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# Through the Halls

OF DELPHOS ST. JOHN'S

## 100th Festival



It started out in October, 1913 as a "house-warming" for the newly constructed school and one hundred years later it's now St. John's biggest fundraiser and unofficially our St. John's Parish "family reunion".

The 100th St. John's Festival took place October 20-21, 2012. As always, the delicious, homemade food was the star of the weekend. Nearly 6,700 beef and chicken dinners were served either in the Little Theater dining room or through the efficiently run carry out. The gym was filled with games of chance including the ever present Tip Booth, Cake Wheel and always popular Golden Wheel. New for the Centennial Festival was an invitation to out of town former parishioners and DSJ grads to join in the fun by buying tickets for the big

money raffle. More than 410 purchased tickets. The parish received more than \$11,000 in raffle ticket sales and donations from out of town friends and alumni. Their support was wonderful and so very much appreciated. In total, the Centennial Festival raised \$182,249 for St. John's, more than \$20,000 over the 2011 total.



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## 2012 Delphos St. John's Hall of Fame

(Full bios will be available on the St. John's Alumni website)

### Paul Baumgarte

Professional Achievement  
(1921-2013) Class of 1939



Paul acquired his love of math and science from Sr. Bernice and Miss Juanita Corbin in grade school at St. John's. He used that love to excel at building radio stations in the military and, later, graduating as a computer specialist from the prestigious RCA Institute in New York. Paul worked on the SSEC computer and was able to meet and work with such famous scientists as Albert Einstein, Robert Oppenheimer and Thomas Watson. After retiring from a

long career at IBM, Paul taught at Lima Technical College. Paul was also a world traveler having visited numerous countries and every continent except Antarctica. He also had a great camel story. Paul's remarkable life ended at his passing on January 28, 2013 at the age of 91.

### John Giesken

Service to St. John's  
Class of 1949



John's claim to fame was being the "super sub" for the 1949 state champion Blue Jays. When the 'Jays needed instant offense they brought John off the bench and he always delivered with a timely basket. After high school, John spent hours in Landeck teaching "his boys" the finer points of the game of basketball. Often he'd load up the car with a dozen or more 7th and 8th graders and drive them to St. John's for a scrimmage. He was never too busy to

teach young men about his favorite game: basketball. John and his wife Clara also raised four children who all graduated from St. John's. His dedication to his faith, his family and St. John's was an inspiration to all who knew him.

### Scott Schulte

Athletic Achievement  
Class of 1990



Scott used hard work, his faith and the support of his family to become one of the most accomplished football players to ever graduate from DSJ. As a senior tailback, Scott led the Blue Jays to a 9-1 record and their first ever MAC championship. He was honored as MAC Player of the Year as well as UPI All-Ohio Offensive Player of the Year and AP All-Ohio Defensive Player of the Year. At Hillsdale College he was a two time All-American, two time GLIAC Player of

the Year and a candidate for the Harlon Hill Trophy, the NCAA Div II version of the Heisman Trophy. In 2006 he became the youngest member of the Hillsdale College Hall of Fame. Scott participated in training camps for the Miami Dolphins and Saskatchewan Roughriders but came up just short in his quest to play professional football.

### Bishop Albert Ottenweller

Service to Mankind



He was born in Montana and raised in Leipsic, but Bishop Ottenweller will always be a Blue Jay. After being ordained in 1943, Bishop O was assigned to Delphos as an associate pastor and served here for 16 years. After several other assignments, Bishop O returned to Delphos in 1968 as Pastor. In 1974 Father Ottenweller was named Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo and in 1976 left Delphos for Findlay. In 1977 he was named Bishop of the

Diocese of Steubenville, a post he held until he retired in 1992. Bishop O continued to be active in the Church until his death on September 23, 2012. The Bishop was presented with his Hall of Fame award in July at the Ursuline Center in Toledo.

## 'A Journey of Faith' Tyler Koester '11

Dear fellow DSJ alumni,

My name is Tyler Koester, and I am a graduate of the class of 2011. During the spring of that year, I applied and was accepted as a seminarian of the Diocese of Toledo. Currently, I am in my second year of priestly discernment and formation at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus. When I think about the path on which God has led me over these past years, one particular quote, which was sung by our Blessed Mother to St. Elizabeth, comes to mind, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden." Now, I bet many of you are probably thinking that it's pretty odd that I am relating myself to a handmaiden, but these words are very meaningful to me because of the great truth they contain: Mary's soul doesn't "magnify" the Lord because of her greatness, but because of her lowliness. In a similar way, especially considering that there are so many better and more deserving people out there than I, I can only say that my vocation is marked and filled with the mercy and grace of God.

