

## 39th Bloomin' Festival Set for April 22-23



*Bloomin' Festival Grand Prize - 2023 Jeep Renegade*

This photo is for illustration purposes only. As of the end of March, the Renegade is still in the final build stages. Cullman Dodge General Manager, Scott Spitzer says global shipping issues and parts constraints have put a major slow-down in inventory. However, he expects the Jeep to arrive soon.

## SBP Receives TVA Grant

St. Bernard Preparatory School in Cullman, AL was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant as part of a \$1 Million Dollar STEM grant program from TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority) to develop science, technology, engineering, and math education projects across the Tennessee Valley.

STEM is an educational program that aims to integrate traditional pedagogy and real-world applications, providing for contemporarily structured learning environments. To facilitate in-depth understanding, STEM students apply classroom

knowledge to various kinds of hands-on projects. Collaborating together in groups, students are able to develop and assess their hypotheses through discussion and problem-solving.

The grant will give St. Bernard students the opportunity to investigate a small stream and a tributary of Eight-Mile Creek, located on the school campus, as a viable community source of potable water. They'll also test it to see if it might be usable as a recreational resource for swimming and fishing. Math

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## Clairvaux Members Inducted at St. Bernard

The 11th Annual meeting of the St. Bernard Clairvaux Society was held at St. Bernard Abbey on Saturday, March 18, 2023 with 45 members in attendance. Along with those who came from Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and Georgia, others came from California, Delaware, Texas, and Virginia.

Founded in 2010, the Society includes those who have remembered St. Bernard Abbey and St. Bernard Preparatory School in their Wills and Estate Plans. At the meeting, Abbot Marcus Voss, President of the Society, said, "I'm most grateful for the generosity of everyone who is a

member of this society. Because of you, St. Bernard can look forward to a future that has long-term, financial viability. By your remembrance of St. Bernard in your estate plans and wills, you help us establish an endowment that makes it possible for us to continue our various ministries now and into the future."

Seven new members were inducted into the Society. Gerald Deery (College '73) and his wife Rosemary, John Rooney (College '75) and his wife Peggy, Michael O'Brien (College '70) and wife Caroline, Charles and Kathy Trout, Barbara

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St. Bernard has reached capacity for the 39th Annual Bloomin' Festival. One hundred and eighty booths have been reserved for the Annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair. The event will take place at St. Bernard Prep School in Cullman, Alabama on April 22-23, 2023.

Festival Director, Joyce Nix, says this is the largest festival to date in the history of the 39-year tradition. "Our show booked very quickly this year. The artisans are excited about their return to Cullman. They have created beautiful art, home and garden décor, clothing, jewelry, and delicious specialty foods."

Patrons can expect to enjoy live demonstrations by the blacksmith and broom maker. While they are shopping, they can peruse handmade baskets, jewelry, ornamental garden art, birdhouses, pottery, cypress furniture, soaps, handbags, wood turned bowls, fudge, kettle corn, roasted cinnamon nuts, fresh squeezed

lemonade and more. St. Bernard's monks will sell their famous homemade bread and cookies, as well.

Ave Maria Grotto is open the entire weekend for a reduced admission fee of only \$5 per person. The grotto, affectionately known as "Little Jerusalem in Miniature," houses Br. Joseph Zoettl's shrines, which depict famous holy locations from Jerusalem and all over the world.

Bloomin' Festival relies heavily on community and friends for sponsorships to advertise and promote the festival. "Our sponsors are some of the most community minded, caring people in the world," said Nix. "They really care about the quality of life offered in Cullman, and are very generous in helping us share our good works at St. Bernard."

At the conclusion of the show on Sunday, April 23, St. Bernard will give away a 2023 Jeep Renegade and many other valuable prizes.

President Fr. Joel Martin and other  
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*St. Bernard Preparatory School Class of 2023*

Front row L-R: Margaux Richards, Charley Richards, Ashley Morris, Gabbi Chiodo, and Elizabeth Hazard. Second row L-R: Brianna Garcia, Natalie Garcia, Allison Stidham, Angie Marte, and Mary Ella Cockerham. Third row L-R: Xavier Pautler, Charles Gil, Adrian Cortes-Villegas, Jiovany Arriaga, and Ricky Ramirez. Back row L-R: Cole Bissot, Ethan Powell, Thomas Yohe, Jack Janaszak, and Peter Tran. The 124th St. Bernard commencement exercises will take place in the Abbey Church on Sunday, May 21st, beginning with a Baccalaureate Mass at 10:30 a.m., followed by graduation at 2 p.m.

