

St. Bartholomew Alumni News

From the Pastor's Desk by Rev. Jason Malave

It is hard to believe that our 90th Anniversary year has come to a close. It is equally hard to believe that we have been a strong dynamic presence on the Northwest side for 90 years. Whenever I meet alumni, they are very quick to tell me how proud they are of their parish and school, St. Bartholomew. Please know that St. Bartholomew is proud of you too!

We are extremely proud also to introduce our new principal, Mr. Martin Graham-McHugh. He could not be any more qualified, personable, understanding, professional and faith-filled if he tried! What a gift to St. Bart's! I hope you get a chance to meet him.

Finally, we are excited to be embarking on our tri-annual evaluation process. This February, the Archdiocesan and State "School Improvement Process" or evaluation will visit St. Bartholomew School for some days. We are confident in the gifts and excellence of our school and open for constructive feedback. We know it is a great place and we are happy to share that with others.

Please continue to pray for St. Bartholomew Parish and School. We continue to be vital, Catholic and excellent and we depend on your prayers and support.

Fr. Jason Malave



Alumni Spotlight

This issue's spotlight alum is **Steve Lukic**. Steve is a graduate of the Class of 1989. He still lives in the St. Bartholomew neighborhood with his family: spouse, Slakana, and children, Joseph, 3, and Jacqueline, 4 months. Steve is a principal in the real estate firm of Lukic & Company Realty.

After graduating from St. Bart's, Steve went on to Saint Patrick High School then college at Northern Illinois University, majoring in business communications. After college, he spent six years in sales for a logistics company then moved into real estate investing, eventually starting his current business at Irving and Laramie.

Steve and siblings Ana and Nick attend St. Bart's. All three siblings, as well as his parents and grandmother, are still active parishioners.

"St. Bart's School gave me a good foundation for life," says Steve. "The group of people I met there was really the reason I went on to St. Pat's, which was another huge influence on my life."

Steve remembers his teachers with fondness. "I don't know why I still remember this, but I have a clear recollection of one day coming back from gym, and Miss Niedbalec asking me if I was going to get new shoes. They were a little beat up. I said 'Yes, I'm going to get new shoes.' I sort of thought I was in trouble. She said, 'You don't need new shoes! But you will if you don't start untying them before you put them on. I can see you're breaking the backs of them.' I remember that like it happened this morning! Yes, there were great teachers, caring teachers."

Steve still gets together regularly with four or five friends from grammar school. "We had dinner together at Gale Street Inn recently; we had a ball," he says. Steve recalls that St. Bart's was "big enough to have all kinds of opportunities—like sports and clubs—but small enough to get plenty of attention. "It was a great place," he says. "That's how I feel about it."

Archdiocese Elementary School Students Exceed National Standardized Achievement Test Norms

Results of standardized achievement tests administered in 2007 to third, fifth and seventh grade students in Catholic elementary schools in Cook and Lake counties indicate that the school children achieved scores above the national average for all subtests.

Students who took TerraNova II tests in 2007 obtained an overall combined test score of reading, language and mathematics performances at the 70th percentile in the third grade, the 73rd percentile in fifth grade and the 76th percentile in the seventh grade. Notably, seventh grade students reached the 81st percentile in language.

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We extend sympathy to the families of these deceased alumni and ask that you keep them in your prayers:

Beverly Daniel
William E. Deger
Eleanor Falkner Dorgan, '50
Dorothy Hug
Catherine "Kay" Rotuno
Lapetina, '35

Endowment Update

Over the past three years, the St. Bartholomew Endowment has grown to over \$50,000 thanks to the generosity of alumni, parishioners, and friends of St. Bartholomew.

For more information on the Endowment, or how you can help, please contact Fr. Jason Malave at 773-286-7871, or write to us at: St. Bartholomew School Development Office, 4941 West Patterson Ave., Chicago, IL 60641.

St. Bartholomew School sends heartfelt thanks to the following donors over the past year:

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Annamae O'Malley, '46

Mary O'Malley-Kirch, *in memory of Owen O'Malley*

Robert W. Paluga, '46

Donald O. Panec, '37

Sandra and Sairis (Jorge)

Perez-Gomez

Pigoni Family, '93 and '01

Edgar Pineda

Dave and Mary Plocher, *in honor of Molly Falkner's 100th Birthday*

Jeanette Rivera-Ross

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rutherford, *in honor of Molly Falkner's 100th Birthday*

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Lee and Mary Yankowski, *in honor of Carol Kolberg*

Shannon Zalinski

Alumni Notes

From **Mike Reese, Class '46**: "Our class of 1946 had a 50th reunion in 1996. It was fun and I met with many of my classmates, sharing experiences and lots of laughs. Are there any plans for a 65th in 2011? Does anyone have photos of Father Holly and our 1946 graduation class? Father Holly's philosophies and memories are still vivid in my mind. He was a very special man and wonderful priest. I am now 75 and in good health. I still work part time. I ran across the [school] web site and wonder if there is any plan for a class get together in the near future." Please send correspondence to stbartsalumni@hotmail.com and we'll forward to Mike.

