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BACK TO SCHOOL

Hackett chaplain **Father Tom McNally '05** prays over the football team before a game.

DEAR HACKETT COMMUNITY,

EVERY YEAR as spring turns to summer, another class of Hackett seniors leaves our halls and becomes alumni. This particular year we have been blessed to have two alumni return to Hackett and join our school leadership: Father Tom McNally '05, who has served as Hackett chaplain this school year, and Father John Fleckenstein '88, our new Canonical Administrator. While Father McNally ministers directly to students through weekly Masses, sacraments, and time in classrooms or extra-curricular activities, Father Fleckenstein works with the Hackett administrative team and myself to set Hackett's course for a strong future. You can read about both of them, and other alumni clergy serving in Catholic schools around our diocese, on page 4.

Speaking of graduates returning: we are excited to invite all Hackett, O'Brien, and St. Augustine alumni to join us for the inaugural Alumni Weekend October 3-5. These three days will include the Athletic Hall of Fame and Alumni Awards, golf outing, Homecoming football game and tailgate, an alumni Mass, and the opportunity for class reunions. Mark your calendar – we hope to see you there!

We are grateful for all the alumni and families, near and far, who form our strong Hackett community. Thank you to all who support us financially, who volunteer your time, who speak well of our school to potential future students, and who keep Hackett's students and faculty in your prayers. Know that you are in our prayers, always.

In the Peace of Christ,

Brian Kosmerick

Brian Kosmerick, Principal

PRAYER FOR HACKETT

LOVING FATHER of our Hackett family, we thank you for our faith, our families, our friends, our parishes, and our school. Protect us, provide for us, and guide us.

LORD JESUS, may we bear your name always and everywhere, Christ with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us. In everything, Jesus. Cast out the evil one and the jealousy, dissension, and hatred that divides us. Make us meek and humble, eager to forgive, and lovers of peace. Heal our sick and give eternal rest to our beloved dead.

HOLY SPIRIT, fill us with your love. Pour out your wisdom on our administration, staff, teachers, coaches, and students. Give us diligence in our studies and perseverance in our work.

O TRIUNE GOD, come. We place our hope in you. Fill us with your love, that we may share it with the world. Amen.

ANNOUNCING
THE

INAUGURAL ALUMNI WEEKEND

OCTOBER 3-5, 2019

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME & ALUMNI AWARDS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
KALAMAZOO COUNTRY CLUB

IRISH GOLF CLASSIC
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
KALAMAZOO COUNTRY CLUB

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME & TAILGATE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
SOISSON-RAPACZ-CLASON FIELD

ALUMNI MASS & REUNIONS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

2019 HALL OF FAME **INDUCTEES**

Rick Bourner '76

Shawn Conners '74

Patrick Walsh '85

1963 St. Augustine Football Team

2002 Hackett Women's Soccer Team

SAVE *the* DATES
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Fr. Fleckenstein sorts donated canned goods with St. Philip students

FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE PRIESTHOOD – AND BACK

ORDAINED HACKETT ALUMNI RETURN TO SERVE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

WHEN **FATHER TOM MCNALLY '05** first began considering a vocation to the priesthood, he was a seven-year-old student at St. Monica Catholic School.

Father Francis Marotti '03, just ahead of him as a student at both St. Monica and Hackett, also thought about the priesthood as a young child, but it wasn't until he had graduated from college and spent a year teaching at St. Philip Catholic Central High School in Battle Creek that he made the decision to enter the seminary.

Father John Fleckenstein '88 first felt a call to the priesthood in his junior high years at St. Augustine Cathedral School. It remained in the back of his mind through high school, college, a master's degree, and a few years in the work force until he decided it was time to pursue that calling.

Father Jim Morris '67 discerned for quite a bit longer: while he first thought of becoming a priest in the second grade, he had graduated from high school and college and returned to Hackett to teach for nineteen years before he knew for certain that the priesthood was right for him.

As priests in the Diocese of Kalamazoo, all four men have had the opportunity to return to their roots in Catholic schools: Fr. Morris serves as pastor at St. Basil Catholic School in South Haven. Fr. McNally is the chaplain at Hackett Catholic Prep — where his classmates once voted him "most likely to become a priest" — as well as St. Augustine Cathedral School in Kalamazoo. Fr. Marotti is pastor to the Light of Christ Academy at St. Ann Parish in Augusta and has returned to St. Philip Catholic Central as chaplain. Fr. Fleckenstein is the pastor at St. Philip where, in a return to his very first priestly assignment, he co-teaches high school theology with Fr. Marotti. Additionally, Fr. Fleckenstein joined Hackett's leadership this year as the school's Canonical Administrator.

