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FRIENDSHIPS THAT LAST A LIFETIME

When I think back to my childhood, fond memories of neighborhood and school friends come to mind, but over the years most of those friendships have faded. When you do hear of long-lasting friendships, rarely do they involve as many as six people, who have kept in touch and actually meet regularly for any number of reasons. That's the case with six women, all who graduated from St. Joseph School in the early Sixties. Five of them, Sue Belopotosky, a nurse with The Health Plan, Barb Pollock, a retired library/media specialist with Canton Local Schools, Joyce Miller, a retired special education teacher with Canton Local, Mary Ann Haig, a nurse with Affinity Hospital, and Jane Lennon, a retired teacher, graduated together in 1961, while Joann Parker, a credentials assistant with Hometown Insurance and sister of Jane Lennon, graduated in 1963. What has kept them together? Any number of things, but one in particular is the bond they forged while at St. Joseph School.

What started out as a monthly card club over 39 years ago evolved into a lasting friendship in which these women shared their problems, accomplishments, kids' clothing, and counseled one another while "putting up with each other." Barb Pollock and Mary Ann Haig were actually married on the same day, June 21, 1969, at St. Joseph Church. Mary Ann Haig and Sue Belopotosky attended nursing school together. All but Joann (Lincoln) attended Central Catholic High School together.

Fond St. Joseph memories include roller skating parties in the church basement every Saturday, duck



and cover drills, 4th grade swimming lessons at the old CYC, getting out early every March 17 & 19 for Msgr. Kotheimer's ordination anniversary and St. Joseph's Day, and collecting money for mission babies in which after so much was collected, they could pick out a name for their baby. Maybe you also remember Sr. Angela's loud squeal that would cause all

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Pictured at left from left to right: Sue Schoonover Belopotosky, Barb Barnhart Pollock, Joyce Potter Miller, Mary Ann Janosik Haig, Jane Gibbs Lennon, and Joann Gibbs Parker

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Alumni,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and enjoying this beautiful time of year. It's such a treat to be in Ohio during the fall and very hard not to see God's touch in the world around us.

Enclosed in this newsletter is your yearly donation envelope for the St. Joseph School Fund Drive. We thought we'd save some money on postage by combining the newsletter with our fundraiser. I can't begin to tell you how thankful we are to have

so many alumni who have contributed yearly to this fund. This past year the alumni association gave the church \$3,000 to help with the school budget and another \$2,500 for scholarships. Our families are so thankful for the help with tuition in these hard economic times. In many cases, it's what allowed them to keep their children enrolled in Catholic Education and as we all remember, being products of St. Joseph School, we look back and realize the value.

This is the last newsletter that Phil Salasek will be doing for the alumni association. I am sorry to see Phil give it up, because I feel he has done a fabulous job and has produced a newsletter that is informative, attractive, and full of information. I appreciate his diligence and dedication to St. Joseph School over the last three years. We've really enjoyed the ride!

Sincerely,
Joellen Esber



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the kids to freeze and the stories of Sr. Charles about purgatory and the evils of wasting paper.
Looking back on the time I spent asking these women questions for this newsletter, I realize that this special bond will continue to last, because they all share common values and have a history. I also think the same can be said about the majority of us who, for however many years, roamed the halls at 126 Columbus Ave NW.



ALUMNI UPDATES



In Memoriam

Erik Cuenot '91 - passed away April 7, 2010, at the age of 32. Erik is survived by his wife, Mindy Laign Cuenot '93, and 12-yr. old daughter, Allyson. Mindy would like to thank all of those who donated to Allyson's education fund.

Patrick R. Grisez '55 - passed away August 2, 2010 after an extended illness. Pat was a member of St. Barbara's Parish in Massillon and active with his SJS class of '55 for which he built and managed a website which is still up today at: <http://pages.sssnet.com/PGRIZEZ/stjoes/menu.htm>. Pat is survived by his children, Philip, Pamela, Christine, and Patrick, and his siblings Jerry, Robert, Mary, and Suzanne (Heisler).



Fr. Bradford N. Helman II - passed away Oct. 16th from complications of Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS). Fr. Helman attended St. Joseph School and St. Joan of Arc grade schools and Central Catholic High School. He was ordained on Aug. 3, 1968, and taught at Cardinal Mooney High School in Youngstown in addition to the parishes he served and numerous diocesan positions he held, including Diocesan Vocations Director, Diocesan Worship Office, and Associate Chancellor. He was the pastor of Canton St. Michael the Archangel Parish until after his illness struck. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated by Bishop George Murry, S.J. on Oct. 20th at St. Michael's.

Clair Waucaush '76 sports his SJS Alumni sweatshirt while at work and around town in Boliver and Zoar, where he lives with his wife, Petra, and three children, Winsor, Emily, and Vivian. Clair can be reached at clairwaucaush@yahoo.com



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BENEFIT AUCTION

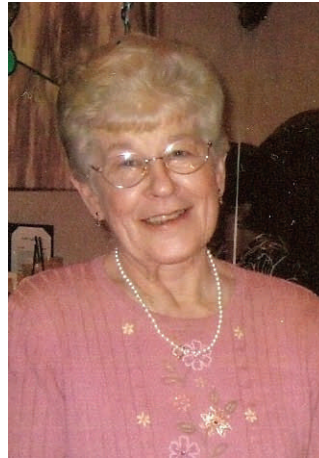


St. Joseph School will hold a benefit auction to raise funds for the school on Feb. 12, 2011. This event is still in the planning stages, so for more information, please call the school office at 330-454-9787.