# Happenings

## SBP Receives TVA Grant

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instructors Kim Whaley and Chanda Dabbs, in collaboration with Chemistry and Biology instructors, Shelly Perry and Martha Wells, worked together to create the plan.

Chemistry students will test the water quality by testing temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, nitrites, and phosphates in water samples. At the same time, math students will test the water by using calculus to find the average amount of water flowing through the stream per day and per month. Likewise, biology students will test for coliform bacteria, depth visibility and the presence or absence of macroinvertebrates to assess water quality and clarity.

Students will conduct their tests on a bi-weekly basis. They'll also record, analyze and compare data to EPA guidelines to determine water's viability for community use. By analyzing the data and interpreting the results, students will be led to make connections between the actions of a community and the subsequent impact on their local water environment.

As the project progresses, the students will become more and more familiar with how chemistry, biology, environmental science, and math concepts learned in class can be used in the real world. They will also learn how to follow correct experimental procedures, interpret and evaluate the obtained data, and look for evidence of the source of pollutants. Additionally, they'll use the Riemann Sum formula and accumulation functions to calculate the volume of the water in the stream. Once they estimate the quantity of the water, they'll be able to determine what size community the water supply will maintain. Furthermore, they will be introduced to other environmental science concepts such as watershed, runoff and the implications of eutrophication (a process causing increased algae growth) due to increased nutrient levels. Perhaps most importantly, they'll realize the importance of being good stewards of our waterways.

Whaley said that students will assess their findings by answering lab questions. In addition to writing and balancing equations, they'll also be tasked with preparing a report for a fictitious supervisor. As they prepare the report, they will interpret and evaluate test data against current standards for our area, and draw conclusions as to the origin of any contaminants that they find in their water samples.

"Students will be evaluated on presentations, vocabulary and pre-lab questions, a lab sheet with lab analysis questions thoughtfully and accurately answered, and a written report assessed for writing skills, strength of argument, and supporting evidence," Whaley said.

"TVA is focused on supporting clean-energy technologies and STEM education that helps today's students develop the skills needed to work in these careers," said Jeannette Mills, TVA executive vice president, and chief external relations officer. "Innovation is the key to success, and it's inspiring to contribute to the next generation's visionaries."



### Graduate Research Award Recipient

L-R: Sr. Gianna Casino's mom, Dr. Ruby Casino, Sr. Gianna Casino, LIHM, Dr. Lisa Klewicki, Dean of the Institute of Psychological Sciences, and Dr. Rebecca Morse, Director of Research at IPS.

## Sr. Gianna Casino Receives Graduate Research Award

On January 28th, the Institute of the Psychological Sciences awarded St. Bernard Preparatory Religion Instructor, Sr. Gianna Casino, LIHM, an Outstanding Graduate Research Award for her research brief on trauma, resilience, and the neurobiological effects of virtue. The award presentation took place in Washington D.C. at Divine Mercy

University's Symposium. The presenters honored Sr. Gianna's work and praised her for making a valuable contribution to trauma literature.

Sr. Gianna will be signing a deal with Ave Maria Press as a contracted author for a forthcoming book, based on her research. It is currently titled *How Much More Can You Take*.

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monks at St. Bernard Abbey have collected donations from several parishes. "We are humbled by the reception and the warm welcome we receive from the parish visits," said Fr. Joel.

This year, students are competing to see how many sweepstakes donations they can collect. If you have a student you want to support in this endeavor, simply complete the tickets online and leave the students name in the appropriate blank. Tickets for the sweepstakes are available both online and at the festival.

All festival attendees are invited to check out the monks' spring-cleaning sale (also known as "Monk Junk"). Fr. Linus Klucsarits said the time has come to get rid of clutter in house in preparation for some major renovations, and has encouraged the Abbey community to declutter.

Festival admission is a donation of \$10; children 5 and under are FREE. Festival hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily (rain or shine). Visit [www.bloominfestival.com](http://www.bloominfestival.com) for a complete list of participating artisans and sponsors, or to purchase sweepstakes tickets.

