

St. Bartholomew Alumni News

From the Pastor's Desk by Rev. Jason Malave

It is awesome to think that soon, in 2007, our parish will be 90 years old—almost a century of faith formation, educating children, and bringing families together around the Eucharistic table. Even though I have only been here three years, I beam with pride when I speak about our parish and its grammar school. There is a great deal to be proud about. Since last year, our grammar school endowment has begun and is now bearing fruit. Our faculty is out-

standing. Our new award-winning principal is doing an amazing job, and our facilities are in excellent shape.

We are a dynamic school with a strong vision for the future. Whether you come by this year, or make a visit in our anniversary year, I know you will have a chance to take pride in the great tradition of the parish and school of St. Bartholomew.

May God continue to bless you and your families.



Alumni Spotlight by Trish Kenney

This issue's spotlight Alum is **Doug Jaeger** of the class of '72. Doug and his three brothers attended St. Bartholomew. His family has been in the neighborhood for over 45 years. Doug has since moved his family out to Niles, but still has a brother in the neighborhood. Despite the commute, Doug's two children are currently enrolled at SBS. Dylan is in 2nd grade and Lindsey is in Kindergarten.

When I asked Doug why he chose to have his kids attend school so far away from home, he said "there is nowhere better" to send his children. He appreciates the great education his kids receive, not only academically but also spiritually and socially as well. He is comforted knowing that the beliefs and morals he is passing on to his children are also still an active part of the school's teaching.

Doug has a lot of great memories of his days at St. Bartholomew, and is reminded of them when he is at school with his kids. He remembers going to Roller Skate night every Saturday in the gym. He said he didn't know how they maintained the gym floor with all of that skating, and the great turnout they always had. At the time Sister Ann Robert was the Principal; she was known by the kids as a disciplinarian and skater extraordinaire. Doug admitted that there were

times he and his buddies would conspire to knock Sr. Ann down (from her spot as top skater).

These days Doug is busy running the family business; he is a 5th generation owner of Jaeger Funeral Home. Jaeger Funeral Home has been in business since 1858, for the last 50 years at 3526 N Cicero Avenue, just blocks away from St. Bartholomew. Doug says that it is really nice to be in a business that allows him to work with so closely with St. Bartholomew Church.

Mark Your Calendar

All-Alumni Mass and Brunch; Taste of St. Bart's

We had so much fun last year, we're doing it again this year! Plan to join us on Sunday, January 29, 2006, for a Catholic Schools Week kick-off featuring an **All Alumni mass** at 9:30, followed by Hospitality in Krueger Hall. Tours of the school buildings and demonstrations and performances by our students will round out the day. Get a group together, or come on your own! To rsvp, or for more information, contact the School Office at 773-282-9373.

On Saturday, March 25, 2006, we will gather for our annual **Taste of St. Bartholomew**. We begin with 5:00 mass in the church, then move to Krueger Hall for a wonderful celebration of our rich cultural heritage. Food booths include Italian, Polish, South American, Mexican, Irish, German, Caribbean, and American, plus a sweet table. Plan to join us! Call the rectory for more information, 773-286-7871.

Endowment News

In October of this year, an anonymous donor made a gift to the St. Bartholomew School Endowment of an extensive coin collection. The donor's collection features many mint proof sets. She collected seriously over the period of about 30 years. "What a beautiful gesture," said Fr. Jason Malave, pastor of St. Bartholomew. "It is so impressive that she has donated something that meant so much to her, and that she painstakingly built over many years."

Since the St. Bartholomew School Endowment was created in November of 2004, parishioners, alumni, school parents, and friends of St. Bartholomew School have contributed over \$30,000 to the fund.

The interest earned this year will be awarded as scholarship money this spring.

"We are overwhelmed by people's generosity," said Fr. Jason. "We will continue to grow the fund so that we can offer financial aid to families in need of assistance, enhance our curriculum, and save for capital projects."

A gift to the endowment is a gift that keeps on giving, as only interest on the fund is drawn on for these uses. For more information on the Endowment, or how you can help, please contact Fr. Jason at 773-286-7871, or write to us at: St. Bartholomew School Development Office, 4941 West Patterson Ave., Chicago, IL 60641.



Ms. Carol Kolberg received the Heart of St. Bartholomew Award at the parish gala on October 16, 2005. She is pictured with Fr. Jason Malave, pastor.

Update:

We are happy to report that Ms. Carol Kolberg is at home recovering from a stroke she suffered last January. Ms. Kolberg stepped down as Principal of St. Bartholomew School last summer, but assumed the position of President. She is still working with a physical therapist, and she has made great progress. Please continue to keep her in your prayers!