Back at St. John's, during the autumn of my senior year, I had fallen into being very concerned with titles, honors, scholarships, and the like. When Fr. Jacob Gordon brought up the idea of entering seminary and discerning the priesthood, I politely responded that I would do whatever God asked me to do. At that time, I said this with the presumption that God would certainly ask me to do nothing other than follow my own carefully devised plans for my life, and if God wanted me to change paths, I figured He would certainly hit me with a lightning bolt like St. Paul, or at least something equally jolting! Gradually, because of His great grace, the Lord revealed to me the silliness of this thinking of mine.

Near the end of autumn, Fr. Jacob invited a few of my friends and me to attend a discernment dinner at the St. John's rectory with Bishop Blair and some other priests. I was a bit nervous about having dinner with the bishop, but Bishop Blair is a very kindly and gentle man who cares very much for the sheep of his flock; he was very fatherly and down-to-earth, and the dinner went splendidly. After dinner, His Excellency and the other priests present shared their vocation stories. I don't remember anything really sticking out to me in their stories; there was no mention of lightning bolts or anything of the sort. Nevertheless, afterward when I had returned home, I remember pacing around our coffee table while I considered apprehensively, "What if God is actually asking me to do this?"

I fought with myself for still quite awhile after this, and I continued to try to clear out my own path in life. Although the path I fabricated was quite crooked, my sight was still too dim to see how silly I was being. Furthermore, I was a bit afraid, for although the path of the Lord was straight, clear, and level, I couldn't see very far down it. Just like when the apostles were afraid to enter into the cloud on Mt. Tabor, I was afraid to give up

control of my life to God—I was afraid to enter the foggy path God set before me.

Nevertheless, our merciful and persistent God, who is constantly exhorting us, "Be not afraid," never stopped sounding the call, even though it was not always clear within the noisiness of the world. As the year galloped forward, in peaceful times of prayer, especially before the Blessed Sacrament, I slowly started to run out of excuses for not going to seminary.

I remember well when the last very excuse that I had conjured collapsed upon itself: I was visiting the Josephinum, attending a lecture on seminary discernment by the priest Msgr. Cleves, and I was thinking, "This is all well and good, but why can't I just discern on my own for awhile? I can just discern the priesthood at home and at college, right?" Not more than a few moments later, the monsignor declared to all of us visiting young men, "Before entering the seminary, you are in what is called 'pre-discernment,' but once you feel that God may be calling you, it is simply not possible to discern this call unless you enter the seminary, because that is exactly what the seminary is, a place of discernment!" At that moment, as my final excuse crumbled upon itself, a great peace fell upon me. Although I still had a lengthy application process to go through, I knew I was done throwing the dirt of my silly excuses into my eyes. Just as Jesus had pity on many different blind men in the Gospel, He also had pity on me.

Before that point, I had always thought of the seminary as a place of priestly education and formation, but this is not the full picture, for the seminary is actually also a place of discernment, especially during the first four years. After gazing upon a woman for the first time, a young man doesn't go up to her and say, "I am going to marry you and you will be my beloved wife, so let's get to know each other," but rather he dates her and gets to know her first. In the same way, before a young man chooses to "marry" the Church as a priest, he gets to know her better while "dating her" by going to the seminary.

Therefore, the fact that a large number of seminarians "discern-out" of the seminary to go on to get married, to enter a religious community, or to live as a chaste single man is not a sign of failure at all, but it is a sign that the seminary system is working exactly as it is supposed to work. It is really a win-win situation for us seminarians, for no matter what happens, we are always striving to do the will of God at all times and in all things. When we hear Christ asking, "What do you seek?" we endeavor to answer with St. Andrew, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" to which Jesus always responds, "Come and see."

Thus, here I am today, a seminarian of the Diocese of Toledo. As I said above, Bishop Blair assigned me to the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus for my first four of nine years of formation and discernment. Amen, we are very blessed here at the Josephinum!  
See KOESTER, page 10

## From the Archives...

### Delphos St. John's Slates 20 Contests For Court Campaign

*Lima News, October 14, 1947*

Delphos, Oct. 15 Eleven students will form the St. John's varsity basketball team, according to athletic director Rev. Edward Herr, who today released a 20 game schedule for the upcoming season which opens Nov. 8 at Convoy.

