

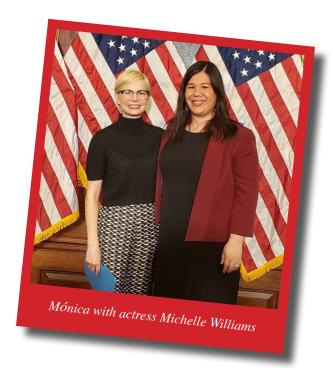


### On the Cover

Alumnus, Mónica Ramírez, has received numerous awards including Harvard Kennedy School's first Gender Equity Changemaker Award, Feminist Majority's Global Women's Rights Award, the Smithsonian's 2018 Ingenuity Award, and the Hispanic Heritage Award. Mónica was named to *Forbes Mexico's* 100 Most Powerful Women's 2018 list. *TIME Magazine* included her in its 2021 TIME100 Next list, and *People en Español* recognized her as one of the 100 Most Powerful Latinos in 2021.

Mónica is also an inaugural member of the Ford Global Fellowship. She serves on the Board of Directors of the National Women's Law Center, Friends of the Latino Museum, Care in Action, and she is a member of The Little Market's Activists Committee.





See page twelve for a Q&A with Mónica!



Dear Reader,

Heritage is the cultural, historical, and natural legacies that are passed down from previous generations to the present. It encompasses various aspects of human civilization and the environment reflecting the richness and diversity of human experiences across time and space. Heritage can take many different forms, but one thing is true - the heritage of SJCC is one that is strong and something to be very proud of.

In this issue of the Voice, we hope to convey several examples of how heritage has shaped our community. The cultural heritage that inspires the important work of Mónica Ramírez and the strong family heritage of Joe Gottron create a valuable future legacy.

At SJCC, our students learn to respect the past, celebrate the present, and build the future. By connecting with our roots and appreciating our cultural diversity, we hope to preserve our legacy for generations to come. We can see by those who have given to our Annual Fund that the value in Catholic education is evident, and we prayerfully ask that you help to attain our goal, so we can continue to "reach and teach the mind, body, heart, and soul of each child to bring them closer to God."

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Jenny Freeh '07 Development Director

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# Heritage Award

The SJCC Alumni and Friends Association is proud to share with you the 2023 Heritage Award Recipients. Since 1998, this award has been presented to 71 individuals including 8 couples. Paul Grahl '97, Lenoard "Knobby" Reiter, and Jean Wasserman '52 have joined this prestigiuos community. They each exemplify the qualifications necessary for induction. They have touched the lives of those around them through their dedication and involvement in the communities in which they live. They have gone above and beyond a level of giving with their time and talents and have enriched many different types of people and organizations. The induction ceremony was held on April 1st, 2023 in the SJCC Cafeteria with many past recipients, family, and friends attending.

Paul Grahl is a 1997 Graduate of St. Joseph Central Catholic High School. He went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Computer Information Systems from Heidelberg. He has been married to Jennifer for twenty-one years and they have five children- Morgan ('21), Brandon ('23), Ethan, Logan, and Owen. He worked for the Ohio Auditor of State for 12 years and has currently been the Fremont City Auditor since 2012.

Mr. Grahl's coaching career began at



Paul Grahl

SJCC over twenty years ago. He is currently the Head Track & Field and Girls Volleyball Coach and has also coached CYO Volleyball and basketball.

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major part of SJCC's athletic programs he is also an extremely active member of his faith community: St. Joseph Parish. He serves as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister along with serving on the St. Joseph Parish Finance Council. Besides his parish community, Mr. Grahl is a member of Rotary Club and Knights of Columbus.

Jennifer Grahl presented Paul with the Heritage Award. His dedication to his school and church community is one of the things she loves the most about him. When speaking about her husband she remarked,"He truly bleeds crimson and gray."

