May because it is Our Lady’s month and because it brings in the summer weather. Nature comes alive during May, plants start to grow like mad, and flowers start blooming all over the place. It just seems a fitting time to honor her, who gave birth to the Author of Life.

It would be wonderful if we had some kind of May devotions here at the parish. I’m not suggesting that we organize and plan something, lest we inadvertently reproduce my semi-nary experience. These things should grow naturally out of the piety of our parishioners. I’m thinking more along the lines of people gathering together by mutual agreement in church at a given time each evening in May to pray the Rosary and perhaps sing a hymn or two to Our Lady, as the Spirit moves them. Certainly, the Rosary should hold the primary place in May devotions. A long line of popes have encouraged us to pray the Rosary, especially during the month of May, for the needs of the Church, the world, our local community, and our families. In 1965, Pope Paul VI wrote a wonderful little encyclical, Mense Maio, on May devotions. In it, the Holy Father explains how a deep, authentic devotion to Our Lady always leads us closer to Christ: “We are delighted and consoled by this pious custom associated with the month of May, which pays honor to the Blessed Virgin and brings such rich benefits to the Christian people. Since Mary is rightly to be regarded as the way by which we are led to Christ, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ. For what other reason do we continue to turn to Mary except to seek the Christ in her arms, to seek our Savior in her, through her, and with her? To Him men are to turn amid the anxieties and perils of this world, urged on by duty and driven by the compelling needs of their heart, to find a haven of salvation, a transcendent fountain of life.”

During this month of May, let us draw closer to Our Lady, place ourselves in her hands, and ask her to lead us to the Lord.

Have a blessed May, and a great summer!

Fr. Dennis

As I sit down to write this, our school children are busi-ly preparing for the annual May crowning, which will take place after morning Mass on May 1, the day after tomorrow. A statue of Our Lady will be placed before the altar, one of the children will have the honor of placing a crown of flowers on her head, and the rest of the children will surround her statue with a rich and colorful display of May flowers. It is a wonderful parish tradition older than any of us can remember, but where does it come from?

The custom of honoring Our Lady throughout the month of May has its origins in Europe during the Middle Ages, when thirty-day novenas to the Blessed Mother were common. At first, these novenas were not attached to any particular season, but at the beginning of the 1700s, the Jesuits in Rome began celebrating such a novena at the church of the Gesù during the month of May. From there, the practice spread across Italy and up into the German speaking countries. When European Catholics immigrated to the United States in large numbers in the 19th century, they brought the practice with them.

In Catholic churches in southern Germany, special de- votions to Mary, called Maiandachten, take place each evening during the month of May. People gather to pray the Rosary, sing hymns to the Blessed Mother, listen to a short homily, and perhaps have Benediction. It’s a wonderful tradition in German parishes, although my experience of it in the seminary was... well, not so idyllic. The seminarians were placed in charge of planning each day’s devotions in May, so what began historically as a beautiful, spontaneous display of affection for our Blessed Mother became in the seminary chapel an artificial and dull hodgepodge of quantitative spirituality that always seemed to drag on for much longer than it should. Fortunately, my Marian piety survived the experience. And I do retain very fond memo- ries of the great repertoire of German hymns to Our Lady that we sang in those days. What wonderful hymns! We really have nothing to compare to them in English. I still love the month of
SPRED—Teaching About Jesus

After ten years teaching CCD, Mary Carolyn Wintz decided it was time for a new challenge. As she looked for something new and meaningful in which to invest her time, she became interested in the SPRED ministry offered by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

SPRED, Special Religion Education, reaches out to developmentally disabled and special needs parishioners to provide them a more active role in the liturgical community. The program was introduced in the United States forty years ago in the Archdiocese of Chicago under the guidance of Rev. James H. McCarthy. It is designed to provide a comfortable learning environment in which parishioners with mental disabilities can experience growth in their faith community in their own unique way.

Approximately four years ago, after doing research and inquiries into the SPRED program, Mary Carolyn began the process of bringing it to the Batesville Deanery. St. Louis Director of Education, Terri Meyer, put her in touch with Roni Wyld, SPRED coordinator for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Mary Ann Meyer, also from St. Louis, and Gladys Dall, from St. Anthony of Padua in Morris, soon joined Mary Carolyn in building the program. The three dedicated women traveled to Indianapolis every week for a year to obtain the required training.

Training for SPRED catechists is extremely important as it stresses the different methods of communicating with the disabled, while always maintaining personal respect and affirmation. Situations can be as varied as the participants, and at times symbolic or non-verbal communication is required just as much as verbal communication. The participants, or “friends” range in ages from eleven to adulthood. As Mary Carolyn puts it, “We just teach them about Jesus.”