Dick Bechtel, starting his first year here, is head coach assisted by Don Pathoff reserve coach. The school also adopted the name Blue Jays for the club in the future and named LaDonna Pohlman, Rosemary Metzger, Alene Grothouse, and Rosella Heidenescher as cheerleaders.

Members of the varsity announced by Coach Bechel include one senior Don Gerdeman; six juniors, Wilbur Mueller, Hubert Nolte, Dan McKowen, Michael Ricker, Dan Clark and Dick Honingford with Dave Schmelzer and Tom Brenneman making the club from the sophomores.

The schedule includes Convoy, there, Nov. 8; Deca-

tur, here, Nov. 22; Lima St. Gerard, there, Dec. 1; Lima St. John, here, Dec. 6; Toledo Central Catholic, there, Dec. 8; Ottoville, here, Dec. 10; Lima St. Rose, there, Dec. 13; Fort Jennings, there, Dec. 15; Delphos high, here, Dec. 20; St. Henry, here, Jan. 3;

The last half schedule sends Delphos to Ottoville, Jan. 7; Celina Parochial, here, Jan. 10; Lima St. John, there, Jan. 14; Elida, there, Jan. 17; Ada, here, Jan. 21; Jefferson, there, Jan. 24; Fort Jennings, here, Jan. 28; Van Wert, there, Jan. 31; Sandusky, there, Feb. 2; and Lima St. Rose, here, Feb. 7.

\*\*\*The team finished the season 15-7. A full schedule and scores can be found on the DSJ Alumni website. This appears to be the first mention of the Blue Jay as the school's mascot. Do you remember how and when the Blue Jay was chosen as our mascot? If you do, please tell us the story.

### Took 'Em Into Camp Did The St. John's Hi

*Delphos Herald February 1919*

Ottawa Triangles Beaten In An Exciting Game Tuesday Night – Score Stood 31 to 11 At The Finish – Season Closed With Two Won and One Lost – Boys Put Up Fine Exhibition

The St. Johns high school basketball five closed the season Tuesday in a whirlwind finish in the presence of a large audience. Out of the three games played, the local boys took two and lost one. Next year, they intend to get started earlier so that they may have a bigger season.

The game Tuesday night against the Ottawa Triangles resulted in a score of 31 to 11 in favor of St. John's and was as fast and clean an exhibition of ball tossing as has ever been witnessed on the Delphos floor.

The teamwork of this quintette was excellent, and they played circles around the visitors.

The Triangles played a good game, their passing was executed wonderfully well and their teamwork was also good. They were beaten simply because the Delphos boys could and did play the game faster and better.

The team wishes to express its gratification of the loyal support rendered, to thank Dr. Clark for his efficient coaching and Raymond Stallkamp and Gerald Lichty for their work as referee and umpire.

\*\*\*This was DSJ's first basketball team. They finished 2-1, splitting two games with Ottoville and defeating the Ottawa Triangles. The only knowledge of DSJ's first coach is the mention of Dr. Clark in this article. Does anyone have any further info on Dr. Clark?

## I remember when

About 1959 in 1st or 2nd grade, Deb (Steinbrenner) Geier, my best friend, and I were excited about getting out of school to spend the afternoon at the festival. But Deb accidentally dropped her festival money in the toilet at school, which automatically flushed. I think I shared

my money with her (or at least like to believe I did!) She's still my great friend although we live 2,400 miles apart.

Deb (Rode) Gomez  
16773 Georgios Way  
Ramona CA 92065-4630

## 1947 Basketball Team



Photo: l-r, Front row: Dan McKowen, Dan Clark, Bob Hotz, Don Pathoff, Dick Bechtel, Mike Ricker, Hubert "Noodles" Nolte, Dave Schmelzer  
 Back row: Alene Grothouse, Peggy Rekart, Harold Wieging, Wilbur Mueller, Don Gerdeman, Fr. Herr, Ralph Wagner Tom Brennan, Dick Kaskel, Rosie Heidenescher, LaDonna Pohlman