During Mr. Grahl's speech he stated how humbling of an experience it is to be nominated for this award, especially by one of his former mentors: Marty Eberly. Mr. Eberly was a coach for Paul's Freshman football team. Paul was inspired by the volunteerism shown by Mr. Eberly- from the Cafeteria to Football games, he was everywhere. Paul spoke of others who impacted his life such as Monsignor Edward Dunn – his pastor growing up at St. Mary's who inspired his Catholic faith. Another group of people that helped Paul were the friends he made at his years at SJCC, or as he fondly calls them, his "St. Joe brothers". He

thanked his parents for sending him to Clyde St. Mary's and then to SJCC. The hours he puts in at SJCC, St. Joseph Parish and his community would not be possibly without his wife Jennifer who holds down the fort and supports

Leonard "Knobby" Reiter was the owner of Reiter Welding for over thirty years and was in the Ohio National Guard. He is a parishioner of St. Joseph Parish, member of the SJCC Booster Club, Baseball-Softball Raffle volunteer and was a member of the Fremont Elks. In 2021, he received the Ohio High School Athletic Association's Adult Contributor Award. Since the beginning of the Naderer Sports Complex, Mr. Reiter has volunteered. As a friend of Pete Naderer, he began helping with everything from using his welding skills to mowing the lawn.



Leonard "Knobby" Reiter

Ray Miller; 2009 Heritage Award Inductee, presented Knobby with this prestigious award. Ray first met Knobby 2002 when the dream of the Naderer Sports Com-

plex began. The one thing Ray always knew was the grass would always look good with Knobby there. When the soccer and football fields were added, that meant more grass to be mowed. Ray estimated Knobby is there 450-600 hours a year volunteering his time to make the grounds look amazing.

Knobby always took pride in the great job he did. He has even been out there mowing after an early Spring snow. "He's been there twenty years, he's always been that somebody who stepped up and did it," stated Ray. Ray also compared him to an energizer bunny with how dedicated he is to the Naderer Sports Complex. The SJCC community is blessed to have such a dedicated volunteer in Knobby Reiter and he is appreciated.

The last 2023 Inductee is Jean (Mayle) Wasserman, a 1952 graduate of St. Joseph High School. After graduation she married Donald Wasserman in 1953. They went on to have three children: Gerald Wasserman '72. Cindy Gabel '74, and Sandy Harman '77. She has nine grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wasserman is a member of St. Joseph Parish and spent many years giving back to her faith community by being the Parish Funeral Luncheon Director. She would be there in a moment's notice helping to comfort



grieving families, sacrificing time with family. When choosing a car to purchase, a deciding factor was if it could hold the food she needed haul for the luncheons.

She is also an active member of the Fremont Community volunteering endless hours, her son Gerry described her as a "Super Volunteer". Jean was an American Cancer Society Relay for Life Top Fundraiser. Gerry had found she raised \$8,000 one year with the largest donation being \$100. He suspected that was four hundred individual donors that she contacted personally, one at a time. Jean was also an extremely dedicated Hospice volunteer- sometimes staying so late that she slept on the couch in their office.

She worked in the SJCC Cafeteria and also was a Den Mother for Boy Scouts. She was a member of the SJCC School Board and overall SJCC fan. Jean is currently the matriarch of the Mayle Family whose volunteerism at this school dates back to when the school was founded. Jean's legacy at Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic will live on through the Jean & Don Wasserman Scholarship Fund.

"As Christians we are called to give our time, talent and treasurers and mom is a shining example of this," stated Gerry.

# Athletic Hall of Fame

The SJCC Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 1986 with a two-fold purpose: 1. The Booster Club and the school wanted to honor those people who have given so much to establish the heritage that is SJCC. 1. To inspire the present student body at SJCC. The Hall of Fame is essentially a bridge for those of us in the present to share our heritage and learn from those who built it into what we know SJCC stands for. We always want to remember the past, celebrate the present and build the future.

Being recognized for their outstanding contributions to the athletic program and their communities are Grant Barbour, Michael Chudzinski, and Cory Swaisgood.

#### Grant Barbour Class of 2007

Mr. Barbour played three sports: football, basketball and baseball for St. Joseph Central Catholic. He lettered three times in football and three times in baseball.

In football his sophomore and junior years, Mr. Barbour played on both sides of the ball. His junior year he became the quarter-



back, but still played some defense. During his senior year Mr. Barbour only played quarterback; however. he was also called upon to punt for the Streaks. In his final year, Mr.

Barbour was 1st Team All-MAL and team offensive MVP as a quarterback. He was 1st Team All-District and 2nd Team All-State as a punter.