# Happenings



## National Honor Society Inductees

Front row L-R: Anahi Pantoja, Martha Jimenez Jose, Madi Kerber, Saray Cortes-Villegas, Jade Nguyen, Anna Rogalski. Back row L-R: Marissa Hazard, Rowan Hines, Abby McBride, Willa Smith, Cash Daly, Joey Shadowens, and Nathan Gaspar.

## Honor Society Induction

Thirteen students at St. Bernard were inducted into the National Honor Society on Thursday, February 23, 2023 in the Abbey Church.

Natalie Garcia, SBP Honor Society President, spoke of the requirements of membership. Students who accept membership and are inducted into the chapter should be aware of the time and commitment involved with their membership.

Students recognized the four qualities exemplified in NHS—Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character—by lighting candles representing each. Allison Stidham spoke about scholarship—the commitment to learning; Adrian Cortes addressed service—establishing a routine of giving to others; Caroline Sidley explained leadership—taking the initiative to train and aid others; and Andrew Tombo defined character—the personal commitment to moral and compassionate decision-making.

After accepting this honor, students pledged to maintain high scholastic standing, to hold an untarnished character, to endeavor intelligently and courageously to be a leader, and to give of themselves freely in service to others.

Each member was recognized individually and presented a membership certificate and pin.

The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization recognizing outstanding high school students. More than just an academic honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character that demonstrate fullness of life. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the society since its beginnings in 1921.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held for Honor Society members and their parents in the Dining Hall's Brahma Room.



## National Jr. Honor Society Inductees

Front row L-R: Kimberly McCormick, Usha Venkat, Norah Bissot, Ella Cron, and Merry-Carmen Pichardo. Back row L-R: Tanya Jimenez Jose, Tony Ranelli, Reid Bissot, Ella Davis and Avery Hines.

## NJHS Induction Held

Ten students at St. Bernard Prep School were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society after Mass on March 16, 2023.

Fr. Joel Martin, OSB Headmaster, welcomed students to one of the world's oldest and highest achieving clubs. The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) provides an outstanding opportunity to network with academically accomplished peers. The club also inspires students to develop the habits needed for success in high school and beyond.

The current NJHS officers, Sarah Woods, Parker Guthery, Joshua Marks, Katie Chamblee, and Charli Roberson, introduced the five pillars of NJHS that each member must demonstrate: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship.

Eligibility to become a member of St. Bernard's Abbot Hilary Dreaper Chapter of the NJHS includes careful consideration that a student possesses and represents the qualities of a NJHS member.

The inductees pledged to uphold the high

purposes of the NJHS, to be true to the society's principles, to be loyal to their school, and to maintain and encourage the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Each inductee was then recognized with a certificate and pin. Following the induction, a reception for the inductees and their guests was held in the Brahma Room of the Dining Hall.



## New Artwork Donated to St. Bernard

St. Bernard Prep has been gifted a beautiful piece of handcrafted artwork with a very meaningful symbol – the Benedictine cross.

A few months ago Southern Heritage Restoration owner, Paul Moss, was working in his shop when a couple walked in to inquire about a custom made table. As the couple discussed their table, they indicated a desire to create a special piece of art for the Dining Hall of St. Bernard Abbey and School. With a design in hand, they told Moss they would like to have it made of purpleheart — a durable, rare type of wood from Southeast Asia — but thought it likely impossible. Purpleheart wood is known to be one of the hardest and sturdiest types of wood in the world.

The couple presented Moss a pamphlet with the St. Bernard logo and asked if one could be made to measure five feet tall and

four feet wide. "Little did they know I had just completed a table made out of purple heart, and I told them I sure could," Moss said.

Southern Heritage Restoration specializes in reclaiming high quality wood from old barns, antique furniture, and other structures. Moss had on hand several reclaimed boards that were taken from an old lowboy military trailer. We may never know exactly where this wood originated or what all it has hauled.

"We put a lot of work in this piece, and I can't thank my guys enough for all of their help," stated Paul. "We first created a 5' x 4' square and used a friend's wood router machine to cut out. Then we brought it back to the shop to take care of the rest." "Several of the boards contained holes," Moss said, "We filled the boards with epoxy so that we could sand it, router it out, and sand it again. Once it was sanded to our perfection, we

coated it with five coats of polyurethane."

