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Coming Events:

- **Feb 19, 2011; Florida All-Class Reunion Luncheon**
- **April 30, 2011; Business Meeting and Luncheon at Monaghan's**
- **May 6, 2011; St. Gregory Night at Monaghan's—All-Class Reunion**
- **Aug 21, 2011; All-Class Brunch & Memorial Mass at Monaghans**

It's Florida Reservation Time

Now is the time to make your reservation for lunch. Will you be attending our Florida All-Class Luncheon on February 19th? Send us the enclosed postcard or phone or email us no later than 2/12/11. It's easy! The details are on page 12. We look forward to seeing you again!

Our Volunteers

"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, they just have the heart."

Thanks to the many volunteers who take our reservations, decorate the hall, organize the 50/50 raffle, and greet our guests in Michigan and Florida; **Ray and Mary (Randazzo) Hartmus, Mike Morrison, Peg (Gerada) Elwarner, Jeanne (Sancricca) Nadler, Vince Cessante, Margo (Connelly) Lambert, Fran (LaFerle) Lee, Jim Case, Ron Boucher, Jan Boddy, Ida Plumer, Roy Plumer and Linda Case.**

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Let's Honor Special Alumni

Whom would you like to see honored with the **St. Gregory Alumni Spirit Award**? Send us your nomination no later than March 1, 2011. We believe in recognizing deserving individuals for their contribution to their parish, their community and their alumni association. Over the past 22 years we have honored 60 people!

Door Prize Winners, May 2010

We gave away five $40 gift certificates for dinner at Olive Garden, at Monaghans last May. The winners were: **Angelo Gentilia, Laura Turk, Gary Montgomery, Jack Arthurs, and Ray Conway.** The 50/50 drawing winner was **Jim Leflar**. Congratulations!

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VIC SANCRICCA, SGH60; Tennessee
I was shopping at Sears here in Tennessee and the salesman and I got to talking and it turns out he is a St. Gregory graduate who left Michigan in 1970, and he doesn't know about our Alumni Association. His name is **Bill Milton** from the Class of 1956 and he lives here in Franklin, Tennessee. Please add him to the mailing list.

JACK SMITH, SGH59; Tennessee

I am amazed that so many of you are still in touch and even more surprised that anyone remembers me. I did not graduate with the class. After Monsignor Pokriefka asked me to leave, I drifted around for a few months then joined the Navy. Near the end of my first enlistment I married **Joan Markowicz** from Rosary High. That was 48 years ago, and she is still putting up with me! We have three great "kids". Gwen (47) and her family live in Orlando. Scott (46) and his family are in Memphis. Karen is in Orange County, California. Each of them has two children. When we retired from the Navy in 1977, I went to work for a defense contractor in Memphis. After four years the company transferred us to Orlando where we stayed for 28 years until I fully retired in 2006, following a stroke. I have fully recovered, thank God. We returned to Tennessee for the country living and more affordable cost of living! God bless all, and please stay in touch! **jjsmith@xipline.com**

JOSEPH A. COPPERSTONE, SGH53; Florida
Since we lived across Holmur from the school, our Mother always knew where we were. I just want to share, "Did you know?"

1. Before the convent was built on the playground, the Sisters lived in three houses on Holmur
2. Back in the 1940's there were 'pep rallies' held in the evenings with huge bon fires.
3. During World War II, St. Gregory scrap drives, would fill the playground with paper, scrap steel and cans of lard.
4. Every school year we had hay rides and roller skating parties.
5. Little St. Gregory almost beat Redford HS (7-6 loss) in the Goodfellows Game in 1950 at Briggs Stadium.

Thank you for publishing our family story in the last edition. We **Copperstones** are all very proud of our St. Gregory history.

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Number of school years the Sisters lived in the three houses on Holmur (1925 to 1950)	Number of students in the largest (SGH47) and smallest (SGH31) graduating classes.	Number of graduating classes who have NOT celebrated their 50th reunion; SGH61-69.	Current age of our YOUNGEST grads; the Class of 1969. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CHEROKEE CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Mike Vagnetti, SGH68

Young kids are very impressionable and I was too. As a kid growing up on Tuller just south of Puritan in the late 50's and early 60's, I can remember the names of St. Gregory athletes who to me, were larger than life. I remember my neighbor, **Jim Plumer,** walking home from St. Gregory with a stack of books under one arm of his bright red letter jacket and a football helmet under the other arm. Wow, I thought! I'd like that to be me someday! They were the "stars". They were the names that were most often spoken. They were the ones that we all wanted to be like. I would guess the names might differ according to the neighborhood that you lived in; **Roy Plumer, Tom Charnley, Jim Plumer, Dennis Shaw, James Cole, Joe Herrick, Keith Winter, Mickey Birkett, Larry Birkett, and Gershwin Drain.** I had a chance to play on teams with these great athletes who were wonderful teammates and friends and ALL of them went on to college on athletic scholarships: **Jim Carron, Mike Kenyon, Joe Charnley, John Turk, Bill Chaney, Ron Waring, Joe Dattilo, and John Bernard.**

When I finally made it to high school and had a chance to play on teams, it was a dream fulfilled. Here are other things that bring back memories. Do you remember…

- ◊ The distinct *clack, clack, clack* sound that our football cleats made on the slate floor of the church as we walked in for a team prayer before we boarded the bus to take us to the games. The coaches always wanted us to stay in the back couple of pews so that we wouldn't mess up the floor too much!
- ◊ *Sweet Georgia Brown* , that Harlem Globetrotters theme song forever etched in our memories; it would play as the Cherokee boys basketball team came out of the locker room and warmed up before all of their home games. How proud and excited I was to wear the St. Gregory uniform, no matter what sport was in season. I'm sure that every athlete who represented our school felt the same thrill.
- ◊ Changing the words of the 1965 song, *Going to a Go-Go* (by Smokey Robinson) to *Going to The Big House.* The Big House was the University of Detroit's Memorial Building where the Catholic League basketball tournament was (and still is) held every year. We went to *The Big House* three years in a row!
- ◊ The steamy condensation in our tiny gym on a cold Friday night in January, caused by a packed house. It was so hot and humid in there that it felt like it was going to rain!
- ◊ **Coach Bernie Holowicki** letting us all walk to the local Dairy Queen after a baseball victory for an ice cream treat. He told us that we could get whatever we wanted, but we just stuck with a regular cone or a small sundae.

Let's hear from *YOU!*

Did *you* play on any of St. Gregory's girls or boys sports teams? Were *you* one of the great fans who cheered on our *Cherokees?* If so, would you write a memory or two of your experience, either playing a particular sport or attending a game? It would make great reading and bring back a lot of memories to all of us. Please spend a few minutes and put your thoughts down and forward them and any sports photos to our newsletter at **wardcase@hotmail.com**.

Interesting facts; did you know…

- ◊ The farthest that any St. Gregory boys team ever got in the state basketball tournament was in 1956; we lost to the team from Sebewaing, 59-39 in the quarterfinals; they were eliminated by Crystal Falls, 71-69, who went on to win the title.
- ◊ Our 1968 boys basketball team lost in the regional finals to eventual state champion, Detroit All Saints.
- ◊ **Joe Charnley** SGH68 played on teams that won a total of seven championships. Can anyone beat that?

We have compiled a list of any and all of the *Athletic Championships* of St. Gregory in all sports, both girls and boys teams, over the years. It's not complete, so let us know if you have any additions or corrections. A HUGE thanks goes out to Stephanie Caruso at the Archdiocese office for doing the research and helping us to fill in the blanks on our list. Below are some websites that you can check out, with a history of St. Gregory sports scores. If you know of any other sites of interest, please let us know that too.

http://Michigan-football.com/t/dtstgreg.htm
http://michigan-football.com/bb/dtstgreg.htm
http://www.aodonline.org/chsl/boys+sports+10650/basketball+10712/basketball+-+champions.htm
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CHEROKEE SPORTS MEMORIES

SGH CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS, 1930-1969

1939 CYO Baseball Champions

1941 CYO Baseball Champions
1941 CYO Basketball Champions
1942 CYO Basketball Champions
1944 CYO Basketball Champions
1946 Baseball Champions
1947 Basketball Champions
1948 Boys Basketball 1st Division City Championship
1948 Boys Basketball Class B District Champions
1949 Boys Basketball Class B District Champions
1949 CYO Basketball Champions

1950 CYO Basketball Champions
1950 Football Division Champions
1950 Football Catholic League "Soup Bowl" Champions
1950 Goodfellow Game at Tiger Stadium (7-6 loss)
1950 Boys Basketball Class B District Champions
1951 Boys Basketball Class B District Champions
1952 Boys Basketball Class C District Champions
1953 CYO Basketball Champions
1955 CYO Basketball Champions
1955 Boys Basketball Class C District Champions
1956 Boys Basketball Class C District Champions
1956 Boys Basketball Class C Regional Champions
1957 Boys Reserve Basketball Champions
1958 Boys Basketball Class C District Champions
1959 Boys Basketball West Side Champions

1960 Boys Basketball West Side Champions
1961 Boys JV Basketball Champions
1962 Boys JV Basketball Champions
1964 Boys Basketball West Side Champions
1964 Girls Basketball West Side Champions
1966 Boys Basketball West Side Champions
1966 Baseball Northwest Champions
1967 Boys Basketball 2nd Division City Champions
1967 Baseball Northwest Champions
1967 Baseball 2nd Division City Champions
1968 Boys Basketball East Side Champions
1968 Boys Basketball Class C District Champions

1947 St. Gregory Baseball Team
Coach Robertson and Mr. Barbour

1939 St. Gregory Baseball Team
Coach Crow and Father Shanahan

JOE DATTILO, SGH68; Michigan

I remember vividly the almost delirious display of happiness exhibited by **Coach Holowicki** during the bus ride back to St. Gregory from Tiger Stadium after we won the 1967 Catholic League Second Division Championship Game. In a tense, ten inning contest we defeated a fine Marine City Holy Cross team by a 2-0 score behind the magnificent pitching of **John Turk**. I still experience a wonderful surge of pride– much in the same way that I felt back then when I was a SGH student. Whenever I think of what a rare and amazing achievement it was for the same school to win Catholic League City Championships in two major sports in the same year as we did in 1967, when we won in both basketball and baseball. I truly feel honored to have been a member of that 1967 baseball team that "went all the way" in that un-forgettably incredible sports year for dear St. Gregory High.