During his freshman and sophomore years, Mr. Barbour played basketball for the Streaks.

Baseball was where Mr. Barbour really shined. He had one appearance at the plate his freshman year and that was in the state semi final game. During his last three years, he played outfield for the Streaks. The team posted a 50-25 record on the diamond. Sophomore year, Mr. Barbour was Honorable Mention All-MAL and the Streaks were MAL and Sectional Champs.

In his Junior season, Mr. Barbour was 2nd Team All-MAL and 2nd Team All-District as the Streaks were Sectional Champions again, but had to settle for a second place tie in the MAL.

During Mr. Barbour's Senior year the Streaks went 23-8, finishing second in the MAL, but capturing the Sectional, District, and Regional titles. Unfortunately, the Streaks lost to Fort Loramie 4-1 in the state semi finals. Mr. Barbour was named 1st Team AllMAL, 1st Team All District and 2nd Team All

Mr. Barbour went on to play baseball at Defiance College for three years. He earned his Bachelors Degree in 2011. He has been a health and physical education teacher as well as a football and baseball coach for the past twelve years. Mr. Barbour and his wife Alaina have one son, Paxton.

#### Mike Chudzinski Class of 1971

A three sport athlete for St. Joseph High School, Mr. Chudzinski earned nine letters, three in football, three in basketball, and three in baseball.

Mr. Chudzinski's first sport was football and during the years he was on the varsity squad, the Streaks went 18-10-2. In his Junior year Mr. Chudzinski was Honorable Mention All-SBC and 1st Team All Northwest Ohio in defense. As a Senior Mr. Chudzinski was a running back and earned 1st Team All-SBC and 2nd Team All Northwest Ohio. He was also the team's MVP.

Mr. Chudzinski played center for the Streaks on the basketball court. In the 1969-70 season, he was Honorable Mention All-SBC and set a school record of twenty-two rebounds in one game. In his Senior year the Streaks posted a 16-2 regular season record and captured the SBC title. They did not lose a game in the months of December and January.

In baseball, Mr. Chudzinski earned his letters with his bat.

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Mike Chudzinski

his father in the family business. In 1991, Mr. Chudzinski became the owner and operator of Prairie Market.

Mr. Chudzinski married Sharon Wilhelm in 1976. They have three daughters, Ann, Abby, and Jill and nine grandchildren.

#### Cory Swaisgood Class of 2006

Mr. Swaisgood lettered eight times while playing for the Streaks, three in golf, two in basketball, and three in baseball.

The Streaks won the MAL Championship all three years that Mr. Swaisgood lettered in golf. He was also 1st Team All-MAL all three years. His senior year, Mr. Swaisgood was also 1st Team All District and qualified for the state tournament.



On the basketball court his Junior year, Mr. Swaisgood helped Streaks finish 15-9 and capture both sectional and district title. Playing at the Columbus Fairgrounds Are-

na the Streaks lost to South Webster 54-46 in the regional semi-finals. His Senior year the Streaks went 11-9, but won the sectional title again before losing to Plymouth in the district semi-finals. Mr. Swaisgood was Honorable Mention All MAL.

During the three years Mr. Swaisgood lettered in baseball, the Streaks posted a 56-23 overall record. Sophomore year the Streaks were Co-MAL Champs as well as sectional, district, and regional Champs. They lost to Newark Catholic 2-0 at the state semi finals in Columbus. Junior year Mr. Swaisgood was Honorable Mention All-MAL and Honorable Mention All District as the Streaks won sectional and district championships. In his final vear, the Streaks were sectional champs, MAL champs and Mr. Swaisgood was 1st Team All-MAL and 1st Team All District.

Mr. Swaisgood attended Baldwin Wallace College where he lettered twice in golf and earned his Bachelors degree in 2010. He earned a Masters degree from Cleveland State University in 2015.

Mr. Swaisgood is the Financial Director for the cities of Huron and Olmsted Falls. Mr. Swaisgood married Candace Miller in 2012 and they have two sons, Beau and Mack.