The artwork was delivered to the school, put in place and covered to await its formal presentation. Prior to the unveiling, the St. Bernard Prep band played Mardi Gras music to celebrate Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. All gathered in the Dining Hall to see the work unveiled. The ceremony itself began with a scripture reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians, followed by a solemn prayer and a blessing.

Abbot Marcus Voss, O.S.B. and St. Bernard Prep CEO Jim Miller presided over the unveiling of the artwork for St. Bernard in the Dining Hall. The anonymous donors designed the gift specifically for the front entrance wall, as it is the place where students and guests gather to eat meals. As well, the location often serves as a stage for events held by the Abbey and school, including daily breaks during the school day.

"This artwork combines the seal of the school and the abbey," Abbot Marcus said. "It's presented with the symbol of salvation (the Cross) that always reminds us of the love of the Lord." As Abbot Marcus blessed the artwork he prayed these words, "May the sprinkling of this holy water remind all of us of our life in Christ that began at our baptism."

Miller thanked all the benefactors involved in the donation of the artwork, especially Paul Moss, Mike Roberts, Joel Williams, Cyle Lutz and Ethan Ellison -- the artists behind the work. "We are so grateful for this beautiful addition to our school," Miller said. "It will be a legacy piece for future generations of St. Bernard students to enjoy."

Students, teachers and benefactors stayed after the event to socialize and enjoy delicious king cakes made by the St. Bernard Dining Hall staff headed by Fr. Bede Marcy. It was a fine Mardi Gras celebration.

# St. Bernard Preparatory Student Athletes

St. Bernard recently recognized student athletes for participating in fall and winter sports. Students involved in volleyball, basketball, bowling, cross-country and cheerleading all received honors. Athletic Director Tim Burleson welcomed parents and students in attendance and thanked everyone for their support.

School President and Headmaster Fr. Joel Martin, OSB opened the assembly with prayer and echoed Burleson's comments, expressing appreciation for coaches, families and alumni supporters.

Head volleyball coach Elicia Fallin and assistant coach Claudia Fallin presented the volleyball awards. Abigail

McBride & Amelia Tafazoli were given Varsity Outstanding Performers awards. Team Captain Mary Ella Cockerham was recognized as the Most Influential Player & Senior. The Hustle Award (awarded by team members) went to Emily Garcia.

On the JV volleyball team, Sarah Woods was recognized as Team Captain. Rafaella Guevara won the Hustle Award nomination, while Most Influential Player went to Ella Davis. Strongest Serve went to Lily Tillitski and Norah Bissot was recognized as the Most Improved player.

Cross Country Head Coach William Calvert and his two Assistant Coaches Katie Clemmons and Bill Ellis presented awards to the Cross Country teams. Prior to giving out the awards, the presenters celebrated the fact that this year the Varsity Boys are celebrating 10 straight years of being the champions of their section. Their season highlights includes: Top 3 finishes in the following Invitational Meets: Brooks Tennessee Valley Invitational (3rd); Fairview Invitational (3rd); James Clemmons Classic (3rd); Randolph Invitational (3rd); Hay of Run (1st); 3A Section 4 (1st) and, finished 5th in the 3A State Meet.

Two senior boys received the Senior Award: Cole Bissot and Jiovany Arriaga.

Bissot has been a Letterman for six years, during which he has racked up a number of running awards. He finished as 5th Place 3A All Section Runner in 2020 and 2021. Additionally, he was a 3A Section 4 Team Champion in 2020, 2021 and 2022. In 2020, he was on the 3A State Champion Team. He was

also on the 3A State 6th Place State Team in 2021 and the 3A State 5th Place Team in 2022. His personal best running record was 17:30, which he achieved at the 3A Sectional in October of 2022.

Arriaga, also a six-year Letterman, will also conclude his high school career with several running awards. He finished in 4th, 3rd, 8th and 6th place at 3A All-Section races in 2023, 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively. In addition, Arriaga was a 3A State Section 4 Team Champion from

2018 to 2022. Likewise, he was on the 2020 3A State Champion Team and the 6th Place and 5th Place 3A State teams in 2021 and 2022, respectively. The recipient of the Most Valuable Runner award, Arriaga finished in first place for the team in 10 of 10 meets. He also appeared in eight top-15 finishes and four top-five finishes. His personal best running record was 17:10, which he achieved at the Jesse Owens Classic in October of 2022.