Fr. McNally recalls the example of Hackett teachers and staff as an important part of his growth during high school. Seeing adults around him living out a mature

Fr. Marotti at the Catholic Schools Week All-School Mass

Fr. McNally blesses classrooms at St. Augustine Cathedral School

Fr. Morris reads to St. Basil students

faith, day by day, helped him to understand the role of faith in all aspects of life. He also has a strong appreciation for his theology classes with Deacon Kurt Lucas, who showed him that "there's always more to our faith than you thought there was."

Fr. Marotti agrees. "Deacon Lucas made an impression. He made me take things more seriously," he says, adding, "He might laugh to hear that." The self-described class clown was drawn in by the connection of faith and reason — an approach that he now uses himself when teaching apologetics.

Fr. Fleckenstein found that his theology classes reinforced and strengthened his faith, but one of his most influential teachers was in the math department: Brother Jerry Wunderly. "He was a joyful person...I saw his happiness as a priest."

Fr. Morris also recalls the influence of a teacher, Fr. Matt Fedewa, with a knack for answering deep questions. When then-Mr. Morris joined Hackett's faculty as a young teacher in 1971 he taught physics, not theology, but that didn't mean he left faith outside the classroom. He saw his calling to teach as a ministry: a way to help students academically, but also help them with the deeper things in life. He traditionally opened science class with a prayer or a psalm, and through the years he formed genuine connections with the classes he taught.

While he loved teaching, he sensed that something was still missing, and in 1990 he left Hackett for the seminary. His first assignment after ordination was to St. Joseph, MI, where he immediately requested to be named chaplain at Lake Michigan Catholic High School. He held that role until moving to St. Basil in 2016.

Fr. Morris has always appreciated that he can "walk into a Catholic school and feel that it's different. It's not just a private school with religion tacked on. Faith permeates everything." He finds that Catholic schools benefit students by respecting "the deep need everyone has for God."

> "FAITH ISN'T A SET OF RULES. IT'S A RELATIONSHIP."
> Fr. McNally

Fr. Marotti sees that need in his students, and seeks to address their big questions in his classes. "They want to know; they want to engage. They're not as indifferent as some parents may assume."

Fr. Fleckenstein agrees. "Students have more interest in the Catholic faith than we give them credit for. They want to understand why the Church teaches what we do."

Fr. McNally finds that one of his most valuable services as chaplain is a "ministry of presence." A personal connection can be particularly meaningful to younger generations; and besides, he points out, "Faith isn't a set of rules. It's a relationship."

The relationships with teachers, clergy, and classmates these four experienced during their Catholic education helped to lead them on their paths to the priesthood. Their roles in Catholic schools now allow them to "repay the favor," as Fr. McNally says, and be there for a new generation of students as they, too, grow in faith.

Jeanne and Diana

HACKETT ALUMNAE

MEAN BUSINESS

WHEN **Jeanne (Zemlick) Foley '00** and **Diana Ganz '00** were seniors at Hackett Catholic Central, they would have laughed at you if you were to tell them that in about 15 years they would be co-founding ***The Groomsman Suit*** and ***Dap Suits***, two online companies making it easier and more affordable for men to get suited up for weddings, prom, graduation and all those other special moments. Sure, they were best friends but each set out on very different career paths.

After graduating from Hackett, Jeanne went on to have a very successful career in the fashion industry earning her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Fashion Design from the Illinois Institute of Art. For over a decade, she has been engineering apparel fit and construction as a Technical Designer for Under Armour, Abercrombie & Fitch and Talbots.

Thinking she wanted to go into medicine, Diana received her degree in Biopsychology from the University of Michigan. Ultimately, she decided to go to business school and earned an MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management. Diana then went on to serve as Chief Executive Officer for two different Boston based companies.

The idea for ***The Groomsman Suit*** came about during Jeanne's personal experience planning her own wedding in 2013. With no other options to affordably outfit their groomsmen in tuxedos, she and her husband were forced to go the rental route only to be disappointed by the logistics, poor fit, and price.

