

St. Bernard Happenings

St. Bernard Preparatory School



Fall 2018

St. Bernard Prep School Off to Great Start

Students at St. Bernard Prep School arrived on campus on Sunday, August 12, 2018, to participate in a day of orientation for the 2018-19 academic year. Of the 162 students enrolled, 40 registered in the boarding division and moved into the dormitories. Much of the day was spent getting familiar with protocols for the new year.

One of the new features welcoming students to the new year was the renovated "Quad" located at the center of campus. Newly installed exterior lights and concrete sidewalks were part of the renovations that were

part of this summer's renovation. This project was part of the summer appeal campaign undertaken by the Development Office under the direction of Fr. Marcus Voss.

Three new teachers were named to the faculty at St. Bernard. Will Drake and Jennifer Glassford join Mrs. Helen Glasscock in the English department, while Michael Kastner has been appointed the new Director of Fine Arts.

Since graduating high school in Cullman, Will Drake received his MFA degree in poetry from North

Carolina State University and his BA degree in English and humanities from the University of Mobile. He moved to St. Bernard from the newly established St. Michael Catholic High

School in Fairhope, where he spent two years as the founder of the English program and the boys' varsity soccer program. He and his wife,

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Fr. Bernard Denson's Ordination

L-R: Deacon Rhodes Bolster, Bishop Robert Baker, Father Bernard Denson, Abbot Cletus Meagher, Deacon Justin Ward.

Father Bernard Denson, O.S.B., Ordained to the Priesthood

On Saturday, July 21, the monastic community of St. Bernard Abbey was joined by the sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery; monks of St. Benedict's Abbey (Atchison, Kansas), St. John's Abbey (Collegeville, Minnesota), St. Meinrad Archabbey (St. Meinrad, Indiana), and St. Louis Abbey (St. Louis, Missouri); priests, deacons, and seminarians of the Diocese of Birmingham and the Diocese of Nashville; and several hundred friends, oblates, and benefactors as Bishop Robert J. Baker, S.T.D., ordained Brother Bernard J. Denson,

O.S.B., to the sacred priesthood of Jesus Christ in the abbey church in the presence of his family members and friends.

Brother Bernard invited Sister Marian Davis, O.S.B., his high school English teacher and a mentor in his studies of British literature, as well as his brother, Nathan Denson, to serve as lectors at the Mass. He was clothed in the priestly vestments by Abbot Cletus. His parents, Loren McGhinnis and Steve Denson presented his chalice and paten,

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First Day of School

Mrs. Kelley Gentry assists Emily Lader with her locker on the first day of the 2018-19 academic year at St. Bernard Middle School in Cullman.



Benefactors Day

Deacon Tim Vaughn, Most Rev. John M. Quinn, D.D., Most Rev. Robert J. Baker, S.T.D., and Abbot Cletus Meagher, O.S.B. (See story on page 6).

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St. Bernard Prep Off to a Great Start

(Continued from front page) Mallory, along with their two-year-old son, have taken up residence in Cullman.

Jennifer Glassford is originally from Mobile and returned to Alabama after completion of twenty years of active duty in the United States Marine Corps. Her

daughter, Alexa attends the Aveda Institute in Philadelphia, PA. Her son, Justis attends Wallace State Community College. After retirement she worked part time for Westbrook Christian School and the Department of Veteran's Affairs. She received a Bachelor of

Science Degree from Middle Tennessee State University and Master of Arts Degree from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. She is presently enrolled in the Mississippi University for Women and pursuing a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree in Non-Fiction writing. Upon completion of her MFA she plans to further pursue her PhD in English. She lives in Cullman with her son, Justis, and her three dogs, Roxie, Copper and Riley.

Michael Paul Kastner joined the faculty at St. Bernard Prep School as the new Director of Fine Arts. Originally from Tiffin, Ohio, Michael and his wife, Betsey, have been married for 34 years and they have 3 children, Michelle, 30, who is a HR Administrative Assistant in Toledo, Ohio, Melissa, 28, who works in Higher Education at Wright State University and is married to Ryan, who is

proud to be a member of the U.S. Air Force, and Matthew, 25, who lives in Allentown, PA. (hometown of Father Linus), and is an Instruction Technologist in the Department of Education at Lehigh Valley Health Network. A graduate of Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan, Michael loves traveling, and taking walks with his wife, accompanied with their family dog, a Jack Russell named Annie. His passion for Catholic Education, vocal music and especially Broadway Musicals, has guided him through 34 years of teaching and directing

musicals for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. He is very proud and honored to be a part of the St. Bernard Prep School Family.

Fr. Linus Klucarits, Headmaster at St. Bernard Preparatory School is pleased with how the year has started. "We've had a great start to the year. We've had to make a few scheduling changes but, otherwise, all is well."

Saint Bernard Prep is a co-ed boarding and day school for students in grades 7-12. For more information visit www.stbernardprep.com or call (256)739-6682 to schedule a private tour.



New Faculty Members

L-R: Will Drake, Jennifer Glassford and Michael Paul Kastner



2018-19 SBP Faculty

Front row (l-r): Mary Mayo, Sharon Collier, Jennifer Glassford, Meghan Epperly, Helen Glasscock, Will Drake, and Br. Thomas Jones. Second row (l-r): Yolanda Smith, Tiffany Pope, Elizabeth Barajas, LuAnn Gissell, Fr. Bede Marcy. Third row (l-r): Martha Ann Warnke, Kim Whaley, Chanda Dabbs, Tim Vaughn, Fr. Linus Klucarits, Theresa Griffin, and Kelley Gentry. Fourth row: Michael Kastner, Tyler Ayers, Ken Simpson, Randy Hasenbein, William Calvert, Bill Nuss, Carrie Woods, Shelley Perry, Joseph Bond, and James Griffin.

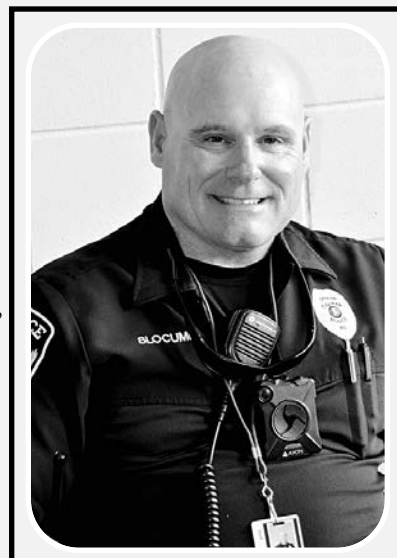
Officer Don Slocumb Named School Resource Officer

Officer Don Slocumb has joined St. Bernard Prep as the School Resource Officer (SRO). Slocumb is a 13 year veteran of the Cullman Police Department, where he has been on the Tactical Team (SWAT), a Field Training Officer, a Narcotics Agent (CNET), an Investigator, and Motor Unit Officer. He is also a former US Marine and has worked for the US Department of Homeland Security prior to working for Cullman Police Department.