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*Girls Cross Country Awards*

Bruna Parolin, Madi Kerber, and Gracia Jimenez-Terry.



*JV Basketball Awards*

Cameron Smiley, Gavitt Lewis and Aiden Hays.



*Volleyball Awards*

Front row L-R: Caroline Sidley, Norah Bissot, Sarah Woods, Charli Roberson, and Ella Davis. Back row L-R: Amelia Tafazoli, Mary Ella Cockerham, Abigail McBride, Lily Tillitski, and Rafaella Guevara.



*Boys Cross Country Awards*

Cole Bissot and Jiovany Arriaga.



*Boys Basketball Awards*

Jack Janaszak, Peter Tran. Back row: Aiden Hays, Will Lyons, and Cameron Smiley.

## Recognized at Fall/Winter Sports Banquet

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Madi Kerber was the recipient of Most Valuable Runner on the girls' side. Coming in with a time of 21:16, she finished at 11th place 3A All-State and also claimed 4th place at the 3A All-Section meet with a time of 22:07. Madi earned All- State

honors for the 4th straight year. Bowling coach Elicia Fallin presented the bowling awards. The Boys MVP & Senior Award went to Xavier Paulter, who has been with the team for two years. Cole Bissot, on the other hand, was the recipient of both the Boys Leadership Award &

Senior Award. Reid Bissot won Boys MVP. Two other Senior Awards went to Ethan Powell and Charles Gil. Girls Bowling MVP went to Caroline Sidley, while Natalie Garcia picked up the Girls Leadership Award & Senior Award.

Next up was the basketball awards, presented by Head Coaches Luke Yarbrough and Tim Bureson. Ella Davis won Offensive MVP for the Varsity Girls team, while the Defensive MVP award went to Rowan Hines. Amelia Tafazoli and Allison Stidham took home the Hustle Award and Senior Award, respectively. On the Varsity Boys team, Most Points Scored and Team Captain went to Jack Janaszak, while Will Lyons won Most Rebounds. Peter Tran and Emmanuel Santiago were also recognized as Team Captains. On the Middle School Boys team, Gavitt Lewis got Team Captain, while Aiden Hays and

Cameron Smiley won Most Dedicated.

Lastly, Head Coach of the cheerleading squad Abigail Bennett took the stage to present awards. Ashley Morris and Karly

Arndt were recognized as Cheer Captain and Cheer Co-Captain. Charley Richards, Ashley Morris and Margaux Richards also took home Senior Awards.



*Girls Basketball Awards*

Amelia Tafazoli, Rowan Hines, Ella Davis, and Allison Stidham.



*Cheerleader Awards*

Front row L-R: Karly Arndt, Margaux Richards, Ashley Morris, Charley Richards, Coach Bennett. Back row L-R: Violeta Sifan Castro Calavia, Adriana López Serrano, Rafaela Galhumi.

### Boys Soccer

Front row L-R: Luke Daly, Reid Bissot, Gavitt Lewis, Nathan Gaspar, Cash Daly, Johnathan McBride, Rafael Garcia, Logan Bello, Brandon Torres, Adrian Cortes-Villegas, and Pelayo Gallego. Back row L-R: Coach Diego Garcia, Assistant Coach Diego Garcia-Cerna, Cesar Hernandez, Ashton Lindsey, Ethan Wu, Will Lyons, Cole Bissot, Luis Garcia, Cameron Smiley, Emmanuel Santiago, Jio Arriaga, Tony Ranelli, Charles Gil, Coach Greg Bissot.



*Girls Tennis*

Yelena Vlasic Reig, Elle Tillitski, Gracia Jimenez-Terry, Adriana López Serrano.



*Girls Soccer*

Front row L-R: Saray Cortes-Villegas, Ella Cron, Yesi Aburto Santiago, Tessa Sanders, Madi Kerber, Alexis Cron, and Norah Bissot. Back row L-R: Coach Diego Garcia, Emily Garcia-Cerna, Amelia Tafazoli, Sarah Woods, Presley Shealy, Violeta Castro, Barb Angeler, Caroline McBride, Rowan Hines, Avery Hines, and Coach Greg Bissot.

