

Wishing You and Yours

A Happy New Year!

St. Bernard Happenings

St. Bernard Preparatory School

Winter 2022



St. Bernard Prep Honors Senior Class

St. Bernard Seniors, the Class of 2023, were honored on September 29 with a special Senior Dedication Mass recognizing them as leaders of

the student body of St. Bernard Prep.

Giving the homily at the celebration, the Abbot explained that all were

gathered to celebrate for three main reasons: The Feast Day of the Great Archangels: St. Michael –the chief of all the angels, the army of God; St.

Gabriel –the great messenger and patron saint of telecommunication workers, radio broadcasters and postal workers; and St. Raphael – the healer, and patron saint of travelers, the blind, nurses, pharmacists, physicians, and people who are ill.

Secondly, the twelve monks who, on September 29th in 1891, founded St. Bernard Abbey and walked in procession on that day from the City of Cullman to the forested, brush-covered stretch of land to build a monastery home and 131 years later the Senior Class Dedication Mass was held for the Class of 2023.

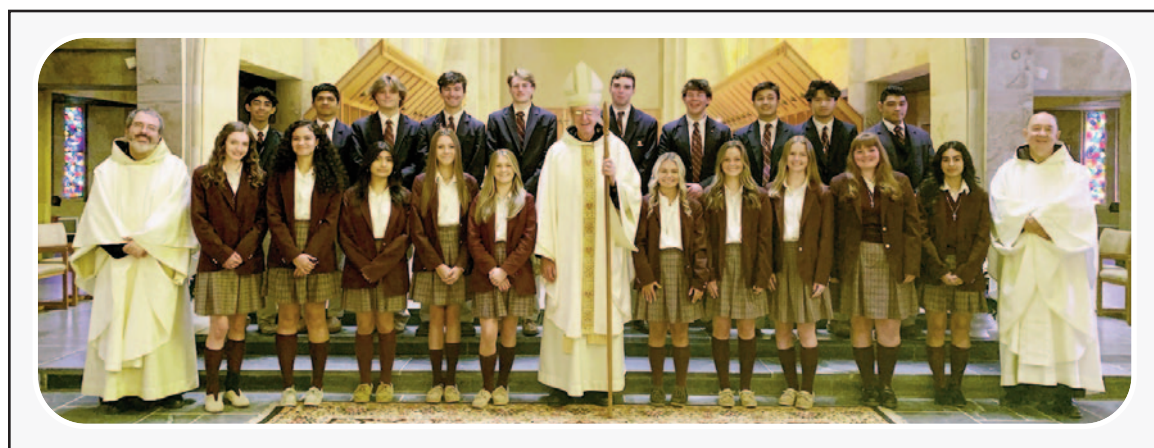
“Seniors, you set the standards for our school,”

Abbot Marcus continued.

“You are the example. You provide leadership and set the tone for the environment of the school just like the angels, and as did the first monks when they dedicated their lives to follow God and lead others to Him.

Headmaster Fr. Joel, along with Abbot Marcus and School Chaplain Fr. Linus presented each senior with a cross and encouraged them to wear it “with wholesome pride, as a reminder of the privilege and dignity that are yours because you have been called to share in Christ and receive an education that is centered on Him.”

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Senior Dedication

Front row (l-r): Fr. Linus Klucsarits, OSB Chaplain; Mary Ella Cockerham, Angelina Marte, Brianna Garcia, Elizabeth Hazard, Gabriella Chiodo, Abbot Marcus Voss, OSB; Ashley Morris, Margaux Richards, Charley Richards, Allison Stidham, Natalie Garcia-Orona, and Fr. Joel Martin, OSB; President-Headmaster. Back row (l-r): Adrian Cortes-Villegas, Jiovany Arriaga-Aguilar, Ethan Powell, Cole Bissot, Jack Janaszak, Thomas Yohe, Xavier Pautler, Charles Gil, Peter Tran, and Enrique Ramirez.

New Admissions Director is Welcomed



New Admissions Director Meg Glover with St. Bernard Prep CEO Jim Miller

Meg Glover started her new full time admissions director position on Monday, November 7 and pulled off her first Open House on November 10 like the professional she is.

Several families joined student ambassadors on a tour to get a first-hand feel of a normal school day at St. Bernard Prep. The day started with an introduction to the school and a performance by the St. Bernard Concert band. The day was concluded with lunch, a question and answer session with current students and entertainment provided by the St. Bernard Choir.

Glover is a Cullman native who is passionate about improving the lives of students of all ages. She is a

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Thirteen instituted into the ministry of acolyte

Brother Romanus Davitt, O.S.B. of Saint Bernard Abbey was instituted into the Ministry of Acolyte on October 12 by Most Rev. David J. Bonnar, Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown, at Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica. Br. Romanus is in his second year of theology studies at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA. Taking part in the Mass and Vespers were, from left, Brother Romanus Davitt, O.S.B.; Abbot Marcus Voss, O.S.B.; Bishop Bonnar; Archabbot Martin de Porres Bartel, O.S.B.; Seminary Chancellor and Seminary Rector Father Edward Mazich, O.S.B. Br. Romanus attended Pleasant Valley High School in Jacksonville, Alabama, completing his studies in 1994. He attended Wallace State Community College before transferring to Belmont Abbey College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy. His parents are the late Lawrence Davitt and the late Pamela Jean Clements-Chaney.

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New SBP Admissions Director is Welcomed

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2016 graduate of Auburn University where she received a degree in Communication.
“I look forward to getting to know the students, parents and faculty who make St. Bernard the special school that it is. I hope to tell the story of St. Bernard to perspective students and encourage a love of learning and fellowship in the hearts of all who visit,” Glover said.
Jim Miller, CEO of St. Bernard Prep welcomed Meg to St. Bernard and looks forward to seeing her accomplishments.
“Meg brings energy and excitement to our campus. Her love of God and life is exemplified by her exuberant personality daily,” Miller said.
Meg is the proud daughter of Tony and Celina Glover and the aunt to five nieces and two nephews and loves any opportunity to spend time with them and her entire family. She is a member of Northbrook Baptist Church where she serves in the Preschool and Student ministries. When she is not working she enjoys any chance to sing, which she has the opportunity to do as a member of Cullman Women Sing and the Praise Team at Northbrook Baptist Church. She is also a volunteer with First Source for Women in Hanceville.