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Kim Yankowski, Class of '93 is hoping to organize a reunion for her class. If you are a member of the Class of 1993, please send contact information to stbartsalumni@hotmail.com and we'll forward it to Kim.

The St. Bartholomew **Class of '73** is planning a 35th year reunion for 2008. "We are at present collecting names, addresses and emails, as well as soliciting for a planning committee. We are not sure where we will hold the event yet; it will depend upon the response. Tell all your friends too!" Please contact **Ann Fak Rappelt** at annierap@comcast.net or **Karen Kurek Stamm** at Stammfam4@att.net.

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The St. Bartholomew Alumni Committee would love to have an **all-alumni event**, possibly this summer. If you have ideas or would like to be on a planning committee, please contact Maureen McNair at stbartsalumni@hotmail.com or leave a message at the School Office, 773-282-9373.

2007 Heart of St. Bartholomew

St. Bartholomew Parish celebrated in style this past fall at the annual Heart of St. Bartholomew Dinner Dance and Auction. The event was held at the beautiful Chateau Ritz in Niles on October 13.

Honorees included long-time Physical Education teacher Mrs. Mary Yankowski for her years of dedication to the school and her "generosity above and beyond the call of duty." Other honorees were Mr. and Mrs. Alexander and Bernadette Scalzitti for decades of service to the Carnival and Parish Council, Mrs. Leonor Navarro, lay minister and founder of St. Bartholomew's Religious Education in Spanish, and the Arzate Family, founding members of the Guadalupano Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hoyne and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Medina co-chaired the event. WGN-TV reporter Judie Garcia emceed. Over 400 parishioners and friends attended. Proceeds from the auction benefited St. Bartholomew Parish, School and Religious Education Program.



Long-time teacher and girls' volleyball coach Mrs. Mary Yankowski, affectionately known as "Ms. Y," received the Heart of St. Bartholomew Award at the parish gala. She is pictured with Fr. Jason Malave, pastor.

Check out more photos of the event at <http://stbartholomew.homestead.com/HeartofStBarts.html>

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Save these dates

All Alumni/School Family Mass, 9:30 a.m., January 27, followed by Hospitality and Open House in the Patterson building

Annual **Taste of St. Bartholomew**, Saturday, April 19. 5:00 Mass followed by a culinary celebration of our rich cultural heritage

Annual **Parish Carnival & Music Fest** June 4-8

Principal's Letter by Martin Graham-McHugh

On August 25, 1917 Archbishop George Mundelein established a new parish for the Archdiocese of Chicago, named after the patron saint of the day, St. Bartholomew. A few days later the new pastor was appointed, Fr. William O'Shea. By 1921 the new school was opened and 180 students were in attendance. This was the pattern of the

where our Catholic faith is shared and young people are prepared for a lifetime of learning.

This year St. Bartholomew Elementary School will graduate 29 eighth graders who will be well prepared to succeed in high school and represent our school well. At the other end of our school, we have 49 preschoolers in the Addison building who represent the future of our school. A dedicated faculty and staff continue to work together to ensure that this process is Catholic and effective. Our parent groups are also active and supportive of our school mission. This includes the School Board, Parents Club and our athletic program, too. Our school teams are active in the world of sports and our student council provides opportunities for leadership and service.

As many of you know, January 27 is the first day of Catholic Schools Week. We strongly encourage our alumni and school families to join us for Mass at either 9:30 or 11:30 a.m. that day. Please know you are welcome to join us for Mass and then visit the school afterwards.



Peacemakers: Pictured above are students who have received the St. Bartholomew Peacemaker Award. This award is given monthly at our all-school Mass in recognition of students who display qualities of kindness, generosity, fairness and acceptance.

Archdiocese at the turn of the 20th century. Strong, vibrant parishes were established and wherever there was strong parish life, Catholic schools were soon to follow. This past August, St. Bartholomew Church celebrated 90 years of life. While the times and look of this parish may have changed greatly, the mission of parish life remains constant: preach the gospel and teach the faith. St. Bartholomew School is still a vibrant ministry of this parish



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