Officer Slocumb says he enjoys his time at St. Bernard and looks forward to working toward the common goal of being leaders, role models and mentors to the students at St. Bernard.

"My goal as the SRO at SBP is to keep the students, faculty, and staff here as safe as possible. I'm not here to police the students, faculty, or staff, but rather to help protect them all. Drugs, weapons, alcohol, harassment, fighting, bullying, etc. will not be tolerated on campus, of course, but I want the students to know that just like every other staff member here, I want them to have every opportunity to succeed and have a full and enjoyable educational experience in a safe and secure environment," Slocumb said.

Officer Slocumb wants students to know he is approachable and welcomes them to talk any time about problems at home, school, work, etc.



Officer Don Slocumb

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Bockhold Wins Big at Bernard Blues and BBQ

Don Bockhold of Cullman spent eight hours volunteering at the 2nd Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ Festival in Cullman and had returned home for some much needed rest before his grandson, Grayson Olszowka, a middle school student at the school, encouraged him to make the short drive back to school for the drawing of the cash giveaway. At exactly 4:58 p.m. Bockhold made another \$25 donation to the school. Little did he know that spur of the moment act would result in \$10,000.

"I had hurriedly written my name on the ticket when Fr. Marcus had a hard time reading the signature, it dawned on me that it was my name he was trying to decipher," said Bockhold. "I couldn't wait to call my wife and tell her we had won!"

Festival Director Joyce Nix said in the 34 year history of all festivals at St. Bernard only one other time the winner had been present. "It was an awesome experience to witness the pres-

ence of the winner, but to see how proud his grandson was of his grandfather melted our hearts," Nix said. The Bockholds have been supporters of the school for several years having sent one of their daughters to St. Bernard and now they have two grandsons enrolled.

The festival weekend opened with sultry hot and humid weather, but that didn't deter the die-hard art lovers from coming to shop from sixty-five artisan booths on display. From pottery to pumpkins, flowers and clothing, to brooms, woodturning and paintings, visitors were doing some early Christmas shopping as well as some fine eating on campus.

The Blues Hammer Band took the stage at noon and established a new fan base in Cullman, Alabama.

The Johnsonville Big Taste Grill was on campus grilling up brats in support of St. Bernard Prep. Franks Hot Sauce and Stubbs BBQ were performing

teamheat and teamsweet competition with chicken wings. Freddie Day Catering of Cullman stepped up with the "best bbq pulled pork in the South and the tastiest wings on the planet."

Sunday the weather presented a problem as it rained much of the afternoon. While several of the artisans packed up to save

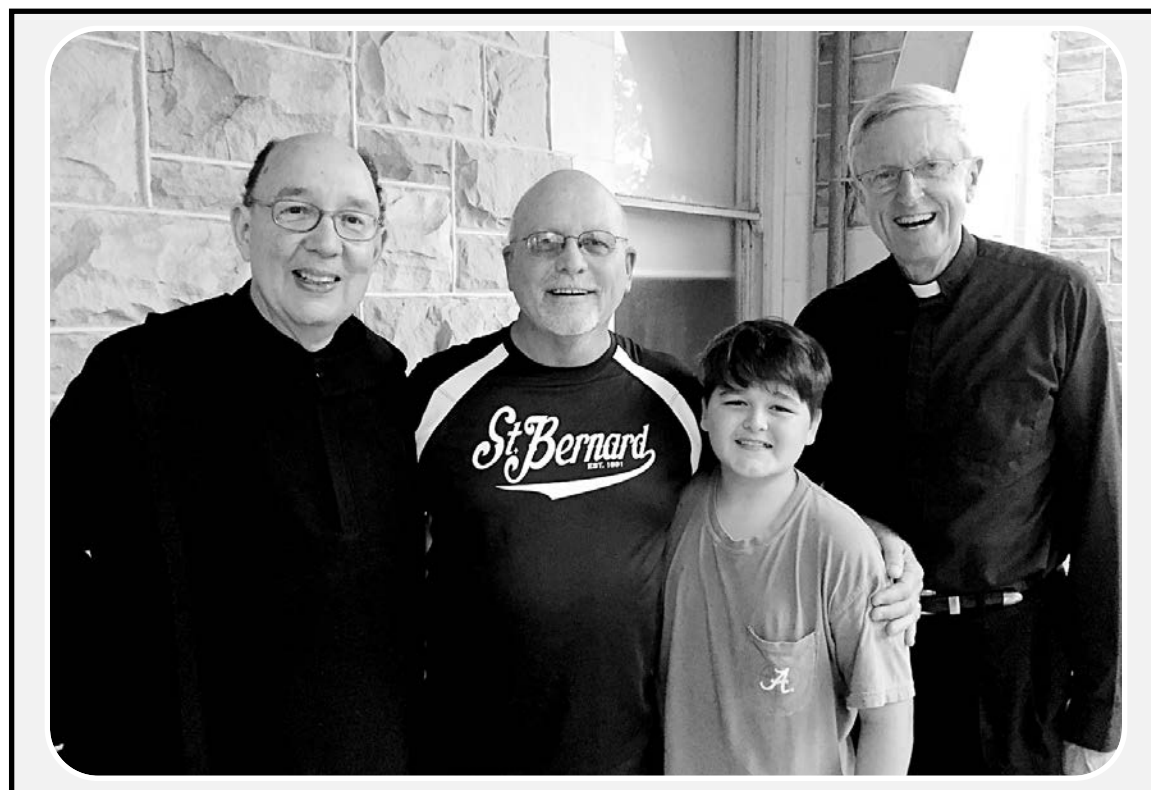
their merchandise, several braved the elements and enjoyed the entertainment of Sweet Licks Dixieland Jazz, De'Ja Blues and Bama Blue-Grace.

Other winners of the sweepstakes included: 2nd place - \$1,000 - Doug Elder of Birmingham; 3rd Place \$500 - Scott Browning of Cullman; 4th

Place \$250 - Tim Donahue of Vestavia; and 5th Place \$100 went to Anita Lammers of Santee, GA.

All proceeds from the 2nd Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ benefited St. Bernard Prep School.

St. Bernard is set to host the 35th Bloomin' Festival April 6-7, 2019.



Bockhold is Winner

Fr. Joel Martin, President of St. Bernard Prep School congratulates Don Bockhold and grandson, Grayson Olszowka along with Fr. Marcus Voss, Director of Development



Before Quad Renovations



After Quad Renovations



2018-2019 Middle School Student Council Officers

(L-R) Ethan Powell (President), Cole Bissot (Vice-president) Father Linus (Headmaster), Kole Gentry (Secretary) and Nic Ruse (Treasurer).