St. Bernard Prep Honors Senior Class

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Following the Abbot’s homily, the faculty and staff joined the seniors before the altar as a sign of their support of them. They concurred with the request that the seniors should receive the Abbot’s blessing to assist them in taking on their role of leadership within the student body. Natalie Garcia, Senior Class President, assured those present that the Seniors willingly accepted the responsibility given them. Other senior class officers assumed principal roles in the celebration: Vice President Charles Gil, Secretary Margaux Richards, Treasurer Xavier Pautler, and Representative to the Student Council Ashley Morris.

Choral Music was presented by St. Bernard Prep School’s Choral Music department under the direction of Sr. Thérèse Lopez, LIHM and Dr.

Craig Mann. Knights of the Altar were senior Cole Bissot, Grand Supreme Knight;

and senior Knights Jack Janaszak and Ethan Powell, and twelve lower classmen.

Honor, Merit Roll

HONOR ROLL

High School
Fall Semester 2022
Semester Average
95.0 and Above

Grade 12

Cole Bissot
Gabriella Chiodo
Adrián Cortes-Villegas
Natalie Garcia Orona
Charles Gil
Elizabeth Hazard
Ashley Morris
Xavier Pautler
Charley Richards
Margaux Richards
Allison Stidham

Grade 11

Scarlette DeCicco
Charlie Deist
Rafaela Galhumi
Audrey Gil
Will Lyons
Amelia Tafazoli
Andrew Tombo
Sydney Watwood
Ethan Wu

Grade 10

Barbara Angeler
Violeta Castro Calavia
Saray Cortes-Villegas
Cash Daly
Nathan Gaspar
Marissa Hazard
Rowan Hines
Ramon Ibañez
Gracia Jimenez
Madi Kerber
Adriana López Serrano
Abby McBride
Jade Nguyen
Anna Rogalski
Joel Rose
Willa Smith
Joey Shadowens

Grade 9

Reid Bissot
Katie Chamblee
Parker Guthery
Gavitt Lewis
Josh Marks
Kimberly McCormick
Alexander Nacilla
Charli Roberson
Sarah Woods

MERIT ROLL

High School
Fall Semester 2022
Semester Average
90.0 to 94.9

Grade 12

Mary Ella Cockerham
Thomas Yohe

Grade 11

Walter Adams
César Hernandez
Martha Jimenez Jose
Ezra Penner
Emma Powell
Yelena Vlasic Reig
Caroline Sidley
Enrico Vidotti

Grade 10

Roselyn Chavez
Dylan Cron
Ciara Miller
Presley Shealy

Grade 9

Tanya Jimenez Jose
Emma Osborne

HONOR ROLL

Middle School
Fall Semester 2022
Semester Average
95.0 and Above

Grade 8

Karly Arndt
James Crabb
Alexis Cron
Sean Daly
Tessa Sanders
Rafi Guevara
Emilie Gutowski
Logan Kretzschmar
Caroline McBride
Sam Myers
Lily Tillitski
Gabriel Tsoibgny

Grade 7

Norah Bissot
Ella Cron
Avery Hines

MERIT ROLL

Middle School
Fall Semester 2022
Semester Average
90.0 to 94.9

Grade 8

Ruth Adams
Sarah Cumbie
Aiden Hays
Joy Lamote
Zara Ofor
Kaelyn Wrisley

Grade 7

Ella Davis
Merry-Carmen
Pichardo
Tony Ranelli

JOIN US!

Saint Bernard Prep School

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday,
February 23, 2023
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

(256) 739-6682

St. Bernard Happenings

Middle School performs *The First Christmas*

St. Bernard Preparatory Middle School performed *The First Christmas* on December 9, 10, and 11 in the Abbey Byre. The production showcased the musical and performing talents of the middle school

choir and students.

The eleven-person cast consisted of the following: Emily Gutowski (Sharif), Emily Gutowski (Omar), Sean Daly (Zacharias and Melchior), Avery Hines (Elisabeth), Ella Cron

(Gabriel), Joy Lamote (Mary), Cameron Smiley (Joseph), Ella Davis (Caspar), Marlee Harshaw (Balthazar), Norah Bissot (Bob), and Tessa Sanders (Narrator). Caroline McBride, Emilie Gutowski, Joy Lamote, Avery Hines, Sean Daly, and Ella Cron all performed solos.

The First Christmas is a musical production explaining the backstory to Jesus Christ's birth. It demonstrated how so many occurrences came together to prepare for that wonderful birth.

Under the choral direction of Sister Thérèse Lopez, the show had some familiar Christmas songs but also some new ones – all performed by the Middle School Choir. “We wanted to have a performance that had a little bit of humor, so this one was the perfect choice,” Sister Thérèse shared.

English teacher Kirsten Dickerson directed the play and overall performance. “We were intentional and purposeful when casting the

characters. The characters had some challenging singing solos, and we wanted to showcase the talents of our students,” Dickerson explained.

The most pivotal moment of the performance took place when Ella Cron and Joy Lamote performed “Blessed (Mary)” and “Handmaid of the Lord.” The scene focused on when Gabriel told Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus.

Dickerson said that moment is extremely important in our Catholic faith and beliefs. “These young women executed the scene with sincerity and intention. It was beautiful!”

Assisting with production were students Johnathan McBride and Lena Impastato.

SBP's high school drama department will perform *The Canterbury Tales* or Geoffrey Chaucer's *Flying Circus* in the spring.



Gabriel (Ella Cron) tells of the Annunciation.



Zacharias (Sean Daly) holds his new son who will be known as John the Baptist.



Spelling Bee Winner

Congratulations to Karly Arndt on winning the Spelling Bee recently! Karly spelled “Zimbabwe” to take first place, and Zara Ofor was runner-up. Karly will represent St. Bernard in the Cullman County Spelling Bee in February.



St. Bernard's Middle School Choir sings along with the shepherds played by Emilie Gutowski (left) and Caroline McBride (right).

St. Bernard Happenings

Thanksgiving Celebrated at St. Bernard

On Thanksgiving Day, students at St. Bernard Prep gathered in the Abbey

Church to give thanks to God for the various gifts they have been given in life.

All students, faculty, clergy invited by the students, as well as sisters from

Cullman's Sacred Heart Monastery, witnessed the bountiful representation of God's gifts placed at the foot of the altar of the Abbey Church.

Priests, sisters and ministers read scripture, and international students read the same Scripture in their native languages of German, Portuguese, Spanish and Chinese.