The SPRED program follows a specific structure and teaching regimen, designed by the Archdiocese, that forms a small faith community. The lessons require one-on-one relationships between the trained catechists and the participating friends. There are specific roles for each catechist:

- The Lead Catechist oversees the lesson and leads the prayer.
- The Activity Catechists prepares the activity tables.
- The Helper Catechist gives whatever assistance is needed throughout the lesson.

Mary Ann Meyer, who serves as the Lead Catechist, became involved when she saw information relating to SPRED in the Bulletin, and then contacted Mary Carolyn. The recent Catholic convert responded to the request because she saw this as an opportunity to strengthen her faith while helping others. She stated, “Working with the other Catechists to share the Word of God with our friends is a most fulfilling experience.”

As the Activity Catechist for St. Louis, Mary Carolyn Wintz is committed to the program and feels a real sense of fulfillment in her work. She loves the interaction with the program participants and knowing she is assisting them in their faith formation.

Gladys Dall is the Helper Catechist and admits to being a little apprehensive when she first volunteered to serve as a Catechist. “I wasn’t sure what to expect”, she noted, “but decided to give it a try. I’m so glad I did, as it is very rewarding.”

Prior to a lesson, the Catechists meet to review and prepare the material. The Archdiocese provides the lesson content and the music to be used at each session. From start to close, a lesson usually lasts an hour. The women are committed to the important work they do. Besides, as they all emphatically agree, “It feels good to give!”

As each lesson begins, soothing background music is incorporated to convey a sense of quiet and peace. Sessions begin with sensory activities to bring focus into the
Christ Renews His Parish

The seeds of the revival began growing in 1971 in the Cleveland, Ohio parish of Holy Family and have spread dramatically across the country with Christ Renews His Parish events taking place in over 750 dioceses in 27 states.

Last year the first Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) renewal took place in Batesville and with strong leadership from members of our parish has continued to grow with both men’s and women’s retreats being held in the spring and the fall.

Chris and Sheila Hussey began their journey with Christ Renews His Parish when they lived in Hudson, Ohio—a Cleveland area suburb and realized the power of this life-changing experience.

“Our first renewal weekend turned us from churchgoers—to becoming immersed in our parish,” Chris said. Shortly after their initial renewal experience they began to reach into the activities of the parish—becoming Eucharistic Ministers and leading prayer groups. One of the first things they asked when relocating to Batesville and St. Louis Parish was whether or not CRHP had found its way to our church. At that time it was not a part of the culture of our church community.

As I attempted to learn more about this process Chris shared with me the impact that the spiritual retreat weekends had on his life: “Coming out of the very first experience with CRHP I completely re-arranged my priorities. I developed a finer sense of life, work and spiritual balance. I clearly developed a renewed and more vigorous relationship with Christ and I also learned the power in reading the Scriptures more regularly.”

That initial weekend never left his mind or that of Sheila, his wife, and when the opportunity to be a part of the inaugural event held last year in Batesville presented itself they both jumped at the chance—becoming a core part of the leadership team.

Chris explained that team leaders from several parishes in Indianapolis joined together to help the St. Louis community plan and hold the first Christ Renews His Parish event last year. The first weekend renewal retreats had sixteen women participants and a subsequent men’s weekend had eleven men attend.

The retreats are held in Batesville using the facilities of the church as well as the cafeteria, the CYO Room and several of the classrooms. It begins on Saturday mornings and concludes on Sunday afternoon. All meals are provided and dress is casual making for a relaxing and renewing experience.

Chris said that the two days include the opportunity to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as attend two celebrations of the Mass—one a very powerful, late night Saturday evening service.

The weekend is a powerful experience of sharing and witness to others in the small group, reflections and small group discussions, individual and group prayer time as the participants grow in their faith, and develop deep and long-lasting friendships.

One of the key tenets of the weekend is to make sure the process is a living one—it’s not meant to be a “one time event” but a long-lasting and living commitment to each other and to develop ongoing contributions to the parish. Chris put it best when he stated that the real key lies in “strengthening and renewing individuals to better strengthen their parishes.”