Because of her experience in fashion design, Jeanne knew she could develop a line of suiting and tuxedos that men could own for less than the cost of a rental and believed the business model would fill a void in the market. After

Kevin Rousos '01 wedding, with Hackett classmate **Kevin Girard '01** as a groomsman.

STARTING YOUR OWN COMPANY CAN BE A ROLLERCOASTER AND IT'S CRITICAL YOU TRUST THE PEOPLE YOU ARE WORKING WITH. EVERY DAY JEANNE AND I LEAN ON EACH OTHER AND OUR 20 PLUS YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP MAKES OUR FOUNDATION ROCK SOLID." **DIANA GANZ '00**

sharing the idea with her still close friend, Diana, the two realized that together they could take the business to much larger heights. Jeanne's fashion industry experience combined with Diana's business background has proven to be a perfect fit.

Since launching the company out of a New York City apartment in 2016, the company has generated $2.5 million in sales in 2018, is projecting $7 million in sales in 2019, and is now headquartered in a 2,200 square foot office space that doubles as a showroom in Chicago. This year, they are excited to have recently launched ***Dap Suits***, providing suiting and tuxedos for prom, graduation and all of those high school occasions.

Their ties to Hackett still run strong as they've outfitted several classmates' weddings: **Kevin Rousos '01** in August 2016, **Ryan Copeland '00** in November 2017, **Danielle Humphries '09** and **Tom Halpin '09** in May 2018, and **Evan Olsen '11** in Sept 2019. Additionally, they hired another Hackett alumna, **Alyssa Kozal '13** to their team in 2018.

Jeanne and Diana are grateful for their success, but even more so for the strong friendship they forged at Hackett.

"Starting your own company can be a rollercoaster and it's critical you trust the people you are working with. Every day Jeanne and I lean on each other and our 20 plus years of friendship makes our foundation rock solid," Diana shared.

Danielle Humphries '09 and **Tom Halpin '09** with their wedding party.

IRISH ROBOTICS TEAM LAUNCHES

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH IRISH ROBOTICS?

We are looking for coaches and mentors with experience in engineering and Java coding, as well as sponsors to help us grow.

IN 2018, Hackett students entered the competitive world of robotics with the founding of the **Irish Robotics Team**. Led by Hackett technology teacher **Lorri Batsie**, **Ryne Germinder**, and volunteer coaches from technology and engineering fields, the 20 students of Irish Robotics compete annually to design and build a robot who can play and win the specific game set by FIRST Robotics that year. Within a tight six-week time frame, the students create and program an industrial-size robot to perform tasks with real world applications: for instance, depositing cargo through a hatch. They take their robot to two FIRST Robotics competitions, where 40 schools compete to advance to the state (and eventually, world) level.

TO SEE VIDEO OF IRISH ROBOTICS IN ACTION, VISIT

HACKETTCATHOLICPREP.ORG/ROBOTICS

As they build their robot, students acquire and develop skills in engineering, programming, design thinking, and problem solving — but it does not stop there! In addition to the building, coding, and electrical work, Irish Robotics has a business team. These students are tasked with creating a business plan, setting a budget, marketing the program, and securing sponsors, space and supplies.

Senior **Molly Harding '19** has been involved with Irish Robotics from the beginning. "Robotics encouraged me to branch out and discover my interests," she says; "It introduced me to an entirely new community of people." While their team is sometimes learning by trial and error in their early years, "After each competition, we walk away with a list of new ideas to improve and to make our team stand out." And, as she points out, those moments of frustration are an opportunity to put the virtues of patience and perseverance into practice.

Irish Robotics gratefully thanks **TriFound** for their generous support of this program, as well as sponsors 1st Agency, Main Street Pub, FEMA Corp. of Michigan, Sam and Shon Field, Nancy Guthrie, and Kzoo Makers.

"ROBOTICS ENCOURAGED ME TO BRANCH OUT AND DISCOVER MY INTERESTS."

MOLLY HARDING '19

Delaney Carey with her parents, Colleen and Ed Carey, on her signing day.

SENIORS COMMIT TO **COLLEGE TEAMS**

Congratulations to the seven members of the Class of 2019 who have committed to continue their athletic careers at the college level.