Fr. Jose Chacko, pastor of St. James Church, Gadsden who presented the sermon, shared he had been a priest for thirty-four years serving in his native India, then in Brazil and now in the United States. He encouraged those gathered to celebrate Thanksgiving by remembering with gratitude and love the people to whom we owe so much.

"Be people of gratitude. Thank the Lord and remember people who got you where you are today. Work hard for the coming generations, produce, and make a difference," Fr. Jose said.

In addition to Fr. Chacko,

other visiting ministers included: Korey Cowart from Crosshaven Church in Hanceville, AL; Fr. Patrick Cullen, Nazareth House, Birmingham, AL; Sr. Marian Davis, OSB, Sacred Heart Monastery, Cullman, AL; Sr. Prioress Lynn Elizabeth Meadows, OSB, Sacred Heart Monastery, Cullman, AL; and Fr. Raul Posada Valencia, Sacred Heart Church, Cullman, AL.

Choral music was provided by the St. Bernard Choir under the direction of Sr. Mary Thérèse Lopez, LIHM and Dr. Craig Mann. Instrumental music under the direction of Jonathon Farley was provided by the St. Bernard Prep School Band.

Following the service everyone enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving lunch provided by the St. Bernard Dining Hall. Student servers included: Scarlett DeCicco, Martha Jimenez Jose, Tanya Jimenez Jose, Kimberly McCormick, Anahi Pantoja, and Kimberly Pantoja.



Thanksgiving Service

Front row (l-r): Sr. Mary Thérèse Lopez, IHM; Korey Coward, Crosshaven Church, Hanceville, AL; Sr. Lynn Elizabeth Meadows, OSB, Prioress, Sacred Heart Monastery; Sr. Marian Davis, OSB, Sacred Heart Monastery; and Fr. Dominic Lee, OSB. Back row (l-r): Fr. Jose Chacko, St. James Church-Gadsden, AL; Fr. Linus Klucsarits, OSB, Chaplain; Fr. Raul Posada Valencia, Sacred Heart Church, Cullman; Fr. Patrick Cullen, Nazareth House, Birmingham; Abbot Marcus Voss, OSB; and Fr. Joel Martin, OSB Headmaster.

Knights of The Altar

Front row: (l-r) Johnathan McBride, Cash Daly, Aiden Hays, Nathan Gaspar, Brandon Torres, Abbot Marcus Voss, OSB, Cole Bissot, Ethan Powell, and David Zatarain. Back row: (l-r) Fr. Linus Klucsarits, OSB, Walter Adams, Andrew Tombo, Cristopher Torres, Jack Janaszak, Will Lyons, Emmanuel Santiago, Joel Rose, and Fr. Joel Martin, OSB.



St. Bernard Happenings

Bernard Blues & BBQ Successful in Spite of Rain

Saint Bernard Prep School has been blessed again with another successful Bernard Blues and BBQ. Parents, students, faculty, and staff came together to work as one.

"It was like a well-oiled machine," according to festival director, Joyce Nix. "God was watching out for us! Our people showed up and put everything they had into making it a fun weekend."

Patrons enjoyed shopping the many arts and crafts booths and listening to some of the best Blues music in the Southeast. St. Bernard Choir, Elnora Spencer, and Earl Williams and the Juke Band provided a fabulous day of entertainment on Saturday. Delicious barbeque chicken, ribs, and pork as well as the standard burgers were served up by students.

The festivities continued on Sunday, despite inclement weather. "The rain put a damper on attendance," Nix said. "But according to our artisans, their Saturday was the best one-day show many had ever experienced."

A panel of judges judged the artist work on site. Winning Best of Show with her incredible booth display of seasonal decorative paper mache was Trayce West of Scottsboro, AL. Second place went to Barton and Angela Pierce of Fyffe, AL, who creates resin and wood art. Rami Awwad of Tusculumbia, AL won third place for his olivewood creations.

Other distinguished awards were as follows:

Best Fiber/Leather –
Shannon Quick – Vinemont, AL

Best Jewelry –
Jimmy Bendall – Northport, AL
Best Ceramics –
Rebecca Horner – Hartselle, AL
Best Sculpture –
Lindanne Phillips – Hayden, AL
Best Wood –
Tim Reid – Chattanooga, TN
Best Art –
Krel Buckelew – Hanceville, AL
Best Functional Crafts –
Ray Cousins – Hoover, AL
Best Decorative Crafts –
Ruth Crist – Hueytown, AL
Best Booth Display –
Rose Marcum – Toney, AL
The \$10,000 sweepstakes drawing took place at 4 p.m. in front of the Administration Building. Ruth Burton of Huntsville, AL was the first ticket drawn for the grand prize of the

\$10,000. Johanna Shadoin of Nashville, TN claimed the \$1,000 prize. Larry Grosberg of Huntsville won \$500, while Bob Blake of Tallahassee, FL and the Joudon family of Birmingham won \$250 and \$100, respectively.

Nix said she is thankful for all the community support received to host the event. "We are so very grateful to our sponsors who help make our show a success. We appreciate all who visited and volunteered. We couldn't do it without them."

St. Bernard will host the 39th Annual Bloomin' Festival on April 22-23, 2023. Artists wishing to participate can visit the website at www.bloominfestival.com; or call the school at (256) 739-6682 for more information.

Bloomin' Festival Set for April 22-23rd

While the South may be experiencing some of the coldest temperatures of the year, St. Bernard is warming up for the 39th Annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair to be held on campus the weekend of April 22-23, 2023.

Artisans are registering daily as the show is preparing for the annual event, which draws thousands to the city of Cullman and St. Bernard.

Festival Director, Joyce Nix, is very pleased with the fact that over 100 artisans

have registered to participate to date. Vendors will be selling handmade items, such as baskets, jewelry, ornamental garden art, birdhouses, pottery, cypress furniture, handmade soaps, brooms, wood turned bowls, fudge, kettlecorn, roasted cinnamon nuts and more. St. Bernard's monks will be there as well to sell their homemade bread and cookies.

"The response has been fantastic. We are blessed to have such a wonderful group

of artisans who support our show, and who invite their talented friends to check it out too."

Highlighting the show is the give-away of a 2023 Jeep Renegade, purchased from Cullman Dodge Chrysler in Cullman. Other prizes include an Apple iPad, Fitbit Versa 2 Smartwatch, Apple AirPods, and a Midland weather radio. Be watching for tickets within the next two months.

