



**SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**

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***A Publication To Keep You Informed
Of the Many Good Things
Happening At Saint Mary's***

A Message From Our Principal, Mrs. Suzanne Fessler

Dear Saint Mary's Families,

The Class of 2011, 162 strong, has completed their course of study at Saint Mary's Catholic High School. Two wonderful evenings of prayer and celebration took place on May 24 – Baccalaureate Mass, and May 25 – Commencement, as the graduates were honored and diplomas bestowed. The ultimate goal was achieved! Congratulations graduates, moms, dads, guardians, mentors, and all – for your prayers, support and encouragement for these young men and women.

Our graduates continue to earn acceptance to quality universities throughout the country. Given the cost of higher education and the attractive academic programs and financial incentives offered by Arizona's universities, many of our graduates opt to remain closer to home.



Two of our graduates, Nathaniel Glenn (far right) and Estevan Wetzel (far left), have been accepted as Seminarians from the Diocese of Phoenix and will be entering the seminary at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, which has prepared priests to serve the Church for more than 100 years. A seminary is a place to go to find out if God is truly calling someone to priesthood, a place of discernment and formation. Please keep these young men in your prayers as they seek to discover whether the priesthood is the vocation God has sketched into their future. Both bring great talent and skill to the task ahead of them. Among their many accomplishments, Nathaniel was a National Merit Finalist and Estevan

served as Student Body President.

One of our graduates, Bryan Bennett, was named as a Gates Millennium Scholar, one of the most prestigious and valuable scholarships offered to high school graduates across the country. The Gates Millennium Scholars program was established in 1999 with a \$1 billion dollar grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Tens of thousands of students apply each year and only 1,000 are awarded the scholarship. This year thirty-nine students from Arizona were selected. Bryan received a good-through-graduation scholarship to use at any college or university of his choice; he chose Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska where he will begin his journey to become a dentist.



The accomplishments of these three graduates illustrate some of the great things happening on our campus. The stories of success this past school year are many and varied. We remember always, however, and affirm at the Baccalaureate Mass, . . .

"All Honor and Glory Is Yours, Eternal Father"



Introducing Our Newest Alumni -- the Class of 2011



Some Notable Senior Honors Awards – 2010-2011



Lady and Knight of the Year
Aracely Romero, Mrs. Fessler, Kevin Stanley



General Excellence
Estevan Wetzel and Danage-Norwood Pearson



From left, Mrs. Fessler, Salutatorian Brigid Rocha, and
Valedictorians Aracely Romero and Brady Laughlin



General Merit
Gilbert Arvizu and Alexandra Silva

The Knight Family Supports A Battling Teacher In Spirit and Action

In October, our community acknowledged that month as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. A short time later our community was made all too keenly aware of the impact of breast cancer as one of our teachers, Katrina Kaczmarek, began her fight against the disease. The desire to be supportive and helpful was natural and widespread. What could we do? Student Council organized a “Pink Day” to show solidarity with Mrs. Kaczmarek, a well-liked science teacher. Students were urged to wear pink and more than 500 pink bracelets were made available by a donor. Several of the pictures from that day were sent to Mrs. Kaczmarek. Her reply:

I only heard about the pink day a few days ago when Dr. Rockwell sent me a card. WOW!!!! So amazing and sweet!!! I am overwhelmed at our students and how loving caring and sweet they are. I loved them when I was teaching, but now that I am sick, they have made me cry at least five times!!!! THANK YOU so much for sending the pictures. I love them! Thank you also for wearing the bracelet.

As shown below, Mrs. Kaczmarek joined her students at the Commencement Exercises and took her rightful place as a line leader amidst the girls she loves and who love and admire her spirit and courage.



Please keep Mrs. Kaczmarek and her family in your prayers, as well as all those battling this disease.

Honor Band Conquers New York City



Band director Carol Mellis gave life to an idea: that a group of her band students would travel to New York City for a music-oriented and old fashioned sightseeing visit to the Big Apple. A year-long series of fundraising events provided the financial backbone for the trip and, in early April, fourteen members of the Saint Mary's Honor Band and five chaperones boarded a flight to begin their New York experience. Staying at the Sheraton Hotel in Times Square was the perfect place to be because there were many destinations within walking distance of only a few minutes.