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SBP's Emma Pierce is Named National Merit Scholarship Program Semi-finalist

Emma Pierce, a senior at St. Bernard Prep School, has been named the county's only National Merit Semifinalist in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Pierce joined with approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 64th annual National Merit Scholarship Program where talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit scholarships worth more than \$31 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit scholarship award, semifinalist must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. Over 90 percent of the Semifinalist are expected to attain finalist standing, and about half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

To become a finalist, Emma must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which she will provide information about her academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received.

Emma super-scored a 36 on



Emma Pierce

the ACT; and secured a 1520 SAT score. Her leadership skills are endless as she has served as Cheer captain of the cheerleading squad; class president during her 10-11th grade years; as well as secretary of the senior class this year. She was secretary of Student Council during her sophomore year and has served as a school ambassador since she came to St. Bernard as a freshman. Last year she was selected to take part in the Cullman County Youth Leadership program through the Cullman Chamber of Commerce. She volunteers on a monthly basis to work at her church food

pantry in addition to working as a volunteer at vacation bible school and at the local library. She has also provided over 600 hours of volunteer work with local physicians over the summer months.

From the approximately 16,000 semifinalist, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

St. Bernard Guidance Counselor, Mary Mayo says while most all students at St. Bernard try to be their best, Emma is one of those who looks forward to the next challenge. "Emma is an excellent student who knows how to think and process information. We look forward to good things from her."

Emma is the daughter of Kristopher and Stephanie Pierce of Holly Pond.



Macy Whaley, Aria McMillan

SBP Students Selected for Youth Leadership

Macy Whaley and Aria McMillan have been selected to participate in Youth Leadership Cullman County by the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce.

Youth Leadership Cullman County is a countywide educational and leadership training program for high school juniors who have demonstrated potential leadership skills.

The program educates these students about current and future community needs. It

prepares them for constructive leadership, committed involvement and responsible participation in the future of Cullman County. It also creates an interest in community and volunteer activities and teaches students about local and state issues that affect our area.

A volunteer committee serves as program chairmen for YLCC. Students complete a nine-month program, which includes a get-acquainted social, nine program days and a graduation dinner. YLCC sessions include: Experiencing Leadership, Education & Etiquette, Tourism & Community, Quality of Life, Public Safety, Local Government, Business & Industry, State Government and Agriculture.

Youth Leadership is a complimentary program that is made available to participants. Program funding is provided by local businesses and alumni of Leadership Cullman County.

2018-2019 High School Student Council Officers

Pictured are from left:
Vice President – Joey McCarthy;
Treasurer – Crystal Shi;
Secretary – Alison Gongre;
and President – Gavin Whaley



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Dining Room Improvements

David Sansing and David Caples work to repair steps at dining hall.



School Calendar

October

- 8 Columbus Day holiday (3 day weekend) (Monday)
- 11 End 1st Quarter (Thursday)
- 26-27 Parents' Weekend (early dismissal) (Friday & Saturday)

November

- 9 Mid-quarter (Friday)
- 19-23 Thanksgiving holidays (Monday-Friday)
- 26 Classes resume (Monday)

December

- 7 Board breakfast, school begins at 10am (Friday)
- 14 End of 2nd quarter (Friday)
- 17-19 Semester exams (early dismissals) (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)
- 19 Students dismissed for holiday at 11:45am (Wednesday)
- 20 Teacher workday (Thursday)
- 20 – Jan 6, 2019 Christmas holidays

January 2019

- 7 Classes resume (Monday)
- 16-20 March for Life trip (Wednesday-Sunday)
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, no school (Monday)

February

- 2 Draw Down (Saturday)
- 6 Mid-quarter (Wednesday)
- 18 Presidents' Day, no school (Monday)

March

- 6 Athletic Ceremony, evening (Wednesday)
- 8 End 3rd Quarter (Friday)
- 18 – 22 Spring Break (Monday – Friday)
- 25 Classes resume (Monday)

April

- 6-7 Bloomin' Fest (Saturday & Sunday)
- 15 Mid-quarter (Thursday)
- 18-22 Easter Holiday (Thursday, Friday, Monday)

May

- 8 HS Honors Ceremony, evening (Wednesday)
- 10 MS Honors Ceremony, 2pm (Friday)
- 15 Athletic Ceremony, evening (Wednesday)
- 20 End 4th Quarter (Monday)
- 21-23 Semester Exam (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
- 23 Students dismissed for summer at 11:45am (Thursday)
- 24 Teacher workday (Friday)
- 26 Upper School Graduation (Sunday)



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St. Bernard Abbey news

Benedictine Monk Publishes First Book



Br. Benedict Dyar

Mornings at St. Bernard Abbey are filled with early morning prayers, breakfast and monastic chores. But for one Benedictine monk his chores are off to the kitchen to get started with the daily batch of fresh baked monk's bread. However, in the midst of all the mixing, kneading, and baking, he has conjured up a thrilling fantasy story in his newly released e-book – The Flame of Telbyrin.

The Flame of Telbyrin is filled with adventure, mystery, heroism, suspense, romance, and most of all faith. Benedictine monk, Br.

Benedict Dyar, OSB has penned his heart and imagination into a story to be enjoyed by teens and adults in his first published novel.

"It's been a two - year process of writing, editing and re-writing," Br. Benedict said. "The writing of the book was enjoyable as the scenes just seemed to play out in my mind." However, Brother is quick to point out publishing has been a series of edits upon edits, which has occupied most of his time this past year..

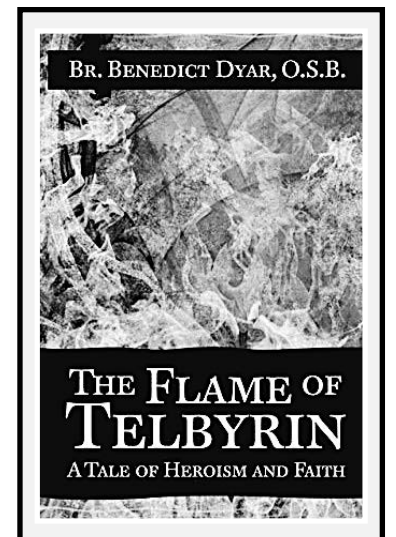
In his book the eternal flame of Telbyrin has existed since the foundation of the world. All the peoples of Telbyrin venerate it as the sign of all creation's prayers that rise to the Creator. All

except the dreaded Meldron; a race hidden deep within the Mountains of Black with a supposed secret knowledge of dread power. Readers will enter into the world of two young married Elves who live peacefully on a cattle farm; one a humble farm girl and another a warrior of great renown. On the way to their annual pilgrimage to the Flame in the Holy City of Al-Nartha, they discover that the Flame is going out. Suddenly these two Elves get caught up in an adventure of why the Flame is going out and in the process learn who or what may be behind it.