Nix said craft fair applications are online now,

as well as sponsorship forms. "We are very grateful to all who make our show a success. Our friends and corporate community have been very supportive of our work. It is our job to be very prudent with their funds."

All proceeds benefit the operational support of St. Bernard Preparatory School.

The festival continues to be one of the largest events in the City of Cullman annually. Festival hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Admission Donation of \$10. Children 12 and under FREE! For more information visit www.bloominfestival.com or call (256) 739-6682. Group tours welcome.

**39th Annual
Bloomin' Festival
Arts and Crafts Fair**

April 22-23, 2023 9-4 p.m. both days

Be watching for your tickets in the mail to win the following:

- 1st Prize – 2023 JEEP® RENEGADE
- 2nd Prize – Apple iPad
- 3rd Prize – Apple AirPods
- 4th Prize – Fitbit Versa 2 Smartwatch
- 5th Prize – Midland Weather Radio

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St. Bernard Sports



Cheerleaders

Front row (l-r): Margaux Richards, Karly Arndt, Ashley Morris, and Charley Richards. Middle row (l-r) Zara Ofor, Yelena Reig, Marlee Harshaw, and Rafaela Galhumi. Back row (l-r): Violeta Castro-Calavia, Ciara Miller, Martha Jimenez-Jose, and Adriana Lopez-Serrano.

Varsity Girls Basketball

Front row-(l-r): Amelia Tafazoli, Allison Stidham, and Emma Osborne. Back row (l-r): Charli Roberson, Katie Chamblee, Caroline McBride, Barbara Angeler, Rowan Hines, Sarah Woods, and Ella Davis.



Varsity Boys Basketball

(l-r):Cameron Smiley, Emmanuel Santiago, Jack Janaszak, Peter Tran, Will Lyons, Gavitt Lewis, and Aiden Hays.



Boys Bowling

(l-r): Parker Guthery, Ethan Powell, Cole Bissot, Xavier Pautler, Charles Gil, Cash Daly, Luke Daly, Reid Bissot.

Girls Bowling

(l-r): Norah Bissot, Natalie Garcia, Caroline Sidley, Abby McBride, Madi Kerber, Yesi Aburto Santiago.



*Students Had a Great Time
at the Homecoming Dance*



*Homecoming Royalty - King Jack Janaszak,
and Queen Mary Ella Cockerham*

St. Bernard Happenings

St. Bernard Monks Rolling Out Cookies



Br. Christopher McBride watches cookie dropper cut cookies in the monastic bakery.

Two years ago, Fr. Bede Marcy, St. Bernard Dining Hall Director, and Br. Christopher McBride decided to try their hands at baking cookies. It didn't take long for a few batches of their fresh-baked goodness to grow into an in-demand cookie business.

The new venture turned out to be an all-day affair. In order to roll out cookies for customers, the monks had to prepare dough in the early mornings, cut out cookies in the afternoon and check in on the process throughout the day.

Mixing a single batch of cookie dough typically takes 20 to 45 minutes, depending on the type. Then there's the boxing, which requires an additional 30 to 45 minutes. The rest of the procedure—which involves dividing, weighing, panning and baking the cookies—can consume up to two entire work days.

Keeping up with all this while still managing to attend Mass and Divine Office prayers turned out

to be impractical. With these concerns in mind, the monks decided to look into purchasing a cookie depositor. If they could acquire one, it would cut three hours of work out of their daily schedules.

Fr. Bede met with the Senior Council of St. Bernard Abbey to discuss the possibility of using revenue from cookie sales to pay for the new equipment.

"The limiting factor on sales is how many boxes we can actually produce to cover each of these areas. We have yet to meet demand for grotto, groups, parishes, etc.," Fr. Bede said.

After prayer and consideration, the council approved the request. A cookie depositor has been installed in the Abbey Kitchen, eliminating the need for rolling and cutting cookies. The high tech machine with its touch screen design can produce 24 commercial baking pans with 48 cookies at a time, turning 30 pounds' worth of cookie dough into finished

product.

The monks plan to use their newly expanded capabilities to make their gingerbread, chocolate chip, pfeffernusse, lemon drop, and shortbread cookies available to local farmer's markets and festivals soon, along with their popular Bernard's Best Bread.

Br. Christopher said, "[The cookie depositor] has been a wonderful addition to have in the bakery. Every once in a while it churns out

a crumbled cookie, but when that happens we always have sufficient taste testers standing by for careful quality control."



Christmas at The Grotto "Little Jerusalem in Miniature"

Christmas lights returned to the Grotto in November and remained through December 26. Visitors were given the opportunity to experience the beauty of Br. Joseph's work at night surrounded by lights and music!

Ave Maria Grotto is fondly known around the world as "Little Jerusalem in Miniature." Since 1934, thousands of people

have visited the 4-acre garden park to get a glimpse of the 125 miniatures created by Br. Joseph Zoettl.

Grotto Director, Roger Steele, said the staff worked tirelessly to prepare for this festive event by expanding the unique holiday experience throughout the grounds adding more lights, additional dates, and including horse carriage rides.

"There were several days where we expanded the event to include live musical performances, food trucks, kids' rides around St. Bernard's campus and horse-drawn wagon rides along a beautiful decorated path in the woods. Excessive rains, and freezing temperatures put a damper on several of those planned evenings. However, we

did well on the good days," Steele said.

As guests enjoyed the festive atmosphere, they also shopped at the grotto gift shop to prepare for their home holiday celebrations. The monks' homemade cookies and St. Bernard's Best Bread sold out several times. These products continue to be a huge hit among visitors.

Steele said the grotto provided the perfect place to get a glimpse of Christmas all over the world. "From Montserrat to St. Peter's Basilica, our guests enjoyed Br. Joseph's labor of love and left realizing how small acts of love, no matter how seemingly insignificant, can be so fruitful for years to come."

Ave Maria Grotto is open daily from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

St. Bernard Prep and its Monastic Community Honor Veterans

St. Bernard Prep and its monastic community honored veterans in a special Veterans Day Service in the Abbey Church.

Student Council President Audrey Gil read a scripture

passage, then the St. Bernard Concert Band played a medley of patriotic music.

Fr. Linus Klucsarits, OSB led the assembly in honoring our veterans. Four of the honorees are

currently monks at St. Bernard. Colonel Fr. Patrick Egan, parish priest of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Cullman since 2009, served in the United States Army. Sergeant Br. Michael Gregerson

was honored for serving in the United States Air Force. Likewise, Specialist Br. Romanus Davit and Petty Officer 2nd Class Br. Augustine Munkachy were both recognized for serving in the United States Army and the United States Navy, respectively.