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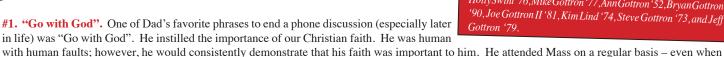
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# Joe Gottron's Top Seven Influences on his Children

Joe Gottron, class of 1950, passed away on December 4, 2022. St. Joseph church and school were a huge part of his life. His wife Ann (Widman) graduated in 1952, and their seven children are all proud graduates. His children collaborated to reflect his legacy...

Similar to most young children, our Dad was heavily influenced during his early years by his parents and other family and friends. He was born into a Catholic family in Fremont, Ohio with four siblings. Family was always important to him. He was also fortunate to have a Catholic education. Just like his father, Art and his Uncle Phil, dad became passionate about fishing, hunting, and shooting at an early age. He also enjoyed sports during his high school years with basketball being one of his favorites; he was born with a competitive spirit. He committed himself to learning from others so that he could also excel at what he loved in life. Throughout his life, he kept perspective with a good sense of humor. He had a great smile and attempted to make other people smile. He was a natural born salesman who performed well in many different career roles, but work was not what defined him. Dad's personal drive for excelling had a unique influence on his seven children. The following are "Dad's Top Seven Influences" from his children:







Jeff, Joe, Holly, Ann, Bryan, Mike, Kim, Steve, and Joe II in the early 80's.

on vacation – and expected all of us to do the same. He enjoyed volunteering to take Communion to those who could not attend Mass, he actively participated in the Knights of Columbus, and he would seek forgiveness through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Dad and mom also sacrificed to send his children to St. Joseph Catholic School despite times of financial difficulties reflecting his priority for Catholic education.

**#2.** Love your family, be proud of them, and sacrifice when needed. Dad and mom taught us the importance of "unconditional love". Although, like any marriage, they had their great days and tough days, they demonstrated a true love for each other. They achieved and celebrated 68 years of marriage prior to Dad's passing. Dad was always proud to share that mom and he had "a basketball team and two cheerleaders". In addition to their sacrifices to send us to St. Joe's, they made daily sacrifices. For example, they did not take fancy vacations, and we seldom went to restaurants. We were thrilled to go to Cedar Point once a year and have a pool in the backyard. Mom was such an awesome cook that we never felt cheated eating at home! A notable example of demonstrating the love of family was when dad traveled the country (despite financial challenges) seeking the best medical treatment for his daughter.

**#3.** Be fiscally conservative. Dad encouraged his children to save our money at an

early age. When our piggy banks were filled with enough money to be meaningful, he would drive us to the local bank and teach us to open our individual accounts. Over time, we would see the benefits of saving (as our accounts grew) and feel the pride of having the freedom to buy something if desired. This lesson instilled a strong work ethic in his children.

**#4.** Work hard in school, and play hard outside the classroom. Dad had high expectations for us in the classroom, and he was one of our biggest fans no matter what sport, extracurricular activity, or hobby we chose. Because of this high expectation, we all strived for good grades and competed vigorously outside the classroom.

**#5.** "If something is worth doing... it's worth doing right". Dad was a perfectionist and took pride in things that mattered to him. For example, he took pride in keeping his yard beautiful, in writing well, and sincerely shaking someone's hand firmly while looking him/her in the eyes. He continually emphasized, "Not now, RIGHT NOW"!

#6. "Work to Live – Not Live to Work". Dad was a role model for work/life balance long before that phrase became popular. He focused on getting his work done as efficiently as possible so that he could have more time for his hobbies. Fortunately, some of his closest friends were like minded. One of his favorite lines was, "The harder I work, the luckier I get!". He not only loved his hobbies, but he wanted every one of us to love them just as much. He knew how to have fun, and he took advantage of EVERY opportunity to live his passions. Some of us have done better at the work/life balance ratio than others and have applied it differently. Perhaps the reality of the demands of the evolving global competitive work environment and digital devices makes it too easy to work from anywhere. Dad never wanted anything more fancy than a basic flip phone, and he seldom used it. He felt it would distract him from his focus on catching more fish. If we modified the phrase of how dad lived to "Do what you love... love what you do!", his influence has significantly impacted his children as we have pursued our individual passions in life.