CHEROKEE SPORTS MEMORIES

JOHN "JACK" NOLAN, SGH55; Michigan

All of us who played any sports at St. Greg's during the late 40's and early 50's will remember **Coach Pete Robertson**. He was a strong influence on many of our lives at a very important phase of growing up. Those of us who started with him on the sixth grade 1949 CYO City Championship Team will remember those games and the emergency stops at the Eagle Dairy on Davison, to fix a "flat tire". The most memorable times were the many occasions that Coach Pete would tap a few of us, **Al Nagy, Pete Jeakle** and myself to stay after practice. After the doors were locked, Coach Pete would call over to the rectory and have **Father O'Neil** come over for a few sessions of street ball. Father O'Neil was one of five brothers who made All-State basketball honors and played at Visitation. I believe that all of the O'Neils played together as one team at Visitation. Well, Father O'Neill taught me every dirty court trick in the book, resulting in me achieving the honor of fouling out of most every game during that year.

TERRY CHARTIER, SGH69; Michigan

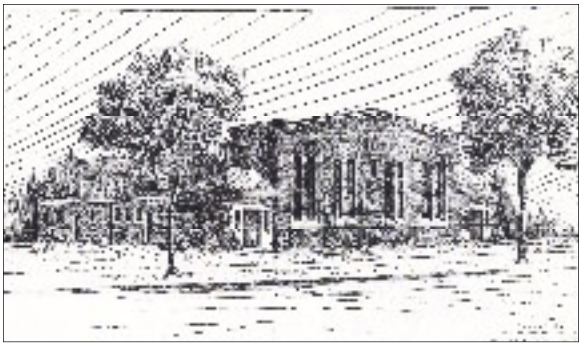
My first year at St. Gregory I was ineligible, but the coaches let me practice with the team and dress for the games. I will never forget them for that honor. And for that, I had the nerve to ask **Coach Sulinski** if I could have his heart when he was done with it. He asked why, and I said because it had never been used. He laughed so hard and gave me the biggest bear hug I ever had in my life. I loved him so much.

1967 West Side 2nd Division Basketball Champs

JIM CARRON, SGH67; Michigan

What I remember most of my high school athletic career was the privilege of playing with so many great athletes and the honor of receiving such outstanding coaching from **Mr. Len Walczek** and **Mr. Bernie Holowicki**. It is something I have always felt fortunate to receive. I was a member of five championship teams. The highlight was playing basketball three times at the U-D Memorial Building and playing baseball twice at Tiger Stadium. Those are memories I will never forget. My senior year was highlighted by winning the 2nd Division Catholic League Championships in both basketball and baseball. It was an honor to be a part of both of these teams.

MIKE VAGNETTI, SGH68; Michigan



Playing basketball games in a gym as small as ours, was a true "home court advantage". Sometimes during a big game, the gym filled up quickly and no one else was allowed in. One time, one of our star players, **Bill Chaney**, was refused admittance. The Dad's Club member at the door said the building was at capacity. Bill begged and pleaded that he was a player. He wasn't allowed in until he opened his duffel bag and showed the man his uniform. Another time the crowd was so big that people were standing on the roof over the locker rooms on both sides of the building, looking through the windows! Sometimes people would line up along the wall, under the basket. There wasn't much room there to begin with, so a player had to watch out. Plus the court would be slippery from the snow off of spectators shoes! One of my fondest memories is of **Raoul Leger** or **Orlando Benjamin** leading impromptu cheers from the crowd. I was able to observe all of this happening, because I had the best seat in the house. I was on the bench!

CHEROKEE SPORTS MEMORIES

BERNIE HENEHAN, SGH48; Indiana
Here is the true story of where our nickname "Cherokees" came from. During the 1947 football season at St. Gregory's, because of an injury I had to sit out the season. However because of it, two of the Sisters, **Sr. Chrysostom** and **Sr. Leonita** asked me to help set up and edit a school paper for English class credit. We called it "The Trumpeter". Also, since we didn't have a team nickname, with the support of **Coach Pete Robertson** we started calling our teams the "Cherokees".

DENNIS LEAHY, SGH69; Michigan
I remember building floats for the football homecoming games with **Frank Vagnetti**; running track with the best half-miler ever, **Tim Lepain**; scoring 30+ points in J.V. against St. Theresa and a fight on the court at the end of the game for doing so, and a police escort along with **Father Maurer**, to my car; dunking a basketball up a ramp which **Coach Bernie Holowicki** put out during warm-ups, to the song, "Sweet Georgia Brown".

JIM CARAHER, SGH65; Michigan
I played right linebacker under **Des Sheedy**. We were playing St. Cecilia and they moved me to right linebacker, behind **Joe Herrick**. I felt good about that as Joe was a big guy. There was some beef between me and Tiny, St. Cecilia's main running back. Tiny weighted 300 lbs and was very agile for a guy his size. I learned from the first time that he ran on our position that this was going to be a very painful game. What would happen was, Tiny would slam into Joe like a train engine. Joe would slam into him like a bull. My job, as per Joe Herrick, was to put everything I had in my gigantic 140 lb body to keep Joe from getting pushed backward. I must say, we were successful at this maneuver. But the down side was that every time Tiny hit our position, they both fell over onto me!

BARBARA (CHARNLEY) KOZLOWSKI, SGH65; Michigan
The Girls' Varsity Basketball Team won their division championship in 1964. Unlike my brother **Joe Charnley** who played on seven championship teams, I played on only one.

IDA WIXON, SGH64; Michigan
I was on the girls' Varsity Basketball Team for all four years of high school. Some had told me that I was the first freshman to do that.

1964 West Side Girls Basketball Champs

MARY WALSH, SGH51; Michigan
The Class of 1951 played in the Goodfellow Game in the fall of 1950 for the city championship, losing to Redford HS by just one point, 7-6. Redford had an endless supply of players. I don't remember how many there were on St. Gregory's team, but not many. We got some time off school for the game too! Great basketball teams too; with a great coach. We went to Lansing for some of the games and sang *100 bottles of beer on the wall* coming home. The poor bus driver.

CHEROKEE SPORTS MEMORIES

JOHN BERNARD, SGH70; Michigan

Coach Holowicki

Without a doubt, starting on both the 1967 2nd Division Championship Basketball and Baseball Teams as a 14-year-old freshman were my finest memories. In basketball, to play alongside **Joe Charnley, Mike Vagnetti, Jimmy Carron** and **Billy Carron** and every other member, coached by **Bernard Holowicki**, was truly memorable. In addition, playing in Tiger Stadium and winning the City Baseball Championship behind the great pitching of John Turk will stay with me forever. I truly believe if I hadn't hurt my ankle in the regional final my junior year, we would have won the State Championship. Great athletes and great competitors, under the finest leadership in Coach Holowicki, in both sports. I played on five championship teams, but the school closed after my junior year in 1969 and I was able to play on three more at De LaSalle Collegiate, of which I was captain or co-captain.

JACKIE (MEYERS) GREENE, SGH60; Oregon

Attending football and basketball games was the highlight of my school years. Being with friends and cheering on the teams was so much fun and the dances afterward were great; if only the boys had danced too! I played basketball only one season. I wasn't very good. I think I was a better spectator. Sports at St. Gregory give me very fond memories.

1964 West Side Basketball Champs

1964 WEST SIDE VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

"We remember that exciting final game of the season at St. Rita's when we became 1964 West Side Champions; **Mickey Birkett** stealing the ball and scoring to win the game. Then the playoff game at the University of Detroit "Big House!" **Keith Winter, Tyrone Whitely, Mickey Birkett, Jeff Kulpa, Doug Kenyon, Greg Kent, Mike Glenn, Larry Birkett, Leo Stebbins and John Norlock**; what a team! It was fun to be a member of the team and Coach Holowicki had (and has) a brilliant basketball mind."

RICHARD MAURER, Associate Pastor 1963-70; Michigan

I started out as a sports fan and later on, became Athletic Director. I had the pleasure of working with **Bernie Holowicki**. He was and is, first of all a great person and also a great coach. St. Gregory had some great championship basketball and baseball teams. Let's just say that football at St. Gregory in the sixties was not very good. One of the accomplishments of that time was making more sports available to girls. We were able to start a softball team. Basketball rules for girls were also changing and it was becoming more of a full court game. Lastly, I would like to mention the school bus, which we worked so hard to raise enough money to purchase. Driving it was my first experience at a real job. St. Gregory was a great experience and never felt like a job to me.

1959 West Side 2nd Division Basketball Champs

ERNIE Mc LAUGHLIN, SGH59; Michigan

In 1959, St. Gregory won the Catholic League 2nd division title. We probably would have gone further in state competition, but **Mike Dryden** broke his foot at the end of the regular season.

ST. GREGORY CHEROKEES' SPORTS MEMORIES

To be Continued in the Next Newsletter…. If YOU Send Us Your Memories!

