



# Building Memories Newsletter

## 2022



### 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award

Mike Neal, Class of 1971 after attending St. Peter's Elementary School, is the 2022 Bishop Flaget Alumni Awardee. He is a great example to the Bishop Flaget students of someone who serves the community by following the model of Christ. Mike spends his time tending to those who have few, or maybe no one, who cares for them. He visits shut ins at our local nursing homes, bringing them Holy Communion if they are Catholic. During COVID19 shutdowns, he made frequent telephone calls to the shut ins and would often drop off treats for residents at the front desk. Mike also serves as Treasurer of the St. Peter's St. Vincent DePaul Society. He keeps busy writing checks, depositing donations, and keeping the books in balance to help those in need. Lastly, Mike models the most fundamental tenet of our faith as a frequent participant at daily Mass and by supporting the liturgy as a cantor and a Eucharistic Minister. Thanks to Mike for being such a great role model to our young Catholics!

### Resurrect the High School?

Bishop Flaget School leadership and our Pastor, Father Tim Hayes, are forming an exploratory committee to determine if there is a serious interest in starting up Bishop Flaget High School. The Diocese of Columbus is supportive and many of the young parents have voiced a desire for Catholic Education in their children's future through grade 12. Father Hayes has significant experience with Catholic Schools in his previous positions and is excited about the prospect of creating a community where the Catholic faith is even better understood and talked about. He is also determined to give 14-18 year old students the tools they need to be able to hold their ground and explain their beliefs in a world often hostile and always questioning. Stay tuned to the school website and Facebook page for developments.



Our newest Alums!



Class of 2018-2022. All are starting college in the fall.

## **50 Year Reunion for the Class of 1971**

The Bishop Flaget class of 1971 celebrated its 50 year reunion during the weekend of August 28 and 29, 2021.

A casual welcome reception was held at the home of a classmate where the tone was set for the weekend with much laughter and reminiscing. Saturday morning started with a tour of Bishop Flaget school led by Principal Laura Corcoran. We enjoyed seeing the many changes to the school and were surprised to see the class composite picture still hanging on the wall.



Saturday evening a memorial mass was held at St Mary Church honoring our deceased classmates. Father Timothy Hayes, current pastor, offered a beautiful homily highlighting our Catholic education and friendships. Bobby Barnhart prepared a program that featured the likeness of each of our departed classmates which made a wonderful keepsake.

Senior class president Nick Schneider welcomed the attendees at a cocktail hour and delicious meal following mass. Mike Neal said Grace before the meal. Jeff Stonerock graciously provided music for the evening. We were pleased that 32 members of the class were able to attend from around the United States. Many were accompanied by their spouse and friends. The effort made by several classmates to attend was extraordinary and it was wonderful to see so many friends. Many class members were involved in the planning and work necessary to have the reunion. The planning meetings were almost as much fun as the reunion. In fact, many of our class members continue to meet frequently. Our goal is to keep track of addresses and phone numbers so they can be updated for all of the class members.

As a legacy gift to Bishop Flaget school a donation of over \$4000.00 was collected. Hopefully, the donation will help the school with the good work it continues to do. The friendships and memories from our school days can never be replaced. The success of the reunion was merely a reflection of the warmth and kindness of a marvelous group of people.



*Submitted by Barbara Wolf*

# Class of 1972. Cheers to you!!



**First Row:** Rosemary Gaskill, Mark Bonner, Mary Kay Rudell, Thomas LaRock, Joan Scott, Dennis Frey, Beth Abbott, James Boblett, Marlene Riley **Second Row:** Susan Butt, Joseph Enderle, Joseph Albright, Kathryn Brown **Third Row:** Regina Elliott, Greg Weisenberger, Christine Clark, Christina Ponce de Leon, John Albright, Janet Fuchs **Fourth Row:** Judy Spetnagel, Mary Corker, Bede Abbott, Ann Ringwald, Frank Sanders, Susan Smith, Daniel Althouse, Betty Grady, John Corcoran **Fifth Row:** Rickey Blake, Pati Earner, Molly McGinn, Terri Ryan, Joan Grabb, Joyce Medert, Jo Ann Miller, Patricia Quinn, Mary Ellen Bunch

## Special Intention

We ask that you pray that as Bishop Flaget School challenges our students to serve the community following the model of Christ who is Priest, Prophet and King, that they will open their hearts to the Holy Spirit's call for a vocation to the Priesthood.

## Best Wishes in Retirement...

to Nancy Ames, our Librarian, for 29 years of dedicated service to Bishop Flaget School.  
to Linda Kerr, our PhysEd Teacher, for 40 years at Bishop Flaget School, an unofficial record!

## Congratulations

Dane Barron, son of Bill and Audra, won the Bishop Flaget Catholic Excellence Scholarship which will pay his 8th grade tuition. This scholarship rewards a rising 8th grade student for their involvement in the school, parish and community..

### THE BUILDING MEMORIES COMMITTEE

Hudson Ward, Michael Haller, Laura Corcoran, Bridget Rourke, Patrick Laughlin



**Ladies of 1973**

Some of the ladies of the class of 1973 decided to have a mini-reunion ahead of the big event next year. You go girls! Pictured in top row: Maureen Corcoran Rice, Joyce Fogle Bigler, Maria Ponce de Leon, Marty Salas, Rosemary Irwin Daughters and Maxie Riley Good. The bottom row includes Marcia Recobs Mudd, Kim Smith Lamanac, Ricki Hosler Chenault, Laura Stanton and Peggy Rooney Ford.

***Has your class had any get togethers?? Send pictures to [bridgetroure@hotmail.com](mailto:bridgetroure@hotmail.com)***

**Book Donation**

A donor has provided youth Holy Bibles and YOUCATS to students in grades 2-6 and study Holy Bibles and universal catechisms to students in grades 7 and 8. Now every student can take their own resources home, study and annotate them as they desire. Students of Grade 6 show off their new books.



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