Several longtime friends of the monastery were also honored. Veterans of the United States Marines included Sergeant Bill Ellis, Lance Corporal Pat Brickman, Corporal Thomas Kalen, and Corporal Henry Arndt. Staff Sergeant Kenny Culpepper, and Command Sergeant John Gissell served in the United States Army. Petty Officer 1st Class Larry Walker, a veteran of the United States Navy, was also present for the ceremony.

Fr. Linus related a story about a veteran family member. "I remember introducing my brother to someone and referred to him as a former Marine. I was quickly corrected that a Marine is always a

Marine."

He further recalled a memory of his dad. "My dad died of dementia, and it wasn't until he was diagnosed with dementia that we learned of benefits available to WWII vets. However, we were unsure of the timeline. After research, we found that he took the oath two months before the deadline and was qualified."

"As we spoke to the representative, I made the comment that he barely made the cut by only two months. He stared me down and said 'He took the oath, he served.'"

He concluded by thanking veterans, and sharing this quote: "To those who served, freedom has a taste that the protected will never understand."

Following the service, the St. Bernard Choir sang as the procession headed to the school for the raising of the flag ceremony.



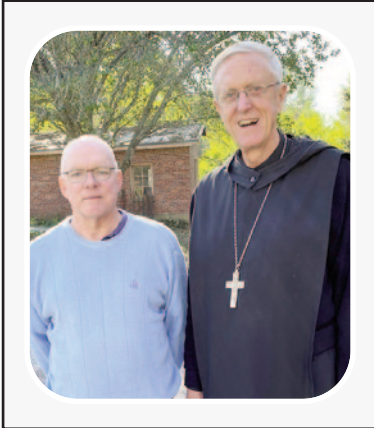
Veterans Day Observed at St. Bernard

Standing L-R: Headmaster, Fr. Joel Martin, OSB, Command Sergeant John Gissell, Petty Officer 2nd Class Br. Augustine Munkachy, Sergeant Bill Ellis, Lance Corporal Pat Brickman, Corporal Thomas Kalen, Corporal Henry Arndt, Staff Sergeant Kenny Culpepper, Petty Officer 1st Class Larry Walker, School Chaplain – Fr. Linus Klucsarits, and SBP CEO, Jim Miller.

St. Bernard Alumni news

News/Congratulations

Joe Martin (C '76-'79) visited with Abbot Marcus while at St. Bernard during the Thanksgiving Holidays. Joe is a college alumnus, and he served as a Student Dorm Director in Benedict West during his Junior year. He currently lives in Boynton Beach, FL, and works as an insurance agent in south Florida.



Joe Martin visits Abbot Marcus

Champ Crocker (PS '94) was elected District Attorney of the 32nd Judicial Circuit (Cullman County, Alabama) on November 8, 2022 and assumed office on January 16, 2023.



R. Champ Crocker



David Nassetta

David Nassetta (PS '93) has been appointed as the new Cullman Police Chief. Twenty-three of his past 25 years, David has been a well-respected law enforcement officer with the City of Cullman. He replaces Police Chief

Kenny Culpepper, who retired at the end of December.



Alex Ginas

Alex Ginas (PS '13) graduated on December 10, 2022 from the University of South Alabama with a Masters degree in Occupational Therapy. Alex's plans are to study for his board exams in February and then enter the workforce.

Liz Medina (PS '20) was recently accepted into Samford's 3+3 law program where she will begin her first year of law school during her senior year of undergraduate studies. The program will give her an opportunity to earn her bachelor's degree and Juris Doctor in six years rather than the traditional seven. After completion of her first year of law school classes, she will be awarded a bachelor's degree in her undergraduate major. She starts law school this fall.



Liz Medina



So Hyun Park, PhD

So Hyun Park (PS '12) received her PhD in Health, Sport and Human Performance from the University of Waikato in New Zealand. She is currently working as a post doctoral research fellow at the same university.

New Arrivals



Merrilee Doud

Congratulations to **Cathryn Schartung-Doud (PS '10)** and husband, Stephen Doud on the birth of their daughter, Merrilee Jo on November 21, 2022. Merrilee weighed 8 pounds and measured 19.75 inches long. She joins her two and a half year-old big sister, Annicelli, at their home in Huntsville, Alabama.



Heidi Lucille Crow

Congratulations to **Maddie (Harris) Crow (PS '05)** and her husband, Wesley on the birth of their daughter, Heidi Lucille. She was born September 14, 2022, weighing 8 lbs and 8 ounces. Heidi joins her big brothers, Harris, Hogan, and Hadden at their home in Coeur D'Alene, ID.

Weddings

Daniel Kerber (PS '07) and **Kristy Wilson** were wed October 1, 2022 at Sacred Heart Chapel in Fairhope, AL. Fr. Bede Marcy of St. Bernard Abbey officiated the ceremony. SBP Classmates Robert Schaefer and Ross Gray served as groomsmen in the wedding party. Following a honeymoon to Amelia Island, FL the couple now resides in Mobile, AL.



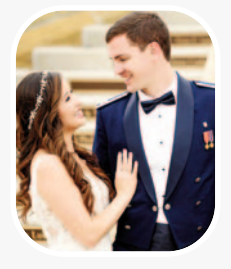
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kerber



Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Shim

Eddie Shim (PS '93) and **Tuong Vy Quach** were wed October 8, 2022 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Eddie and Tuong plan to reside in Florida.

Ryan Deci (PS '10) and **Maureen (Dmytryk)** were wed on May 28, 2022 at the University of Dayton Chapel in Dayton, Ohio. He remains active duty Air Force, and is currently finishing his general surgery residency. He will be doing a trauma critical care fellowship after completing his residency.