Two music-related events highlighted the trip. The group attended a music workshop presented by NYC performers and composers; the Saint Mary's flute students played their Bach Motet beautifully at the workshop. Separately, the group toured the internationally renowned Juilliard School of Music and attended a Juilliard jazz trumpet recital that was truly outstanding.

The visual arts were also featured. The group's visit to the prestigious Museum of Modern Art was a fantastic opportunity to see famous works of art. Appropriately, the Museum was featuring a special exhibit of Picasso's guitar sculptures and paintings,

The band squeezed in lots of sightseeing and managed to visit many of the landmarks that are so closely identified with New York City, including the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island, Central Park, Rockefeller Plaza, Times Square, and St. Patrick's Cathedral, to name just a few. Of course, the group successfully rode the subway and ate some tasty food. The students were extremely well behaved and everyone had a fantastic experience.

Thanks to the many people who supported the Honor Band's fund raising efforts throughout this school year!! The donors can be sure they helped make an experience of a lifetime for these band students.

Upcoming Smiles for Christmas: A Tenth Anniversary Of Love and Caring

This year marks the Tenth Anniversary of Smiles for Christmas, the largest student-led charity event in the Southwest. The event was founded by a Saint Mary's alum, Tom Medrano, who has been involved since its inception. During the event, underprivileged and underserved children elementary schools, including Children's First Academy for homeless children, are paired with a high school "buddy" from Saint Mary's and other participating high schools. Children will enjoy a visit with Santa and a fun-filled day with games, face-painting, bounce houses, freeze-dance, crafts, and a lunch provided by the Saint Mary's community. Each child will leave with a sweatshirt bearing the high school logo of their buddy. Last year each child also left with an age-appropriate, new book.

Saint Mary's is seeking volunteers and donations for food and supplies. Each year corporate donors and generous members of the Saint Mary's community help make this wonderful event possible. If you are able to contribute time or money, please contact Dr. Susan Rockwell (602) 251-2572 or srockwell@smknights.org



Many Thanks To Prom Sponsors

Prom was a huge success this year, in part due to the generous donations of alumni and friends of Saint Mary's. Through funds donated, 15 couples were able to attend prom who would have otherwise not been able to participate. Several donors noted how important prom was to them and one donor reflected on how finances prevented him from attending his own prom. We would like to acknowledge the following people who helped make the prom dream a reality for our students: Dick and Mary Roney, Knoodle Advertising Agency, James and Ruth Arbagey, Herb and Betty Bool, Roni and Jim Scholz, Richard Condon, Anonymous, Class of '47.

If you would like to sponsor a student or couple for prom, 2012, please contact Angie Bayless at (602) 251-2506 or abayless@smknights.org



The “Sponsor A Student” Program – New Name for a Great Program

Editor’s Note: Former called the POSSE Program, we were required to discontinue the “POSSE” name due top a conflict with an East Coast organization with a claim of a proprietary rights to the name.

Started in 1995, the POSSE program recognized that some students need special help to make the Saint Mary’s experience a reality and to continue the all-inclusive nature of our community. Pictured are four of these students, each elected by schoolmates to a presidential position within student government for the upcoming year. From left: Bridget Whitman, Student Body President, Miranda Flores, Junior Class President, Juan Acosta, Senior Class President, and Emily Rose McShane, Sophomore Class President.



A Sponsor helps provide financial assistance to a student for a three or four-year period and has the opportunity to provide encouragement and inspiration throughout the year. Recipients are selected as a part of the school’s overall financial aid program. A Sponsor can choose from among a number of different annual gift levels, ranging from \$500 to full tuition amounts; several Sponsors help multiple students. Please help if you can. If interested, please contact Angie Bayless at 602-251-2506 or via email at abayless@smknights.org

Many Thanks to Our Sponsors for 2010/2011:

Tom Bambury (Turnbow Foundation) □; Allison and Robert Bertrand (15th year of participation!) □; Herb and Betty Bool (15th year of participation!) □; Ben Butler (may he rest in peace); □ Tom Boyle (over 10 years in the program) □; Joe and Nancy Contadino; □ Sean Cunningham (over 10 years of participation in the program); □ Greg Dudo; □ Gary Davidson (over 10 years of participation in the program); □ Lori Futch; □ Margaret Gabaldon; □ Philip Kamesch; □ Robert Mayhall (over 10 years of participation in the program); □ Jim and Jean Meenaghan (15th year of participation and founders of the □ program); □ Bill Reilly (over 10 years of participation in the program) □; Sonny Rodriguez (through Arizona Community Foundation scholarship); □ James and Margaret Savage □; Dr. and Mrs. Jay Standerfer