Heath Baldwin	Track & Field University of Michigan
Krew Conroy	Lacrosse Lander University
Brennan Creek	Soccer Western Michigan University
Delaney Carey	Swimming Marymount University
Max Keenan	Soccer Western Michigan University
Eric Wenzel	Football Western Michigan University
Andrew Widger	Football Kalamazoo College

Krew Conroy, **Heath Baldwin**, **Brennan Creek**, **Max Keenan**, and **Eric Wenzel** on their signing day. Not pictured: **Andrew Widger**.

SPORTS TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CHAMPIONS

GIRLS GOLF

Placed third in the state. **Emily Stull '19** won the regional.

BOYS SOCCER

Conference Champions, District Champions, Regional Champions. MHSAA Semi-Finalist. **Brennan Creek '19** was named ***Mr. Soccer*** for the state of Michigan: the top player across all divisions. He is the first Division 4 player to win this award.

FOOTBALL

Conference Champions, District Champions. Finished the season 11-1, the best record in United Football history.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Undefeated in conference season, Conference Champions.

PARTNER SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

STORIES FROM THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF GREATER KALAMAZOO

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS of Greater Kalamazoo

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

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CARING FOR **OUR COMMUNITY**

For over a decade, **St. Augustine Cathedral School** fifth graders have made baby blankets to be donated to Caring Network, the center run by Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo to serve pregnant mothers and their families. This school year, **Teri Grossman** and **Kelli Nuyen's** classes have gotten more deeply involved with **Caring Network** — and have discovered the meaning of service.

The students began by personally delivering their blankets. For the first time, Mrs. Grossman says, "They could see a new mom pick one of their blankets to give to her baby. They realized that they can have an impact."

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Every month a group of ten students, chaperoned by parent volunteers, spends part of their day at Caring Network helping to package donated diapers, clean and sort toys, wash windows, or take on whatever tasks might help the staff and clients that day.

As the students have learned about Caring Network's mission and met some of the clients they serve, Mrs. Nuyen has observed, "They realize that there are people in our community in need, and why they are in need specifically, and they identify what they can do to help." For instance, some fifth grade students took part in a recess walk-a-thon and used the money they raised to purchase new baby bottles. They donated the bottles on their next monthly visit.

One student realized through his service at Caring Network that "even the smallest help can make the biggest difference." Another student was moved by a joyful interaction with one of the young children she met. "I may have just been cleaning and organizing, but I would do it all again to see her smile."

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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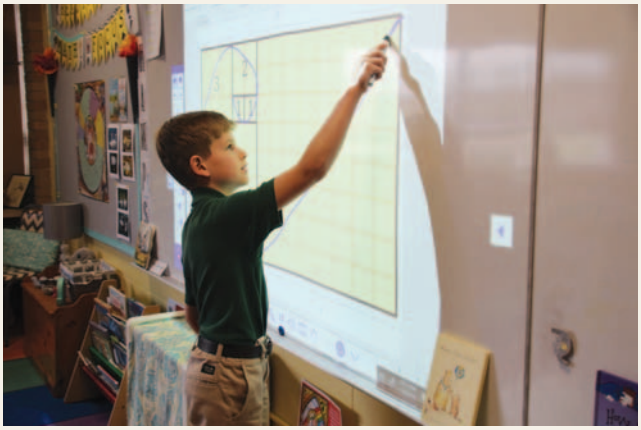
What do the following hold in common: the story of creation (Genesis), a sunflower, the Milky Way Galaxy, waves of an ocean, a fingerprint, the tail of a chameleon, Leonardo da Vinci's famed portrait, *The Mona Lisa*, ancient Egyptian pyramids, and bee reproduction? **Peter McNeil** of St. Monica Catholic School (pictured) is one of thirty-two third-grade students who discovered the answer. God's genius of orderliness is evident in nature through one of the most famous formulas in mathematics, the Fibonacci Sequence, identified by Leonardo Fibonacci during the 13th century. This sequence of numbers has led to far-reaching applications across modern-day disciplines, especially in mathematics as well as in computer science.



Why teach the Fibonacci Sequence in third grade? Isn't that mathematical concept reserved for students in middle school? That answer is found in the underlying pedagogy and practices of a Catholic Liberal Arts Education (CLE) which St. Monica teachers, parents, and students have been privileged to study and examine within a small pilot program throughout the 2018-2019 school year.