St. Bartholomew School sends heartfelt thanks to the following Endowment donors:

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in honor of Carol Kolberg
St. Bartholomew Girl Scout Troop 153
in honor of Carol Kolberg

Joan Howard Teichmiller, '45
Torres/Estrada Family
Joseph von Nemeth, '30, *in honor of Sr. Mary Alfred, O.P., Sr. Mary Loyola, O.P., Sr. Mary Fides, O.P., Rev. Morrison, and Rev. McLaughlin*

Alumni Notes

Over the past months, alumni have written letters, left memories in our memory books at last year's alumni brunch, and left messages on St. Bartholomew's web site (www.stbarts-school.net). The following are excerpts from some of the correspondence:

Letters:

I must admit that by ~not~ sparing the rod (usually the pointer) you learned Found myself at Northeastern and at work, assisting classmates/co-workers with proper grammar and correctly structured sentences. And who can forget Sr. Marie Thomas from "Bas-ton" and her wandering canoe paddle?

George Raiman, Class of 1971

I am in my last semester of college at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and I will graduate summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Economics and Finance. I am also married with one son, Alexander, who is in Kindergarten.

I really enjoyed my years at St. Bart's I am also incredibly grateful for the superior education I received there; it was shocking for me to enter a public high school and realize how far advanced I was compared to most students, especially in the subjects of English and literature. As a senior in college, it amazes me that so many of my peers still struggle a great deal with basic writing skills. I have had many professors compliment my writing style, and I must credit my ability to Mr. Mayer of St. Bart's. He was, and presumably still is, one of the best teachers at your school. I especially enjoyed his lectures on Greek mythology—hopefully they are still part of his curriculum!

Amanda Taalman Krayniak, Class of 1995
Editor's Note: Mr. Mayer is indeed still one of the best teachers at our school, and he still teaches Mythology as part of his English curriculum!

I have been in association work [currently with Emergency Nurses Association] for the past 18 years. I remember when the junior high was built by Monsignor Burke. We were the first Catholic Parish to have a

campus in the city of Chicago. I have many fond memories of the parish priests, nuns, and teachers.

Mary Caplis, Class of 1969

I was fortunate to have Sr. Mary Michael for both 6th and 7th grade. We loved her and she loved us. I remember many classmates and I think the alumni database is a great idea.

William Tresnak, Class of 1956

My favorite memory at Bart's was when I was in 7th grade and we made it to the 2nd game of the playoffs in football.

Jonathan Zak, Class of 2003

I remember going to mass and communion before class during Lent and eating breakfast at my desk. The May Procession was always a highlight of the year. I had many friends and am still friends with two girls I graduated with.

Judy Campbell Webb, Class of 1961

I remember lunch in Krueger Hall (then called the basement of the "new" school)—the smell of all those room temperature lunches and at least one kid would spill his or her milk every day. I also remember in 3rd grade Halloween—dressing up as a saint (I was St. Bernadette). We also had to kneel on the wooden chairs and face the back of the room where the crucifix was and say the entire rosary. I cherish these memories—and so do my knees.

Linda Copija-Virgils, Class of 1961

Let us hear from you! See contact information at right.



Alumni had a ball reminiscing at last year's All-Alumni mass and brunch. Plan to join us this year on January 29 at 9:30 a.m.

How to Contact Us

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A New Year Dawns by Rose Mannion, Principal

Last August, Mrs. Rose Mannion joined St. Bartholomew School as its new principal. We are delighted to introduce her to our alumni through this column.

Along with the members of the St. Bartholomew School Community, I look forward to welcoming you on January 29

for the 9:30 a.m. mass and the festivities to follow! In my first few months at St. Bartholomew School, I have felt the warmth and support so indicative of this special place. My 30 years of administration in the Archdiocese of Chicago have been filled with rich experiences both at Resurrection Catholic Academy and St. Veronica School. My brief time here has shown me that the days ahead will hold a wealth of inviting opportunities. I eagerly embrace my continued ministry at SBS!

Passing on the rich Catholic faith tradition is important to me. By advocating mutual respect and support, and recognizing that gifts and talents differ, it is my hope to see students at our school develop a strong sense of community, responsibility, belonging, and self confidence. With a focus on sound academic and critical thinking skills, as well as best practices and current technology and techniques, I am confident our school can prepare children to be leaders for lifelong learning.

Our philosophy of education continues to focus on the development of the whole child, endeavoring to provide rich, full, productive learning experiences in the spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social-emotional life of our students. Thank you for the many ways in which you support and encourage our mission.



The 2005 Varsity Boys Volleyball team brought home two new banners for the gym by taking the the league championship as well as first place in the playoffs.

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