**We have many students needing additional help to remain a part of our community.
Please consider joining the Sponsor A Student program.**

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 12, 2011
3rd Annual Saint Mary’s Open
Golf Tournament
ASU Karsten Golf Club
8:00 am Shot Gun Start



The Annual Saint Mary’s Open Golf Classic is an enjoyable way to support the school and affords golfers the chance to play a round at one of the premier college golf courses in the United States.

Pull together a foursome (or more). Invite friends or business contacts to join you. Your invitation will be well received.

To reserve a place in this year’s Open Golf Classic, or inquire about sponsorships, contact Aaron Muth at 602-251-2507 or via email at amuth@smknights.org
For online info and registration:
<http://www.smknights.org/development-golf.html>

Last Year Was Tons of Fun



Andre Ethier, Nick Evans, Brian Matusz



Junior Shilpa Tummala
All-Arizona selection

Lady Knights Rejoice As 5A-1 Girls Basketball State Champions

Although it is certainly true that championships are won on the court, it is equally true that countless hours of off-court practice and preparation make the difference in the final outcome. This group of girls, twice denied the right to cut down the nets, put in the long hours of dedicated effort required of a champion. Along the way they were encouraged, pressed, and comforted by each other. And they remained teachable throughout this process, eager to learn and willing to listen to a respected group of coaches led by Curtis Ekmark. Junior Shilpa Tummala was named to the Republic's All-Arizona first team with honorable mention awards to Cortnee Walton, Danielle Williams, and Courtney Ekmark.

In a basketball world where individual performance is glorified and teammates compete for attention, the Lady Knights epitomized team effort and togetherness. One night the spark came from the forwards, on another night it came from the guards, and on many nights every player on the court simply did her job efficiently for the shared joy of another win for Saint Mary's. As these girls embraced the trophy, an entire school community was uplifted and rang out their respect for a job well done. Once again the rafters rang: "We may not be the biggest but we have the firm conviction we can be the best."

Dallas Escobedo ('10) Dazzles College Softball World

Dallas Escobedo concluded her freshman campaign at Arizona State with a record of 37-3 in the circle, including a 10-0 post season that led the Sun Devils to an NCAA Division I Softball National Championship. The former Lady Knight was named the Co-Most Outstanding Player for pitching Arizona State to the title. She pitched every inning of the WCWS for the Sun Devils, becoming the first freshman pitcher to win the Championship Game since 1990.

Saint Mary's Names Todd Williamson As Head Football Coach

Saint Mary's Catholic High School has appointed Todd Williamson to the position of Head Football Coach. Williamson, 35, becomes the 15th head coach in Saint Mary's history and the first African American to lead the program. Principal Suzanne Fessler announced the appointment, saying:



"Todd Williamson is exactly the right person to lead our football program at this time," said Suzanne Fessler. "Todd has the experience, intellect, coaching skills and organizational abilities to be a remarkable head coach. He understands and embraces the combination of teaching the importance of excelling in the classroom as well as excelling on the athletic field -- a Saint Mary's Catholic High School long-time tradition. "

Athletic Director Rose Vargas joined in the announcement: "Todd Williamson has been a large part of the Central football program's triumphs over the past six years, and he has all of the experience and qualities we were looking for in a head coach at Saint Mary's and our commitment to excellence. I am excited about the prospects for Saint Mary's football under his leadership."

Williamson graduated from the University of Maine in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education while earning his master's degree from Grand Canyon University in 2007. A native of Hackensack, NJ, Todd and his wife, Melissa Hixon Williamson are the parents of three children, Jaden, Lexis and Denzel.

Keeping in Touch With Saint Mary's

It surely is the digital age and social networking is the latest in town hall meetings. If you want to keep up on Saint Mary's events and have some fun, check out the SM Facebook site <http://www.facebook.com/SaintMarysKnights>

We keep the picture gallery full of images of both current and past Knight activities. Look for updates on reunions and announcements of events. So drop by and say hello. Contact Aaron Muth for info at amuth@smknights.org

Saint Mary's Catholic High School and the St. Vincent de Paul Society

A winning combination for service From Jack Ahern ('68), SVdP Conference President

In 1967, Fr. Lester Mitchell, took our Key Club to the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room as a service project. We served lunch to hundreds of homeless people. I had never done anything like that before. Little did I know, a seed was planted. In 1980, after my family and work was established, I decided it was time to give back to my community. I never forgot that dining room experience of '67, so I decided to join St. Vincent de Paul and serve the needy.

