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# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Marian Central celebrated Catholic Schools Week in Woodstock on January 30. The all county Mass included not only the Marian student body, but also grade school students from our seven feeder schools, bringing the attendance to 1,400.



Pictured are Rev. Jacek Junak, Rev. Piotr Sarnicki, Rev. Joseph Jaskierny, Msgr. Thomas Dempsey, Rev. Ariel Valencia, Msgr. Geoffrey Wirth. Deacon Joe Kayser. Rev. Steven Clarke. Msgr. Stephen Knox and Deacon Hans Rokus.







Helen Wember and Tara Hoover pull the winning tickets

and Melisa Merryman along with General Chairs Jeff and Julie Rhodes and Tony and Helen Wember worked over the winter to ensure the success of "A Day At The Races" dinner auction on March 8 at the school.

Over \$70,000 in proceeds from the evening will go toward tuition assistance, department programs, technology, and parent support groups. Over 430 guests enjoyed a buffet dinner from Joe's Place while bidding on silent and live auction items.

The cash prize raffle winners were Beth Gross, Peggy Murwin and David Morphew. Dan Martin was the winner of the 50/50 Raffle. Blaine Wells won the best hat award after deliberation from judges Tony Wember, Tom Merryman and Jeff Rhodes.

The dinner auction committee wishes to give a big thank you to the volunteers at the event and to all who contributed in any way to make the evening successful.



Tammy Merryman, Michelle McNeill, Margie Stumpf, Julie Sherwood, Helen Powers, Saundra Daniels and Jodie Meisner



New parents Ozzie and Jose Martinez



SAVE THE DATE SEEYOU NEXTYEAR MARCH 14, 2015

Best Hat Contest finalists





Susan and Tom McCabe



Helen and Tony Wember



Melisa and Tom Merryman



One of Theresa Malmgren's many paintings



Volunteers Lisa Furst, Luann Morrissey, and Jenny Ohlrich

# HALL OF FAME CEREMONY - 2013

Peter Carroll representing Bill Carroll, Craig Strang '91, Becky Miller Standish '99, George Frisch, Pete Konopka '97, and Darryl May '79.



## Marian Central's 2013 Sports Hall of Fame winners were inducted on Homecoming, September 20.

**Darryl May '79** holds the school record as the 3 time MVP of the Cross-Country Team his sophomore, junior and senior years. At North Park University he was named All American in Cross Country and is in the North Park Hall of Fame. Darryl is a CPA, resides in Elmhurst, coaches, and is a Boy Scout leader for his two Eagle Scout sons.

**Pete Konopka '97** was Valedictorian of his class and went to Northwestern University on a football scholarship. He remembers providing the block that allowed Jason Liska to beat the state rushing record. Pete was a 3 time Academic All-Big Ten and played in the Alamo Bowl in 2000. He is a Structural Engineer, married to alum Elizabeth Schaefer '96, and they reside in Huntley with their 2 sons.

Craig Strang '91 was a member of the 1989 state championship football team. He was the first ever Marian baseball player to sign a professional baseball contract after college. Craig works with his dad, Fred Strang '66, at Fred's Upholstery. Craig and his wife, Tina, reside in Woodstock, and are the parents of 3 children including Joe '13.

**Becky Miller Standish '99** played volleyball at Charleston Southern University where she was the Top Scholar Athlete of the year in 2002. She has her Ph.D in Organization and Management and is currently a Strategic Planning Analyst for Centegra. Becky and her husband George reside in Huntley with their 4 children.

Coach **Bill Carroll** played football for Notre Dame and received his law degree from DePaul. At Marian, he was the assistant varsity football coach for many years in the '80s. Coach Carroll died in 1998.

**George Frisch** has volunteered with the Bingo program at Marian since the 80's and still sells pull tabs every week.

generated Money the Bingo program has paid for the football bleachers, lights, and entrance. George is currently on the Council of Administration, and resides in Johnsburg with his wife Gail. They are the parents of George '86, Marie '87, David '90, Sarah '94, Mark '03 and grandparents to Allison Farley '15.



