by going to the Scotus website at: www.scotuscc.org and click on the yellow “Donate” button. You will be directed through a secure link to Scotus’ PayPal account.



Senior Emily Miksch signed her letter of intent to swim at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. With Emily, (L to R) her father, Joe, sister, Laura '14, mother, Roberta and CHS swim coach Alyssa Dillon.



Senior Tyler Palmer signed his letter of intent to play baseball at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Back row: Niki Palmer, Sophie Palmer, Travis Weber, Faith Weber and Annie Weber. Front row: Brian Palmer, Tyler Palmer, Tami Weber, and Dee Augustin. Also present were Tyler's baseball coaches, Cody Schilling and Jimmy Johnson.



Scotus senior Molly Carstens signed to participate in dance at Midland University. Shown standing are Molly's parents Beth and Kent and seated with Molly is Midland dance coach, Katie Speicher.

Reunions

NOTE: The 2020 Columbus Horse races will run Memorial Day weekend thru June – keep this in mind for your reunion plans.

Class of 1975. The Scotus graduating class of 1975 will celebrate their 45th reunion on August 21-22, 2020. Save the date! More information will follow.

Class of 1980. Save the date! The 40th reunion for the Scotus class of 1980 is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 7th and 8th, 2020. The preliminary plans for Saturday night are to go to Chris “Moon” Dreifurst’s place east of Columbus for dinner and drinks. The “planning committee” is open to any/all ideas for Friday night. We have been in contact with Alan (“Murph”) Haney to see when Columbus High is planning their reunion; it may work out that we do something jointly with CHS on Friday night. Please update your preferred e-mail and phone contact information by sending it to Mark Kurtenbach at: mark.kurtenbach@licor.com.



The Scotus newspaper staff, who won a Cornhusker Award from the Nebraska High School Press Association for the school newspaper, "Rock Bottom". This is the highest award for journalistic excellence in high school publications. (L to R) Liza Zaruba, Brea Lassek, Jaycee Ternus, Kate Smith & Chloe Odbert.

The Cornhusker Award is not a competition but an evaluation of the quality of the newspaper sponsored by the NHSPA (Nebraska High School Press Association). It is the top honor awarded, then superior, distinction, and merit. Newspapers, Yearbooks, and Broadcasts are submitted at the end of the school year to be judged and then they are awarded at the fall convention at UNL. Our yearbook received a superior rating. #GoRocks



In Sympathy

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

Evangeline Chlopek – survived by daughter, Paula (Jack) Young, Joanna '73, Mary Jo '79 Petersen, Theresa '81 (Richard) Varner; sons, Jerry (Geanne), James; sister, Lillian Stubbs; thirteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Michael “Mick” Clark – survived by his wife, Tami (Olk '77); mother, Marie Clark; sisters, Lanette (Don) Friesen, Monica Lindstrom; mother-in-law, Mary Olk; brother-in-law, Mike (Holly) Olk; and many nieces and nephews.

Larry Cusic – survived by his wife, Marcia (Shadle '72); daughters, Marie (Josh Brooks), Ellie (Keenan Taylor), Theresa; son, Philip; sister, Jane (Mickey) Heir; and brother, Kevin (Charlene).

Joseph Heimann '65 – survived by his wife, Kathleen “Kitty” (Schneider '66); daughters, Cynthia (Bill) Harms, Christine, Mary Beth (Mike) McGrath; son, Patrick; sisters, Janie (Jerry) Sander, Kathy '59 Moser, Judy '70 (John) Morris; and many nieces and nephews.

Gerald “Jerry” Heins – survived by his wife, Joyce (Jasper '68); daughters, Nicole (Michael) Jones, Natalie (Tyler) Gooch; sisters Jeanne (Randy) Malmgren, Dixie (Alan) Reyer, Cheri (Larry K) Nickolite, Joyce Ann (Thomas) Aarhus; brothers, Bob, Don (Laura), Ken, Randy; seven grandchildren; and many in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Irma Janicek – survived by sons, Richard '60 (Nancy) Romanek, Thomas '64 (Deb) Romanek, Ronald (Brenda) Romanek, Michael Romanek; stepdaughters, Janice Molczyk, Marlene (Ken) Ebel, Jonelle (Mick) Demuth, Joan (Gary) Blessing, Jacqueline (Roger) Thompson; ten grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; fifteen step grandchildren; forty-five step great-grandchildren and six step great-great-grandchildren.