Catholic Liberal Arts Education is built on the foundation of Western Civilization. The same sense of wonder and awe that inspired ancient philosophers seemingly encourages students through a fully-integrated approach to teaching and learning. It recognizes and appreciates the development of the student at each stage of learning (grammar, logic, and rhetoric) and fosters critical thinking through inquiry and discovery, resulting in high student engagement. In this case, a third-grade student is able to connect the orderliness of math, science, theology and art in one lesson.

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOOKS FORWARD TO THE EXPANSION OF THEIR **CLE PILOT PROGRAM** FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR TO INCLUDE STUDENTS IN GRADES KINDERGARTEN-6.

LEARN MORE ABOUT HACKETT'S PARTNER SCHOOLS AT
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INVESTED IN **CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

Dan DeMent (second from left) with current and past KRCSF board members **Sam Field '70**, **Susan Springgate '75**, and **Steve Johnson '75**.

DAN DEMENT was in his last years as a Hackett parent when he was asked to join the board of directors for the Kalamazoo Regional Catholic Schools Foundation (KRCSF) in 1992. (His sons, **Christopher** and **Andrew**, graduated in 1990 and 1994.) He recently retired from the board after twenty-five years of leadership and service to the KRCSF including roles as secretary, treasurer, vice president, president, and member at-large.

As the Marianist Brothers prepared to step away from formal leadership of Hackett Catholic Central, they had established an endowed fund to provide perpetual financial support for the high school they had founded. The Marianist Fund remains the largest fund endowed through the KRCSF, providing over $60,000 annually in tuition assistance for Hackett families. It has been joined through the years by more than twenty other endowed funds, with more than $4 million invested to provide nearly $200,000 annually to support scholarships, athletics, technology, outstanding faculty, and more.

THE SETTING OF A CATHOLIC SCHOOL TAUGHT THEM TO "RESPECT PEOPLE, ESTABLISH A MORAL CODE, KNOW RIGHT FROM WRONG, AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER." Dan DeMent

DeMent and his fellow board members were tasked with managing these funds, ensuring that they are well invested, and distributing their earnings to Hackett Catholic Prep, St. Augustine Cathedral School, and St. Monica Catholic School as intended. In addition to their stewardship of these endowments, the KRCSF launched a capital campaign in 2008, which raised awareness of the Foundation as well as a further $800,000 to be endowed in support of the Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo. That amount has grown to over $1 million today.

As fellow KRCSF board member **Susan Springgate '75** observes, "people bring their own individual skills and talents and employ them" when serving on a board of directors. In DeMent's case, those skills included his professional experience as an attorney and a specialist in estate planning, through which he has developed insight into what a donor values when choosing to contribute to an organization, as well as a keen understanding of what a strong investment strategy can accomplish. (He has served on the Investment Committee of the Kalamazoo Community Foundation for the past fifteen years.)

Looking back on his years of service, DeMent is proud to have had an impact on providing young people with Catholic education. He recalls that his sons received a great education as St. Monica and Hackett students, preparing them for college and their careers, but more than that, the setting of a Catholic school taught them to "respect people, establish a moral code, know right from wrong, and love one another." Our heartfelt thanks to Dan DeMent and the Kalamazoo Regional Catholic Schools Foundation for helping to ensure these priceless values will be available to the young people of our community for many years to come.

2019

SHAMROCK celebration SETS RECORDS

The 2019 Shamrock Celebration raised **$157,000** for Hackett Catholic Prep! We welcomed **350** guests to the Celebration, and over **120** sponsors committed **$95,000** to the event. A portion of these funds will benefit Hackett's chapel program, support the Athletic Boosters, purchase cold weather gear for the marching band and a 3D printer, but most of all these funds will be available for building improvements and capital expenses to keep Hackett thriving for many years to come.

Many thanks to **Pat O'Brien '81** for his leadership of the sponsorships committee and to **Sarah Harding**, who will step down as acquisitions chair after many successful Shamrocks.

Fr. Tom McNally '05 and Paddy McHackett

THE NEXT SHAMROCK CELEBRATION WILL **BE MARCH 7, 2020.** WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Diane Matyas '73 and Debra Matyas '80.