George Frisch working Bingo



Front: Andrea Stahl Radcliffe '90, Benji Winkelman '92 and Erin O'Connell Widmayer '92. Back: Tom Kruse '90, Mike Lalor '90, Tim Lalor '93 and Steve Lalor '87.

# **HOMECOMING**

After the Homecoming Mass on September 20, several Marian alumni teachers visited with **Mike Lalor** before he headed back to Stillman Valley to coach the football team.

Several members of the **Class of 1963** came back to Marian Central on Homecoming to honor their classmate, **Gary Vycital**, who was named Marian's Distinguished Alumni Recipient for 2013. During Gary's address to the student body, he recognized his classmates.

Thanks to the alum who picked up the dinner tab for 14 at the Woodstock Public House on Homecoming night before the dance. **Jacob Klaus '17**, son of **Ann Merryman Klaus '88**, and 13 of his friends were very grateful.



Ken Stilling, Texas, Wally Bowman, Kansas, Gary Vycital, Arizona, Bill Quoss, Crystal Lake, IL, and Cheryl Smith Hofweber, British Columbia, Canada.

#### 2013 ALUMNI AWARDS PROGRAM

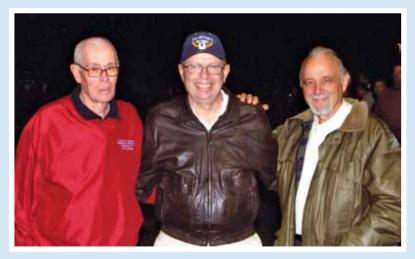
#### **EXCELLENCE AWARD**

**Jim May '65**, Woodstock, is an Emmy Award winning storyteller, author and trainer. His book THE FARM ON NIPPERSINK CREEK, won the "Best Book" Award from the Public Library Association.

**Mike Lalor '90** has been Head Football Coach at Stillman Valley High School for 13 years winning five state championships. At Marian, Mike played on the last football state championship team. Mike credits much of his success to his coach, the late Don Penza.

To nominate a worthy candidate for the ALUMNI AWARDS PROGRAM send info to:

Marian Central Development Office, 1001 McHenry Ave. Woodstock, IL 60098 or email: mamartinez@marian.com



Jim Lalor representing Michael Lalor '90, Gary Vycital '63, and Jim May '65.

#### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECIPIENT

**Gary Vycital '63** is a retired United States Air Force Colonel and resides in Scottsdale, AZ. Gary joined the Air Force after college and quickly rose in the ranks as a Pilot, Aircraft Commander, Chief of Combat Plans and Exercises, and Combat Crew Training Commander.

# HURRICANES around campus



Tom Olsen, Judy Nothnagel, Carole Bartman, Fr. James McKitrick, and Superintendent Tom Landers.

# 2013 HURRICANE AWARD WINNERS

Marian Central honored the winners of the Hurricane Award at halftime of its home opener football game against McHenry on Friday, September 6. The award honors individuals who have contributed outstanding service over the years to Marian Central.

**Tom Olsen,** Crystal Lake, served on the Marian Central Council of Administration, was a Fathers Club Bingo officer, and is still a Bingo volunteer.

**Judy Nothnagel,** Woodstock, has been an ongoing volunteer for the Fine Arts program even after her four children graduated from Marian.

**Carole Bartman,** Marengo, has served in leadership roles in the school's capital campaigns and has a particular interest in helping the school's financial aid program.

**Fr. James McKitrick** is a retired Rockford Diocesan priest and former pastor of St. Patrick in McHenry. As President of the Council of Administration in the 80's and 90's, he oversaw the initial Strategic Planning process and first Capital Campaign for a major expansion of the school in 1995-96.

### FALL SPORTS

Abigail Jones qualified for state in Cross Country and Noah Radwanski in Golf. The volleyball team won sectionals and Coach Laura Watling was named The Northwest Herald Coach of the Year. The boys' soccer team won regionals and the football team advanced to the second round of the playoffs. Tom Lesniewski was named conference defensive player of the year.