**#7.** Experiences are better than material things and better shared with others. Dad was a social creature. Generally, he loved fishing, hunting, poker, sports and eating because he could share the experiences with other people. He preferred to wear clothes until they had holes in them and spend his money on shotgun shells, earthworms, good food, etc. He loved to host poker games in the garage, and he took great pride when his friends raved about mom's cooking. He also loved to help someone kill their first duck or goose, or catch their limit of walleye or perch on Lake Erie. On many occasions, dad would clean a goose or duck and then take it to an elderly person to enjoy for dinner. He would also surprise friends with a bag of fish. He did not expect anything in return except gratitude. We all learned valuable lessons by observing his random acts of kindness performed with pride through the years.

In a nutshell: Dad enjoyed life and always encouraged us to live life to the fullest! He was super blessed and lucky to marry Ann Widman, and we are all grateful that they decided to have a large family. Dad and mom had a major, positive influence on all of us. "If you keep a loved one's spirit alive in you, they will always be with you". Dad's spirit and influence is alive daily in every one of us!

Our family tree continues to grow, and we love each other and enjoy spending time together carrying on the lessons and legacy of our dad!

## A note from Outgoing C.E.D.F. President

WHO... WHAT... WHERE...

What does C.E.D.F. stand for?

Catholic Education Development Fund

#### Who started this?

In February of 1991 Jack Barrington, Vince Militello Sr., Pat Furlong, John Kahle, Fr. Nick Weibl, Tom Kiser, Bob Moyer, Ron Mayle, Fred Singer, Rich Eshleman, Karel Oxley and Rick Wonderly organized this group. The common goal is to make sure that the future of the school would have invested funds.

#### What do we do?

The purpose of C.E.D.F. is to receive, invest and otherwise deal with funds in order to make an unrestricted contribution or "Gift" to SJCC. The first "Gift" was presented to the school for \$16,613.00 in 1991. This past year the C.E.D.F. gifted the high school \$83,500. Where does the money come from?

The revenue is generated from donations, memorials, fundraisers, along with our perpetual fund investment income, which includes the realized capital gains, interest and dividends.

Over the past several years, Angie Halbesien had served as our executive director. She has dedicated many hours of her time and support for the betterment of the school. As I end my term as president of the C.E.D.F. and new leaders emerge, I want to thank everyone on the team and the loyalty for working together for the best of the school. The endless support and prayers towards the C.E.D.F. encourage, inspire, and help the students in the Catholic education to live in faith and become our next leaders in our community. If you are interested in volunteering or joining the board, please e-mail cedfboard@gmail.com.

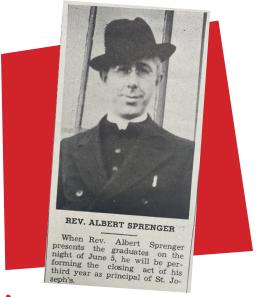
Yours respectfully, Annette (Michael) Mercer '87

### A Heritage That Continues

At a recent family gathering, SJCC Principal Loretta (Sprenger) Coil had a family member mention her Uncle had served at Fremont St. Joe's. After some research, she discovered he in fact had the position of principal as well as Associate Pastor. She is thrilled to be walking in the shoes of a family member.

Mrs. Coil found an issue of *the Voice* from 1941 that depicts her great uncle Monsignor Albert Sprenger who at that time was finishing his third year as Principal at St. Joseph High School. Mrs. Coil is currently entering her third year as Principal. "I would have loved to have been able to learn from his experiences," stated Mrs. Coil.

Reverend Sprenger was Principal from 1938 to 1944 and was instrumental in the initial conversations regarding constructing the building which is now SJCC.



### Sam Paeth leaps his way to state!



Congratulations Sam Paeth! Sam, a member of the class of 2025, took 8th place in Pole Vaulting at the State Track & Field Meet.

In Sam Paeth's second Division III State Track and Field competition appearance he cleared 13 feet 6 inches to make it to the podium. Earlier this year, Sam beat Aaron Lewis' ('06) school record with a jump of 14 feet 4 inches.

Pole Vaulting is a family affair in the Paeth Family. Sam's Father, Mike Paeth '93 is his coach. His sister; Alayna Paeth '22, beat the SJCC Girl's Pole Vaulting record last year with a jump of 10 feet. The previous record was set by Brenda Gutschalk in 2005.