The retreats are a time to relax, pray and rethink one’s priorities—to get to know others in the parish and to then grow as a community—to examine, rediscover or intensify your personal relationship with Christ and to share and reflect on spiritual growth and the issues of real life. One of the key differences in CRHP and other “renewal” programs is that those participants grew in their faith, and develop deep and long-lasting friendships.
Sixth Annual Bill Giltz Memorial Golf Tournament

On August 3, 2009, at 1:00 p.m., the Seventh Annual Bill Giltz Memorial Golf Tournament will tee off at North Branch Golf Course in New Point, Indiana. Bill coached basketball in the Batesville community for nearly 30 years. The last 24 years at St. Louis School. On August 6, 1981, Bill suddenly passed away at age 50. At that time, a committee consisting of Ken Bohman, Dave Laudick, Ace Moorman, Fran Effinger and Bill’s wife Bertie, created the Bill Giltz Award. This award is given annually to an 8th grade boy and girl, who excel in both the classroom and on the basketball court. This golf tournament has also enabled us to supply new basketball and cheerleader uniforms, purchase new basketballs and practice jerseys for many teams, assist with the purchase of wall mats for the activity center and purchase a 2008 Runner Up banner for the state deanery tournament. Can you believe it is time for new 7th and 8th grade uniforms already? The kids all look great! Thank you!

The event is open to everyone and will be played as a 4-person handicap scramble. It would be great to have all of Bill’s former players and award recipients come to North Branch to be part of this day. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams, long-drive winners and closest-to-the-pin winners. The cost to play is $90 per person - which includes green fees, cart fees, lunch, drinks on the course and dinner, and also the mulligans, raffle tickets, and the team skins game. There will be an opportunity to purchase more raffle tickets and enter a split-the-pot putting contest. We will also be giving a “Bill Giltz Golf Outing” favor to all participating golfers.

If you are unable to play golf, you can still contribute by being a prize-hole sponsor, hole sponsor or a prize-donation sponsor. If you are only able to join us for dinner, the cost is $20. The profits will go directly to the Bill Giltz Memorial Fund. With a successful tournament again this year and years to follow we will be able to continue with both boys and girls awards and supplement the St. Louis basketball program. With your support this goal can be achieved!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Kelly or Linda Fegley, 812-934-5109 or by email lfegley@etczone.com

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12:00pm Lunch—Registration
1:00pm Golf Begins
6:00pm Dinner

Raffle—Mulligans—Skins
Included in entry fee!

1. Yes, sign me up to play golf for $90
2. Yes, I would like to sponsor a prize hole for $175
3. Yes, I would like to sponsor a hole for $125
4. Yes, I would like to be a prize-donation sponsor.
5. I can make dinner only for $15

Handicap (or estimated score for 18 holes)

Put me on a team

Put me with the following team:

Enclosed is my check for $__________

Name _____________________________________________________________________
Address & Phone _____________________________________________________________

All sponsors will be recognized on the golf course and/or scoreboard and mentioned at the dinner and awards presentation. Complete the form and mail with payment to: Bill Giltz Memorial Fund c/o Linda Giltz Fegley, 1072 Sawmill Road, Batesville, IN 47006 by July 15, 2009.

Come join us on August 3rd!!!
Parish History

Did you know that before there was a church building, German Catholic immigrants attended Mass and received the sacraments in Batesville? The town was platted in 1852, but before that Catholics traveled the Brookville-Napoleon Road to Oldenburg. The primitive road roughly followed Highway 229 to the south side of the city, down Maplewood Avenue to Tekulve Avenue and then on to Oldenburg. Travel was difficult at best. Holy family was established in 1837. Later, some Catholics attended St. Anthony of Padua at Morris when it was established in 1856.

Between 1867-1869 priests from Greensburg and Oldenburg held services for the growing church in Batesville. Mass was said in the basement of Boehringer Hall, a large frame building on Broadway, formerly Railroad Street, now East Pearl. A note in the archives states that William Tekulve was baptized there on 11 February 1869.

On 15 August 1867, Henry and Anna Boehringer and Herman and Adolphine Schrader deeded land “for the purpose of erecting a Catholic church.” Promissory notes for $10.00 and cash contributions in the amounts of $1.00-$20.00 were collected. Construction began immediately.

As soon as the building was usable, the congregation moved in. Records show the first baptism was Theresia Geis on 20 December 1868. The first marriage was between Christian Bleile and Margaretha Maurer on 10 May 1869. Mr. Bleile was Protestant and a dispensation was granted. The Church was blessed 18 September 1870 and named St. Luwig. The first funeral was for baby Martha Elizabeth Blank on 12 October 1873.

At this time, the building had a stubby tower, no sacristies, a smaller sanctuary and one bell. But due to Catholic heritage and German tenacity, construction continued. In 1874, that first bell was purchased. The next year a baptismal font was installed and the walls frescoed by A. Tepe. In 1887, drains were dug by the congregation and an announcement was made that the sermon would be in English at the early Mass and in German at the High Mass. The following week it would be reversed.