Maura Gillig '16 and Emily Matthews '17

ANNUAL REPORT OF DONORS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT

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IRISH CLASS REUNIONS

THE **CLASS OF 1957** CELEBRATED THEIR 60TH CLASS REUNION ON AUGUST 19, 2017.

Front Row: Collette Mazur, Brenda Burkhart, Joe Schramek, Mary Kay Donohue, Bill Barnes, Jim Lynd. 2nd Row: Barb Nowak, Janet Cekola, Gloria Zugel, Ted Bon. 3rd Row: Bob O'Brien, Lorraine Quinn, Pat Shields, Dixie Ingram, Peggy Underah, Marlene Badgley, Theresa Heflin, Michaelyn Wheeler, Mary Ann Streb, Louie Biss 4th Row: Bill McCallum, Tom Belco, Mike Ambro and Jim Conway

Not Pictured: Nancy Hendershot, Ann Boersma, and Carol "Locey" Conway

THE **CLASS OF 1962** GATHERED FOR THEIR 55TH CLASS REUNION ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2017.

Right: Joan Shields Carey, Barb Veenhuis Soda, Kay Johnson Guilfoyle. Below: Nancy Stephens Foster and Patricia Shiavone Hawkins

DON'T MISS **YOUR** REUNION!

Let the Irish Alumni Office help you announce and publicize your class reunion. We can help you get the word around. **Ask us how!**

THE **CLASS OF 1967** CELEBRATED THEIR 50TH CLASS REUNION ON SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2017.

The Class of 1967 at the Oakland Hills Club house for a meet and greet

The Class of 1967 celebrated a Memorial Mass in the Hackett Chapel.

Shirley Derhammer Hay, Amy Rek Remmert, Jane Smith Schad and Sue Smith Deabler

ST. AUGUSTINE CLASS OF 1954
65TH CLASS REUNION

Saturday, August 24, 2019

5:30 p.m. Social Hour at Theo & Stacy's, Dinner to follow

For more information contact Mike O'Brien at 239-793-8841

HACKETT & O'BRIEN CLASS OF 1969
50TH CLASS REUNION

Saturday, October 12, 2019

The Prairies (overlooking the Elks Golf Course)

5303 West Main, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Look for more details soon. If you have contact updates please send them to: Pat Delehanty at pjdelehanty@sbcglobal.net or Sandy Steffler Spencer at sandramarie.spencer@gmail.com

HACKETT CLASS OF 1979
40TH CLASS REUNION

Friday, July 26, 2019

7:00 p.m. All Alumni Gathering at O'Duffy's Pub

Saturday, July 27, 2019

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More Parish

7:00 p.m. Reunion at Old Burdick's at the Radisson

Find us on Facebook: Hackett Class of 1979

RSVP to Ron Bails-Forbes at 513-560-9434 or rjbf61@gmail.com

Please keep the Alumni Office informed of a change of address. Call **269-381-2646** or email **alumni@hackettcp.org**

IRISH CLASS REUNIONS

THE **CLASS OF 1968** CELEBRATED THEIR 50TH REUNION ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2018.

The Class of 1968

The Class of '68 goes back to school!

The Class of 1968 at the Hackett Homecoming Tailgate

Dan Statsick, Paul Howard, Dave Marcacci, John Pinto, Dave Bogart and Kathleen Garzelloni Karnes

THE **CLASS OF 1982** GATHERED FOR THEIR 35TH CLASS REUNION ON JULY 29, 2017.

Bronwyn (Brony) Martin DeBree, Joan Wrench Graves, Meg Yelton-Kloeckner and Kim Bell Thompson

THINKING OF PLANNING A CLASS REUNION OR CASUAL GET-TOGETHER DURING **ALUMNI WEEKEND?**

Contact the Alumni Office at **269-381-2646** or **alumni@hackettcp.org** and we are happy to assist!

SOME REUNIONS **LAST FOR YEARS!**

Six members of the St. Augustine **Class of 1953** decided not to let their friendships lapse after graduation After all, they had been friends since the beginning of grade school!

>> Pictured right, front row, left to right are Mary Jeanne (Fleckenstein) Juzwiak, Rose Marie (Anselmo) Greene, Rosemary (Spicketts) Staus and back row, Suzanne (Cooper) Wagner, Phyllis (O'Brien) Bogren, and Gayle (Manders) Cook. More than 65 years after graduation — and nearly 80 years since they met! — the group still gets together regularly.