In the first week of sales, the book was ranked in the top one hundred best sellers in Christian fantasy on Amazon.

Printed copies will be available soon.

Br. Benedict Dyar is from Opelika, Alabama. He joined the monastery at St. Bernard Abbey ten years ago, and holds a B.S. History degree from Athens State University.



Benefactors Day Celebrated at St. Bernard

(See picture on page 1)

The monks of St. Bernard Abbey and their guests assembled on the 127th anniversary of the abbey's founding and celebrated their annual Benefactors Day. Students, parents, friends, oblates and supporters of St. Bernard Abbey and Prep School gathered in the Abbey Church on Monday, September 24, 2018, to offer thanks to God for his many blessings over these many years since its foundation.

The Most Rev. Robert J. Baker, S.T.D., Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama, served as the main celebrant and the Most Rev. John M. Quinn, D.D., Bishop of Winona-Rochester in Minnesota, was the homilist for the occasion. Bishop Quinn congratulated the St. Bernard community for its 127th year anniversary and for their many years of ministry. In his homily he spoke about the need to open the door to the riches, the goodness and mercy, of God, and reminded all believers of our task to open that door continually through life, and that to do so is possible only

with the willing and joyful heart of a child.

At the end of the service, Abbot Cletus Meagher, O.S.B., of St. Bernard Abbey thanked everyone for being a part of the life of St. Bernard. He reminded them that "without your support and participation, there would be no St. Bernard. Each day we prayerfully remember you and all our benefactors who make it possible for us to continue the many ministries of this Abbey." At the end of his remarks, Abbot Cletus received a standing ovation in recognition of his twenty-four years of service as the 9th Abbot of St. Bernard Abbey.

Music for the Mass was provided by Dr. Rebecca C. Whited, Organist, Holy Spirit Church, of Huntsville. Altar servers were provided by the St. Bernard Preparatory School Knights of the Altar; Gavin Whaley, Grand Supreme Knight.

To round out the day, guests enjoyed an authentic German lunch prepared by Flik Dining, and were entertained by the St. Bernard Prep School Jazz Band on the Abbey lawn.

Father Bernard Denson, O.S.B. Ordained to Priesthood

(Continued from page 1) holding wine and bread. In his homily, Bishop Baker spoke about the importance of Brother Bernard's commitment to Catholic education and expressed his hopes that Brother Bernard's priestly ministry would continue to include this venerable tradition of the Church's role in the world. After the Mass, Father Bernard gave his first priestly blessings at the reception, where Chef Thomas Maddux and his team served an exquisite luncheon showcasing the South's culinary repertoire.

The following day, Father Bernard celebrated his first Mass of thanksgiving in the abbey church. Sandra Ashley, a dear friend who greatly encouraged Father Bernard in his priestly vocation as a child, and Diana Urbina, a high school classmate and long-time friend, served as

lectors at the Mass. The gifts of bread and wine that Father Bernard would consecrate for the first time were presented by his very close friends Niño and Catie Yu Tiamco along with their infant son—Father Bernard's godson—Oliver. Father John McDonald, a priest of the Diocese of Birmingham and chair of homiletics at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, delivered the fitting homily for the occasion, preaching on the disposition of the priest as a pastor and "good shepherd" of God's flock. In a moving moment at the end of the Mass, Father Bernard presented his parents with special gifts: to his mother he gave the traditional manitergium, the chrism-soaked cloth used to bind his just-anointed hands by the bishop the day before, and to his father he gave the stole worn while hearing his first confession.

Father Bernard is a native of Gadsden, Alabama, and St. James Church. He graduated from Saint Bernard Preparatory School in 2009 and entered the monastery that same year. He professed simple monastic vows in 2010 and solemn monastic vows in 2013. He completed his undergraduate studies in philosophy and English literature at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas in 2014. He finished his studies for the priesthood, magna cum laude, at the Pontifical University of Sant'Anselmo in Rome, Italy in June 2018.

This fall, he will spend about six weeks studying German at the Archabbey of Sankt Ottilien in Bavaria, Germany, before starting work on his license in sacred theology, specializing in the historical development of dogmatic theology, at Sant'Anselmo in Rome.

St. Bernard Abbey news

Three Monks Make Profession of Solemn Vows

It was a grand celebration at St. Bernard Abbey on Monday, August 6, 2018 as three monks made their Profession of Solemn Monastic Vows in the Abbey Church: Br. Dominic Lee, Br. Paschal Pautler, and Br. Pachomius Alvarado.

Visiting monks from five different monasteries, priests of the Dioceses of Birmingham and Nashville, several communities of religious sisters, seminarians, and faithful from around the country travelled to St. Bernard for the Mass of Solemn Profession.

During the Mass, Fr. Marcus Voss, Junior Master of the monastery, presented each as a candidate for solemn vows to Abbot Cletus Meagher, O.S.B. and the community. After the community had given their affirmation, Abbot Cletus delivered a homily for the occasion. In his remarks he spoke of the vowed life and the rich monastic tradition that is the heritage of those who live the Benedictine vocation, renouncing everything to follow Christ.

Following the ancient custom, each professed their vows before the Abbot and then signed the hand-written document on the altar, along with two witnesses. After lying prostrate before the Altar while the Abbot sang a prayer of solemn consecration over the brothers, they were clothed in the monastic cuculla (a flowing pleated cowl) given to monks who have solemnly professed their final monastic vows.

After the liturgical celebration, the congregation

joined the monastic community for a festive dinner in the St. Bernard Dining Hall.

Brother Dominic (Stephen) Lee, 24 years old, was born in Madison, Alabama. His family moved to Huntsville, Alabama when he was about 10 years old. He has two older sisters and three younger brothers. One of his sisters is a Benedictine nun at the Abbey of St. Walburga in Colorado. Happily, she was able to travel to St. Bernard for the occasion. Br. Dominic was homeschooled all through high school education. Br. Dominic is currently enrolled at Belmont Abbey College in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he is studying Philosophy and Mathematics. He plans to graduate this coming December.

Brother Paschal (Gabriel) Pautler, 22 years old, was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. He has an older brother and sister, as well as a younger sister and two younger brothers. He attended St. Rose Academy in Birmingham, a school administered by the Nashville Dominican Sisters, before coming to St. Bernard Prep for his high school education. After completing his course of studies at St. Bernard Prep, he graduated from SBP in May 2014 and entered the monastery just three weeks later. Br. Paschal is currently enrolled at Belmont Abbey College in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is studying Philosophy, Latin, and Business Management. He is set to graduate in December 2018.

Brother Pachomius



Solemn Vows

Brother Dominic Lee, Abbot Cletus Meagher, O.S.B., Brother Pachomius Alvarado, and Brother Paschal Pautler.