In the early 1890s a second bell was added. Then in 1891 it was decided to build a steeple on the church. In 1892 a Seth Thomas clock with 4 dials was donated by John Hillenbrand and installed and dedicated. The same year the cross on the steeple was gilded by F. W. Piene and blessed. A third bell was donated by Louis Meyer.

The old coal burning pot-bellied stoves were replaced by furnaces in 1894. An addition was added to the sanctuary in 1897. By the time the new century dawned, St. Ludwig’s was a thriving parish, ready to grow even larger.

Judy Tonges

Parish News

Seder Meal Celebrated at St. Louis Church

Sometimes Christians have to remind themselves that Jesus was a Jew. He practiced the Jewish customs, which means he participated in the Passover Seder, a celebration of the Israelites exodus from Egypt.

To become better familiar with who Jesus was, his heritage, and understand more about those events that led up to his death, the parish offered a Seder meal on Saturday, April 4, 2009.

Practicing Jews still celebrate the Passover, which began April 8 for eight days, and offer up a Seder meal. Passover starts with the lighting of two candles accompanied by a blessing, traditionally done by the mother of the house.

Terri Meyer, St. Louis Director of Religious Education, explained that Jesus would have participated in such a meal since he was Jewish. The Last Supper that we celebrate on Holy Thursday would have been a Seder meal that Jesus was celebrating with His disciples.

Father Dennie Duvelius, who knows some Hebrew, presided over the Seder simulation. Fr. Stephen, Fr. Berny, and about 35 parishioners attended. Father read from the Haggadah, which means special story in Hebrew, and the Haggadah ritual is called “Seder” meaning order. Father showed the various parts of the “Seder” symbolized on a special plate. For example, the shank bone of a lamb, called the zeroah, is always on the plate. It’s a reminder of the lamb offered on Passover at the Temple in Jerusalem 2000 years ago. An egg is symbolic of the roasted egg offered at the Temple during Passover. The bitter herbs, called maror, are a reminder of the hardship of slavery, and the salt water, also a reminder of the bitterness of slavery.

Jeff Gratz

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Parish News

Announcements

BAPTISMS

Paige Nicole, daughter of Brian & Stacy (McKell) Allgeier
Cambell Lynn, daughter of Chad & Jennifer (Schuck) Miles
Cheyenne Sue Puente, daughter of Jeff Puente & Julie Schantz
Dylan Daniel, son of Robert & Kara (Wirth) Shane
Landen Edward, son of James & Catherine (Kuntz) Grossman
Isabelle Victoria, daughter of Brent & Shannon (Allgeier) Young
Ricardo Camarena, son of Ricardo Camarena & Carmen Lucia Blanco
Abigail Margaret, daughter of Lance & Sarah (Schutte) Smith
Ella Mae, daughter of Lance & Sarah (Schutte) Smith
Avery Rose, daughter of Eric & Wendy (Dwenger) Kuntz
Jaiden Michael Kuria, son of Michael Kuria & Ticia Yeager
Brody Edwin, son of Christopher & Sherri (Nunlist) Rudolf
John Arthur, son of Jeffrey & Sylvia (Davidson) Wilhelm
Delaney Elizabeth Flynn, daughter of Brian Flynn & Ann Gutzwiller
Kristen Marie Therese, daughter of Brian & Susan (Whitehead) Poe
Hunter James, son of Megan Dickman
Broderick Auston Gibson, son of Wesley Gibson & Tonya Kurtz
Carson William, son of Richard & Melanie (Hartman) Hartwell
Hailey Madison, daughter of Jared & Michelle (Sinnott) Nobbe
Veda Aliah Marie Shadday, daughter of Randall Smallwood & Miranda Shadday
Ava Rae Elizabeth, daughter of Chad & Cara (Vittetau) Mehlon

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They also drink from four cups of wine or grape juice, based on the four stages by which Israel was delivered from slavery.

“It makes us more in touch as Catholics with our Jewish heritage. That’s why we read the Old Testament,” Meyer noted.

Candles and white tablecloths were also used to show how the Jewish people celebrate the occasion. While many pictures depict Jesus using a crude cup to drink the wine, Meyer said even the poor Jewish families saved their best dishes for the traditional meal. They followed the Passover order, beginning with the wine blessing, hand washing, eating a green vegetable, breaking the middle matzo, and ending with grace and a recital of the psalms.

Jewish families serve matzo, unleavened bread during Passover. When Pharaoh freed the Israelites and they left in such a hurry, they couldn’t wait for the bread to rise. During Passover they do not eat leavened bread.