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the boys basketball team for winning regionals for the 3rd time in 6 years. Also congratulations to head coach Curtis Price for being named Northwest Herald Coach of the Year.



Curtis and Michelle Price

#### NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

Nick John was named a National Merit Semifinalist Award winner. Samantha Corn was named a National Merit Commended Award winner.

# **BOB KIES** 1938-2013



"He left quite a legacy. He taught a lot of life lessons, more than just teaching someone to play sports." reflected Bob's daughter Kathie. Bob Kies started at Marian Central in 1996 as Athletic Director. Even in retirement he was active at Marian helping with

the yearly golf outing and most recently as assistant coach of the girls' golf team.

He won the boys basketball state championship at Beloit Catholic in 1977, won the Class A regional title with the first Johnsburg boys basketball team in 1979, was named the Illinois High School State Athletic Director of the year in 1995, and was inducted into the Illinois golf Coaches Hall of Fame in 1995.

# HURRICANES around campus

### REMEMBER WHEN – 2003

Freshman Abbie Jones '17 had quite a cross country season reaching 37th place at state. Her mother, Laura Witek Jones '93, reached the state finals all four years. Laura was part of the 2003 Sports Hall of Fame class.



**2003** Sports Hall of Fame Front: Coach Kevin Dix, Trainer Bruce Taira, Coach Bill Caldwell '60\*, Joe Remke '87#, Rich Powers '87, Greg Penza '89, Ray O'Brien '88, Sean Noonan '87 and Chris Noe '87 # with Alex '15 and Jacob '17. Back: Coach Terry Stanger \*, Coach Rich O'Connell \*, Steve Lalor '87(current Marian religion

teacher), Russ Hopp '87# with Jonathan '17, Larry Herff \*, Eric Gross '88, Mike Domek '87, Nick Bucci '87#, Laura Witek Jones '93#, Jim Hartlieb '88, Randy Jackson '71 and Paul Nitz '65.

# denotes current parent, \* denotes former parent

#### **Grandparent Mass – October 18**

The popular Grandparent Mass was held on October 18 in the main gym. Over 120 grandparents attended the Mass and reception with many staying for the tour of the school led by Superintendent Tom Landers.

> Richie Hoover '17, Matthew Merryman '17, Myrna O'Connor, Jeremy Merryman '15, and John O'Connor.





#### ANNUAL FUND GOAL OF \$120,000

The 2013-14 Annual Fund Appeal kicked off in September. Co-General Chairpersons Michael and Peggy Durkin '82 Mocogni, and John and Cathy Sharp '82 Tinkham, gathered volunteers to man the phone lines in October.

A special thank you to the following for your time at the phonathon: Alison Archos, Caryn Beck, Lisa Borchardt, Connie Calderaro, Ann Chrzan, Patti Corn, Patty DeRoo, Kris DiGirolamo, Joe Doherty, Jeff and Christine Drake, John Gehrig, Bob Gende, Angela Griesser, Jocelyn Harding, Lucy Heabler, Russ Hopp, Marjorie Irizarry, Laura Jones, Ann Klaus, Teresa Malmgren, Karen Markowski, Ozzie Martinez, Jodie Meisner, Peggy



Annual Fund Chairpoersons John and Cathy Tinkham, and Peggy and Michael Mocogni.

Mocogni, Michael Mocogni, LuAnn Morrissey, Dianne Neumann, Kevin Noonan, Kathleen Oates, Peter O'Grady, Rick Orabutt, Scott Parchutz, Janice Ricci, Valerie Ricotta, Deanne Roy, Jeff Schaefer, Katie Sharp, Tony Sherman, Tim Sherwood, Jenn Small, Ann Spoden, Cathy Tinkham, and John Tinkham.