For the last 30 years, through St. Vincent de Paul, I have been fortunate enough to serve the poor at the parish, state and national level. So, after a class reunion when my classmates were discussing different things that we could do together to keep in touch, I suggested that we serve as a class at the SVdP Dining Room. My classmates jumped on the idea.

The class of 1968 now comes together twice a year, President's Day and Columbus Day, to serve the poor. This gives us the opportunity to give of ourselves and to socialize. We have a wonderful time together and look forward to the next opportunity.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society was established in 1833 in Paris, France. A young college professor, Frederic Ozanam and a group of students were challenged in a debate to do something more about Charity than just talk about it. So they did. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is now in 142 countries with over 300,000 members. In Phoenix, it was established in 1946 in the rectory of St. Mary's Church. One of its founders was Matt Scott, the patriarch of the longtime Saint Mary's family. The Phoenix SVdP Council is now the largest in the United States.

Now a new seed is planted. We are never too old to cultivate it. If you and your classmates would like to do it, please contact me and I will give you more information of how you can serve at one of the SVdP Dining Rooms. I am at 602-269-0009 and jma@magnalite-usa.com.



Development Office Praises the Saint Mary's Community, Past and Present

A Report From Angie Bayless and Aaron Muth



Our first year as the development team has been a whirlwind of activity and excitement! We have enjoyed getting to know so many students, alumni and parents who have such a strong passion and dedication to Saint Mary's. [We even had the opportunity to celebrate a state championship courtesy of Coach Ekmark and his Lady Knights!] We have been moved and inspired by the generosity of the Saint Mary's community over the past year. While the economy is still struggling, Knights and Lady Knights still find a way to keep supporting their alma mater. With so many special events, activities and fundraisers going on throughout the year, there is definitely a place for you to give back, whether through time, connections or financial support.

Perhaps what inspires us most here at Saint Mary's is the countless "stories" of the amazing people who make up this community. While working on the Hall of Fame, we were introduced to people who attribute their lifelong success to the experiences and people they encountered through Saint Mary's. Greeting reunion groups taught us that different generations enjoyed the same uplifting and empowering growth of spirit that we have come to know as "the Saint Mary's experience." One alum, after reading a past version of the Knightline, drove over 50 miles to hand deliver a check to help sponsor a student to attend prom. This alum, who prefers to remain anonymous, graduated from the boys school in 1947. Only one of the two twin brothers was able to afford prom. Our generous donor did not get to go to prom, but over 50 years later, helped make that experience possible for a fellow Knight.

From sending in whatever you can afford to help sponsor a student's tuition, donating to the annual fund, sponsoring or attending events like the Saint Mary's Golf Open or Hall of Fame, or maybe even pitching in to help with student activities like Smiles for Christmas or Prom, there is definitely an opportunity to keep you engaged and part of the extended Saint Mary's family.

We have connected with hundreds of alumni through Facebook, and invite you to check out our fan page at facebook.com/SaintMarysKnights. Did you know that Saint Mary's has the most popular and visited Facebook page of any high school in Arizona? We are working to improve the website next and invite you to check in there, as well, for the latest news and information about Saint Mary's.

We welcome your phone calls and emails and invite you to stop by any time for a tour to see the latest at Saint Mary's. We hope you will reach out to us with your ideas and creative ways strengthen development efforts at Saint Mary's as the school marches on towards her centennial in 2017!

Saint Mary's Hall of Fame Honors Three New Members



On Saturday, April 2, 2011 Saint Mary's welcomed three new members to the prestigious Saint Mary's Hall of Fame. The Saint Mary's Hall of Fame honors those outstanding alumni, faculty, staff and community members who through their contributions to the arts, business, education, government, humanities, community service, philanthropy and science, have brought distinction to themselves, Saint Mary's Catholic High School, and the communities where they work and live.