(Gustavo) Alvarado, 40 years old, was born in Matanzas, Cuba. His mother still lives in Cuba. His father is deceased. He has one older sister who lives in Florida, along with her two children. After attending university in Cuba, he moved to Bogota, Columbia, where he worked for a marketing and public relations company. He held that job for two years during which time he learned of the Benedictine monastery of Tibati in Bogota. After several visits to the monastery, he decided to join the monks in Bogota. However, after about a year and a half, he chose to

leave Tibati before completing his Novitiate. While at the monastery of Tibati, he had met Fr. Joel Martin, O.S.B., of St. Bernard Abbey, who was in Colombia recruiting for the Prep School. Fr. Joel invited Br. Pachomius to visit St. Bernard Abbey, an invitation which flowered into a life at St. Bernard Abbey. He

currently serves as the Abbey Archivist.

St. Bernard Abbey is Alabama's only Benedictine Abbey and home to over thirty monks. For more information or to learn more about a monastic vocation visit www.stbernardabbey.com.

Five Postulants Received at St. Bernard Abbey

Five candidates were received by Abbot Cletus Meagher as postulants at St.

Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama on Saturday, September 15, 2018 during Vespers. The postulancy is a period of 6 months is a time for a man to seriously consider the call to the monastic way of life and to enter into that way of life.

During the postulancy, the newly accepted candidates live the daily life as a Benedictine. It is a period of time when the postulants and the monastic community can get to know each other. It's a time of discernment before the candidate is invited to enter the community for his novitiate year.



Postulants Received

L to R: Fr. Matthew Simmons, Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi; Christian Peterson, Diocese of Birmingham; Nicholas Valle, Diocese of Nashville; Abbot Cletus; Gregory Wilson, Diocese of Charleston; and Anthony Visintainer, Diocese of Savannah.

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8 St. Bernard Sports



Varsity Volleyball Team

Front row (l-r): Jaya Bahadursingh, Riley Holmes, Bridget Gallegos, Yessi Pascual, and Gabrielle Bennett. Back row (l-r): Macy Whaley, Olivia Brown, Emma Tafazoli, and Claudia Fallin.



Jr. Varsity Volleyball Team

Front row (l-r): Chloe Lambert, Amelia Tafazoli, Alison Gongre, and Brianna Garcia. Back row (l-r): Toni Shuper, Helen Kim, Jenna Pechon, Mollie Woods, and Emma Whaley.

ST. BERNARD SAINTS VOLLEYBALL 2018 - 2019

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TEAMS	TIME
Oct. 2	Vinemont	Away	V	4:30
Oct. 4	Whitesburg	Home	JV, V	4:30
Oct. 11	Athens Bible*	Home	JV, V	4:30
Oct. 13	Cold Springs Tournament			
Oct. 16	Falkville*	Away	V	4:30
Oct. 18	Jefferson Christian	Away	JV, V	4:30
Oct. 23-24	AREA TOURNAMENT			
Oct. 26-28	SUPER REGIONALS			
Nov. 1-2	STATE TOURNAMENT			

*Denotes area matches

ST. BERNARD SAINTS CROSS COUNTRY 2018 - 2019

10/06/18	Jesse Owens Classic	Oakville Indian Mounds	8:20am
10/09/18 (Tuesday)	Fairview - Hay of Run	Fairview Town Park	4:00pm
10/16/18 (Tuesday)	Athens Bible Invite	Athens Sports Complex	3:45pm
10/20/18	Oktoberfest Invitational	St. Bernard	8:45am
11/1/18 (Thursday)	3A Section 3 Meet	Fairview Town Park	TBA
11/10/18	AHSAA State Meet	Oakville Indian Mounds	8:30am



First Place at Randolph Classic

The girls cross country team took first place at the Randolph Classic a.k.a. "Run in the Mud" on Tuesday afternoon September 18th at University of Alabama-Huntsville. The Lady Saints defeated 15 teams in the 1A-4A Division with a score of 68 points. Second place was Hatton with 83 points. Top 15 medal winners were Chloe Tumbo in 5th, Emma Powell in 7th and Claire Sanders placing 9th. Also scoring for the team were Aria McMillan in 22nd and Kathleen George at 41st place. One hundred and forty-nine runners competed in the rugged race that included 4 muddy creek crossings over the 3 mile course. Pictured are (l-r): Sara Barck, Kathleen George, Aria McMillan, Coach William Calvert, Claire Sanders, Emma Powell, Chloe Tombo, and Coach Katie Clemmons.

ST. BERNARD BOWLING TEAM 2018 - 2019

OCTOBER

22	4:30pm at Cullman Bowling	Quad Match	Cullman Bowling Center
25	4:30pm at Lindsay Lane vs. Cullman HS, St. Bernard Prep.		Madison Bowling Center
30	4:30pm at Cullman TriMatch		Cullman Bowling Center

NOVEMBER

5	4:00pm at Cullman, St. Bernard, Priceville, Hartselle HS		Cullman Bowling Center
8	4:00pm at St. Bernard, Priceville, Hartselle		TBA
13	4:30pm at Cullman Tri-Match #2		Cullman Bowling Center
15	4:30pm at East vs Cullman and St. Bernard		Madison Bowling Center

Fall Sports Recap

Girls Cross Country - The St. Bernard Girls Cross Country Team is off to fine start this fall with two first place finishes and a runner-up in early season meets. The Lady Saints won the 1A-4A Division of the Pepsi Challenge, held at Alexander Park in Moulton the first week of the season, by easily defeating 11 teams. Sophomore Chloe Tumbo placed 8th in her first ever cross country meet with a time of 23:29 over the 5k course. Also receiving top 15 awards were junior Claire Sanders in 10th place and 7th grader Emma Powell in 15th place. Sara Back and Kathleen

George rounded out the scoring for the Lady Saints by finishing in 35th and 36th respectively. The girls won also won first place at the Randolph Classic, also known as the "Run in the Mud" on September 18th in Huntsville. The Lady Saints defeated 15 teams in the 1A-4A Division with a score of 68 points. Second place was Hatton with 83. Top 15 medal winners included Chloe Tumbo in 5th place, Emma Powell in 7th place and Claire Sanders in 9th. Also scoring for the team was Aria McMillan in 22nd place and Kathleen George in 41st place. 149 runners competed in

the rugged race that included 4 muddy creek crossings over the 3-mile course. In addition, the Lady Saints took runner up honors at the Fairview Invitational with Chloe Tumbo, once again, leading the way with a 4th place finish (22:34). Emma Powell was right behind her in 5th and Claire Sanders placed 8th. Others scoring were Sara Barck in 24th place and Adrian Smith in 34th.