# CLASS notes

#### CLASS OF 1961

**SR. M. JEAN AMORE,** Patterson, NJ, was part of a 3 month exchange program to be with her Sisters in Namibia. In August of 2014, she will celebrate her Golden Jubilee as a Missionary Sister of the Immaculate Conception.



#### RICHARD A. KOOB,

Waukesha, WI, is a Senior Financial Representative with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. He is the 72nd annual John Newton Russell Memorial Award winner. The award is the highest honor accorded by the insurance industry to a living individual who has rendered outstanding services to the institution of life insurance.

#### CLASS OF 1968

**CHRISTINE (WIECZOREK) BOTTS,** Marengo, is retired and active at her Church. She and her husband are on the board of their local food pantry.

#### CLASS OF 1969

**COLLEEN (COLLINS) BLANKENHORN,** McHenry, is retired after 19 years of teaching. She enjoys traveling and spending time with her family, which includes 15 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

#### CLASS OF 1972

**DEBORA (LITCHFIELD) CHOUTKA,** Elgin, is retired after 35 years of teaching special needs children.

#### CLASS OF 1973

**STAN WALCZYNSKI,** Saint Charles, is an engineer managing capital projects in North America for U.S. Gypsum Company.

#### CLASS OF 1981

MARTIN McCORMACK, Woodstock, is half of the duo Switchback. Their music is described as "American roots with Celtic soul". Their Midwestern backgrounds have inspired 12 original albums, two PBS specials and an anthology of live music. "Kanoka: A Postcard from the Heartland" is their 13th album and newest release.

#### CLASS OF 1989

**COLLEEN (RITTER) GEILS,** Wonder Lake, was honored by Christ the King Parish as a 2013 Woman of Inspiration.

#### CLASS OF 1996

**RENEE (WANAGAS) LUCZKOWSKI,** Genoa City, WI, is a special education teacher for Racine Unified School District. She graduated from Argosy University in June 2013, with a Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

#### CLASS OF 1997

**JOE ROCKERS,** Westwood, MA, is an attorney for Goodwin Proctor Law Firm in Boston, MA. He is a Senior Associate practicing Corporate Law. Representing The Knights of Columbus, Joe is on a team preparing a brief for the U.S. Supreme Court this spring.

#### CLASS OF 1998

**MATTHEW LEONARD,** Countryside, is an attorney at Leonard Law Group, LLC and enjoys spending time with his wife **Marinne Lorch Leonard '00** and their three children.

#### CLASS OF 2003

**CRAIG FIEDLER,** Covington, LA, is the Director of Admissions for Archbishop Hannan Catholic High School in Covington, Louisiana.

**JOHN WESTFALL,** Indianapolis, IN, is working on his Masters in Education Administration. He spent two years in Teach for America in Oklahoma. Both John and his wife, Krista, are teachers in the Indianapolis public schools. They have one daughter and are expecting this Spring.

#### CLASS OF 2004

TAYLOR LABELLE, Iowa City, IA, is a fourth grade teacher.

**CRAIG RESCHKE,** Somerville, MA, attends the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University. He's a candidate for a Masters in Landscape Architecture and is expected to graduate in 2015. Before graduate school, he practiced architecture with the firm Skidmore Owings and Merrill.

**WILLIAM WESTFALL,** Johnsburg, is an attorney at ZRFM Law Firm in Crystal Lake. He married his wife, Leslie on September 7th, 2013 in France.

# CLASS notes 1979 1961 1964 1987

#### CLASS OF 2006

**BRITTANI SMITH,** Los Angeles, CA is an associate casting director in Hollywood. Her credits include "Homefront" (2013), "Side Effects" (2013), MTV's "Awkward" and CW's "The 100".

**NICHOLAS WENSTROM,** McHenry, is an assistant project manager at Gallant Construction Company in Crystal Lake.

#### CLASS OF 2007

**RYAN KNOTT,** Huntley, graduated from Duke University. He is a District Manager at Aldi and also half of the country/pop duo, Acoustic Truth. The duo released a professional music video for their song "Time" on YouTube.