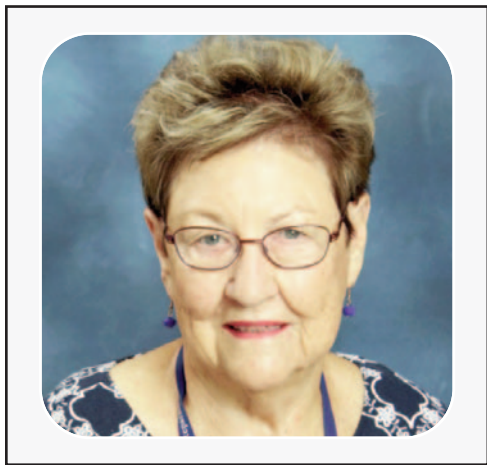
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Deci

Pensacola Alumni Gathering

On December 3, 2022, members of the **St. Bernard-Sacred Heart Alumni Association of Pensacola** met at V. Paul's Ristorante in downtown Pensacola for their annual Christmas Party. Pictured above, L-R are **Larry O'Donnell (C '71)**, **Clancy O'Donnell (SH '69)**, **Pat Broadus (C '70)**, **Linda Broadus**, **Woody Soderlind (C '66)**, **Abbot Marcus Voss, OSB (C '66)**, **Margaret Bruno LeBeau (SH '68)**, **Dr. Jacque LeBeau (C '70)**, **Lisa Engel**, **Michael Engel (C '72)**, and **Ray Engel (C '65)**.



St. Bernard Alumni news



Helen Pruett Glasscock

Beloved St. Bernard Teacher Remembered

Helen Pruett Glasscock, age 88, passed away on Saturday, January 14, 2023.

Helen began her teaching career in the English department of St. Bernard College in the fall of 1966 and continued with St. Bernard Preparatory School until her retirement in May 2019. She was a passionate teacher who not only loved and cared for her students but also pushed them to reach their potential.

During her recent illness, students from across the United States paid tribute to the lady who taught them so much about the English language, but also about life, God, and themselves. "Mrs. G," as her students called her, is a St. Bernard legend.

Helen was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, whose memory is cherished by her family. She is survived by her husband of sixty-nine years, Kenneth Glasscock; three daughters, Debra Kreps, Mary (David) Mayo, and Melanie Glasscock; six grandchildren: Maria Faulkner, Daniel Kreps, Thomas (Lauren) Kreps, Benjamin (Jena) Mayo, William (Jessica) Mayo, and Sarah (Nathan) Harris; twelve great grandchildren, and a great great grandchild. She is also survived by two brothers: Cecil (Myrna) Pruett and Chester (June) Pruett.

In Memoriam

James Lewis Bacon, Jr (C '48) passed away February 1, 2022 at the age of 93. Mr. Bacon was a graduate of Albany High School's Class of 1942. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy. He served during World War II as an Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class, stationed mainly in the South Pacific, from 1942 to 1946. Upon completion of his Navy service, Mr. Bacon enrolled at St. Bernard College in Cullman, Alabama, where he graduated with a business degree in 1948. Following initial employment with Westinghouse Electric, Mr. Bacon began a 36-year career in the cement industry. He retired in 1993 as territory manager for LaFarge of North America.

Mr. Bacon is survived by his wife of almost 68 years, Anita Pait Bacon, whom he married on February 3, 1951; his brother, Dr. William H. Bacon; his three children, Bernadette Bacon (Michael) Kirkland and James Lewis (Gina) Bacon, III, and Lacy Bacon (John) Meier; six grandchildren, Curt Hall (Jade), Michael Kirkland, Jr. (Kristine Norton), Andrew Kirkland, Jim Kirkland (Jessica), Ashley Meier Hatcher, and Mariel Meier Nelson (Billy); and two great-grandchildren, Hannah Hall and Pait Hatcher.

Raymond Blanco was an American academic administrator and football coach who served as First Gentleman of Louisiana from 2004 to 2008, during the governorship of his wife, Kathleen Blanco. Blanco, Louisiana's first First Gentleman, was also known as "First Coach" during his tenure in the position. Raymond Blanco passed away on November 19, 2022 at the age of 87. He was born and raised in Birmingham, AL. After attending St. Bernard College, he transferred in 1958 and earned a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and political science from St. Benedict's College in Atchison, Kansas. After a teaching and coaching at the secondary level, he became an administrator in 1982 at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, a position he held until 2009. He is survived by his children, Karmen, Monique, Nicole, Pilar and Ray and their families.

Theresa Kane, an oblate at St. Bernard passed on December 5, 2022. Theresa was a sister to our Fr. Ignatius Kane at St. Bernard Abbey.

Alfred T. Farrell III (C' 74) died on Jan. 25, 2022, age 69, of Jenkintown "Noble" PA. He was survived by his wife, Stacie R. (nee Ryan) and children Adam (Sara) and Collin; and the grandfather of Ivy, Josie and Maya. A funeral Mass was held at Church of St. Luke the Evangelist. He was interred at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Wyndmoor, PA.

Mark William Jeffrey, Sr. (C'67) age 80 of Atlanta passed away November 19, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Kathi Jeffrey; son and daughter in law, Mark and Kimberly Jeffrey; son, Scott Jeffrey; granddaughter, Kyra Jeffrey; grandsons, Brendan and Ryan Jeffrey.

Herbert Ray Heitmueller, age 82, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Monday, Oct. 17, 2022. A 2005 inductee of the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame, coached the Lady Bearcats for 22 years before retiring in 1998 with 355 wins and 14 area championships. After only a year off, Heitmueller -- who also coached West Point's varsity boys during his career -- was hired to lead the Fairview girls basketball team. He retired, again, three years later. In 2006 he accepted the position of Athletic Director at St. Bernard Prep School until his retirement. Survivors are his wife of 59 years, Jane Ann Heitmueller; sons, Matthew Ray (Kathy) Heitmueller, Will (Brittney) Heitmueller; grandchildren, Jake and Maggie Mae Heitmueller.



Herbert Ray Heitmueller



Kathleen Hug

Kathleen Billie Hug passed away peacefully January 22, 2022 at home in Colorado Springs. Kathy and **Jack Hug (C '75)** were married for 59 years and raised three sons. Kathy and Jack moved from Omaha in 1965 and lived in a number of other states during their 59 years together including Alabama, Wisconsin, Georgia and California before relocating to Colorado Springs in 2003. Kathy is survived by her husband Jack; children Eric Hug (wife GiGi), Gregory Hug (wife Rebecca), and David Hug (wife Jeehye); her grandchildren August Hug and Lilly Hug; her brother Larry Guerra; and her sisters Jill Cook and Jeanine Finch.

George Henry Moore, Jr., (HS '51; JC '53) of Ponte Vedra, FL and Owensboro, KY, passed away in Jacksonville, FL, on August 16, 2022, at the age of 89.