Jerome “Jerry” Jilek – survived by his wife, Imogene, daughter, Catherine (Mark) Wittmann; sons, Mark, Matthew '86 (Malini), Michael '89 (Debra); twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Gaylord Kafka '58 – survived by his wife, Rita; daughters, Tara Leal, Tracy Carnes; son, Troy (Tammy); sister, Angela (Chuck) Ford; brothers, Rolyne (Mona), Kevin (Deanna); sisters-in-law, Karen (Adrian) Sabatka, Karla Baumert; seven grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Wilma Kampschneider – survived by daughters, Judy '66 Zimmerman, Karen (Kirby) Johnson, Debra Rosenbach; sons, Kevin, Gary (Jami); sister, Elsie Konsel; twenty-three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Virginia Lippstreu – survived by daughter, Kelli '79 (Mike '79) Cielocha; sons, Curt, Doug '76 (Diana), Tracy (Sally); sister, Janice Braasch; sister-in-law, Jean Alt; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Louise (Ernst '50) Nyffeler – survived by her husband, Roy; daughters, Barb (Tony) Romano, Brenda (Marc) Witter; sons, Bryan (Tracy), Brent (Mary); sister-in-law, Luella Ernst '51; brother-in-law, Wallace Nyffeler; ten grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Floyd “Ken” Olanyk – survived by his wife, Sherry Jo (Brandl '65); son Shawn (Jennifer); sisters, Nancy Pierce Mooney, Joyce Zraunig; brothers, Thomas, Eugene; and one granddaughter.

Stephen O'Neill – survived by his wife, Maralee (Green '79); sisters, Ann (John) Ducey, Karen (Farley) Bartley; sisters-in-law, Mary Ellen O'Neill, Emily '89 (Cory) Delp; brothers-in-law, Donald '77 (Val) Green, Terry '82 (Mary) Green; and many nieces and nephews.

James Pensick – survived by his daughters, Kim, Theresa; sons, James, Jason; sisters, Geraldine Muller '52, JoAnn Bailey '55, Margaret Gonka '58; seven grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Joan Sackett – survived by her husband, Bud; daughters, Sue '70 (Don) Gulzow, Karen Beck, Mary (Mark) Wangler, Nancy (Mike) Thiem, Cathy (Rey) Filipowicz; sons Pat '72 (Cindy), Jim (Mary), Mike (Jan), Tom (Chris Martinez); sisters, Joyce Schaefer '56 (Allen) Cooley, Sherry Schaefer '61 Howell; sister-in-law, Shirley Sackett; special person, Bev Kudron; twenty-nine grandchildren and thirty-one great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Paul Siemek '55 – survived by his wife, Nancy (Beck '57); daughter, Michelle (Merlin) Dawson; sons, Michael (Pam), Matthew (Heather); sister, Rosemary Korus '57; brother, Jerry; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Art “Archie” Sutko – survived by his wife, Edna; daughter, Regina '86 (John DeBord); sons, Frank Torczon III '69, Tim '73, Joe '81; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Marcella Thiele – survived by daughters, Dianne '66 (Chuck) Dallman, Deb '77 (Dave) Escher; sons, Dennis '66, DeWayne '68, Daryl '70 (Shirley), Wesley '73 (Pearl), Jim (Peggy), Jeff (Shirin); eighteen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Jeffrey Van Lent '82 – survived by his wife, Deb; daughters, Emily (Michael) Vu, Sophia Van Lent (Brody Murphy); son Samuel (Danielle Kennedy); mother, Marlene; sister, Diane '76 (Gregory) Bedenkop; brothers, William “Bill” '78 (Teri Bernt '79), James '80 (Eva); aunt, Eileen Van Lent; one grandchild and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Scott Wemhoff – survived by his father, Carrol '58; sisters, Theresa '93 (Bob) Steckel, Lisa '95 Dohring, Rhea '97 (Kelly) Berglund, Amy '98 (Dan) Linder, Sandra '05; brothers, Wayne '95, Jeff '99 (Heather); and sixteen nieces and nephews.

Leon Williams – survived by his wife Cecilia; daughter, Ann '76 (Larry) Reynek; sons, Dennis '61 (Connie) Ritter, Tom '78 (Tami), Tim '82 (Kathy); sister, Cecelia Feehan; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Mark your calendars for the 39th annual Gala dinner/auction, set for Saturday, April 18, 2020. This year's theme is, "Under the Big Top" and you can expect to enjoy our Gala version of a 1920's vintage circus! Our 2020 Gala co-chairs are: Dan & Jill (Hoebing '84) Clarey, Mike & Nicole Fleming and Joe & Shelly Steffensmeier. And our 2020 vice-chairs are: Tim & LeAnn Parker, Bobby & Rachel Pensick and Joe & Amy Wemhoff.

The Gala will once again feature mobile bidding—allowing guests and even those unable to attend the event to bid on silent auction items by using their cell phones. The link to bid on the items is: [Qtego.net/qmlink/scotuscc](https://qtego.net/qmlink/scotuscc) and we should have all of the Gala 2020 items on the bidding site by April 1st. Here is a list of some of the oral auction items we plan to offer this year: Maroon 5 Concert tickets for 4, Chicago Cubs Dream Day Package for 4, fishing trip to Lake McConaughy, Lion King tickets and dinner at the Flat Iron for four, Disney Cruise, Trip to Nashville, ESPY Awards package, Dismal River Golf, 2020 Olympic Swim Trials in Omaha and the 2020 NCAA Volley Final Four in Omaha and much more!

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.



Special Gala Fundraiser

Each year we ask our Gala supporters to consider funding a special capital improvement for the school. Last year we raised more than \$30,000 plus a new enclosed trailer for a mobile STEAM Lab to serve our Catholic elementary schools. This year we hope to raise funds to support the Scotus Campus Ministry program.