## 1919 Basketball Team



## Michael Bendele To Be Featured In Art Exhibit

*Michael Bendele, Class of '71 and renowned metalsmith, will be part of an exhibit called "Uncontained: Ohio Metalsmiths and the Vessel". The exhibit will be held May 6-June 21 at the Concourse Gallery in Upper Arlington, Ohio. You can check out Michael's website to see some of his incredible creations: <http://www.michaelbendele.com/>.*

## In Memoriam

**Angeline “Mom” Miller** was officially hired as a study hall monitor in 1969 but spent 24 years at St. John’s doing everything from dispensing motherly advice to students to cleaning and repairing Blue Jay sports uniforms. She retired in 1993 and was honored at the 2010 high school commencement with an honorary diploma from St. John’s High School. Mom’s lifelong dedication to St. John’s was recognized in 2011 with her induction into the St. John’s Hall of Fame. Angeline “Mom” Miller passed away on September 3, 2012.

**Monsignor Bertrand Shenk** was born in Delphos in 1927. He attend-

ed St. John’s school and it was in second grade that he decided he was going to be a priest. Father entered the priesthood in 1937 and spent the next 58 years serving the Lord and his Church. Father “retired” in 1995 but continued to say Mass daily. He was elevated to the rank of Monsignor by Pope Benedict in 2010. In 2011, Father Shenk was inducted into the St. John’s Hall of Fame. Father Shenk passed away October 16, 2012 at the age of 100. At his death, he was the longest serving priest in the Diocese of Toledo at 74 years.

**Bishop Albert Ottenweller** While not a native of Delphos nor a

graduate of St. John’s, there are few others who are more associated with this place than Bishop Albert Ottenweller. The Bishop was born in Montana and grew up in Leipsic, Ohio but spent a quarter of his life in Delphos. After being ordained in 1943, Bishop O was assigned to St. John’s and spent 16 years here. After being assigned to several other parishes, the Bishop returned to Delphos as pastor in 1968 where he remained until 1976. It was in 1974 that Father Ottenweller was appointed the Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Toledo and in 1977 he was installed as the Bishop of the Diocese of Steubenville,

## Check Us Out!!

After a lengthy remodeling process, the new DSJ Alumni website is back up, updated and running full steam ahead. We hope you like the new look and the new features and will enjoy the new, cool stuff we’ll continue to add. If there’s something else you’d like to see

or something we can do better, let us know. Our website address remains: [www.dsjalumni.org](http://www.dsjalumni.org).

Also, we are on Facebook! Just search for Delphos St. Johns Alumni Association and “Like” us.

# Fall Festival 2012



# St. John's Alumni Appeal

The Fourth Annual St. John's Alumni Appeal was again a huge success. More than 250 friends and alumni of St. John's contributed \$59,763 to our school and parish. Donors ranged from the Class of 1935 to

the Class of 2002 and came from 19 states. Thank you to all who continue to believe St. John's schools are a "Tradition worth keeping".

- Adams, Vivian 1959
- Addington, Nikki 1994
- Alexander, Nancy 1973
- Altenburger, Sylvia 1968
- Altman, Daniel 1976
- Backus, Gerald 1953
- Baerveldt, Laurel 1968
- Bailey, Karla 1978
- Banta, Mary 1962
- Baumgarte, Gerald 1955
- Beining, Larry 1974
- Beining, Thomas 1970
- Bendele, Helen 1935
- Blankemeyer, Lois 1961
- Bockey, Anna Jean 1947
- Bockey, Mark 1986
- Bockey, Mark and Lynn 1997
- Bockey, Robert 1946
- Bohn, Sheila 1955
- Bohnlein, Randall 1967
- Bonifas, John 1983
- Bonifas, Rosella 1942
- Brandehoff, Irvin 1938
- Brickner, Timothy 1969
- Briggs, James 1969
- Buettner, Charles 1954
- Buettner, James 1954
- Buettner, Kenneth 1957
- Buettner, Steven 1978
- Burnett, Theresa 1959
- Carder, James and Lois 1964