He was born in Birmingham, AL on August 15, 1933, to Lenna Faustina (Bonifay) and George Henry Moore, Sr. He attended the seminary at St. Bernard Catholic Preparatory High School and Junior College in Cullman, AL; then transferred to Spring Hill College in Mobile, AL. There he played first base for the Badgers, participated in ROTC, and graduated in 1956 with a degree in Business. He was an avid life-long fan of the St Louis Cardinals. During college, he was offered a contract with the Cincinnati Reds organization for his outstanding first baseman skills but decided instead to serve his country in the US Army. George followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps and began his career at the L&N Railroad as Assistant Trainmaster in Birmingham and remained with the company for the next 30 years, through multiple mergers and promotions. As Superintendent of the Evansville (IN) division, he started the railroad's first Safety Team and lead the division in winning the L&N Safety Award. Transferring to Jacksonville, FL, George continued his distinguished career as General Manager of Transportation for CSX Corporation, retiring in 1986. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Monica Gaw Moore, five children; Edith Moore-Hubert, Ted (Ellen) Moore, Liz (Paul) Tiseo, Eileen (Jim) Cavanaugh, all of Jacksonville, FL, and Stephen Moore of Woodstock, GA; eight grandchildren, Kaitlin (Jon) Shumake, Tyler (Lindsay) Moore, Daniel Hubert, Jr., Patrick Hubert, Olivia Tiseo, Sophia Tiseo, Abigail Cavanaugh, Allison Cavanaugh, two great-grandchildren, Carson Moore and "Baby Butter" Moore due in September; one sister, Judy Matson of Pensacola, FL, many nieces and nephews, and former wife, Patricia Malone Moore of Jacksonville, FL.

Edward (Eddie) Mauter, of Vestavia, Alabama, sadly passed away on November 22, 2022 at the age of 100. This was a huge milestone he always hoped to achieve—and he did. He celebrated his 100th birthday at home surrounded by close family and friends who love him dearly. He is survived and cherished by his four adoring sons and their families: Fred Mauter (Linda), and his son Michael (Melinda), and great granddaughter Kinsley; William Mauter (Carolyn) and their daughters, Rebecca (William), Sarah, and great granddaughter, Holly; Robert Mauter (Donna), and Tee Mauter (Chasity); Jacob Mauter (Tammie); and Chris Lewis, grandson. He is also survived by his stepdaughters, Donna Johnson (Robert), and her daughter, Kaitlyn, and Debbie Richardson; and his stepson, Rick Richardson (Jean), and their daughters, Chelsea and Jillian.

St. Bernard Alumni news

In Memoriam

David Munger, father of **Brittany (Munger) Rodgers (PS '02)**, passed away on December 14, 2022, surrounded by loving family members after experiencing serious health issues. David began his career with Cullman Fire Rescue in 1987. He rose through the ranks, serving as the Division Chief for Training and ending his 20-year career serving as the Acting Chief of Department. After his retirement, he worked with his brother's consulting firm, and was an active member of the Johnson's Crossing Volunteer Fire Department.



David Munger

Dennis Joseph Patrick O'Hara, 87, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022 at home with his family. Denny is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 35 years, Carole Chauvin O'Hara; children, **Molly Ann Chauvin O'Hara (PS '09)** and **Dennis Joseph Chauvin O'Hara (Bubber)**; and nephews, Charles Joseph Tracey, Jr., Sean O'Hara Tracey and Dennis Logan Tracey and their children.



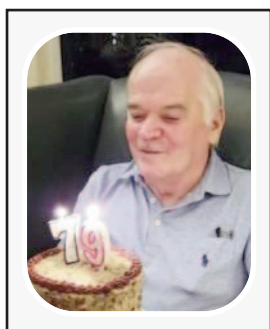
Dennis O'Hara

Christopher Jordan Pass (PS '06) of Naples, FL passed away suddenly Monday October 10, 2022. Chris was born June 30th, 1988, in Gadsden, AL. He is survived by his parents Jacque (Tom) Steede of Mobile, AL and Michael (Leann) Pass of Birmingham, AL; and his brother Michael (Mansi) of London, England. Chris was employed as a massage therapist and loved working with plants/landscaping.



Chris Pass

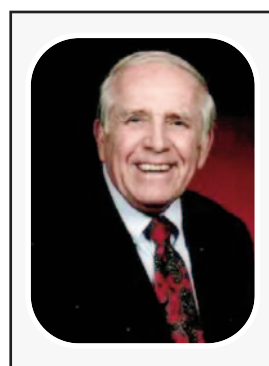
Francis Paul Stack Jr (HS'61) went to his heavenly home on January 1, 2023. After graduating from St. Bernard in 1962, Frank enlisted in the Navy and served 4 years fighting in the early stages of the Vietnam War. In 1966 he was honorably discharged from the navy and met and then married his one and only love, Carrol. He became employed as a field engineer with IBM in the weapons systems unit and did a great deal of traveling from state to state. In 1982, IBM transferred him to Houston to work in the IBM space program with NASA. There he was able to put down his roots and raise his family. Frank left IBM after 22 years to work for the Boeing corporation writing employee handbooks. Frank left the Aerospace industry to start his own business in 1989. From



Frances Stack

1989 to 2017, he and his family were the very proud and successful owners of Pet City, in Houston, Texas. Frank retired after 2017 and sold the company to a dedicated employee. After retirement, he enjoyed traveling with his wife and spending time with his family. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 56 years, Carrol Stack; their son, Francis Paul Stack III (Sheri); their daughter, Chelle Stack-Marcella (Bobby); his granddaughter, Samantha Stack; his grandsons, Francis Paul Stack IV, Robby and Joey Marcella; and his sister, Paula Suzanne Kupiek (Greg).

Eugene "Gene" Aaron Stangline age 93 of Hermitage, TN passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on March 6, 2022. Gene was born on March 15, 1928 in Scranton, PA. He was a long time resident of the Nashville area and was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church for 66 years. In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his sister Ann Marie Mandolini. He is survived by his wife Lorease whom they would have been married 70 years on September 6. He is also survived by his children Stephen Stangline, Tina (Bob) King, Paula (Rich) Hock, Denise Bergin and Bridget (Sam) Brown; by his grandchildren Ryan (Tara) King, Matt King, Kiefer Hock, Gatlin Hock, McKenzie (Alex) Pittard, Nicholas Bergin, Conner Brown and Alexandra Bergin; by his great grandchildren Beckham and Iris Bergin; and by his sister-in-law Josephine (Charlie) Hendry and brother-in-law Patrick (Judy) Sharbel. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Gene attended grade school at Assumption School in Germantown area of Nashville and graduated from Holy Cross High School in New Orleans. He received his Associates Degree from St. Bernard College in Cullman, AL. He was a US Navy veteran stationed in the Philippines during WWII. He was a Sales Representative for Yellow Freight and retired in 1993. He volunteered at Nashville International Airport doing various jobs until he was 91.