“It always enriches our faith to explore our heritage to get a better understanding of the traditions of the people of God,” Meyer said.

Mary Mattingly

In Memoriam

Mary E. Vogelsang 12/12/08
Bertha C. Weisenbach 12/14/08
Leona E. Williams 1/15/09
Ralph G. Blanken 1/16/09
Clara Hirn 2/1/09
Monica Webdering 2/3/09
John B. Bogenshutz 2/9/09
Lucy K. Nielsen 2/12/09
Rosemary Prickel 2/15/09
Mary L. Hoff 2/20/09
Robert P. Blank 3/1/09
Clement H. Stratman 3/16/09
Lawrence E. Miller 3/26/09
Robert Lee Florly 4/2/09
Catherine F. Nordmeyer 4/16/09
Omer Prickel 4/19/09
Bernetta “Betty” Ollier 4/25/09
Paul Goldsmith, Sr. 5/2/09

St. Louis Parish & School Calendar—Mass Schedule

* Check Website or weekly Bulletins for Mass times

May 22 8th Grade Graduation
May 27 Last Day of School
June 5, 6, 7 St. Louis Rummage Sale  Workers needed June 1-8
June 15-19 Vacation Bible Camp
June 21-27 Youth Group Mission Trip travels to Racine, Wisconsin
August 12 First Day of School
September Trash Bag Sale—delivery in October
September 20 Festival
September 26-27 Women’s Christ Renews His Parish
October 18 Super Sunday Bingo
October 22-23 Fall Break
November 7-8 Men’s Christ Renews His Parish
Check Websites for more information
St. Louis Church
www.stlouis-batesville.org
St. Louis School
www.batesville.k12.in.us/sls/
School News

From the Desk of the Principal

Chad Moeller

This year has been remarkable with the number of awards and honors given to the students and staff of St. Louis School. The year began with our SLS choir being asked to perform for the Celebrating Catholic School Values banquet on November 5th at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. Our choir sang for 30 minutes during the reception. Author Mary Higgins Clark was the keynote speaker at the event. Mickey Lentz, director of Catholic Education for the Archdiocese commended our choir for their performance. Our choir also has the honor of singing The National Anthem at the Lawrenceburg Speedway in June, 2009.

We have had two different teachers win The Herald Tribune’s Classroom of the Month. Miss Tara Salatin, fourth grade teacher, won for the month of November for studying the culture, food, clothing, and language of a different country every month. The students studied Brazil during November. Mrs. Amy Weigel, fourth grade teacher, won The Herald Tribune’s March Classroom of the Month for her “invention fair.” The students studied inventors and their inventions before inventing their own new product. Students then presented their new products to other classes and parents at an “invention fair.”

For the second year in a row, St. Louis School had a teacher voted as the “Best Teacher” by the readers of The Herald Tribune. This year’s winner was Mrs. Sherri Kirschner. Mrs. Kirschner teaches literature to grades 6-8.

In addition, Mrs. Amy Weigel received two different awards. She won the 2008 Colin Goodnight Technology Teacher of the Year Award! This award is given to a teacher that does a great job of integrating technology into the curriculum and also helps to promote technology throughout the school. She was recognized at a breakfast at the Sherman House on December 2. Mrs. Weigel was also chosen as the 2008 Batesville Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year! (See photo page 10.) The nominees were evaluated on impact on students, scholastic knowledge, dedication to educational improvement, and initiation of positive attitudes/creativity. Mrs. Weigel was honored at an awards presentation at the Knights of Columbus on January 29.

Our academic teams have also had much success. The 5th and 6th grade academic team won first place in the Batesville Deanery competition, which took place at Oldenburg Academy. They competed against four other Catholic schools for this honor. The St. Louis 7th grade academic team competed in the LaSalle Academic Meet in Cincinnati against seven other teams and also brought home first place!

The St. Louis School speech team competed against five other schools in Greensburg and won first place! Every one of our 10 students earned a “blue ribbon” (highest possible score). With the possibility of three individual awards, our kids won two.

As is very well known, with the introduction of No Child Left Behind, states began grading schools on AYP (Annual Yearly Progress). The State of Indiana’s version of NCLB is PL 221, which also includes AYP. For the 2008-2009 school year, St. Louis School made AYP for all nine categories! This is a tremendous accomplishment. Congratulations to the student, parents, faculty, staff, and alumni for helping to make St. Louis School such a wonderful place for kids.