During a dinner auction event at the Arizona Biltmore, over 250 alumni, friends of Saint Mary's and family of the awardees gathered to celebrate the accomplishments, philanthropy and service of Sean Cunningham, '76, Frank Fairbanks, '64 and Joe "Sonny" Rodriguez, '71 (pictured from left to right). Hosted by the Saint Mary's Scholarship and Benefit Fund, this year's event raised over

\$45,000 for tuition assistance scholarships at Saint Mary's. Event Chair Sonja Mazon Rubalcava, '74, Vice President of the Scholarship and Benefit Fund, remarked, "Each of you, who give your time or financial support, or in many cases, both, keep the Saint Mary's experience alive and make it possible for so many deserving students."

Sean Cunningham ('76)

Sean Cunningham joined CB Richard Ellis, a commercial real estate firm, in 1980 and has risen to the title of Vice Chairman. Sean Cunningham is a generous supporter of Catholic education, where he has contributed over \$250,000 to Saint Mary's Catholic High School over the years through capital campaign contributions, annual fund contributions and as an annual sponsor through the POSSE "Sponsor a Student" tuition assistance program. He also has made significant contributions to other various Catholic schools and charities. Sean Graduated from Saint Mary's in 1971, where he played football and baseball. He received in Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Northern Arizona University.

Saint Mary's provided Sean the foundational support to always believe that doing your best is something you do every day. He believes that reading the small sign posted in the Horace Pierre training room at SM made a huge impression in his mind "We may not be the biggest, but we have a firm belief that we can be the best." That commitment to doing his best every day is how Sean approaches his professional and family life. Sean is married to Marla and has three children, Cassidy, Courtney and Mike. Pictured at right, Sean, his son Mike, and father Jim Cunningham ('54).



Frank Fairbanks ('64)

After serving 37 years as a public administrator for the City of Phoenix, Frank Fairbanks retired in 2009. Frank joined the City of Phoenix in 1972, and was named City Manager in 1990. During his 19-year tenure as City Manager, Phoenix grew from less than one million to the fifth-largest city in the country. While City Manager, Frank earned several awards for his leadership, including being named the nation's top municipal leader and Phoenix ranked as the best-run city in the United States. Valley Leadership named him Man of the Year in 2010.

After graduating from Saint Mary's in 1964, Frank earned a Bachelor Degree from Loyola University of Los Angeles and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from UCLA. He then served two years in the Peace Corps in Costa Rica.

Frank has the distinction of working with more Saint Mary's graduates than any other person in his role as Phoenix City Manager, including Saint Mary's graduates who served as Police Officers, Fire Fighters and other Public Servants.

The Fairbanks are a legacy family at Saint Mary's, with three generations of graduates, including Frank's father and all five of his children who also attended Saint Mary's. Frank Fairbanks has been married to his wife Ruth for 41 years, and is the proud father of five grown children and 12 grandchildren. Mr. Fairbanks is pictured with fellow Hall of Famer Dennis Garrett ('58), former Chief of Police for the City of



Phoenix.

Sonny Rodriguez ('71)

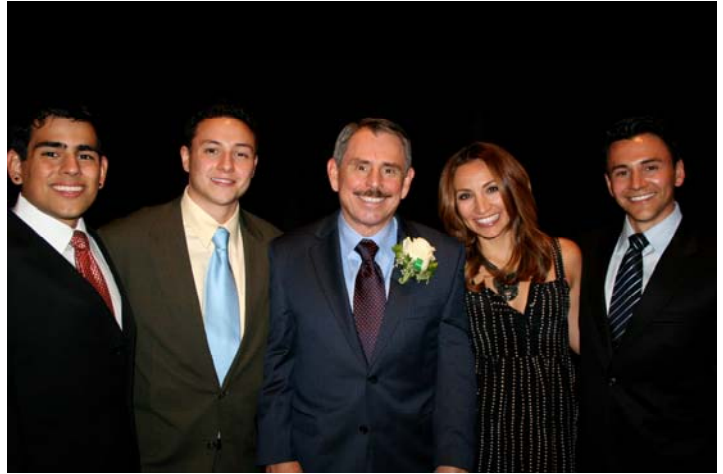
Sonny Rodriguez was born and raised in Glendale, AZ. He currently serves as the President and CEO of The Growers Company, Inc. headquartered in Yuma, Arizona. Sonny's father, Joe L. Rodriguez, founded the company in 1950 to provide agricultural labor services to farmers in the Glendale area. Sixty years later, the company now plays an integral role in the distribution of our nation's produce from the southwest area all over the United States.