Notes from Friends

ELIZABETH (BOUNDY) KNEFFEL, SGH47 Vice President; Michigan

Note from family: Betty recently has had some medical issues and is under 24-hour care by her ten children and grandchildren who all live nearby. With their love and support, Betty will continue to make progress on her road to recovery. Betty is the former president of the Michigan Depression Glass Society. Her daughter has now taken over as president. Prior to becoming ill in July 2010, Betty was head of the volunteers at Henry Ford Fairlane Hospital and Clinic in Dearborn. At age 80, she will now retire and enjoy life, and spend more time with her family. Please keep Betty in your prayers.

THERESE (MALLOY) POIRIER, SGH52;
Michigan; Email: bogielake@bdumail.com

A group from our Class of 1952 gets together once or twice during summer, and anyone is invited to join us. We would like to see more of our classmates. I am enclosing a picture that was taken in 2010. The newsletter is always interesting to read. It brings back many memories of the twelve years we spent at St. Gregory.
Back: **Bob Portman, Bob Stork**
Front: **Shirley Stork, Delphine Lunden, Therese Poirier, Jean Portman, and Peggy Welker**

WARD CASE, SGH63; Arizona

I drove from my Phoenix home to Los Angeles this past summer for the California-Detroiters' Annual Picnic. My brother, **Jim Case** SGH65 came from Escondido, California and **John Khoury** SGH69 from right there in Los Angeles. We met many former Detroiters; most had attended public schools, although there were a few from St. Francis de Sales. We also met **Eileen Glick**, publisher of that great online newsletter about old Detroit, **detroitmemories.com.** I'm going to be there again in 2011; maybe with more St. Gregory people.
Pictured from left: **Jim Case, John Khoury, Ward Case**

JOHN NOLAN; SGH55; Michigan

Here is a 1950 photo of St. Gregory's 7th and 8th grades basketball team, people who graduated in 1954 and 1955. I'm sorry that I cannot remember all of the players.

Back row from left: **John Higgins, Jerry Dwyer, Tom Sailus, unknown, Jerry Ovington and Al Nagy.**

Front row from left: **Ted Garbacik, John Nolan, Eddie Bown, Marty Shea, unknown, John Birkett.**

Francis Gamache SGH49; Loving Brother Joe & Pauline Gamache SGH47/47	**Anthony Ditzhazy** SGH57; In Loving Memory Dolores (Cobb) Ditzhazy SGH57	**Class of 1959—Deceased Member** In Loving Memory, from Ernie & Judy (Kenyon) McLaughlin
Donald K. Lynch 1st Anniversary; Loving husband of Connie (Sailus) Lynch SGH46	**Harry, Eulalia, Ray Connelly** Loving Family of Louise, Margo, Jim, Jerry, Janice, Rich	**Lindy Charnley & Doug Gowen** SGH60; From The Charnley Family
William and Carmen LaFerle Loving Parents; from The LaFerle Family	**Maureen (Bailey) Culp** In Loving Memory, from Tom, Mike, Suzy and Patty	**In Memory—Class of 1953** From Jim O'Kelly SGH53
Ray Locke SGH47; Loving Husband of Jo (Murphy) Locke SGH47	**Thanks to all Alumni** For frequenting "French's Flowers" Judie (Bernick) Nagy SGH58	**In Memory—Class of 1954** From Sally Durzo SGH54
Don Gallagher & Charles Rancour In Memory of Old Friends, From Delano Valenti SGH54	**In Memory—Class of 1945** Deceased Members; From Dan Heffernan SGH45	**Danny Toal** From Bill Whistle
Don Dwyer SGH43; In Loving Memory, from Peggy Dwyer	**Dorothy (Bar) Cronenwett** SGH63, Loving Wife of Leo Cronenwett SGH62	**Bob Wilson** Loving Husband of Stephanie (Kobe) Wilson SGH58
Lorraine (Brodie) Hudzik SGH51; Loving Sister of Sally (Brodie) Zevchak SGH53	**Dave Strauss** SGH55; Loving Brother of John SGH50 and Martine SGH58	**In Honor of** **Margaret & Kathleen Crawley** SGH49 & SGH50
Andrew Nehs Our Loving Son; 1970-2008 J. Pat Nehs SGH57	**Mary Edna Baldwin** SGH46; Loving Sister of Msgr Edward Baldwin SGH47	**Bernadine Betke** From Robert Betke SGH53
Tom Watters SGH60; Loving Husband of Jane (Brennan) Watters SGH62	**Busty & Vincenza Randazzo** Loving Parents of Joe & Mary Mary (Randazzo) Hartmus SGH61	**In Memory—Class of 1958** Deceased Members; From Larry Danna SGH58
Valenti & Gleeson Families In Loving Memory Julie (Gleeson) Valenti SGH58	**In Memory—Class of 1942** From Mary Ellen (Schmitt) Viau SGH42	**Anna Hensel Stork** SGH41; From Donald, Robert and Shirley
In Loving Memory—Class of 1948 From Joan (Fitzsimmons) Kramer SGH48	**Kathleen (Dorsey) Orloff** SGH47; Loving Sister of Pat, Bernard, Mary Lou; SGH44,46,52	**Bill, Alvin, Tom, Frank Hughes** Loving Family of Mary (Sporman) Hughes SGH44
Edmond, Rose & Lewis Cassabon Loving Family of Evelyn (Cassabon) Phelps SGH42	**George H & John Barbour** **Joseph Charnley, Marie Goddard** From The Charnley Family	**Marlene Dingman** SGH51; Loving sister of Avery Dingman SGH56
Kathleen and Danny Toal "We miss ya" Betty and Judy Toal SGH51, 59	**Geralyn Brown** Loving Sister of Ron, Judy, Denny, Marina, Patricia	**Mary & Don O'Donahue** From Joan (O'Donahue) Buchanan SGH61

In Loving Memory of our Family Members, Classmates, Teachers and Neighbors

MAUREEN (BUTLER) FRAHM, SGH65; Wisconsin

I was fortunate enough to attend my 45th reunion this past May at the all-school reunion and it brought back so many fond memories, visiting with my classmates who attended. I also enjoyed spending time with classmates from other years, and my old basketball coach, **Nora (Hickey) Allen** SGH50. What fun we had; stayed till the very last and was sad to see the night end. So thank you again from the bottom of my heart. How fortunate we are to have such wonderful, caring people who take time out of their busy lives to help us all remember our past. And for the time it takes us to read the newsletter, we are all once again transported back to a time when we were young and carefree and all we cared about was the upcoming sock hops, football and basketball games, decorating the car for homecoming and hanging out with our friends! I can't begin to tell you how grateful I am for all your hard work and dedication in keeping the memories of St. Gregory alive. I know I speak for all my former classmates in saying how much we appreciate receiving the newsletter and hope that it continues for many, many years to come. Please accept my donation as a sincere thank you.

WALT "FRED" BOGUS, SGH65; Michigan
JIM CASE, SGH65; California

Fred and Jim met again after many years at their 45-year reunion in May, 2010 at Monaghan's. Close childhood friends back in the 1950's in grade school, they reminisced about old girlfriends and summer vacations, the Boy Scouts, and learning to play the accordion together. Here are two photos of them which were taken fifty years apart; in 1960 and 2010.
From left in both photos: **Fred Bogus and Jim Case**

NANCY (McCLOUD) Mc HARG, COOLEY53; Maryland

I never had the advantage of attending St. Gregory School, however I knew many students who did. I lived on Holmur with neighbors like the **Pickerings, Minandos, Spormans, and Korandas**. Chummed around with many St. Gregory friends and the crowd from the notorious "Emmits" on Fenkell; also my sisters-in-law, **Tina Picogna** SGH53 and **Josephine McHarg** SGH52. I have so many great memories from those days. I graduated from Cooley HS in 1953 but my activities centered on St. Gregory's basketball, football, and the recitals and dances in the gymnasium. I marvel at the St. Gregory Alumni Association. Like all the friends and relatives who I know and keep in contact with, they stop everything when the U.S. Mail delivers the Alumni Newsletter, to read it cover to cover, and over and over again. What a neighborhood! Enclosed is a donation in support of this great newsletter. Keep up the good work!

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Number of graduating classes from St. Gregory High 1930—1969	Total number of graduates of St. Gregory High in the class photos	Number of senior classes who created yearbooks; SGH57-64, & 69	Number of years our grade school was open; Sep1925-Jun1971	Number of years Monsignor Pokriefka was Pastor; Oct 1923-Jun 1963

FLORIDA REUNION LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY 19, 2011

- Time: 12:00 Noon
- Date: Saturday, February 19, 2011
- Location: North Port, Florida
- All Alumni are Invited—All Grads and Friends
- Send us the reservation postcard in the Winter Newsletter or phone or email Ida Plumer, for reservations:

Ida Plumer (317) 845-8713
plumer240@aol.com

Our 12th annual Florida Reunion Luncheon is almost here. If you are going to be in the Sunshine State in February, put this event on your calendar and let us know!

RSVP by 2/12:

Send us the reservation postcard in the Winter/ January newsletter, phone or email Ida Plumer.

BUSINESS LUNCHEON MEETING

APRIL 30, 2011

- Time: 1:00 pm
- Date: SATURDAY, April 30, 2011
- Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall
- All Alumni are Invited—No Charge for Lunch
- Alumni Plans will be Discussed
- Lunch is Provided by the Alumni Association

We encourage Alumni from each graduating class to join us for this 1-hour meeting and luncheon which takes place just once each year. We will be making plans for our coming events and our newsletter too. Reservations are required so that we can plan the luncheon.

REMEMBER, IT'S ON SATURDAY THIS YEAR!