PTO Corner

As the school year draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone who has supported our PTO this year. We have had a wonderful year thanks to the generosity of our volunteers! From the library to field trips to the cafeteria, volunteers are an integral part of every day at St. Louis School. Recently, the PTO was able to purchase a new copier for the school which is more efficient and will also save money per copy. We are also looking at resurfacing our playground area to make it safer for our students. Good things happen when we all work together! Thank you again for a wonderful year.

Michelle Wachsmann

About the Newsletter

The parish newsletter is printed twice a year, in the fall and spring. Our goal is for the newsletter to be interesting and informative for all our readers—parishioners, parents and alumni. If you have suggestions, or would like to assist with this newsletter, please contact Cindy Nurrenberg at 812-934-3661 or e-mail cnurrenberg@etczone.com. We welcome your input!

Welcome to three new committee members:

Margie Walke—Through previous employment, Margie has assisted with news magazine and newsletters, including planning, writing and editing. She also maintained a website with articles and photos.

Jennifer Bergman—Jennifer currently is a stay-at-home mom who previously was a teacher. She has a communications degree, and experience with writing, desktop publishing and event planning.

Kay Schumacker—Kay currently works in the parish office and works on the proofreading and mailing of the newsletters.

Many thanks to our contributors: Mary Mattingly, Judy Tonges, Jeff Gratz, Mary Jo Sunderman, Michelle Wachsmann and DeeDee Kaiser.
On Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 9 a.m. approximately 450 runners and walkers gathered for a good cause and family fun despite the frigid temperatures. After a prayer from Father Dennis the song, “Walk This Way” by Run DMC started off the 1st annual St. Louis School Cardinal Crawl 5K Run and Walk.

Participants followed the St. Louis Cardinal mascot riding on a Kubota out to the St. Louis Cemetery, past Ivy Tech and back to the school. Rob Carvitti crossed the finish line first with a time of 18:12. The first female to finish was St. Louis School’s own Sarah Poltrack with a time of 22:17. The Cardinal Crawl raised roughly $3,000 mostly through sponsorships rather than the registrations.

The Cardinal Crawl was proposed at an Athletic Board meeting by Mark Giesting as an alternative to typical fundraisers. Sherri Kirschner, St. Louis School Athletic Director, says, “We didn’t want to do a typical fundraiser, as with the state of the economy. We didn’t want to ask people to buy buttons, signs, etc.” Board members approved and each member took charge of committees including safety, publicity, registration, sponsorship and logistics. Kirschner adds, “Batesville residents walk and run regularly anyway and the event is directly associated with athletics and fitness.” An event to kick-off the fundraiser was held at the school to encourage students to help participate in gaining registrations. The fourth grade class acquired the largest number of registrations. For their efforts the class was awarded the viewing of the movie, “The Goonies”.

The Cardinal Crawl goes beyond raising general funds for the athletic department. Participants were asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry. Kirschner states, “It raises money for St. Louis School athletics and at the same time provides a healthy, family-centered event . . . and brings a community together.”

The logo for the Cardinal Crawl was designed by St. Louis School 8th grader, Taylor Bischoff. Keep your calendars open for early April 2010 as the Athletic Board plans to make the Cardinal Crawl an annual event. “We are quite delighted with the response we’ve had our first year,” says Kirschner.

The Athletic Board would like to again thank the sponsors: Dr. Andy Poltrack M.D., Aspen Landscape & Patio Co., Batesville Casket Company, Dr. Thomas Brown M.D., Dr. Jon F. Geers M.D., Creative Landscapes, Harmeyer’s Market, Tristate Studios, Bruns-Gutzwiller, Daffodilly’s, Friends of SLS Athletics, The Bob Hurm Family, Koehne Construction, Ruth Ann’s Hallmark, Save-A-Lot, YMCA Learning Center, Tri-State Orthopedic Surgeons: Dr. Nicholas Mirkopoulos & Dr. Thomas Carothers, Beta Sigma Phi-Theta Nu Chapter, Bischoff Plumbing Services, Chaffee Turf Service, Jim and Char Dreyer, Enhanced Telecommunications Company, Lynn Fledderman Attorney and Counselor-at-Law, Margaret Mary Community Hospital, New Point Stone Co. Inc., Amateur Radio Club, Kellerman Law Offices, McDonald’s, Scheele Orthodontics, Inc., The Village Store, Dr. Stephen Glaser M.D., Kroger’s, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Roell, Schmidt’s Bakery, and Joe Wessling.

Jennifer Bergman
St. Louis School Annual Fund Needs You!

I’m sure all of you remember the month of May and how much fun that was—field trips, beautiful days, concerts, graduation practice, planning for the big event. Many of us wore the caps and gowns and had a formal graduation ceremony on the last Sunday in May and in later years the students have enjoyed an evening of fun and dancing after their graduation Mass.