# Abbey news

## Meeting of Benedictine Abbots and Prioresses Held at St. Bernard

A joint meeting of Benedictine Abbots and Prioresses was held at the Byre Conference Center of St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL. on the weekend of February 3, 2023. The Prioresses were hosted by the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery, while the Abbots were welcomed by the monks of St. Bernard Abbey. Twenty-seven Abbots and forty-four Prioresses from Central America, the United States and Canada gathered to attend conferences on health care issues and how best to serve the needs of the sick and the elderly.

St. Benedict, the founder of the Benedictine tradition, included specific sections of the Benedictine Rule of Life on the care of the sick. Concern for implementing his admonitions in Benedictine life today, especially in care of the sick and elderly, was the focus of the presentations.

Rev. Gregory Polan, O.S.B., the Abbot Primate and representative of Benedictines worldwide, opened the first conference and gave a report on Benedictine communities around the world. He said, "We need to keep in mind that we are international. We are multicultural and many things are beginning to pick-up after the heavy impact of the pandemic." He spoke at length about Benedictine life around the world and concluded by giving a report about Sant' Anselmo, the Benedictine international school located in Rome,

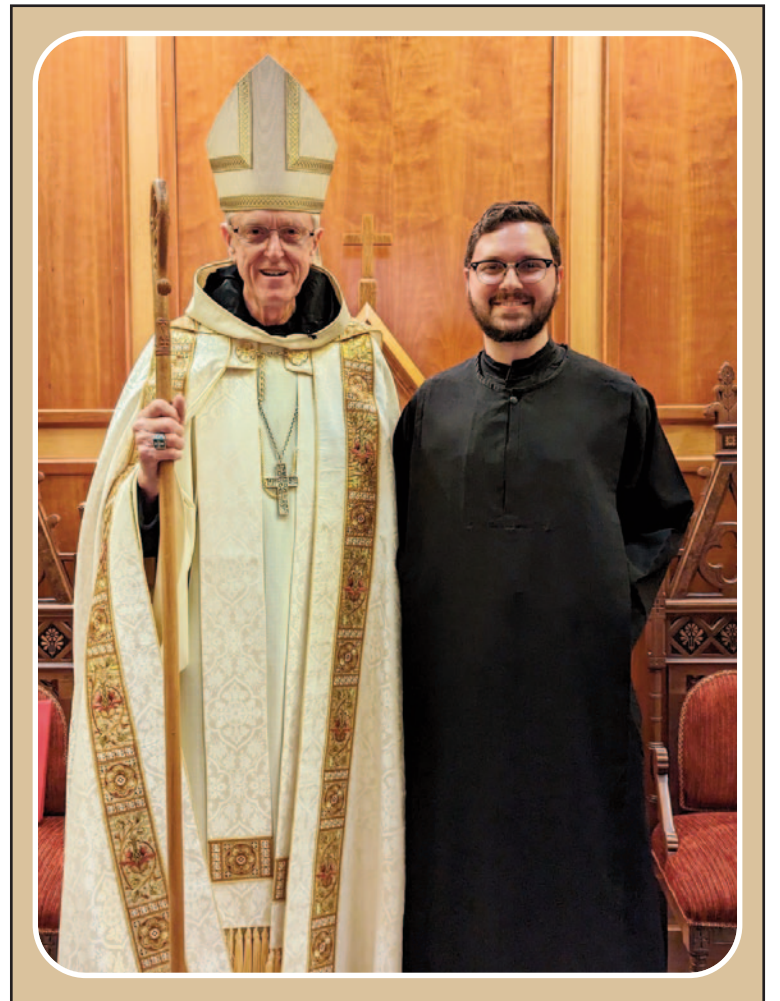
Italy.

On Saturday, February 4th, Brother John Mark Falkenhain, O.S.B., a licensed psychologist and a member of the faculty at St. Meinrad Seminary, discussed mental health concerns in society today. He delineated the four main areas of psychological functioning, including affect, behavior, cognition and social functioning. He then described the specific problems and disorders present within each of these areas, particularly in an aging population.

Sr. Esther Fangman, O.S.B., Prioress of Mount St. Scholastica Monastery in Atchison, KS., and her staff spoke on Sunday, February 5th, about the care of those who suffer from chronic illness and ways in which to provide

for them with long-term care. Special attention was given to Alzheimer's disease, depression and heart disease.