Two generations of friendship: The group's parents chaperone prom together. Left to right: Al and Helen Cooper (Sue Wagner's parents); Don and Evelyn O'Brien (Phyllis Bogren's parents); Don and Betty Fleckenstein (Mary Jeanne Juzwiak's parents); Tony and Anna Anselmo (Rose Marie Greene's parents); Harve and Mrs. Freeman (Basketball coach)

Rose Marie Anselmo Greene at her prom.

MEMORIALS

ABSENT IN BODY, **BUT PRESENT IN SPIRIT.**

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Colleen Arnsman '93, daughter of Fritz and Kathy, sister of **John '8** , Sarah, Johanna and **Andrew '91**, passed away on 4/27/18

Sharon Bartholomew '54, wife of **Deacon Dave '54**, mother of **David '76**, **Christine '78**, **Lisa '82**, and Robert, passed away on 7/28/2018

Jonathan Braman '05, son of Colleen (Edwin) Braman-Hettinger, brother of **Taylor '09**, passed away on 7/11/18

Margaret Brigman, mother of **Wayne '63** (deceased), **Mark '83** (deceased), **Merita '66**, and **Marilyn '70**, passed away on 11/21/18

Terrence Burghardt '76, husband of Dawn, father of **Megan '16**, and Lauren, passed away on 11/29/2018

Ann Carpenter '58, grandmother of **Joshua '15**, Matthew '17, Alex '20, Bethany and Bennett passed away 2/3/2018

Timothy Cretsinger '96, passed away on 8/13/18

Francis A. Foley, Jr. '53, husband of **Patricia (Conway) '58**, father of **Christine (Kevin) Peartree '80**, **Mary (Gerald) Wilson '86**, and **Steve '82** (deceased), grandfather of **Gerry Wilson '10**, **Sean Wilson '12**, **Erin Wilson '13** and **Maggie Wilson '17**, father-in-law to **Gerald Wilson '80**, passed away at age 83 on 10/4/18

Dorothy Hudson, mother of **Patrick (Gina) '69**, **Jim (Katie) '70**, **Anne (Rich Brenz) '71**, **Terry (Mary) '73**, **Tim (Paula) '73**, **Jane (Dean Knuth) '76**, **Joyce (David Morris) '77**, **Kate (David Koskinen) '81**, passed away on 1/14/18

Marilyn Jones '48, passed away on 12/7/2018

Emily Keenan '14, daughter of Chris and Stephanie, sister of **Kaitlyn '12** and **Maxwell '19**, passed away on 5/10/18

Mark Mattimore '76, passed away on 3/13/18

William Melluish '97, son of James and Patricia, brother of **James (Patty) '83**, **Jennifer (Bill) Cummings '84**, **Jacqueline (Vern) Harley '87**, **Sarah (Jeremy) Sanford '92**, and **Ann (Jeff) Eastman '92**, passed away on 9/25/18

Rod O'Brien '51, father of **Patrick '81**, **Colleen '82**, **Maureen '85**, and **Katie '87**, grandfather of Daniel, Brendan, Kieran, Emilia O'Brien, Margaret, John and Michael Benjamin, Annie and Eilish Neverske, passed away on 11/4/18

Margaret Oudsema-Tanner '39, passed away on 6/22/2018

Theresa (Robbins) Raffaele '83, daughter of **Jack '56** and Sharon, sister of **Michele '80**, **Shawn '87 (Chris) Birman**, **Lisa '89 (Jeff) Cavanaugh**. Theresa was preceded in death by her sister, **Laura '82**. Theresa passed away on 8/20/18

Donald Shafer '57, husband of Frances, father of **Joseph '89**, **Donald '89**, **John'91**, and **Amanda '95**, passed away on 4/20/18

Carol "Kay" Speese '55, passed away on 7/28/2018

Barbara Strong '56, passed away on 8/23/2018

James B. Swonk '56, husband of Joanne, passed away on 8/25/18

Kurt Weber '04, son of Larry and Charlotte, brother of **Kristen '97** and **Kaitlin '07**, passed away on 9/19/18

Phylis Welch, wife of Ronald, mother of **R. Kipp '88**, **Joseph '93**, **Patrick '97**, **Jill (Michael) Barry '98** and **Maureen (Jesse) Brown '01**, passed away on 10/27/18

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