Everything changes through the years, and so do the needs of the school and the parents and teachers. Our goal is to be able to provide a quality, Catholic education for all the children and parents who desire to receive that wonderful foundation for life.

Here at St. Louis School we are on the cutting edge of technology; our buildings have been set up for wireless connectivity, we have ten Classroom Performance Systems (CPS), five Interactive White Boards are being installed and our latest grant request was for nine Interwrite Mobi Systems. Thanks to area granting foundations our goal is to become the benchmark school in this area by having each of our 30 classrooms equipped with the most up-to-date technology.

Whatever happened to learning by chalk, pencil and paper, our daily readers and the Baltimore Catechism? It is still in the classrooms, only in different forms. Our students are anxious to learn and they need to learn by the latest methods to be able to keep up with progress.

Technology and the latest learning methods are wonderful but we also need help so our parents do not have to pay the actual cost of a St. Louis School education. That GAP must be filled for one and all. This is where you as an Alum, parent, and parishioner can help.

Be a friend of our students and parents! Send us your donation to help close that GAP here at St. Louis School.

Please use the Annual Fund donation form below and send us your contribution for this year by the end of June. Consider pledging a larger amount than usual and pay it monthly with automatic bank drafts. Call the office if you have any questions, we would be glad to hear from you.

DeeDee Kaiser

Twin Parish Shoe Drive

The Twin Parish Committee will once again be collecting shoes for our Twin Parish in Jamaica. The drive will be conducted from May 16-24. As you start spring cleaning, please save used shoes in good condition or new shoes you wish to get rid of. We will also be accepting soccer shoes and soccer balls for the children.

Anniversary Bingo June 25th

St. Louis Bingo is giving away a 42 inch LG, LCD flat panel TV, 720 p 1080 courtesy of Geis Electronics and Appliance. Stop in at Geis Electronics at 11 East George Street to view its great picture and additional features. Door tickets will be given out and saved at all regular bingo sessions from now until the drawing.

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Indiana State School Music Association Contest

Congratulations to the St. Louis School students who performed at the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday, February 7th. Receiving a Gold rating were: Andrew Hussey (twice), Leo Giesey, Decker Horninger and Sarah Wilder. Receiving a Silver rating was Seth Parker.

The ISSMA contest for voice and piano was held on Saturday February 14th. Congratulations to the St. Louis School students receiving a Gold rating: Alexa Fangman (twice), Ivy Glaser, Decker Horninger, and Ally Ritter. Receiving a Silver rating was Gabrielle Mungcal.

Science Fair Winners

Congratulations to the following junior high students who won at the Science Fair during Catholic Schools Week January 2009.

6th graders: Kate Brunner, Jessica Meer, Chris Nurrenberg and Ben Wanstrath.
7th graders: Amanda Garcia, Leo Giesey, Gabrielle Mungcal and Cody Reer.
8th graders: Andi Cox, Alex Johnson, Anna Meer and Lizzy Moeller.
Allen Meyers Class of 2004

Allen Meyers, son of Jay and Elizabeth Scheele Meyers ’80 was recently named one of two recipients of a four-year scholarship as the Franklin County Community Foundation 2009 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars. This St. Louis School class of 2004 graduate and a Batesville High School senior is a member of the Student Council, President of the National Honor Society, Kaw-inis Student Leadership Academy and Spanish Club. He is also a charter member and President of the Mayor’s Youth Council.

As an eighth grade student at St. Louis, Allen began lecturing at Sunday Mass and in his freshman year he joined the team of ushers at St. Louis. He has remained active in both ministries here at St. Louis Parish.

When asked about attending college, he is undecided: Wabash College or Butler University are his choice. “In my education, I will be dedicated to furthering myself as an exceptional thinker. I have always been infatuated with medicine, and feel passionately about helping others during times of need. I hope to earn acceptance into medical school followed by an emergency medicine residency,” Meyers said.

Allen began shadowing doctors at Margaret Mary Community Hospital ER during the summer before his sophomore year. He is in the ER a few times a week during the summer, and fits it in as much as he can during his busy schedule during the school year. He also began working with Dr. Stephen Glaser during that same time. He greatly enjoys the one on one time he spends with Dr. Glaser, as well as the conversations they have within the doctor’s office.

The scholarship is the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. There were 216 scholarships awarded statewide.

Denis and Connie Schutte, Classes of 1958 and 1960

Denis and Connie (Fieler) Schutte have dedicated a large part of their lives to the community through their service to the Batesville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and Batesville EMS 10. The couple were named the 2009 Distinguished Service Award honorees by the Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce at its annual dinner January 29, 2009.