Sam tied for second in the River Division at 13 feet 6 inches, third at districts at 13 feet 9 inches, and fourth at regionals with a jump of 13 feet 9 inches. He has also qualified for the Adidas Nationals in North Carolina this summer with a jump of 14 feet. We are excited to see what the future holds for Sam!

## Latina Heritage

### Q&A with Monica Ramirez; Attorney, Author, and Activist

Mónica is a 1995 graduate from SJCC. After High School, she continued her education at Loyola University Chicago, and

The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law and Harvard Kennedy School. She is the founder of Justice for Migrant Women and co-founder of Alianza Nacional de Campesinas, The Latinx House, and Poderistas and is the winner of numerous awards.

#### Q: What inspired your career?

A: My family. My parents taught me about being from the farmworker community when I was pretty young. My activism and advocacy on behalf of the community started when I was a teenager. I actually was really encouraged by my teachers at SJCC to pursue my interests in social justice, racial and economic equality, as well as celebrating diversity. All of those early experiences were foundational to my career as a civil and human rights attorney and activist.



Mónica addresses the United Nations as a speaker in 2018 for International Women's Day.

#### Q: What is one experience you've had in your career that you will never forget?

A: I have had so many amazing opportunities! It is difficult to narrow it down, but I think that speaking in front of the United Nations (twice!) and helping to organize an action at the Golden Globes with incredible actresses in Hollywood are among some of the most unexpected moments in my career. I never in a million years would have imagined having those opportunities when I was a kid growing up in Fremont. Overall, I love all of the moments that I spend in community, on the ground organizing with farmworker and migrant women. Those are really special moments for me.

#### Q: What is the best part of your work?

A: The people! The people who I serve, the people who I work and organize with, as well as the millions of people around the US and in different parts of the world who I have had the chance to learn from every day are hands down the best part of my work. It is so incredible to get to dream and build together.

#### Q: What is the worst part of your work?

A: The worst part is the fact that my job even exists. My entire career has been focused on serving the most marginalized community members and helping to win some semblance of justice for survivors of sexual violence, many of whom have been farmworker and migrant women. I know that I can't ever actually right that wrong. People who have been victimized in that way cannot be "made whole"- which is what the law aims to do when we seek remedies in our cases. The best that I can do is support survivors so that they feel safe, believed, and able to pursue their healing journey. I am honored to do my work but the days can be pretty long and difficult given the issues that I work on.

#### O: Are there any skills you learned at your time at SJCC that you use in your work today?

A: I learned so many practical skills when I was a student at SJCC. I learned how to organize events and people. I learned how to fundraise and the importance of storytelling. These are all skills that I still use today.

#### Q: What do you do when you are not working?

A: I love spending time with my family. It's so wonderful to be home in Fremont so that I can spend time with my parents and other relatives. My husband, son, and I also love watching movies together, plus we love traveling to Florida and other beautiful places when we can get away.

#### Q: What advice do you have for the class of 2023?

A: My advice for the Class of 2023 is advice that my hero Dolores Huerta gave me early in my legal career. She told me to buy a journal and a camera. It's advice that I wish I had taken sooner. Life will go by quickly. Use that journal to write the book of your life and take photos along the way-- not the selfies that you feel obligated to post on social media but take pictures of the people and the places that you want to remember forever. There have been so many times that I wish that I had photos from some of the great moments in my life that I didn't record. We are making history every single day. Record yours so that one day your children and your grandchildren can inherit it.

Spring/Summer 2023

## Class Notes "We do our work and then we have our fun...."

Laurie (Drown) Young recently retired as the Executive Director of the Sandusky County Communities Foundation which she served as since 2017.



*'78* 

Mark Binsack and his wife Gina celebrated 33 years of marriage on March 31, 2023.

*'84* 

Kelly (Ross) Snyder retired at the end of this school year as a 5th grade teacher.

'86

Jim Mumford has been named Vice President of Operations of Women's and Children's with AdventHealth in Orlando, Florida.

'99

Molly (Yeager) Alkire and husband Tyler welcomed a baby boy on December 6, 2022 named Archie James Alkire.



'02

Leslie (Bixler) Sanctis ('02) and husband Matt welcomed twin boys Evan Michael and Zachary Daniel on August 30, 2022. They join big sister, Olivia.