- Carder, Ronald 1965
- Carder, Timothy 1967
- Clark, Brian and Lisa 1995
- Clark, Joseph and Nicolette 1975
- Clark, Phil 1973
- Clement, Kevin 1979
- Coppola, Janet 1965
- Courtney, Rodney 1988
- Cramer, JoAnn 1974
- Dean, Robert 1951
- DePew, Mary Lee 1954
- Ditto, Donald and Cheryl 1986
- Dukes, Kevin 1970
- Dyer, Janet 1963
- Ebbeskotte Robert, 81
- Ellerbrock, Doris 55
- Etgen, Paul 1952
- Etgen, Thomas 1981
- Etz Korn, David 1960
- Fischer, Arthur 1944
- Fischer, Gerald and Carol 1957
- Fischer, Vernon 1967
- Fisher, Charles 1981
- Fisher, Thomas and Julie 1980
- Fisk, Robert 1966
- Flinn, Mary Kay 1960
- Focke, Deanne 1956
- Gedeon, LuAnn 1986
- German, Robert and Marilyn 1957
- Gianguardella, Susan 1980
- Goecke, Sara 2003

- Goedde, Norma 1947
  - Goergens, Alan 1960
  - Gordon, Diana 1964
  - Granger, Donald 1954
  - Grone, John 1961
  - Grone, Roger 1978
  - Grothouse, Arthur 1939
  - Grothouse, Rudolph and Judith 1954
  - Grothouse, Thomas and Ruth 1974
  - Gunder, John
  - Hanshumaker, Lisa 1974
  - Haunhorst, Stacie 1993
  - Hedrick, Richard 1946
  - Heitz, Donald 1954
  - Hellman, Steven 1985
  - Hesseling, Thomas 1972
  - Hickey, Beverly 1949
  - Holdgreve, James 1965
  - Homier, Janet 1985
  - Horstman, Charles 1957
  - Horstman, Roger and Diane 1963
  - Hotz, Robert 1948
  - Ireland, Diana 1954
  - Jettinghoff, Suzanne 1976
  - Kahle, Diane 1958
  - Kahle, Mary 1959
  - Keck, Lois 1943
  - Kemper, Cynthia 1967
  - Kill, Elizabeth 1940
  - Kill, Gary 1971
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# St. John's Scrip Program

Several years ago St. John's enrolled in the Scrip program. In the Scrip program, people can buy gift cards to participating businesses, both local and nationwide, at face value and St. John's receives a certain percentage of each sale. You can apply that percentage to the parish general fund or to a St. John's student's tuition. If applied to a student's tuition, 60% of the percentage earned goes to the student and the remaining 40% goes to St. John's parish general fund.

ment code is: 2LFE673218711. When setting up your account you can apply the proceeds to the tuition of a St. John's student or, if not indicated, it will automatically go to the parish general fund. Regular Scrip gift cards are delivered to the Parish Ministry Center and can be picked up there. However, for those who live out of town and wish to participate, many gift cards are available in ScripNow. The ScripNow cards can be printed off on your computer and used right away. Also, many regular Scrip gift cards can be reloaded on your computer. Since April 1, 2012, the Scrip program has raised \$57,094 for St. John's with more than \$34,256 going to student tuition.

To join Scrip and benefit your student and St. John's is very easy. Go to [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) and click on [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) in the upper right hand corner. Next, click on Family Sign Up to set up your account. The St. John's Scrip enroll-

For more information, contact the Parish Ministry Office at 419-695-4050.

## Alumni Appeal

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Kill, Mary 1951  
 Kill, Rosalind 1956  
 Kimmet, Ronald 1973  
 Klaus, Dennis and Marilyn 1972  
 Knebel, George 1954  
 Knippen, Alice 1941  
 Koehl, Robert 1944  
 Kohls, Eda 1938  
 Korb, Charles 1959  
 Kulbako, Elaine 1968  
 Kundert, Kenneth 1957  
 Kurt, Amy 1986  
 Landwehr, Harold and Joan 1945  
 Laudick, David 1973  
 Lauer, Robert 1977  
 Lauser, Ralph 1960  
 Liebrecht, Ruth 1952  
 Lindeman, Doris 1978  
 Luersman, Charles 1983  
 Maas, Carl and Anne 1972  
 Metzger, Dorothy 1958  
 Metzner, John 1948  
 Metzner, Marian 1972  
 Meyer, Genevieve 1969  
 Miller, Barbara 1970  
 Miller, Beatrice 1945  
 Miller, Jeanette 1957  
 Miller, Monica 1950  
 Miller, Scott 2001  
 Miller, Steven 1973  
 Minnig, Frank 1965  
 Mohler, Josephine 1956  
 Morris, Grace 1952  
 Mueller, Carolyn 1955  
 Mueller, Robert and Marsha 1963  
 Mueller, Ronald 1974  
 Myers, Rita 1946  
 Noonan, Thomas and Linda 1965  
 Odenweller, Karl 1962  
 Odenweller, Thomas  
 Osting, Betty 1947  
 Park, Judith 1979  
 Patton, Elvin 1941  
 Patton, Tricia 2002  
 Paxton, Mary Lou 1963  
 Peterson, Ladonna 1948  
 Pfeiffer, Mildred 1946  
 Philippsen, Joel and Melissa 2002  
 Phillips, Karen 1985  
 Pohlman, Dale 1986  
 Pohlman, Paul and Margaret 1943  
 Pohlman, Russell 1985  
 Pohlman, Thomas and Judith 1962  
 Pothast, Robert 1956  
 Ramsey, Melissa 1997  
 Recker, Juletta 1950  
 Reisman, Sharon 1986