In 1967, just six months after coming home from the Vietnam War, Denis joined the fire department and immediately fell in love with it. Being a firefighter was not enough. In 1973, Denis became the first certified EMT for the department. Along the way he started a training program to get other firefighters to become instructors to help train the new volunteers. After 18 years, he was promoted to assistant chief, holding this position for 19 years, and then serving as chief for three years. His achievements include: Batesville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, 40 years; Batesville EMS 10, 34 years; Batesville Fraternal Order of Eagles president; Batesville Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard Commander; Ripley County Fire Chief Asso-
The SLS Class of 1958 celebrated their 50th reunion on August 16, 2008. Nineteen classmates and their guests gathered and processed in as a group for the 5:00pm Mass at St. Louis Church.

Afterward, everyone gathered for a delicious dinner at the Sherman House. Those who attended enjoyed an evening of reminiscence and fun. A class booklet, “Update of ’58 Grads,” compiled by Alice Robb was distributed to all in attendance. The committee, Linda Walke Forman, Mary Ann Kellerman Meyer and Alice Laker Robb wish to thank everyone for coming to celebrate. We hope you stay healthy and happy until we reunite again!

Alice Robb

Row 1: Mary Ann Kellerman Meyer, Marlene Tekulve Buening, Kathleen Tekulve Wagner, Marty Decker Tekulve
Row 2: Geraldine Harmeyer Deller, Rita Ollier Glassley, Linda Walke Forman, Ruth Ann Blank Scheele, Larry Fehliger
Row 3: Marcia Thalheimer Eckstein, Helen Jean Enneking Kramer, Theresa Ollier Kinker, Alice Laker Robb, George Ertel
Row 4: Mary Jo Wenning Siedling, Charles Albers, Bob Heidlage, Ed Nobbe
Also in attendance: Margie Drockelman Danner

Christmas in July

Since the Senior Christmas Fest luncheon and entertainment was so well attended, and such a marvelous treat for our senior citizens, the Parish Life Commission has planned another event which will be called “Christmas in July”.

The date will be July 12, 2009 here at St. Louis Parish. Details for the event will be in the church bulletin.

Calling All Alumni

Parents and friends we would like your help in locating many of our “lost” or not yet found alumni. We feel sure they would like to hear about classmates and friends they knew here at St. Louis School. If reunion classes have found names and addresses, please pass them on to us—we want all of our Alumni to feel connected to St. Louis Parish. Thanks for any help you can offer.

Call DeeDee in the Parish office 812-934-3204 or e-mail jkaiser@st.louisschool.org.

St. Louis Class Reunions!

Do you ever wonder what the smartest kid in your class became? Did that really pretty girl stay in town or move to the city? Are any of your teachers still around? What happened to your classmates who went off to private or military school?

A class reunion is the perfect solution for all these questions. And Elementary school reunions are the best! These are, after all, the kids you grew up with.

The Class of 1954 is preparing for their 55th Anniversary this year. They plan to keep it simple: a tour of the school which has expanded three times since they graduated followed by Mass and dinner and lots of visiting.

Three classmates have gone to their heavenly reward and several others aren’t as healthy as they’d like. But the majority will gather to share their lives and remember those “good old days” growing up at St. Louis.

The Class of 1964’s, 45th anniversary of their 8th grade year, will be held on Saturday, September 19th. Fr Alan Hirt will celebrate the Mass and a reception will follow at the local Fraternal Order of Eagles. Letters will be sent to classmates in the near future.

You should gather your class together too!
Confirmation  
May 3, 2009

Lucas Oil Stadium
Indianapolis, Indiana

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Mass Schedule
Weekend: Saturday 5:00 pm (vigil);  
Sunday 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am  
Weekday: Monday-Friday 6:30 & 8:00 am, (8:10 am when  
school is in session); Saturday 8:00 am  
Latin Mass 12:30 pm 1st and 3rd Sunday  
Youth Mass 11:00 am 4th Sunday

Prayer & Devotion
First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: After 8:00  
am Mass (after the 8:10 am Mass when school is in session)  
Benediction 12:10 pm (June, July & August). When school is  
in session: 2:30 pm, 12:00pm on school half days  
Rosary & Benediction: Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm.

St. Louis Church and School Websites  
Check the St. Louis Church website at www.stlouis-  
batesville.org for weekly bulletins, mass schedules, parish  
calendar and school links.  
At the School website,  
www.batesville.k12.in.us/sls/, there is information on the  
PTO, school calendar, staff and staff web pages for home-  
work and other school related information.