Eugene "Gene" Aaron Stangline

Wilda Sweeney, of Knoxville passed away on October 17, 2022. Wilda is survived by her loving husband **John Terry Sweeney (HS '59)**; children, Mike (Tressie) Reynolds, Teresa Brooks, John J (Christine) Sweeney, Susan Warren) Hodges and Kelly (Joe) Viar; grandchildren, Terence Sweeney, Nicole (Dryse) Bible, Sarah Reynolds, Sam Hodges, Nathan Viar and Ann Marie Hodges; great grandsons, Dryse Bible Jr, Rex Bible; sister, Fran Lynn; sister in-law, Andra (Jack) Farmer, brother in-law, Father Michael Sweeney, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at All Saints Catholic Church on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 10am, followed by burial at Roane Memorial Gardens, U.S. Highway 27, Rockwood, TN.



Wilda Sweeney

Thomas Joseph Thornton, Sr. was born March 9, 1932 and passed away into his new life on August 17, 2022. Tom was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather who will be greatly missed by all who loved him. He was a proud graduate of the University of Notre Dame and remained an avid Fighting Irish fan until the end. After college, he served honorably in the United States Navy. In his younger days, you could often find Tom at the beach or Lake Martin where he loved boating and sailing. He was a devoted member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church where he and his wife Barbara were founding members. He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Barbara Alline Blake Thornton; his parents Mary Meehl Thornton and William Littleton Thornton Sr.; his brothers William Littleton Thornton Jr. and James Thornton; his son, Thomas Joseph Thornton Jr.; and his daughter, Terry Thornton Stanphill. He is survived by his brother, Patrick A. (Ann) Thornton, sister Annette Thornton Anderson and his four daughters: Susan Thornton, Linda Thornton Watson (Jim), Patty Thornton, Dottie Thornton and daughter in law Sarah Hillhouse Thornton. He is also survived by his cherished grandchildren: Kate Watson (Mike) Roy, Maggie Watson (Reid) Fisher, Andrew Watson, Quinn Stanphill, Caroline Stanphill (Zach) Arrington, Barbara Thornton (Wade) Lowry and Jane Thornton; and his four great grandchildren; Patrick and Grace Roy, and Reynolds and Thornton Fisher. A funeral mass was held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on Monday, August 22 at 12:00 noon. Private burial followed at Elmwood Cemetery.



Tom Thornton

Henry John "Harry" Williams, age 75, of Florence, passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Harry was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, a member and President of Florence Jaycees, Knights of Columbus, and Knights of Pythias and was retired with Lauderdale County and Morgan County Court House as a Chief Juvenile Probation Officer. He was a graduate of Coffee High School in 1965 and in 1985 through 1987 was a Coffee High Soccer Coach. He was a 1969 graduate of St. Bernard College and went on to obtain his Master's Degree at the University of Alabama. Survivors are his wife of 53 years, Charlotte Joseph Williams; sons, George J. (Teresa) Williams and Jason N. (Kristen) Williams; grandchildren, Jordan (Holden) Corum, Caitlin Williams, Cole Williams, Carter Williams, Chase Williams, Marlo Williams, and Matthew Williams; great-grandchildren, Charles Henry Corum and Leah James Corum.



Henry John "Harry" Williams

St. Bernard Happenings

“Set The Tone” Sets Record - 30 Days of Thanksgiving

St. Bernard Prep’s 30 Days of Thanks & Giving campaign proved to be a great success this year. The original goal was \$30,000, but the final donation tally exceeded \$52,000. All funds are earmarked for purchasing new equipment for St. Bernard Prep’s fine arts departments.

St. Bernard Prep’s current

group of students love the arts. Well over half of St. Bernard Prep students opted to participate in one or more fine arts programs this year.

The recent increase in engagement is a sign of encouragement for fine arts teachers. However, the larger number of participants has also

been the cause of some logistical growing pains. Instructors have had to come up with budget-friendly ways to make sure that all students who were interested in their programs are able to take part.

That situation has changed, thanks to the generous support of St. Bernard Prep’s donors. The

fine arts department is now well on its way to having the financial resources required to equip its budding musicians, actors and artists with everything needed to develop and hone their creative skills.

The drama department’s wish list included moving spotlights, new microphones, a new computer system and set upgrades. The music department asked for a new keyboard, Cordoba guitars, timpani drums and several other high quality instruments. A new smartboard was the main item on

the art department’s list. Now the funds for the smartboard have been secured, and art students will soon be able to collaborate on digital art projects together.

St. Bernard Prep Headmaster, Fr. Joel Martin thanked everyone who donated to the fundraising drive on the feast day of St. Nicholas. “St. Nicholas is the saint of giving,” he said. “You’re St. Nicholas for us at St. Bernard. Bless you all. Thank you for your love for St. Bernard and all our students.”



Board of Directors

Frank LaRussa, Emily Santiago, Abbot Marcus Voss, Fr. Joel Martin. Middle row (l-r): Jeremy Wootten, Ann Fitzgerald, and Richard Neese. Back row (l-r): Kathy Miller, Dale Borths, and Fr. Linus Kluscarits. Not pictured: Chris Rooney, Jr. and Matt Locke.

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New Development Director Welcomed

St. Bernard CEO Jim Miller (far right) welcomes new Director of Development, Keith Ellard and Assistant to Development Director, Br. Augustine Munkachy to the staff at St. Bernard Prep.

Alumni Appreciation Plans are Underway

St. Bernard is looking forward to hosting Alumni Appreciation weekend on June 23-25, 2023. While details are still in progress, the monks look forward to having everyone who has graced the halls of St. Bernard College or Prep School return.

It is important for us to know all the important occurrences in the lives of our alumni and their families. We enjoy sharing graduations, weddings, birth announcements, etc. We always pray for alumni who have departed this life.

The past few years, we have celebrated and prayed with families who have shared different life experiences. As we enter 2023, we ask you to consider inviting your friends and classmates to join you back at St. Bernard this June. And do ask them to update their information on our website.

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