**ERIN RUCKOLDT,** Fox Lake, is a Marketing Consultant at Star 105.5 and an on-air D.J. for 103.9, The Fox, mid-days during the week.



#### JACOB VALLE,

Woodstock, graduated from St. Mary University in Winona, MN in 2011 as a seminarian from the Peoria Diocese. He is seeking the priesthood at Mount Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. He will be ordained a Deacon in the Peoria Dioceses in May 2014 and then a Priest in May 2015. Jacob is currently a 2nd Lt. in

the Air Force Reserve and will serve as a Chaplain in the Military Catholic Archdiocese.

#### CLASS OF 2008

**BRITTANY HULL,** Algonquin, earned a degree in Biology with Psychology and Spanish minors at Loyola University of Chicago. She is attending Purdue University as a Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellow.

ALISSA LEE, Village of Lakewood, graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service with a BS in 2012. She completed a Master of Science in Modern Chinese Studies from the University of Oxford (Oxford, UK) in November 2013. She was also in Taiwan studying Chinese on an Advanced Mandarin Studies Scholarship.

**OLIVIA WENSTROM,** McHenry, passed her nursing boards last summer and is a nurse on the general medical floor at Northwestern Hospital in Chicago.

#### CLASS OF 2009

**CODY O'NEILL,** Harvard, started as center for the South Dakota Coyote football team. He helped the team post 510 yards of offense during their win against nationally-ranked University of Northern Iowa.

**NOLAN PICCHIETTI,** Lake In The Hills, works for Ron's Service in Crystal Lake. He is a certified EMT-B and has completed his firefighter certification.

#### CLASS OF 2011

**COLTON WENSTROM,** Long Island, NY, is at the United States Merchant Marine Academy as part of the Naval Reserve.

#### CLASS OF 2012

**ABBY GILLELAND,** McHenry, was chosen as the Mid-American Conference Player of the Year. She was also named the league's Setter of the Year. Abby is a member of Ohio University's Volleyball Team.

### THINK GREEN

The Hurricane Alert is available for viewing on our website: www.marian.com.

If you would like to still get a hard copy, please call 815-338-4220 ext. 124 or email alumni@marian.com.



Remember a family member, classmate or friend with a gift to Marian Central. Marian Central students are the beneficiaries of your gift.



#### CLASS OF 1995

#### MARISELA (ONTIVEROS) MATTUCHIO,

Wells, ME, and husband Ryan welcomed Rian (Ria) Mariabella on December 16th, 2013. She joins big sister Matti and proud Uncle and Godfather, Joe Ontiveros ('91).



#### **CLASS OF 1996**

JOSEPH ETTEN, Minneapolis, MN, and wife Katie welcomed Joseph Terrance on January 12th, 2014. Joseph is the grandson of Joe and Jean (Gende) Etten '68.

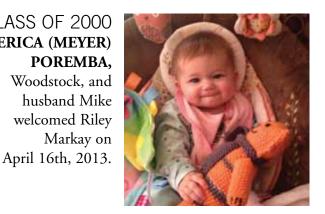
#### JOHN RIORDAN and BRIGIT (RAFFERTY)

RIORDAN, Barrington, welcomed Maeve Frances on January 5th, 2014. Maeve joins big brothers Jack, age 5, and Emmet, age 3.

#### **CLASS OF 1999**

DAVID RIORDAN, Chicago, and wife Amanda welcomed Brendan Michael on August 1st, 2013.

#### CLASS OF 2000 **ERICA (MEYER)** POREMBA, Woodstock, and husband Mike welcomed Riley Markay on



CLASS OF 2002 **PATRICK** CONWAY, Chicago, and wife Kelly welcomed Kate Adare on March 5th, 2013.



#### CLASS OF 2002 AND 2003

#### JOHN VANDERSTAPPEN '02 and KATIE (CLARK)

'03, Hebron, welcomed Jack Lawrence on September 25th, 2013. Jack joins big brother Clark. Katie is a foreign language teacher at Marian.