Boys Cross Country - The boys cross country team is having success as well in the early season meets. The Saints finished 3rd out of 17 teams in the 1A-4A Division of the Pepsi Challenge only two points from 2nd place Fairview. Junior Caleb Guthery led the team with a 4th place (18:15). Senior Joey McCarthy was close behind Guthery in 6th place (18:31). Also scoring for the Saints were a trio of sophomores; Francis Mami 24th, Joseph Arriaga 36th, and Nikolas Borths 59th. At Randolph the Saints placed 2nd out of 22 teams in the 1A-4A Division. Guthery placed 5th, McCarthy 12th, Arriaga 28th, Mami 38th. David DeJesus placed 44th to round out the scoring. 257 runners competed in the race. At Fairview the Saints also made the podium placing 3rd out of 14 teams in the 1A-4A Division. Joey McCarthy paced the team with a 4th place finish of 18:05

Coach Speak: "I am pleased with both teams effort and progression so far this season. We are excited about the prospects of team and individual successes in the 2nd half of the season, as well as at the sectional meet on November 1 and

the state meet on November 10th. "

Volleyball - The Lady Saints volleyball team coached by Tiffany Hinkle-Pope are hitting their stride as the season draws closer to the area tournament. With big area wins over R.A. Hubbard and Falkville, the Lady Saints sit in 2nd place in the 1A Area 13 standings behind Athens Bible School. Both wins were hard fought as the girls were down early and battled back to win in 5 sets. The Lady Saints also own wins over Hanceville and Jefferson Christian (twice). Macey Whaley and Emma Tafazoli lead the team in kills. Oliva

Brown leads in blocks while Yessi Pascual is the assists leader. Bridget Gallegos provides great libero play on the back line and leads in digs. Whaley and Gallegos have provided the Lady Saints with some timely aces from the serve line as well. In addition, freshman Claudia Fallin has contributed with fine net play in the recent wins. The Lady Saints will look to continue their winning ways and make a run at a birth in the Super Regionals in Huntsville in late October.



Randolph Meet

Coach William Calvert, Jiovany Arriaga, Francis Mami, Francisco Tona, Caleb Guthery, Joseph McCarthy, Joseph Arriaga, Daniel Bamberry and David DeJesus.



Cheerleaders at Auburn

St. Bernard Cheerleaders participated in Spirit Day at the Auburn University vs. Arkansas game. Picture from (L-R): Claudia Fallin, Riley Holmes, Ashley Morris, Gabrielle Bennett, Abigail Curtis, Emma Powell, Lilly Nassetta, Elana Steele, and Alison Gongre.

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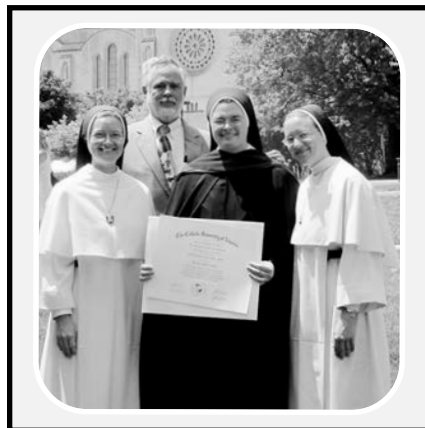
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DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	TEAMS	VENUE
NOVEMBER				
6	5:00	Whitesburg Christian Academy	JVB, VG, VB	Home
8	5:00	Athens Bible School	JVB, VG, VB	Home
15	5:00	Vinemont	JVB, VG, VB	Away
16	4:30	Winston County	JVB, VG, VB	Away
27	4:30	Decatur Heritage	JVB, VG, VB	Away
29	4:30	West End High School	JVB, VG, VB	Home
30	5:00	Lynn	VG VB	Home
DECEMBER				
4	5:00	Falkville	JVB, VG, VB	Home
7	4:30	West End High School	JVB, VG, VB	Away
10	5:00	Addison	JVB, VG, VB	Home
13	5:00	Winston County	JVB, VG, VB	Home
20-21		St. Bernard Christmas Tourn	VG, VB	Home
JANUARY				
8	4:30	Falkville	JVB, VG, VB	Away
10	4:30	Vinemont	JVB, VG, VB	Home
11	4:30	Decatur Heritage	JVB, VG, VB	Home
14	4:30	Southeastern School	JVB, VG, VB	Home
15	5:00	Lynn	VG, VB	Away
25	5:00	Athens Bible School	JVB, VG, VB	Away
29	4:30	Meek	JVB, VG, VB	Home

St. Bernard Happenings

Congratulations

Mark (C'67) and Kathi (Doran) Jeffrey recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They met while Kathi was a student at Sacred Heart College ('67). Both are now retired and live in Atlanta, GA.



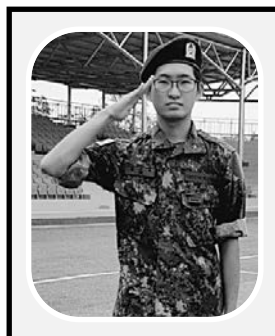
Sr. Stephen Patrick

Mary Joly (Sr. Stephen Patrick, O.P., of the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor, Michigan), (PS '02) received her Ph.D. in Cellular and Microbial Biology. On

Wednesday, March 14, 2018, Sister Stephen Patrick Joly successfully defended her doctoral dissertation, "Identification of SUP5: A Protein that Interfaces with the Deviant ATP-Binding Site of Yeast Pdr5 Multidrug Transporter." Sister Stephen Patrick received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Cellular and Microbial Biology from The Catholic University of America on May 12, 2018. Her brothers Chris and Brian and her sister Karen are all SBP alumni.

Geonwoo Kim, (PS '16) is now serving his country in the Army of the Republic of (South)

Korea. On July 16 he began his service at the Army Training Center. On August 21 his "boot camp" training was completed and his exit ceremony was done and he was given the rank of private. Geonwoo applied for KATUSA (Korean Augmentation To the United States Army) and was selected; he will be assigned to an American unit somewhere in Korea after completing more weeks of training with U.S. troops in Pyeongtaek, South Korea.



Geonwoo Kim

Rev. Frank J. Muscolino (C' 60-62) celebrated his 50th anniversary of priestly ordination with a Mass and reception on July 26, 2018, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Birmingham, AL. Fr. Muscolino stays active in the ministry through his weekend parish assignments and his work serving as retreat master, spiritual director and chaplain.

David Nassetta (PS '98) was recently promoted to Lieutenant. Lt. Nassetta has worked for the Cullman Police Department for approximately 19 years. He began his career working in patrol, was promoted to Sergeant in 2014, and was the shift supervisor until 2016

when he was transferred to Investigations. He has also worked in Narcotics, is a member of the Tactical Unit, and was a Task Force Officer for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for 5 years.



David Nassetta

New Arrivals

Nino (PS '09) and Catie Yu Tiamco

announce the arrival of their firstborn, Nino "Oliver" Yu Tiamco who was born on May 12th at 3:49pm weighing 7lbs and measuring 20.5 inches long. The Yu Tiamco family makes their home in Birmingham, AL.