Sonny spent much of his childhood immersed in the culture and dreams of the people of his father's company. Today is he a leading advocate of farm worker labor issues facing the agriculture industry.

One of Sonny's most notable accomplishments is his role in the establishment of Yuma Catholic High School where he is a founding board member and the largest fundraiser. He also is an active participant on the Yuma Catholic's coaching staff. Sonny has also set up a fund at the Arizona Community Foundation, which funds scholarships at Saint Mary's annually.

Throughout much of his life, Sonny has attributed his success to the lessons learned while playing high school football at Saint Mary's under his favorite coach and mentor, Ed Doherty.

Sonny graduated from Saint Mary's in 1971. He played football and baseball all four years and served as Student Body President. After Saint Mary's, Sonny attended ASU and earned a degree in Business Administration. With many distinctions and honors, he still cites his family as his proudest achievement. He and his wife Cynthia have four grown children. Pictured above, Sonny and his children.



Suzanne Fessler Featured In Arizona Business Journal "Who's Who In Business"

We reprint a recent article in the Arizona Business Journal featuring our Principal, Suzanne Fessler.

By Ryan Randazzo

Few people can question Suzanne Fessler's commitment to her students at St. Mary's Catholic High School in Phoenix.

About 18 years ago, after she'd already been with the school for several years, one of the female students asked about starting a golf program. Fessler had never played or even watched the game. But Fessler and another staffer soon were taking lessons, learning the game, negotiating with golf courses to allow the students to practice, and forming a team. Ten years later, she was named the state's coach of the year for golf.

Now serving as principal after 27 years with the school, Fessler no longer coaches but says that her commitment to **improving** student life remains strong.

"I believe that to serve others is my calling, and I strive to live and model that every day," she says. "I enjoy **meeting** the students whom I taught mathematics and science to several years ago, now bringing their own children to St. Mary's to continue the family tradition. I enjoy encouraging the students to try harder when they are faced with academic, social and athletic obstacles."

As Arizona prepares to celebrate its 100th anniversary as a state, St. Mary's is planning its own celebration, as it will turn 100 in six years.

Fessler started her career at St. Mary's in 1984, when the school was at Third and Polk streets in downtown Phoenix, before it moved to its current location on Third Street south of Thomas Road. Fessler says she long wanted to work in a private school. She was born in Detroit to parents who were bankers, and she attended a Catholic school through eighth grade. "There was never any doubt in my mind that I would be a teacher in a Catholic school," she says.

She moved to Phoenix during high school, graduating from Arcadia High School in 1972. She earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees at Arizona State University. During her final semester at ASU, she requested to conduct her student teaching at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Tempe. She also worked at Most Holy Trinity Catholic School and St. Theresa Catholic School before moving to St. Mary's. Serving as principal was never in her plans, but she has appreciated the job. "I believe I was called to step into the leadership position ... and accepted the challenge," she says. "It is extremely challenging to be the spiritual, academic, social and athletic **leader** of the school -- but it is a good and rewarding challenge."

Fessler says that the firm religious foundation at the school remains an important aspect of helping students succeed. "With a firm foundation in place, we look for new ways to affirm students, challenge them, open up new opportunities for them and watch them excel," she says.



Class of 1961 Gala Golden Fiftieth Reunion – November 11-13, 2011



Planning Committee from left to right Front row: Jim Ehmann, Hazel Linsenmeyer, Jim Sanford, Gary Wolf Back row: Any Laubmeier, Frank Talak, Ken Nelson, Jim Ponto, Pat Hanish

Friday, November 11

Friday events begin at 9 am with a tour of Saint Mary's.