'03

Jake ('03) & Erin Barbour welcomed daughter Lucia Caeli on April 9th. She joins sisters Sara (7), Eilish (5), & Clare (2).

Britt Price married Stan Michnowicz on February 12, 2023 in Puerta Vallarta Mexico.



*'06/'07* 

Jenny (Kusmer '07) & Derek ('06) Sponseller welcomed Hadley Lynn on January 2, 2023. Hadley joins brothers Gavin and Ethan.



'08

Libby (Engeman '08) Rapp and Eric of Dublin, Ohio, welcomed son David Thomas Rapp on March 10, 2023.

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Corey & Brigette (Fulwider) Durbin had a baby boy, Bo William Durbin on December 10, 2022.

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Caroline (Luc) & Matthew Boyer welcomed a son, Augustus James on March 9, 2023



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Adrienne Wehring graduated Cum Laude with a BS Degree in Nursing from University of Toledo in May 2022. She's currently employed as a nurse at Promedica Flower Hospital

Kennedi Fisher graduted from the University of Dayton in December 2022 with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering Degree with an emphasis on Aerospace.

Please share your good news with The Voice! Send your information to jfreeh@bishop-hoffman.net

# In Gratitude

- The Auction Committee and donors
- Dick Berger for his donation of orange juice
- Monica Ramirez for her help with the 8th grade class trip
- Sisters of Mercy for the donation of rosaries
- Mark Levans from MLAD Graphic Designs for donating the BHCS yearly logo designs for religious themes
- Roger Kuns for the cases of slushies
- Yvette Palomo & Marge Schwartz for volunteering at our Sacred Heart campus
- BHCS PTO, Sacred Heart Parish, & Sandusky County Communities Foundation for their contributions to the new tables at Sacred Heart



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For questions, please contact Jenny at <u>jfreeh@bishop-hoffman.net</u>

### In Memorium

Paul Fisher '38

Herbert Schneider '45

Irene Rimelspach '47

M. Elizabeth Foos '49

Helen (Larkins) Hoffman '50

Coletta (Steinbauer) Miller '50

Theodore Bintz '51

William Darr '51

Janice (Hipp) Heffernan '51

Reverend Richard Wurzel '51

Nancy (Havens) Wolf '52

Gary Godfred '54

Dean Haaser '54

Richard Miller '54

Albert Darr '55

Roberta (Widman) Esker '55

John Haslinger '55

Rosalie (Young) DuPont-Rollins '56

Kay (Babione) Auxter '58

Deanna (Whittaker) Wooley '58

Sharon (Swint) Wargowsky '59

Lawrence Wolf '60

Antonina (Bufka) Mueller '61

James Ochs '61

David Ackerman '63

Ronald Faist '63

J. Scott Forgatsch '63

Phillip Baumann '65

James Haas '65

Judity Whittaker '65

Frederick Felhaber '68

Phyllis (Mayle) Kiser '69

Joseph Eberly '70

Maureen (Golden) Bovee '71

Constance Magrum '72

Mark Reeves '76

Leonard Gonya '77

Julie (Singleton) Buczek '84

David Zimmer '89

Paige Russell

Special Friends

Alison (Birkholz) Lauer

Marcella Naderer

Emma Rose (Hoffman) Jenkins

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

# Streak Sightings

Mike Chudzinski wearing a St. Joe Streaks pin is pictured to the right at the Athletic Hall of Fame banquet. Below is all of his former classmates and teammates that gathered to celebrate his induction.





The 2023 BHCS Auction: Havana Nights brought out many Streaks. From Heather & Pat Militello '90 to the brightly dressed Tiffany Consolo, Ann Wright, Corrine Polter, Tiffany Rutkowski, Amber Root, & Jen Nagy. Joni Gutierrez was served by her daughter who is a student at BHCS and the Kosakowski family enjoyed a fun family date night.





Large Streak families- the above photo is the Jean Wasserman crew that was in attendance for her Heritage Award induction. Below is the Swaisgood family surrounding the Patriarch of the Light's, Mr. Tom Light, who were in attendance for the Hall of Fame supporting their family member, Cory Swaisgood.









If you have a "Streak Sighting" in your area, please send us a photo to be featured! Bonus points if they are wearing Crimson Streak garb!



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