Call or e-mail us by 4/15 for reservations at:
Phone: (623) 760-7167
Email: wardcase@hotmail.com

MONAGHAN'S ST. GREGORY NIGHT

MAY 6, 2011

- Time: 6:00 pm to Midnight
- Date: Friday, May 6, 2011
- Location: Monaghan's K of C Hall
- Our 28th Annual All-Class Reunion
- Cost: $5.00 at the door
- Cash Bar, Soft Music from our DJ, Door Prizes
- Tables Reserved for All Classes
- Dinner Available in the Restaurant
- Featuring anniversary Classes;
  1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966

Our St. Gregory Night at Monaghan's is our annual all-class reunion where tables are reserved for each class. Let us know in advance if you have a large group and require additional tables. Who will be there? You never know from year to year—but there's always someone from your class—looking for you!

ALL-CLASS BRUNCH & MEMORIAL MASS

AUGUST 21, 2011

- ◊ Time: 11:00 am
- ◊ Date: Sunday, August 21, 2011
- ◊ Location: Monaghan's K of C Hall
- ◊ Memorial Mass at 11:00 am, then Brunch
- ◊ Cost: $15.00 at the door for buffet brunch
- ◊ Open to all Alumni, Friends and Family
- ◊ Reserved seating
- ◊ Reservation deadline August 15th.
- ◊ RSVP by phone, email or use postcard in the Summer/July 2011 edition of the newsletter.

Our St. Gregory Mass and Brunch at Monaghan's is open to all alumni, family and friends. Reservations are required so that we can plan the seating and make arrangements for the meal.

RSVP by 8/15:

Send us the reservation postcard in the Summer 2011 edition or call (623) 760-7167 or email to wardcase@hotmail.com

NANCY A. (LaFRANIERE) McGRAW, SGH53; Nevada
I read my newsletter over and over. Keep up the good work. Loved the family stories of the Copperstones, McKendrys, and Kings. Never knew they had so many siblings!

WALTER DOLL, SGH60; Michigan
I received a copy of your newsletter from a friend and could not believe what I was seeing and reading. I did not know of the existence of the Alumni Association. I am very proud of the school and my twelve years of excellent education. Please put me on your mailing list.

BETTY ANN (TREVISOL) McKENNA, SGH59; Alabama

"59ERS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER"

Greetings from beautiful downtown Chelsea, Alabama. During the past month I have talked to, or received messages from a number of our Class of 1959 classmates and each of them had something interesting going on in their life. After hearing all these stories I figured that, with our classmates stretched out from sea to shining sea, and from the Great Lakes to the Sunshine State, there must be a lot of interesting news. So here is the idea—a monthly email mini-newsletter for the 59ers. If you have something that you would like to share about yourself, your children or grandchildren, just drop me an email and I will include it. Need some prayers for a special intention? Let us all join in. Got some pictures of a special vacation or new home or new grand baby? Send them along. My email address is: **mckennathomasbet@bellsouth.net**

RITA (BILINSKI) SIDOR, SGH47; Kansas
Sending a little donation for the newsletter. I graduated in 1947 and enjoy reading the newsletter. My brother **Norm Bilinski** graduated in 1951 and my sister **Betty Bilinski** in 1944. We all call each other and talk about the newsletter articles as soon as each newsletter arrives.

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The CASWELL Family of St. Gregory Parish

Edgar Francis John Caswell was born at Stratton on The Floss, England in 1899. He met and married **Phyllis Gertrude Kirby** in England. Our father was a Roman Catholic and our mother belonged to the Church of England, but later converted to Catholicism. They had three children in England, left England aboard the Regina, a White Star ship, arriving in Halifax, Nova Scotia and later spent a year in Kitchener, Ontario.

Pictured here at Rosemary's wedding: Hazel, Peter, Cynthia, Rosemary, June, Dad, Phillipa, Mom, Edgar K., Patricia

They moved to Detroit in July 4, 1930. We are not sure just when our parents became U.S. citizens, but mother once said it was during the war. They had four more children and after many jobs in depression times, and apartments and flats, the Caswells settled in St. Gregory Parish on Wildemere where all six were enrolled in school. Eventually, after moving several more times, the family bought its first home at 14897 Tuller Avenue. Our father found work at Kelsey Hayes as an experimental engineer, developing the disc braking system. He was a member of the K of C. Both of our parents were members of the Toast Masters' Club. He worked until a massive heart attack took his life much too early, in 1956. Mother found herself too alone and joined her sons Edgar and Peter in California where she became a house mother to an all-girls college until cancer took her on February 4, 1973.

PETER JOHN CASWELL, SGH41; <u>1924-2006</u>

Peter was born in Bilston, England. After high school, he worked for the Detroit Ordnance District as a junior clerk. Drafted into the Army Air Corps, he served in China and Guam aboard a B29 Super-Fortress. He flew 36 missions in photo recon of Japan, with the final mission witnessing and photographing the Hiroshima A-bombing. He came home with 4 Bronze Stars, 2 Air Medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Peter entered the Jesuit University of Detroit and earned his Electrical Engineering degree. He joined IBM as an engineer and eagerly advanced to marketing where he sold the first two commercial computers for IBM. He joined the SF Rotary Club, Shakespeare Group, Foothill Alliance, was cofounder and president of Bus Barn Stage Co., CEO of Edgar, Inc. He was active in the San Francisco Rotary as Chair of the Grants committee. He earned an MLS degree from the University of California. Peter's passion was acting. He directed three plays, performed in two operas and six movies, including his performance as Dr. Konrad in the emergency room in *Patch Adams*, with Robin Williams. Peter married Rosemary English and they had four sons and five grandchildren. Following Rosemary's death, Peter married Candi, who he had met on a cruise. He loved to take cruises and managed to go on three or four a year. Peter passed away after a tragic accident in 2006.

JUNE MARY (CASWELL) GIBBONS, SGH44; Michigan

June was born in Bilston, England. She married Joseph Gibbons, a staff sergeant in the 69th Infantry Division in the war. He reenlisted for three more years after the war and the lived at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland before coming home to Michigan. They had eight children and tragically lost their son, hit by a car at the age of 12. Her husband Joseph died in 2005 while they were living in Yale, Michigan. June moved to Dearborn Heights with her down syndrome child, Angela.

The CASWELL Family of St. Gregory Parish

PATRICIA (CASWELL) DRINKWATER, SGH46; California
Pat was born in Wolverhampton, England. She worked for Detroit Edison after graduation and married Joseph Robert Macay in 1949. They moved to Southfield and raised their six children; Phyllis, Mary, Cheryl, Cynthia, Joseph and Peter. She married again in 1973 to Robert Drinkwater and in 1980 they moved to San Francisco, fulfilling her dream come true. Pat worked in the engineering department for the Westin St. Francis Hotel for 15 years, retiring in 2000. Her husband passed away in January, 2000. She volunteers at the San Francisco Zoo, the USO at SFO, the Exploritorium, the Arts, and the Senior Center in Belmont.

HAZEL GERTRUDE (CASWELL) La CROIX, SGH49; Michigan
Hazel was the first "yank" born to Edgar and Phyllis, in Detroit in 1931. She attended St. Gregory from the first grade to high school graduation, the forth and last of our family to graduate from St. Gregory's. Hazel married Howard "Al" La Croix in 1950 and they had four sons; Alan, Steven, Edgar and Phillip. Besides housekeeping, she worked as an office clerical, then manager and teacher for the American Red Cross. She was also a student at Mott College in the nursing program. Following her husband's death, she moved from Attica to Rochester, where she walks, enjoys the arts, and volunteers at Paint-A-Miracle (art lessons for challenged adults) and never misses a concert.

PHILLIPA FRANCIS (CASWELL) VAN ORDEN; OLM52; Michigan
Born in Detroit, Phillipa attended St. Gregory's from the first to tenth grade, then graduated from Our Lady of Mercy in 1952. She entered the Mercy Convent in 1950 where Monsignor Pokriefka was present when she received her veil. She left the convent in 1953, realizing it was not to be. Phillipa married Robert Van Orden in 1953 and they had four children; Linda, Jeanne, Janet and Robert. Her husband died in 2009 after 53 years of marriage, and she then moved to Kimball, Michigan.

CYNTHIA MAUDE (CASWELL) CLARK, OLM55; Michigan
Cynthia went to St. Gregory's until the middle of the seventh grade when the family moved to Outer Drive. She graduated from Our Lady of Mercy as the youngest girl in her class. She married Chester Clark in 1959 and they moved to New Lothrop, near Flint. Her husband's administrative jobs took them all over Michigan, as they raised five children. They are very proud of their children.. Cynthia and Chester have twelve grandchildren, whom they couldn't love more! At age 43, Cynthia returned to college to earn an associates in nursing. She worked as an RN for 29 years and loved every minute. She is also a Red Cross volunteer both local and national, and a volunteer at the Free Clinic for the uninsured in Cadillac. Cynthia and Chester celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2009. Cynthia would like to hear from her former classmates.
Her email address is: **gaudemaude@hotmail.com**

Cynthia and Edgar.

EDGAR KIRBY CASWELL, UofD59; <u>1941-1985</u>
Born in Detroit, Edgar started school at St. Gregory's and graduated from the University of Detroit High School. He spent time in Toronto and eventually moved to San Francisco where he started his own computer company, located on Geary Street. His marriage to Carol ended in divorce. Edgar loved San Francisco and felt he should have been born there. He died far too early, of a massive heart attack at his mountainside cabin, at the age of 44.