The festivities then move to the Turf Paradise race track where, from 11:30am to 4:00pm, the group will enjoy a "Knight at the Races" with handicappers Holmes, Ponte, Sanford and Wolf to assist you. You don't need to bet to enjoy the fun. Approximate cost \$7 per person

The evening hours are filled with a Bar-B-Que buffet dinner at Rideau's Town Talk II, 3509 N 19th Avenue. Happy Hour will run from 5:00 to 6:00 pm, with Dinner at 6:00 pm. Approximate cost \$10 per person

Saturday, November 12

Saturday begins at 7:00am for those interested in entering a Golf Tournament at Cave Creek Golf Course. Approximate cost \$60.00 per person

Saturday night welcomes the MAIN EVENT at Embassy Suites Ballroom. No host cocktails from 5 to 6:30pm, followed by dinner, dancing, visiting and sharing. Cost is \$65.00 per person. Door prizes and special awards to be given

Sunday, November 13

Brunch at Embassy Suites 6:30 to 10 am

Mass at St. Mary's Basilica 11:00 am followed by final get together in basement of Church

Help Us With Contact Info

Please contact Andy Laubmeier if you have not received an Invitation. Email: aflaubmeier@aol.com

We are still looking for the following classmates: Please contact the email above if you can help: Jaime Alvarez (thought to be in Mexico), Connie Arvizu, Judy Curtis, Bruce Esker, Mary Figueroa, Susan Hanley, Jacquelynne Laster, Judy MacDonnell (thought to be in Washington State), Sharon McGuire, Magdalena Olivas, Hector Parada (thought to be in Mexico), Joy Schuble (thought to be in Europe), Mary Ellen Smith, Henry Suprenski (thought to be in New York), Darlene Te Vruucht, Vickie Williams Encinas.

We would also like address clarification for Fred Mosley, Bill Mattingly, Vern Shipton, and Penny Flood Heep.

Class of 1966 Planning 45th Reunion -- October 29, 2011

Mass at the Basilica: 5:00 pm (Reserved seats in front)
Festivities at Kathy and Roger Spade's Home: 6:30 pm
4429 East Osborn Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85018

Cost: \$20 per person, check payable to Bob Johnson, 2082 E. Laguna, Tempe, AZ 85282 (480-838-2280)

Due by September 15

Includes buffet dinner, soft drinks, and CD of biographies and group pictures. BYOB. If you have a new email, please send it

to Kathy and Roger at rsks6@cox.net

We have lost touch with quite a few of our classmates. If you know of someone that has not been to our reunions recently, please let them know about this reunion. Questions: Mikie (Karlson) Tanberg -- 480-545-5575

Class of 1971 Is Turning 40 October 7-8, 2011

Friday, October 7

Join fellow golfers for a tournament. Contact Jim Kirn if interested at (480) 759-5242 or (602) 809-9480 or via e-mail jbk226@aol.com for more details.

At 6:30 pm a get together at Encanto Park for Jeff Stang Ugly Hawaiian Shirt Contest, food provided, BYOB

Saturday, October 8

A fun evening of cocktails, dinner, dancing, entertainment and visiting with your classmates.

Doubletree Inn

320 N. 44th Street, Phoenix AZ 85008 - Phone (602) 225-0500
Sleeping Room Rate \$109 (mention our reunion)

Saturday Evening Agenda:

6:30-7:30 pm – Cocktail Hour on the Patio (Cash Bar)

7:30-8:30 pm - Dinner Buffet – Cost \$40.00

Dancing after dinner and continue enjoying the company of your classmates

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated in helping locate "missing" alumni. We have many missing classmates. If you have contact information for any of the Class of 1971, please send it to Flora at fmondr99@yahoo.com or call (602) 908-6544.

Class of 1991 Gathers For the 20th Reunion October 21-23, 2011

Friday, October 21 @ 5:30 p.m. - Homecoming game - Join us in tailgating before the game. □ □

Saturday, October 22 @ 7:00 p.m. - Reunion - Hotel San Carlos, 202 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix □ □

Sunday, October 23 @ 11:00 a.m. - Family Picnic at Margaret T. Hance Park, 67 W. Culver Street, Phoenix. □ Invitations to go out soon. Please send your contact information to knights1991@yahoo.com to be included! □

No News On Classes of 1981 and 2001

News Notes: In May, Angela Sulfaro ('99) graduated with a Master of Arts in Anthropology from Washington State University, and is continuing on in the PhD program. "Obviously, I couldn't have done this without my experiences in education at St. Mary's. Thanks!"

Remembrance Gifts

Our alumni often remember Saint Mary's by asking that remembrance gifts be made to Saint Mary's. Below are two alumni making such a request. Generous donors have added thousands of dollars to our financial aid and other programs in this fashion. We invite others to remember Saint Mary's in this fashion and thank all who remember us.