"It was good to have the Abbots and Prioresses join us at St. Bernard," said Abbot Marcus Voss. "Most of our monasteries have infirmaries, as prescribed by St. Benedict, and provide for the infirm members of our communities. It was extremely helpful to have the opportunity to discuss how best to care for them." In addition, Abbot Marcus said, "It was an honor to have the leaders of other Benedictine monasteries at St. Bernard. It makes us aware of the richness of our Benedictine tradition and the worldwide community we share."



*Abbot Marcus recently admitted postulant Devin Ray to the novitiate. The new novice was given the monastic habit, tonsure, and a new religious name - Br. Anselm!*



# Alumni-news

## NEW ARRIVALS



Chandler Blaze Cochran

**Scarlett (Chandler) Cochran (PS '08)** and Michael Lee Cochran are thrilled to announce their first child Chandler Blaze Cochran on January 9th 2023. He measured 19 inches long and weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces.

The Cochran's make their home in Harvest, AL.



Willa Jolene Cleckler

Jordan and **Dr. Sarah (Romines Cleckler) (PS '01)** welcomed their third child, Willa Jolene Cleckler on February 7, 2023. She joins her two sisters Elwynn and Adelle, at their home in Ellijay, GA.

**Glenn (PS '00)** and Sandra **Gapultos** announced the arrival of their firstborn, Julian Mateo Chan Gapultos who was born on February 28, 2023 at 12:06 p.m. weighing 6 lbs 2 oz. Julian joins his parents at their home in New Orleans, LA.



Julian Mateo Chan Gapultos

**Edward (PS '93)** and **Tường Vy Shim** welcomed their first born, Edward Sunbo Shim to the world on February 24, 2023 weighing 6.5 pounds. Edward joins his family at their home in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.



Edward Sunbo Shim

**Aileen Cunningham Swartz (PS '96)** and husband, Andrew, welcomed their fourth daughter, Brooke Louise, who was born March 8 weighing 5 lbs 12 oz, and measured 19 inches long. She joins her two brothers, Ryan and Blake and three sisters, Claire, Hailey, and Drew Catherine at their home in Marietta, GA.



Brooke Louise Swartz

## Class of '67-'68

Several members of the Class of 67-68 held their 2023 Pizz Bowl gathering "where old friends will always get together...that's what it means to attend St. Bernard College..." in sunny Palm Beach, Florida to rally Tony DeStefano '67 (seated), as he is recovering from medical treatment. Pictured L-R: Charlie Serpente '67, Butch Gerace '68, Jerry Petrus '68, John Pizzalero '67 and Ralph Giogranti '68.



## In Memory

**Ronald L. Hogue, 78** passed away on February 20, 2023.



Ronald L. Hogue

He was a 1961 graduate of West Point High School and received a Bachelors Degree in Accounting from St. Bernard College in 1965, graduating cum laude. He received his Masters Degree from A & M University with concentration in Business and Accounting. He was the owner and operator of AAA Bookkeeping in Cullman. He is survived by his daughters, Leigh Wahl of Nashville, Tennessee and Kristen (Jeremy) Clute of Huntsville; sisters, Janice (Charles) Osborne of Cullman and Carol (Mark) England of Falkville, and a host of grandchildren, and nieces.

**Mary Beatrice (Bee) McCormack, 97**, died peacefully Monday, November 7, 2022. Bee was the daughter of the late Robert Emmett and Louise Keller McCormack. She was the sister of the late Anna Louise McCormack and the late Robert Emmett McCormack, Jr. She was a 1946 graduate of Georgia State College for Women in Milledgeville, GA. Miss McCormack spent her business career at Bobs Candies, Inc. At the time of her retirement in 1993, after 46 years of service, she was Senior Vice-President/Director of Packaging. Bee was a leader in the arts and civic affairs of Albany and worked to enrich the lives of everyone in the region. She was a member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church. Miss McCormack is survived by 4 nieces and nephews - Bob and Creel McCormack of Atlanta, GA, Mary Helen Dykes of Albany, GA, Gregory and Dina McCormack of Park City, Utah and Julie and Ira Roth of Athens, GA.