Class of 1952—Deceased Members In Loving Memory, from Paul Staffeld SGH52	**Carol Spear** Dear Daughter of Marguerite (Burke) Alcorn SGH41	**Peter J. Caswell** SGH41; From Pat (Caswell) Drinkwater SGH46
Richard Hill Loving Husband of Shirley (Danny) Hill SGH49	**Class of 1955—Deceased Members** In Loving Memory, from Margo (Connelly) Lambert SGH55	**Donald Durocher** Loving Brother of Dolores (Durocher) Lallmann SGH54
Larry Gelinas In Loving Memory Carol Stoddart Gelinas	**Class of 1943—Deceased Members** In Loving Memory, from Sons of Yvonne (Antaya) Young	**In Honor of Class of1958** From Jim Connelly SGH58
Menosky & Gilardone Families In Loving Memory From Janet (Menosky) Gilardone	**Carl & Greg Lawrence** Loving Husband and Son of Anna (Schlegelmann) Lawrence	**John P. Redpath** SGH45; Loving Husband of Therese (Zammitt) Redpath SGH44
Jerry Radke SGH49; Loving Husband of Jean (DiMascio) Radke SGH49	**Don Brink** Loving Husband of Rose (DiMascio) Brink SGH53	**Dwyer Family—Deceased Members** Loving Family of Don Dwyer SGH43
William, Lois & Michael SGH40, SGH42, SGH67; Loving Family Sue & Jan Boddy, SGh66 & SGH63	**Charles A. & Virginia Hogan** Loving Father of Cheryl A. (Hogan) Coffey SGH64	**John & Delia Carriveau** Loving Parents of Cecelia (Carriveau) Thomas SGH40
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Bernice, Art, Phyllis, Loretta, **Ruth Ann, Napoleon, Leigh Fish** In Loving Memory—The Fish Family	**Frank, Bill, Alvin, Tom Hughes** Loving Family of Mary (Sporman) Hughes SGH44	**John & Mary, Kay, Vince** Loving Family of Bernard J Henehan SGH48
Charles Horvat SGH42; Loving Brother of Arthur Horvat SGH40	**Gilardone & Menosky Families** In Loving Memory Charley Gilardone SGH53	**Mike Glenn** SGH64; Loving Brother of Bruce Glenn SGH71
In Memory—Class of 1961 & 1962 Deceased Members; From Jim & Geri (Poniatowski) Hansen	**Verna (Patterson) Davis** SGH36; Loving Friend of Russ Wearn SGH38	**Charles and Dorothy Lapko** Loving Parents of Gene SGH65, Chris SGH67, Sandy
IN HONOR OF **Elizabeth (Boundy) Kneffel** From her Children and Grandchildren	**Joseph H. Burt** Loving Father of Clyde Burt SGH67	**Kathryn (Ackerman) Morin** SGH48; Loving Husband of Leo Morin SGH46
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Bernard, Thomas, Eileen Garbacik Loving Siblings of Esther (Garbacik) McKendry	**Copperstone Family** Deceased Members; From Linda (Copperstone) Thomas SGH65	**Lawrence & Anne Malloy** Loving Parents of Therese & Maureen SGH52/SGH54

In Loving Memory of our Family Members, Classmates, Teachers and Neighbors

WILFRED CASSABON, SGH45; Michigan
I say thanks for a most informative newsletter. It is improving with each issue. May you continue to produce this fine piece of journalism. Enclosed is a donation. Continued success!

ALAN DWYER, SGH51; Michigan
Here is a photo of the men of St. Gregory Parish at a retreat, at St. Paul Monastery in March of 1949. My dad, Laye Dwyer, is in front, the third one from the right.

MEN'S RETREAT in 1949

FAMILY STORIES

Life is Made of Memories

Everyone has a story to tell. How did your family happen to settle in St. Gregory Parish and where is everyone now?

Contact us and together we can write (and edit) your family story for a future newsletter. Locate those old photos too! We're looking forward to hearing from you.

ALUMNI ASSISTANCE FUND

Send Us Referrals

We have our Alumni Assistance Fund, through the generosity of two St. Gregory people. In the past few years, we have used it to assist three of our own. Do you know of an alumni who is in need? Contact us, and we will do what we can.

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Ward, Mike, Jeanne and Peg

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Gilmartin Family Deceased Members; From David Gilmartin SGH49	**James Mulville Family** In Memory of Deceased Members From John Mulville SGH42	**Class of 1958—Deceased Members** In Loving Memory Judie (Bernick) Nagy SGH58
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The Class of 1947 In Loving Memory Anna Mary (Rosati) Ferrell SGH47	**Dolly (Argenta) Sinelli** SGH47; In Loving Memory Joe Argenta SGH45	**Carl and Isabel Pfeiffer** Loving Parents of Tom Pfeiffer SGH49
Gregory, Sophie, Greg Jr Kopicko Loving Family of Patricia Kopicko SGH59	**Don Harrison** In Loving Memory, From Frances (Harrison) Smith SGH34	**Donald Dwyer** SGH43; Loving Brother of Mildred (Dwyer) Wilhelm SGH49
In Memory—Class of 1959 "Still Letting Our Lights Shine" Helen (Roslonski) Gatti SGH59	**The Class of 1962** In Loving Memory Jane (Brennan) Watters SGH62	**The Nehs and Progar Families** In Loving Memory Phil & JoAnne (Nehs) Progar SGH60,61

Class of 1961's 50 Year Anniversary—Coming June 11, 2011

Class Officers:

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	Rev Joseph Rettig
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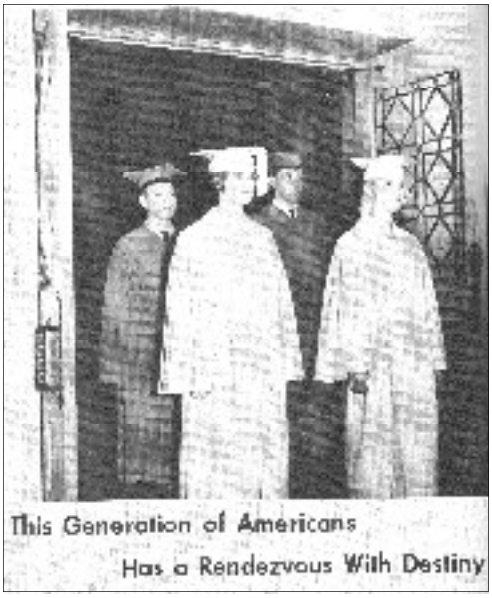

LIFE THEN: 3-bedroom home $13,825; New Ford $2,528; Average income $5,737... Gallon of gas $0.31… Minimum wage $1.25

TUNES OF THE TIMES: Big, Bad John… Travelin' Man… Take Good Care of My Baby… Moon River… I Love How You Love Me… Let's Twist Again… The Wanderer

FAMOUS FIRSTS: Peace Corp… President Kennedy's inauguration speech: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."… Alan B Shepard Jr, first American in space… Jackie Kennedy look

AND THE WINNER IS: Best Movie, WEST SIDE STORY; Best Actor, Maximilian Shell; Best Actress, Sophia Loren

TELEVISION SHOWS: Jack Benny Show… The Real McCoys

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PEG (GERADA) ELWARNER, SGH63
Treasurer, St. Gregory Alumni Association

In Memory of Jim Horkan Loving Husband of Joan, Father of Mike, Kevin, Patrice, Jim	**Eileen & Tony Ovington** Loving Parents of Ron, Pat, Harold, Jerry Ovington	**Frank Traverso** SGH46; Loving Husband of Mary Rea
Marie Billie Orr (11/5/07) Loving Mother of Don Orr SGH62	**Jim & Peggy McKendry, Jim & Bill** Loving Parents and Brothers of Mary Margaret, Suzanne, Mike, Alicia	**Rose, Mary, Ann, Henry Rea** Loving Family of Mary Rea
Mary Ellen & Kathryn Ackerman SGH45 & 47; Loving Sisters of Virginia (Ackerman) Monforton SGH59	**Class of 1961 Members** In Loving Memory, from JoAnne (Pion) Cain SGH61	**Dick Miller** SGH45; Loving Husband of Marie H. (Redilla) Miller SGH47
Mary (Horvat) Polvi SGH37; In Loving Memory, from Arthur Horvat SGH40	**Mary Helen (Dessert) Heffernan** SGH42; Loving Sister of Edward Dessert SGH40	**Hattie, John, Bob Redpath** Loving Parents & Brother of John, Marlene, Lucille, Sue
Pat Bradford &Gloria Leflar In Loving Memory; From James Leflar SGH52	**James Miller Family—In Memory** With Love From Eleanor (Miller) Zouombaris SGH39	**Rosalie (Schwab) Kusluski** Loving Sister of Betty Jo Schwab SGH57
Mary E. Baldwin SGH46; Beloved Friend of Patricia (Connelly) Mulville SGH46	**Santarossa Family** In Loving Memory, from Adeline (Santarossa) Sartori SGH45	**Donald LaFrance** SGH59;Loving Husband for 43 Years! Dolly LaFrance
Rita & Joseph Gallagher Loving Parents of Leonard, Evelyn, John & Dorothy	**Dr. Jeffrey Kulpa** SGH66; Loving Brother of Michael Kulpa SGH64	A Big THANK YOU to all who frequent **French's Flowers** Judie (Bernick) Nagy SGH58
Virginia Hogan Loving Mother of Cathy (Hogan) Karlson SGH68	**Rosemary McMillan** SGH34; Loving Sister of Bill McMillan	**Michael Tuohy** Loving Brother of Helen, Theresa, Jim Tuohy
Greg, Shirley, Mary Joyce, **Jack, Tom, Anne, Jane McGrath** In Loving Memory from James McGrath	**Mike Tuohy** In Loving Memory, from Bill Whistle	**Lawrence & Mildred Bernick** Loving Parents of Judie (Bernick) Nagy SGH58
Donna (Nagel) Wall SGH45; Loving Sister of Bob, Joanne, Jane, and Jim	**Whinnie Family; George, Mary Jane,** **Ronald, Valerie, Suzanne, Sheila** From John Whinnie SGH63	**Thomas Connelly** "His life was brief, but we remember..." Louise, Margaret & Jim Connelly
In Memory—Class of 1960 Deceased Members; from Jackie (Meyers) Green SGH60	**Reg & Arlene Morin** Loving Parents of Karen (Morin) Lapko SGH68	**Myron & Rose Gootee** Loving Parents of Karen & Norma Gootee SGH55, 64
In Memory– Class of 1943 "Oh What Memories!" from Rita (Hastings) Orlowski SGH43	**Casmer & Lillian Juszczyk** Loving Parents of Casmer, Shirley, Don and Dorothy	**Arnold & Sadie Riley** Loving Parents of Pat, Joan, Helen, Sonny and Mary Ann

In Loving Memory of our Family Members, Classmates, Teachers and Neighbors

CLASS OF 1955's 55- YEAR REUNION IN 2010

We had a beautiful class reunion at Kings Mill Clubhouse in Northville on September 19, 2010. It has been fifty-five years! Can you believe it?