Remembrances



Benjamin "Ben" Butler ('50), age 78, a native Phoenician, passed away on Tuesday February 8, 2011 surrounded by his loving family. Ben graduated from Saint Mary's High School and ASU, majoring in business. He was the owner of Butler Brothers and Associates for years prior to merging with Farmer Butler Leavitt Insurance Company. Ben's involvement in our community included

serving on the Council for SRP, Phoenix Thunderbirds, 100 Club of Arizona, St. Mary's High School Posse Program and memberships in the Italian American Club and the Valley Field Riding and Polo Club. He was a sports man who enjoyed body surfing, softball, racquet and handball, and he was an avid Sun Devil fan. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Earlene, 5 children - Lynn Butler, Ted Butler, Amy and Dave Prechel, Lisa Butler, Molly and Kevin Lewis - and 8 grandchildren, as well as sister Sharon and brother Brien.

George Cocreham, born on Christmas Day 1926, went to be with the Lord on April 6, 2011. From his obituary: "His fondest memories were of time spent at St. Mary's, where he made friendships that lasted the rest of his life." George attended Saint Mary's until the day he turned 17 when he volunteered to join the Navy. George saw action on a mine sweeper in the Pacific campaigns of 1944 and 1945, including Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He was among the first to set foot on Japanese soil after VJ day as his ship helped clear Japanese waters for the US occupation fleet. In 1998, Saint Mary's awarded George and other veterans honorary diplomas to make up for graduation denied by the demands of war.



George joined the Phoenix Fire Department in 1947 and made a career of it, retiring in 1974 as a captain after 26 years of service. The Phoenix FD was always one of his greatest devotions and he remained active with department friends and retirees. An entrepreneur at heart, and self-taught cook, George owned many restaurants in Phoenix, including the Golden Pheasant, Taco Bust, Mexican Shamrock, El Jay Ray, and George's Ole, now the site of Aunt Chilada's in Dreamy Draw.

George tried to model his life after the Prayer of St. Francis and was a daily communicant after retiring until age deprived him of his ability to drive. George is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Maxine, and his children Bruce, Kathy, Karen, Brian, Brett, and Brad.

Monica Paul ('95) passed away at age 34 on April 9, 2011. A graduate of ASU, she enjoyed her work in the behavioral health field.



Fr. Peacocks Friday blessing to our football players

Father Francis Peacock died Friday, July 15, 2011 at the rectory of St. Simon and Jude Cathedral, Phoenix, AZ. Fr. Peacock was born November 7, 1924 in Santa Barbara California. He was 86 years old. He entered the Franciscan novitiate in 1943. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Tucson in 1953. Fr. Peacock served as assistant pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Phoenix after his ordination until 1956. He then served at several parishes until 1969 when he was appointed to serve at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Phoenix and he did so faithfully until his death. Knights and Lady Knights were special to Father Peacock who said Mass in the chapel on many mornings and was an ever-present figure on our sidelines during every football game. He wore his letterman's jacket with pride. Fr. Peacock is survived by his sisters Brigid Clawson and Mary Hanke, and brother John Peacock.

Frank Echenique ('48) born April 12, 1930, passed away on May 1, 2011 after a brief battle with cancer. Frank served in the US Air Force during the Korean War, after which he attended the University of Arizona where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He was proud of his Basque heritage. He traveled to Spain over the years visiting family and exploring the Basque country. He loved to hike and experience the outdoors.

Gloria Delgado Zazueta ('57) lost her courageous five-year battle with ovarian cancer on March 2, 2011. Gloria loved her family and friends, but was also passionate about dancing, listening to her golden oldies, playing bingo, and hitting the casinos. She had worked for many years as assistant manager at Los Olivos Mexican Patio in Scottsdale. Eight of her '57 classmates attended her Visitation, where she was wearing her graduation ring and lying next to her SM Band letter sweater.

William Cavanaugh "Bill" Mason ('68), passed away at age 61 on June 12, 2011. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Claudia, son, William, daughters Joanne, Erin, and Katy, sister Sharon Likos and brother, Gary, and two grandsons, Jack and Max. A life long Phoenician, Bill worked as a benefits specialist in the insurance industry for over 35 years. His desire to help children with special needs led him to serve as a teacher at the Deveroux School and later at the Phoenix Center for Education. He was an avid sportsman (golf, tennis, fishing, body surfing) and had a special place in his heart for the harmonica.

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