Oliver Yu Tiamco

ly on July 10, 2018. Lucy weighed 7lbs, 9 oz. She joins her two older sisters, Therese Rose and Zelie Marie at their home in Cullman, AL.

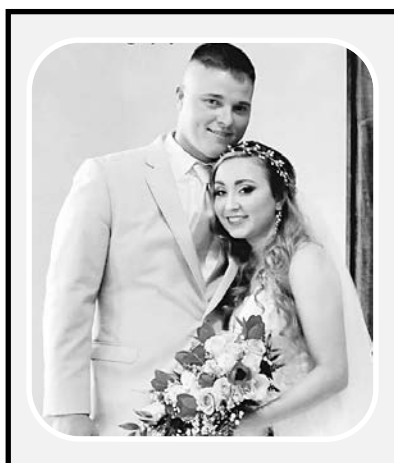
Brendan and Shannon (Johnson) Flannery (PS '05) announce the birth of their fourth child, Josephine Marie, who was born on July 10, 2018. She joins her siblings Evelyn, Liam and Eleanor at their home in Cullman. Brendan is the Admissions Director for St. Bernard Prep.



Flannery Family

Wedding

Celeste (O'Donnell) (PS '13) and Phillip Stephens were wed on June 9, 2018 at Top of the Town in Cullman.



Mr. & Mrs. Stephens

*Make Plans to Attend
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June 27-30, 2019*



Lucy Whatley

Katie (Kisbey-Green) (PS '05) and Patrick Whatley welcome their third daughter, Lucy, to the fami-

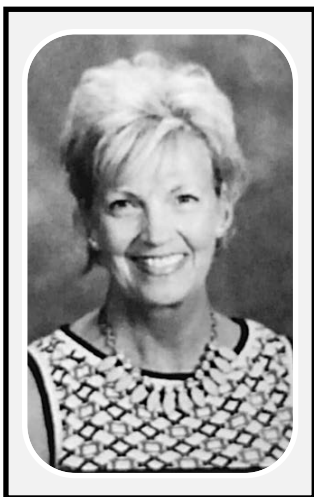
St. Bernard Alumni news

In Memoriam

Prayers are requested for family and friends:

Donald L. Bausch (C'60-62) passed away peacefully at the age of 75 on Thursday, July 5, 2018 while on the beach at the Outer Banks in North Carolina while on vacation. He attended St. Bernard College in Cullman, Alabama for 2 years and graduated from St. John Fisher College in 1965 with a degree in business management. Don worked for Westinghouse Electric Supply after graduation where he held various management roles in Rochester, Utica, Virginia as well as regional manager for upstate New York. He spent the last 20 years of his career working for Kovalsky-Carr Electric in Rochester. For nine years he was self-employed at Wagner Bausch Electric in LeRoy and for a short time he owned the former Scotty's Charbroil in Batavia. As an active member of Resurrection Parish he was often seen at daily Mass as well as serving as lector and Eucharistic minister. He served on various board and committees and was an avid golfer. Don married his high school sweetheart, Joan Dickinson Bausch, on August 22, 1964. Also surviving are one son, D. Scott (Trish) Bausch of Baldwinsville; two daughters, Kimberly Ann Bausch Fagan and Colleen (Christopher) Pilc; three brothers, Richard (Nancy Dugan) Bausch, Robert (Jan) Bausch and Fr. Michael Bausch (C'70); eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Donna Kay (Lee) Bryant, born on April 30, 1953, passed away on September 10, 2018. She had a lifelong pursuit of education which included a doctorate degree from the University of Alabama, and was an avid fan of Alabama Athletics. As a retired educator, administrator and cheerleading and gymnastics coach with Cullman City Schools and St. Bernard Prep School, she made a positive impact on the lives of many young people. She was an active member of St. Andrews United Methodist Church. She was an inductee into the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame. She will be remembered as a kind, compassionate person that was loving to all, especially her grandchildren. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Rick Bryant; daughter, Amber Sisulak (Ryan) Milks; son, Whit (Melanie) Sisulak; step son, R.J. Bryant; four grandchildren.



Donna Bryant

Sister Mary Ruth Coffman, O.S.B., a Benedictine Sister of Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman, AL, died on Saturday, September 22, 2018, at the age of 88. Following perpetual profession, Sister began work on her M.A. in English from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., to further prepare her for what would be many years in the ministry of education at both the high school and college levels. While English and journalism were her primary subject areas she enjoyed teaching other subjects, too, and especially enjoyed working with students in various extra-curricular endeavors such as the school newspaper, drama, and honor society. Most of her years in the ministry of education were spent at Sacred Heart College and Cullman College in Cullman. However, her years at John Carroll Catholic High School in Birmingham, St. Jude High School in Montgomery, and St. Bernard Preparatory School in Cullman provided her with many cherished memories and life-long friends. Through her life experiences, Sister Mary Ruth

developed an expansive, welcoming heart and a strong trust in God that never wavered. She was a woman of deep prayer, a tireless encourager and a life-long learner. Her peaceful, serene nature was balanced by a joyful spirit that delighted in the presence of friends and in the wonders of God's creation. Sister Mary Ruth had a great love for monastic life and for her monastic community. Her Benedictine Sisters, along with many devoted friends and former students, mourn her loss.

Florence "Flo" Lynch (C'71) was born on December 22, 1947 in Astoria (Queens), NY, and passed away on September 23, 2018 after a thirty-nine year battle with cancer. She grew up on Long Island (Oakdale) where she attended Seton Hall High School in Patchogue, NY. She began her college education at Sacred Heart (later Cullman College) and completed her Bachelor of Science in Education at St. Bernard. During her tenure in Alabama, she earned her Master of Education (Special Education) from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Later, she earned another Master of Education from Alabama A&M in Huntsville. After retiring from public schools in Alabama, she moved to Pulaski, TN, and taught special education in Giles County. She was beloved by students and parents alike, many of whom stayed in contact with her for many years. Flo also worked summertime jobs in Cullman teaching swimming and managing the public swimming pools. She was frequently spotted keeping score or running the game clocks for ballgames at schools or for the park and recreation department. She loved to camp and white-water raft down raging rivers, and spend time with all her special children. Having retired from the teaching profession, Flo was a mentor to younger girls, especially those in need. Flo is survived by her brother, Thomas Robert Lynch of Riverhead, NY, and niece, Erin Russell of Omaha, NE, and many cousins. Her burial will be in the St. Bernard Abbey Columbarium.