Thanks to **Margo Lambert** for renting the clubhouse for us and for the $200 donated by the alumni association. The food was catered by Rockies, on Seven Mile road in Northville. The food was great. We had sixteen (of our 53 classmates) and eleven guests. All had a wonderful time. Hopefully we will all meet again in five years!

Top photo: The St. Gregory grads in front of the Kings Mill Clubhouse on September 19, 2010.

Above photo:
The former Cherokee football players and cheerleaders who attended the reunion.

Left photo:
Our Class of 1955 Senior Breakfast in the gymnasium, in the spring of 1955.

The BERNARD Family of St. Gregory Parish

Our parents, **Dorothea and John Robert Bernard, Jr.,** met in their native home state of Mississippi and against all odds, migrated to Michigan and married. They became the proud parents of Sharon, Linda and John III. Our mother was a nurse and our father was the matre'd at Bloomfield Hills Country Club for fifty years.

Their character, honor, and integrity resulted in the cultivation in us of an uncompromising work ethic and a commitment to egalitarian principles. Because education was of the upmost importance, our parents moved from St. Leo Parish to St. Gregory Parish so that all three of us could attend one school.

Unfortunately, our mother died at the age of 32. Thereafter we were raised by our devoted grandmother, "Big Mama" and our dad, "The Head of the Herd". Our mother's death placed additional pressure on Sharon as the oldest, to help care for and lead her younger siblings, which was their mother's dying wish.

SHARON BERNARD, SGH60; Michigan

Sharon was awarded a full academic scholarship to attend Michigan State University. However after one year, she married a fellow Spartan, and moved to his home state, Arkansas. Together they continued their education and graduated in 1969 as the first African American couple (and Sharon the first African American female), from the University of Arkansas Law School. Through the joint degree program she earned BSL and JD degrees and became the first college graduate on both sides of her immediate family. She was also the first African American female licensed attorney in the state of Arkansas.

Divorced in 1975, she returned to Michigan with their two daughters, Cylenthia and Sharon. She began her thirty year career at Michigan National Bank in 1975 as a staff attorney (first female and first African American) and retired as First Vice President and Statewide Director, Community Relations and Reinvestment. She has received numerous awards for her community service on behalf of children, women and civil rights; and the Detroit Urban League's "Distinguished Warrior Award." Sharon was the founding Chair of the Michigan Children's Trust Fund and served as the second female Detroit Police Commissioner. The University of Arkansas School of Law recently recognized her as their first African American female graduate and for her numerous leadership and civic accomplishments throughout her career.

She is very proud of her daughters, Judge Cylenthia LaToye Miller, 36th Judicial District Court, and Dr. Sharon Miller, OB-GYN, Providence Hospital. In retirement, Sharon is enjoying her three grandsons, Michael (21), Nicholas (12), and Jordan (10); also community service, traveling and internet games.

"The three of us are strong leaders and have individually made remarkable contributions to this community. We, our children and grandchildren and niece remain committed to the principles of the Catholic faith. We are very thankful to the Sisters and Priests for their guidance and direction, and for the outstanding quality education we received at St. Gregory."

The BERNARD Family of St. Gregory Parish

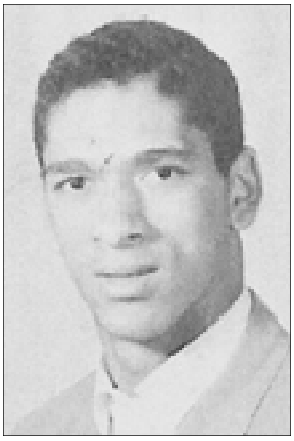
LINDA BERNARD, SGH67; Michigan

Linda completed Wayne State University Monteith Honors College in three years, and later the WSU Law School with BA and JD degrees respectively. She is the first African American to earn a Masters of Law (LL.M.) degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Since 2001 she has served as Managing Partner of Linda D. Bernard J.D., LL.M. and Associates PLC in Detroit. She is an expert in contracts, labor and dispute resolution. Linda argued and won three precedent-setting labor cases before the Michigan Supreme Court which dramatically changed the legal rights of low income people. She has received numerous awards in the White House and as a Michigan State Bar "Champion of Justice", and has lectured internationally. She is licensed to practice law in state and federal courts in Michigan, Massachusetts, Washington DC, Pennsylvania and the U.S. Supreme Court.

She served as a staff attorney for Ford Motor Company; supervising attorney in the City of Detroit's Law Department's Contracts and Business Law Section (which she founded); General Counsel of the Massachusetts Port Authority; CEO and Chief Counsel, Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services; Director of the Detroit Film Office; and Developer of Affordable Housing and Mixed Use Developments. Her daughter, Jamie Carrao, has two children, Mackenzie and Jaylen.

JOHN BERNARD III, De LaSalle 1970; Michigan

While at St. Gregory, John was co-captain of the football, basketball and baseball teams in 1968-1969. He was Class President, Class of 1969. He was an outstanding scholar, and a National Honor Society member. Subsequent to the closure of St. Gregory, John attended De LaSalle where he continued to excel academically, played football and was co-captain of the baseball and basketball teams. He was a varsity starter in football, basketball, baseball and track as a freshman, and started on two city championship teams that year. In 1970 he was the De LaSalle Athlete of the Year. He attended the University of Michigan, played on the basketball team, and graduated with a BA degree in history.



John's 11th grade photo from SGH69 yearbook

John has worked for WJR, NECHES intersection Shipyard, and Xerox. Presently, he is SVP, Wealth Management, at Morgan Stanley-Smith Barney in Bloomfield Hills, with over 25 years of investment and financial advisor experience.

He is very active in the community and sits on several boards, including Catholic Social Services of Wayne County. He is a founding member of the Detroit affiliate and former national finance chair of the 100 Black Men of America.

Linda, John and Sharon Bernard

Rosemary (Connor) Yert SGH58 Patricia (Connor) Bebes SGH57	**Reginald & Mary Anne Syrett** In Loving Memory, from Maureen & Ronald Ovington SGH48	**In Memory—Class of 1954** Deceased Members; from Class of '54— Reunion 2009
Joan and Marvin Daley Loving Siblings of James Daley SGH58	**Jerry Cahill** **Husband of Ann (Grace)Cahill** From Nancy (Grace) Sebastian SGH62	**Emil & Vincenza Vagnetti** Loving Parents of John SGH61, Mike SGH68
Rosemary (Connor) Yert SGH58; Loving Sister & Best Friend Kathleen Connor SGH48	**Class of 1949—Deceased Members** With Love Evelyn (Gallagher) Renault SGH49	**Jack & Bobbie (Paris) Govan** Loving Family of Betti (Paris) Vankainen SGH41
Agnes, Otto, Mary Swoish Loving Family of Bob, Jack, Jim, Mary Lou	**The Boucher Family** Deceased Members; from Richard Boucher SGH57	**Edmond and Rose Cassabon** Loving Parents of Wilfred Cassabon SGH45
Victor, Yvonne, Ray Gleeson Loving Parents and Brother of Rita (Gleeson) Goodrow SGH59	**Steve & John Sullivan** In Loving Memory, from Martine (Strauss) Sullivan SGH58	**Eleanor Miller** SGH39; Loving Mother of Susanne Zoumbaris
The IHM Sisters of St. Gregory's In Loving Memory Bill Winter SGH61	**Frank and Helen Heffernan** SGH40,47; Loving Siblings of Jim, Joe, Dan, Harriet, Bill and Tom	**Thomas Gentile** With Love JoAnn (Gentile) DiGiovanni SGH68
Mary Doyle & Lucille Nardoni SGH52, 55; Loving Friends of Nancy (LaFreniere) McGraw SGH53	**In Memory—Class of 1940** Deceased Members; from Arthur Horvat SGH40	**Arlene & Reginald Morin** Loving Parents of Karen, Lonnie,Linda, Diane,Gene, Brian
Class of 1946—In Loving Memory From Hugh Morgan SGH46	**Betty Jane Lawson** Loving Wife of William Lawson SGH48	**Owen Nagy** SGH62; Loving Brother of Paul Nagy SGH59
Gleeson Family-Deceased Members Loving Family of John Gleeson SGH49	**In Memory—Class of 1956** Deceased Members; from Pat (Hughes) Morrison SGH56	**Joan Betke** With Love Edward Betke SGH54
Judy Ann Reiz SGH64; Loving Sister of Paul Reiz SGH60	**Elda, Rita and Lilly Mastrini** Loving Family of Mary (Mastrini) Kirkwood SGH50	**Norbert & Catherine Crowe** Loving Parents of Sharon SGH59, Jeanne SGH63, Ron
Dan Hurley SGH63 With Love Jean (Lippe) Fenton SGH63	**John & Helen Trzcienski** Loving Parents of Sue Trzcienski SGH63	**Joseph Gibbons** Loving Husband of June (Caswell) Gibbons SGH44
Geraldine Paris & Marie Boynton SGH40; Loving Familylof Betti and Roberta Paris SGH41, 49	**Class of 1946– Deceased Members** With Love Mary Duggan SGH46	**Louisignau & Farrell Families** Loving Family of Edmond Louisignau SGH39
Paul Schlaefflin SGH48; Loving Husband of Marlene Schlaefflin	**Bill Kosco and Ron Bo SGH58/58** Remembered by Jim Connelly, Jerry Foley, Jim Stipanovich	**Mary Margaret Gabe** Taken in 6th grade, and remembered Sharon (Crowe) Hicks SGH59