Mary McCormack

**Andrew Thomas Rieder** passed away on February 14, 2023 at his home at 75 years of age. He made many friends and mentored many colleagues in his successful 38-year career at Allstate Insurance Company. Andy served his community spending countless hours over many years in leadership for the March of Dimes and United Way of Lake County, Illinois. He also served as a member and President of the Fremont School Board. He is survived by his wife, Terri, sons, Drew (Melissa), Tim (Ashley), Kevin (Emily Malloy) and daughter, Katie (Tommy) Deinken, and eight grandchildren.



Andrew Thomas Rieder

## SBP ALUMNI APPRECIATION WEEKEND

June 22-25, 2023

Thursday Evening,  
June 22, 2023

6:30 pm - Golf Registration & Reception

Friday,  
June 23, 2023

8:00 am - Tee Time Golf Outing  
at Chesley Oaks

Local excursion for non-golfers

6:00 pm - Evening dinner

Saturday,  
June 24, 2023

10:00 am - Brunch with the Abbot

Family friendly games

4:15 pm - Vespers

5:00 pm - Mass

6:00 pm - Social Hour - Byre

7:00 pm - Dinner in the Byre

Sunday,  
June 25, 2023

8:00 am - Breakfast, and departures

For More information  
Call 256-739-6682

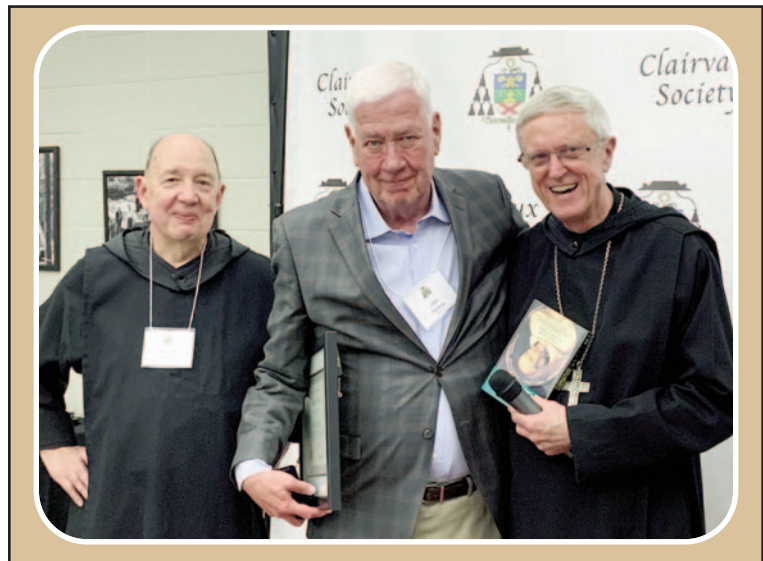
# Happenings



*New Clairvaux Society Members*

Left:  
Fr. Joel Martin, OSB,  
Gerald and  
Rosemary Deery,  
and Abbot Marcus  
Voss, OSB.

Right:  
Fr. Joel Martin, OSB,  
Charles Trout, and  
Abbot Marcus Voss,  
OSB.  
Not pictured is  
Kathy Trout.



*New Clairvaux Society Member John Rooney with  
Fr. Joel Martin and Abbot Marcus Voss*



*2023 Clairvaux Society*

Michael and Sun Menk, Clifford Gissell, Luanne Gissell, Forrest Dale Jackson, Christine Jackson, Abbot Marcus Voss, OSB, Chris Rooney, Carol Rooney, Rosemary Deery, Ruth Burton, Peggy Dyar, George Dyar, and Kathy Miller. Middle row L-R: Richard "Bucky" Jackson, Nancy Natter, Carolyn Eckl, Charles Trout, Ann Fitzgerald, Charlotte Kearney, Bonnie Perilloux, Gerald Deery, Susan Natter, Mike Natter, and Jim Miller. Back row L-R: Fr. Frank Muscolino, Bill Halpin, Jack Natter, Greg Lyons, Natalie Harrison, Paul Harrison, Br. Michael Gregersen, John Kearney, John Rooney, Roy Perilloux, and William Fiorentino.

## Clairvaux Members Inducted at St. Bernard

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Nagle, Donald R. Schober,  
and Robert A. Stanley.

Chris Rooney, one of the  
founding members of the

Clairvaux Society, concluded  
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