Anyone owning a business willing to donate an item or service for the auction should also call the school.

Faculty Focus

Teaching while raising six children is surely no easy task, but Ann (Ungashick) Franzen did just that. Following the death of her first husband, she decided to get her teaching degree, and St. Joseph School was fortunate enough to have her for ten years following the completion of her degree in 1970.



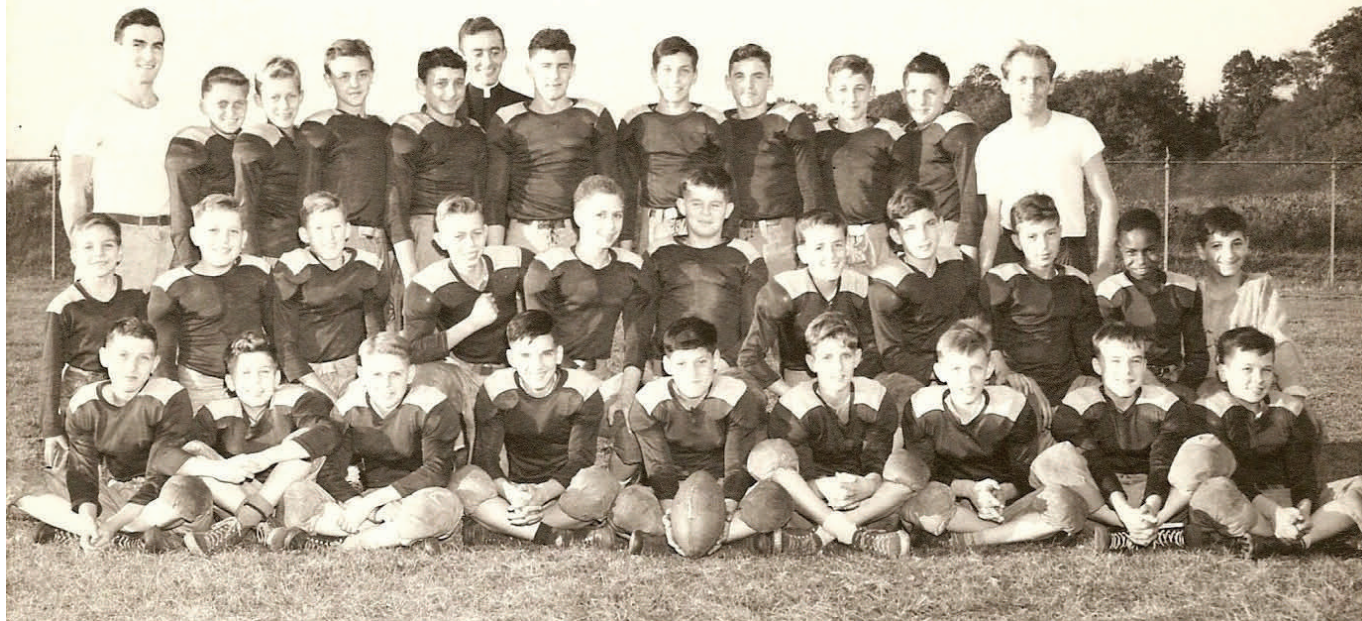
Mrs. Ungashick, as she's known to those who had her in fourth grade during her ten-year stay, is the mother of Fr. Tom Ungashick, who is pastor at St. Joseph in Maximo, John, who served 7 years in the Air Force and is now manager of Hall of Fame Lanes, Don, who retired from Timken's but is back working again, Ron, who works at Diebold, Jill, who works at Mercy Hospital, and Dave, who works at Babcock & Wilcox in Barberton. All attended St. Joseph School.

Mrs. (Ungashick) Franzen feels that "there is something special about a parochial school education" and thought one of the most satisfying parts during her tenure was how the parents were behind the teacher and how the kids cooperated because of it, even when class sizes reached into the forties. The children were especially helpful and loyal when others in their class struggled to achieve.

After her retirement in 1980, she traveled with her husband, Don Triner, prior to his passing, and then began working at the St. Joseph Credit Union, where she eventually became assistant manager.

These days she is enjoying retirement, but she continues to keep busy as a volunteer for Mercy Hospice, where she has helped out for 15 years at area nursing homes. She lives with her husband, Dave Franzen, a retired architect, in Jackson Township, but they still call St. Joseph Parish home. You can see some of Dave's work at St. Joseph Church where he designed both the main elevator and the elevator to the choir loft.

1949 St. Joseph School Football Team



A big "Thank You" goes out to Bob Ross, from Carlsbad, CA., for submitting this photo. The names listed below are not in any particular order. They were taken from those signatures that we could read that were listed on the photo's reverse.

Don Colaner, Fr. Welsch, Eddie Falkner, Junie Ferrall, Freddie Harold, Charles Heib, Charles Chrites, Jack Paris, Jim Gill, Jack Carroll, Larry Fraley, Bob Hambach, Don Dick, Al Mayforth, Joe Cullen, Bob Ross, Tony Volpe, Ronald Harber, Jim Dolan, Dick Meister, Thomas Colaner, George Lokie, Kenny Griggy, Alluren Marcere, Frank DeMario, Jerry Colaner, Bill Cullen, Thomas Chalfant

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