CLASS OF 1931—80th Anniversary Reunion
CLASS OF 1936—75th Anniversary Reunion
CLASS OF 1941—70th Anniversary Reunion
CLASS OF 1946—65th Anniversary Reunion

Your reunion will be at Monaghan's on St. Gregory Night, **May 6, 2011**; sponsored by your alumni association. Tables will be reserved. Contact us.
Ward Case (623) 760-7167 wardcase@hotmail.com

CLASS OF 1949—GIRLS' CLUB LUNCHEON—Dec 6, 2011

The annual Christmas Luncheon for "All Girls of Class of 1949" will be held at Hawthorne Valley Golf Club (Merriman at Warren) at 11:30 am, on **December 6, 2011**. For further information, please contact:
Mary Baker (248) 380-3066;
Evelyn Renault (248) 349-6189
Jean Radke (248) 348-1577

CLASS OF 1951—60th Anniversary Reunion in 2011

Ok, Class of 1951! Are you ready to get started planning our big 60-year reunion? We will be organizing a committee and making plans for 2011.
Carol (Pickering) Van Cleave (248) 681-3680
Barbara (Barrett) Turnbull
Margaret (King) Belisle

CLASS OF 1956—55th Anniversary Reunion in 2011

Our reunion committee will be meeting in March, 2011 to begin making plans. You will be hearing from us! Janet Johnston

CLASS OF 1961—50th Anniversary Reunion—Jun 11, 2011

We have booked Vladimer's Banquet Hall on Grand River, north of Eight Mile Road, for our 50-year reunion. It will be on June 11, 2011, exactly fifty years later!
JoAnne (Nehs) Progar (248) 352-9236 Email: anthony.joanne@gmail.com

CLASS OF 1966—45 Year Reunion—May 6, 2011

We have reserved a room at Monaghan's for our 45-year reunion. The date will be May 6, 2011, the same night as our all-class reunion in the hall.
Vince Cessante (734) 844-3099
Gershwin Drain (313) 531-3881

2011 EVENTS

FEB 19, 2011
FLORIDA ALL-CLASS REUNION LUNCHEON IN NORTH PORT

APRIL 30, 2011
ALUMNI BUSINESS LUNCHEON MEETING AT MONAGHAN'S IN LIVONIA

MAY 6, 2011
ST. GREGORY NIGHT AT MONAGHANS
ALL-CLASS REUNION IN LIVONIA

AUGUST 21, 2011
MEMORIAL MASS AND BRUNCH AT MONAGHAN'S

SEE PAGE 8 FOR DETAILS OF ALL EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR & TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

The BEALE Family of St. Gregory Parish

Our father, **Jack Beale,** came to America from Birmingham, England at 21 with his family. They settled in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Dad worked for the Detroit Free Press along with his father, sister and brother. Our mother **Evelyn** and her two sisters were raised by three bachelor uncles and a maiden aunt, in the area of Hastings and Rivard in Detroit. Mom was a secretary at GM's Cadillac Motor. We are not sure of how they met, but they were married on September 3, 1931 in the rectory of Holy Redeemer Parish. Our Mom often talked about how happy they were and how special their first Christmas together was.

They had five children; Ronald, Richard, Mary Louise, Noreen, and Robert. Ronald died of accidental drowning in the Clinton River in Mt. Clemens when he was ten. Richard died of chronic nephritis when he was just two. Losing the two boys was a heavy loss for our parents, one we do not think they ever got over. We moved to Dearborn and then Detroit, (Holy Redeemer Parish) where Mom took care of her aunts who had been like mothers to her as she grew up. When her Aunt Mamie died she left $1,000 which our parents used to purchase our home on Monica in 1949, and we were enrolled at St. Gregory's. We all graduated from St. Gregory and continue to cherish the many friendships and memories that we were blessed with.

Mom and Dad, Jack and Evelyn Beale on their wedding day in 1931

Dad passed away on January 2, 1963 of lung cancer. Mom continued to live in the house until Bob returned from Vietnam, then they moved to Warren. Mom later moved to Dryden and lived with Mary Lou and her family. Mom died on February 9, 1981 of pancreatic cancer. She was a devout Catholic, praying multiple rosaries daily. She had a strong devotion to the Infant of Prague and St. Therese of the Little Flower. Dad, while not a Catholic, always made sure that we were faithful to our religion. He carried Sacred Heart badges which he would give to the men at work. He too believed in God.

MARY LOU (BEALE) VAN ANTWERP, SGH56; Michigan

Mary Lou graduated from the University of Detroit with a degree in elementary education. Mary Lou also earned a masters from Marygrove and another from St. John's Provincial Seminary. During those years she worked at Big Bear and Farmer Jacks as a cashier. Those were the days! She taught at Our Lady Queen of Hope, and the parish supported her time as a lay missionary in Bolivia. Mary Lou worked with the Maryknollers for four years, serving in the schools and doing whatever it took to help. Folks from Queen of Hope still remember the hot dog sales which were held to send spending money to "Ms. Beale". She was a postulant with the I.H.M. Order in Monroe for six months and remains in touch with the women from her class, who just celebrated fifty years of religious life. She also taught at St. Boniface, Gesu, and Holy Family Regional schools. Currently she is an administrator at George Crocket Academy in Detroit. Mary Lou married George Van Antwerp in 1970 and they went to Brazil with the Peace Corps. They have three children; George and Mike graduated from U of D High and Karon graduated from Shrine. All hold masters' degrees with Karon graduating from the Franciscan School of Theology. George and Mary Lou have eight grandchildren, ranging in age from nine years old to a few days old. While her job keeps her from friends' retirement luncheons, she keeps in contact with people via email.

The BEALE Family of St. Gregory Parish

NOREEN (BEALE) LILLA, SGH59; Michigan

Noreen graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing after high school, and later worked at Mount Carmel Hospital in nursing and cared for babies who were born with deformities, along with the healthy ones. She loved the work. Nursing has always been her passion. She met her husband through mutual friends and was married in 1966. She left nursing when she was expecting her first child. Noreen and Tom had seven children, four boys and three girls. They all went to Catholic schools, graduated and went to college. Their oldest, Kathy has a doctoral in systematic theology. Two sons have their masters degrees. One son is an electrical engineer and the other three work in different fields of finance. Mary Therese is a nurse and Maureen is an athletic trainer. Noreen and Tom have been blessed with nine grandchildren so far and they look forward to more. Noreen learned how to sew and enjoyed making the children's clothes. Their home was always open for the boys from De LaSalle, (where their sons attended), and for the girls from Regina and Dominican, (where their girls attended). They are celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary in 2011. They feel truly blessed. Noreen continues to work as a bookkeeper. Reading and scrapbooking are favorite ways to relax when she is not taking care of the grandchildren. She and Tom are great sports fans, cheering on MSU, the Tigers and the Red Wings. Sundays often find several children and their families home for dinner. Noreen remains in contact with her high school friends, Ginny Ackerman, Alberta Beauprey, and Joann Kelly.

ROBERT BEALE, SGH62; Michigan

Bob was drafted in 1966 and served a year in Vietnam. After his discharge, he worked for Spartan Stores where he was a truck driver and later worked in the warehouse. Bob married Barbara Repshas (SGH60) in 1977 and adopted her two boys. They had been married twenty-nine years when they divorced. Bob is in constant contact with his four grandchildren who all live in Colorado. He is retired yet remains active with the Teamsters, opening their office in Detroit and serving the retirees. Bob is a loyal and active member of the V.F.W. He likes to bowl and was on the TV show Bowling for Dollars, back in the day. He and his companion Sandy like to travel on short trips. Bob remains in contact with many of his classmates, including Don Orr, Jim Muzzin, Ed Progar, Joe Repshas and others.

"We all have fond memories of our classmates, teachers, and the priests of St. Gregory."

Standing: Noreen
Seated: Bob and Mary Lou

The BENJAMIN Family of St. Gregory Parish

Our parents: **James Benjamin** was born in Uniontown, Alabama and **Synia Mae Benjamin** was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee. They met in Chattanooga and wed four years later. After an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy in 1946, he brought his wife and son, James, to Detroit where he was employed at Dodge Main. He later transferred to the Chrysler Plant in Detroit where he worked for over forty years. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Men's Club. After declining health, he departed from this earth on January 26, 2005.

From this union they had four children: James, Patricia, Orlando and Denise. They raised the children in Detroit, beginning at Our Lady of Victory School. They later relocated to Pasadena, off Dexter, and changed membership to St. Gregory Parish.