Frederick Augustin (Fred) Magruder (Hs'54), 83, passed away Sunday, September 16, 2018 in Greenwood, SC. Fred was a graduate of St. Bernard High School, Cullman, AL and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He had a thirty-five year career as a design engineer and retired in 1995 from Easton Aluminum Company in Van Nuys, California, one of the premier producers of aluminum arrows and baseball bats in the world. After retirement Fred moved to Savannah Lakes in McCormick, SC. There he was a member of the McCormick Lions Club and served as its president. In 2014 he moved to Wesley Commons in Greenwood, where he lived until his death. He is survived by a sister, Christine Magruder Hackl of Indianapolis, IN, a brother, Dr. Christopher Herbert Magruder and his wife



Sr. Mary Ruth Coffman



Flo Lynch

Anne, of Greenwood, SC, a sister-in-law, Lillian Magruder of Jackson, MS; and by 13 nieces and nephews, 35 grand nieces and nephews, and 16 great grand nieces and nephews.

Charlotte Mathis McKenzie, 88, a long-time friend of St. Bernard, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018. Charlotte was a loving mother of 8 children, who was very active with them in all that they did. She was always involved with St. James Catholic Church in Gadsden, AL. She is survived by her husband, Tom McKenzie; children, Jan (Tommy) Wells, Tommy (Meaw) McKenzie, Mark (Pam) McKenzie, Patricia Gruver, Sr. Lynn McKenzie, Jeff (Dian) McKenzie, Angela (David) McKenzie and Rob (Grace) McKenzie; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Wachter Paulovich, 86, of Cullman Alabama passed away July 12, 2018. She was a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy and St. Vincent's School of Nursing (class of 1950). She truly enjoyed her health professional career at Cullman Hospital, Woodland Hospital and Cullman Outpatient Surgical Center. She is preceded in death by her husband John Paulovich (HS'48, JC 50), her sisters Alfaretta Baier, Eleanor Richard, and her brothers Joe and William Wachter. Survivors are her children Sarah (David) Seymore, Joe (Karen) Paulovich, Lisa (Joey) Saia and Dan (Danza) Paulovich, four granddaughters Katie (Simon) Ranelli, Sarah Beth Seymore (PS'08), Payton Paulovich and Gabrielle Saia, great grandsons Jackson Paulovich, Anthony and David Ranelli.

Karen A. Sambuco (nee Weithoner), (C'69) age 71, passed away on April 15, 2018 of Downingtown, PA. She is predeceased by her son Christopher J. Sambuco. Survived by her beloved husband of 46 yrs. Christopher P., her sons Philip P. (Meredith) and Thomas A., her daughter-in-law Kristine M., her six grandchildren.

Mary Virginia Habrat Sullivan (C'71) age 68, of Birmingham passed away August 16, 2018, with her husband and family by her side. Mary graduated from John Carroll High School in 1967 and St. Bernard College in 1971. Mary taught at St. Barnabas School for over thirty years, retiring in 2014. Mary enjoyed vacations to the beach and to Disney World with her grandchildren. Mary is survived by Brian Parnell Sullivan (C'71), her husband of 46 years, as well as her daughters Amy Sullivan Bach (Bill), Mary Elizabeth Sullivan, and grandchildren Virginia, Sophie, Charlie, and Liam Bach.

Michael R. Zack (C'74) age 66, died on Sunday, July 22, 2018. Michael graduated from St. Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark, NJ and St. Bernard College, Cullman, AL where he earned a BS in Business Management. He was the NAIA Individual Golf Champion. Michael later became a PGA Golf Touring Pro. He also served as the Assistant Golf Pro at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, NJ and Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit, NJ. Since the inception of the PGA Assistant Championship in 1977, Michael Zack, formerly of Baltusrol, is the only New Jersey Section player to have won the National Assistant event. Michael won the Datsun Classic twice and other multiple tournaments during his career. Michael had a successful career in finance, golf club ownership and golf club management. Michael was also a car enthusiast and an Animal Rights Activist. Surviving Michael are his mother Alyce P. Zack of Johns Creek, GA, and his daughters Jenna Zack and Madeleine Zack both of New York, NY. Also surviving is his sister Deborah Z Giggi, and her husband Paul M. Giggi of Johns Creek, GA.

St. Bernard Happenings

St. Bernard Students Take College Tour

Early in July, fourteen students and five chaperones from St. Bernard Prep School in Cullman took a five-day tour of colleges located in the Northeastern United States. Organized by former faculty member, Catie YuTiamco, the tour was designed to give St. Bernard students the opportunity to compare the campus life and academic programs offered on various college campuses.

Day one began with an

early morning departure for Atlanta, Georgia, to visit Emory University. At Emory students arrived for a 10:30 a.m. information session and campus tour. Following the visit, the group had lunch at the Varsity, a popular restaurant frequented by college students. After lunch, the group headed for their next stop in Greenville, South Carolina.

Day two consisted of two college campus tours, one at

Furman University and the other at Belmont Abbey College. While at Belmont, the members of the group were greeted by one of St. Bernard Prep School's alumni, Dr. Daniel Hutchison, PhD, who teaches at Belmont in their History Department.

Day three, the group made its way to the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill for a morning appointment, before moving on to Duke University, where they

arrived in the early afternoon. After a quick lunch and tour of the campus, the group drove to Davidson, North Carolina.

Day four began with a quick tour at Davidson College before the six-hour drive to Sewanee, TN, for a visit of The University of the South, which was the final stop on the tour.

Fr. Linus Klucarits said, "The trip is a great help to our students and their parents as they prepare for their college years. I especially would like to thank Mrs. YuTiamco for planning this trip, and Mr. Sean Moriarty, who served as the faculty chaperone."

"This tour has been a great experience," said Helen Lewis, a parent who has participated in both years of college tours. "We visited a very diverse group of schools with a wide variety of acceptance standards. Some college campuses were small while others were quite large. Overall, the students were great and each one saw something different at the schools we visited. This is why we do it. They had a great time!"

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St. Bernard Prep Students Visit

Standing (l-r): Alex Lewis, Kathleen George, Ian Sidley and Conor Berry. Second Row (l-r) Druss Hays, Caleb Norman, Jimmy Schomburg, Claudia Fallin, and Nicolas Borths. Back row (l-r) John David Grey, Jackelyn Artega, Dee Gann, Olivia Brown, and TJ Uhler,



College Fair Held at St. Bernard Prep

It was wall to wall at the Abbey Byre as eighteen colleges and universities from around the Southeastern United States met recently with students at St. Bernard Prep to inform them of opportunities offered at their schools. Students were given the opportunity to meet each college representative and collect important information about the application process, student life on campus, coursework, and community involvement.

Schools represented were as follows: Auburn University, Belmont Abbey College (North Carolina), Birmingham Southern

College, Jacksonville State University, Mercer University (Georgia), Mississippi State University (Mississippi), Samford University, Sewanee – University of the South (Tennessee), Troy University, University of Alabama, University of Alabama Early College, University of Alabama – Birmingham, University of Alabama – Huntsville, University of Montevallo, University of North Alabama, University of South Alabama, University of West Alabama, Wallace State Community College, and Wheeling Jesuit University (West Virginia).

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