CLASS OF 2004 LISA (JACOBSON) LYONS, Peoria, AZ, and husband Curtis welcomed Allison Ann on July 12th, 2013.

### **ATTENTION BABY CANES!**

For any alums who send in a baby announcement for the Hurricane Alert, The Development Office will send a Marian "onesie". Email: alumni@marian.com







CLASS OF 2001

ANDREA VALLE, Miami,
FL, married Erazmo Perez
on June 4th, 2011. Andrea
graduated from University of
Illinois in May of 2005. She
works for Teach for America.

#### CLASS OF 2003

**LINDSAY M. MIHM,** Lombard, married Casey K. Rocush on September 28th, 2013. Lindsay is attending graduate school at Benedictine University in Lisle pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree with a Health Care Administration concentration.

#### NATHAN VALLE,

Rapid City, SD, married Valerie Marie on November 9th, 2013 in Charleston, South Carolina. Nathan graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2007. He is an Air Force pilot stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota.



#### CLASS OF 2005

**EMILY COTUGNO,** Naperville, married Ian Hoffman on October 19th, 2013. Emily is a librarian in Aurora. Ian is a mental health counselor in Aurora.



KATHRYN VALLE, Union, married Simon Pedersen on June 8th, 2013 at Christ the King Church in Wonder Lake. Kathryn graduated from Illinois State University in May of 2009 and is a math teacher at Woodstock North High School.

#### CLASS OF 2006

SARAH ELLEN CARRUTHERS, Buffalo NY, married Thomas A. Scrace, Jr. on October 5th, 2013. Bridal party included John Carruthers '02, Maggie Carruthers '03, Stephany Benoy '06, Becky VanLanduyt '06 and Sam Carruthers '10.

# KEVIN FIEDLER and KATELYN MATTOON,

McHenry, were married on October 5th, 2013.



#### KIMBERLY PACTON,

McHenry, married Douglas Clarkson on July 13th, 2013.

#### CLASS OF 2008

MARY KATE MARIE FOLEY and NICHOLAS JAMES GRUEBNAU, Woodstock, were married on November 9th, 2013. Mary Kate is a registered nurse at Compass Health Center in Arlington Heights. Nicholas is a quality engineer at Shure Incorporated in Niles.

# in prayerful memory of...

JIM BIESIADECKI '62, July 29th, 2013.

MARY (CISKE) GREENE '64, September 21st, 2013, sister of Edward Ciske '63.

TED JEROMINSKI '61, November 19th, 2013, father of Jeanine Mass '84, Jennifer Brown '88 and Brad Jerominski '92, grandfather of Evan Mass '11, Chloe Brown '13 and Bailey Brown '15.

MATT MARTIN '87, December 17th, 2013.

**DR. C.J. LUDFORD** '70, March 17th, 2014, brother of **Jim** '68 and **Marguerite Overton** '75.

Parents and Alums...

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Mary Ann (Stilling) Martinez '66, Development Director, Editor/writer Tracy Schaefer, Development Secretary Lori Hirsch, Alumni Assistant MC Students, photos



#### Class of 1983 Reunion

Front: Mary Suchy, Gina Boppart McConoughey, Joanne Aiello, Nicole Pautz Perrine, Erin Gallagher Smith, Lisa Beer Gach, Fran Amore Michelini.

Middle: Steve Garrelts, Kevin Niedospial, Donna Hopp Brefeld, Kim Jensen Krebs, Gina Gilpin, John Taylor, Barb Anspaugh Miceli, John Miceli, Tony Navarroli, Clancy Green, Maureen Harder Larsen, Steve Brown, Kate Doyle Siebert, Chuck Temple. **Back:** Chris Holt, Tammy Tonyan Miller, Marguerite Havlis, Tom Hillebrand, Tom Hoffman, Catherine Doherty Brodbeck, Shawn Parker, Dave Cotteleer, Tom Wember, Tom Morris, Amy Ringness Perkins, Mark Thompson, Steve Gregory.