Synia (Mae) was a homemaker and certified hairdresser in Tennessee and Michigan, and she continued her career as a hairdresser. She later was employed at Children's, Metropolitan, Sinai, and Detroit Memorial Hospitals as a Nurse's Aid. She became a licensed Foster Child Parent; Teacher's Aid for Wayne County Community College; Senior Volunteer for Catholic Social Services; and aid for the City of Detroit for the Senior Citizen's Program. She was also employed as a Teacher's Aid and Bus Attendant for Detroit Public Schools and received many certificates of appreciation from her places of employment. She is still a member of St. Gregory Church and attends as frequently as possible. After leaving her home on Pasadena, she lived in a senior citizen's building until September, 2010. She now resides in Southfield with her daughter, Denise. After 28 years of marriage, James and Snyia divorced and although he remarried, they remained friends and attended all family gatherings until his death in 2005.

JAMES HARVEY BENJAMIN, SGH64; <u>1946-1997</u>

James was an exceptionally bright child. He attended Our Lady of Victory, St. Theresa and St. Gregory. At St. Gregory he was an altar boy, team leader in basketball and football, an exceptional student in math and science, president of the student council, and leader of the yearbook staff. After graduation he started bowling and became a formidable opponent; he bowled several perfect 300 games. While attending Wayne State for two years, he worked at Michcon. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he became a Boatsman Mate 3rd Class and was a member of the Military Police. After receiving an honorable discharge, he worked for Ford Motor Company where he was in an apprenticeship program as a millwright. In 1976 he married Ella Marie Jemison and had two beautiful daughters, Erika and Brittani. James was struck at age 38 with health problems. His beloved wife died unexpectedly in 1988 and he spiraled into a heart attack, quadruple bypass, renal failure and a stroke. Eventually, his health issues were too much for him to overcome and he died on April 18, 1997.

PATRICIA A. BENJAMIN, SGH65; Michigan

Pat is the second child, and attended Our Lady of Victory, St. Theresa, and St. Gregory schools. In high school, basketball was her passion and as co-captain of the team, St. Gregory won a Divisional Championship in 1964. She graduated from Western Michigan University in 1969 with a BA degree in English, Speech and Sociology, and was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She taught English, Speech, Debate, and Drama at Detroit Central High. She received her Masters of Education in Reading from Wayne State in 1973 and became a Reading Specialist and Test Coordinator. Pat loved teaching and the students became her family and her children. She was rewarded by watching their growth and development under her tutelage. Therefore, it took her a long time to seek an administrative position that would remove her from the classroom. Finally she decided that she could reach more students by leading, guiding, coaching and mentoring the teachers and staff. In 1989, she graduated from University of Detroit Mercy with an Educational Specialist in Educational Leadership. It was then that she was promoted to English Department Head and supervised 24 English teachers at Mackenzie. She was later promoted to Assistant Principal at Southwestern High School.

The BENJAMIN Family of St. Gregory Parish

Pat felt that she had unfinished business, so she attended Wayne State University and received her Doctor of Education in Supervision and Administration with a dissertation in Upward Appraisal. Soon after, she was promoted to a Principalship in a middle school. She accepted the challenge of becoming Principal of McMichael Middle School, which she later named McMichael Technological Academy, because of a million dollar grant received, which emphasized technology in the classroom. In 2004, after 34.5 years of service to Detroit Public Schools and its students, she decided that it was time to retire and let others take her place. Pat stepped down and focused on her consulting company, B.&P. Consulting Services, L.L.C. She conducts educational and business workshops; is qualified to serve as a Principal Coach with training from Michigan State University, and she is certified in True Colors, a team building process. Pat is an avid traveler, having traveled throughout Europe, the United States, Mexico, Bahamas, Jamaica and the Virgin Islands. She has a home in Florida and travels back and forth from Florida to Detroit. She loves her sorority and actively participates in Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., and Alpha Rho Omega of Detroit.

ORLANDO LAMAR BENJAMIN, SGH68; Michigan

Orlando attended Our Lady of Victory and St. Gregory, where he was an altar boy. He left St. Gregory in 1967, and was eventually drafted into the U.S. Army where he received his G.E.D. After the service, he relocated to Toledo where he met his wife, Ivy, and fathered two wonderful daughters. He divorced several years later and married Jackie. This marriage also ended in divorce. Orlando is the father of two girls and four boys. He started his career as an electrician apprentice and worked at Toledo Edison as a dispatcher/driver. He later worked for sixteen years as a driver and site manager for Detroit Greyhound Bus Co. This employment ended as a result of back injuries. He became a hotel security/maintenance employee at Concerned Americans for Cultural Exchange in Detroit and a Truant and Security Officer at Best Western/River Chase Inn in Alabama. On returning to Detroit, he was employed as a security officer at Inkster High School/Growth Works where he received training in Non-Violent Crisis Intervention, Crisis Prevention Institute, attending workshops in Assessing Risk of Juvenile Violence, Specialized Training Services, Inc. He received a certificate in Metal Detector Training, D.R.A.G.N.E.T Enterprise. Orlando also received weapons training and a permit to carry a concealed weapon as part of his preparation for sustained employment at Diversified Chemicals Technology. In September, 2010, he moved to Battle Creek, to seek other opportunities.

DENISE Y. (BENJAMIN) RICHARDS THORNTON, Mumford 1970; Michigan

Denise attended the last 11th grade class of St. Gregory, and graduated in 1970 from Mumford High School. Her 11th grade class (1968-69) was convinced that the school was closed before they could graduate because "we were hated mavericks". The class had a senior skip day, even though they were not yet seniors, and paid for it later by having to make up a school day on Saturday. Only three classmates did not skip! Does anyone remember who they were? Mavericks? The class had interracial dating. Does anyone remember Bruce and Valerie? Couples would walk the hallways, paired with the opposite race/sex in retaliation. Generally, the class was a thorn in everyone's side. Denise went to Oakland University for two years and graduated from Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia with a BA in Journalism. She worked in upstate New York (Binghamton) on the Sun Bulletin Newspaper during the summer of 1975 and moved back to Detroit and started a career in banking. She stayed for 28 years, leaving as a branch manager and vice president. During that time she married, had a son (George Richards III), divorced, remarried and divorced again. She is currently living in Southfield. Her son graduated from Hampton University in Virginia. He lives in Connecticut and works as a production assistant with ESPN.

Orlando, Denise, Patricia, James

In Memoriam

We have learned of the deaths of these Alumni and Friends of St. Gregory School. For their families we ask God's peace, love and grace of acceptance. Join us in a celebration of their lives at our Alumni and Friends Memorial Mass and Brunch at Monaghan's Hall on Sunday, August 21, 2011.

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Loving son of Nancy Morro,
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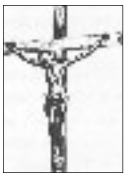

BREWER, TIM
Loving husband of
Margaret Howard,
Class of 1971

BRYSON, HENRY "HARRY"
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Class of 1952

CARRON, THOMAS
St. Gregory High School
Class of 1958

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St. Gregory High School
Class of 1968

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St. Gregory High School
Class of 1952

DUROCHER, DON
St. Gregory High School
Class of 1948

ESPER, DAVID E
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Class of 1964

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Class of 1946

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Loving husband of
Mary (Randazzo) Hartmus,
Class of 1961

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St. Gregory High School
Class of 1939

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Loving mother of
Jackie, Pam, Denise
And Marsha

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Kathy, Joe, Jerry, Barney,
Margaret, Janet, Chris,
and Brenda

KOLMESH, RITA BREY
St. Gregory High School
Class of 1949

KOSCO, NORM
St. Gregory High School
Class of 1950

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St. Gregory High School
Class of 1944

MASSEY, EVELYN
Loving mother of
Rose, Marilyn and Phyllis

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Hugh Moran
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Class of 1950

O'BRIEN, MADELINE "PAT"
St. Gregory High School
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St. Gregory High School
Class of 1942, and loving wife of
Bill Tamagne, Class of 1942

WEARN, RUSS
St. Gregory High School
Class of 1938

O'DONNELL, SR. MARY, IHM
St. Gregory High School
Class of 1949

SUGRUE, JANE RYAN
St. Gregory High School
Class of 1950

WHINNIE, MARY JANE
Loving mother of
John and Bill, and Larry

PARR, KRISTY
Loving daughter of
Kathy (Waring) Parr

Lives Remembered

DONALD A. DUROCHER, SGH48; 1930-2010

Don passed away on May 7, 2010 at his home in Port Charlotte, Florida. He had spent over 25 years there and at his summer home on Lake Chemung in Howell. The Durocher family grew up on Monica Street and Don would have graduated in 1948, but he decided to join the Marines and leave St. Gregory. In 1950 he married Geraldine Krienbring and moved back to another home on Monica where they raised three boys and a girl. His children were the joy of his life. He retired from Sears, then had his own business with Sprinkler Systems. He was active in the Lions Club and Monaghan Council. He enjoyed attending the St. Gregory reunions both in Florida and Michigan. Don was my Big Brother but more importantly, my Best Friend.
Dolores Durocher Lallmann, Class of 1954.

ELEANOR ANN (MILLER) ZOUMBARIS, SGH39; 1921-2010

My beautiful Mother passed away on June 23, 2010. She was a proud 1939 St. Gregory Graduate. Mom grew up at 2692 Doris Avenue with her brother **Jacob Miller** and sister **Delphine Miller**. Their parents were James and Anna Miller. I have enclosed a donation in memory of my beloved Mother.

Backyard photo: Eleanor Miller in cap and gown, with her parents in June, 1939.

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