Ricker, Harold 1950  
 Rode, Chad 1997  
 Rohrbacher, Charles 1979  
 Rose, David and Katherine 1973  
 Rupert, Daniel and Jane 1961  
 Scherger, James 1968  
 Scherger, Richard and Barbara 1959  
 Scherger, Robert and Polly 1975  
 Schimmoeller, Jill 1990  
 Schmenk, Carol 1954  
 Schulte, James and Mary Jane 1963  
 Schwinnen, Dennis 1967  
 Schwinnen, Irene 1947  
 Schwinnen, Irma 1949  
 Sendelbach, James and Betty 1941  
 Showalter, Doris 1972  
 Shumaker, Eugene and Dorothy 1953  
 Shumaker, Urban 1960  
 Smith, Daniel and Barbara 1965  
 Stetler, Ann 1968  
 Suever, Michael and Lisa 1972  
 Takayasu, Katherine 1999  
 Trentman, Ladonna 1956  
 Ulm, Robert and Kathleen 1974  
 Utrup, Chris and Jill 1978  
 Utrup, Irene 1956  
 Voll, Martha 1957  
 Vonderwell, Arthur 1985  
 Vondran, Gerald 1957  
 Vondran, Norman 1956  
 Vorst, Leon 1957  
 Wagner, David 1972  
 Warnecke, Melvin 1957  
 Warniment, Leslie and Janet 1977  
 Weber, Eileen 1950  
 Weger, James and Joan 1949  
 Weger, Thomas 1954  
 Wehri, Amy 1983  
 Weimerskirch, Amanda 2002  
 Wiecher, Frederick 1960  
 Wieging, Alfreda 1952  
 Wieging, Donald 1963  
 Wieman, Joanne 1977  
 Wilhelm, Roger 1954  
 Wilhelm, Ronald 1970  
 Williams, Gerald and Mary Lou 1952  
 Wilson, Michael and Joyce 1962  
 Wulfhorst, Jeanne 1969  
 Youngpeter, Eugene 1948

Beuchel, Margaret 1979  
 Bockey, Jason and Jennifer 2002  
 Dienstberger, Mary 1942  
 Eickholt, Ryan and Laura 1994  
 Fuller, Roger 1962  
 Geise, Charles 1955  
 German, Jeff 1987

Grothouse, Norbert  
 Hageman, Jason 2002  
 Hoersten, Carol 1964  
 Hoersten, Thelma 1942  
 Klaus, Howard and Eileen 1959  
 Lang, Annette 1977  
 Link, Chris and Tina 1971  
 Livingston, Jane 1966  
 Martz, Michael and Tricia 1996  
 Miller, Mark and Linda 1968  
 Miller, Timothy and Kathleen 1977  
 Pohlman, Keith 1970  
 Shumaker, Karen 1991  
 Siefker, Kenneth 1955  
 Smith, Luke 2004  
 Vonderwell, Phil 1997  
 Warnecke, Steve and Amelia 1974  
 Youngpeter, Richard 1951

Bergfeld, Claude and Mary 1950  
 Bergfeld, Linda 1983  
 Bonhomme, Mary 1970  
 Dukes, Keith 1971  
 Fischer, Matt 1995  
 Hanf, Ted & Clara 1975  
 Myers, Joseph 1968  
 Otte, Marilyn 1952  
 Rickert, Jeanne 1979  
 Schmit, Alice 1936  
 Schwinnen, Irma 1958  
 Stant, Nathan and Kristin 2000  
 Trentman, John and Norma 1946  
 Wannemacher, Greg 1973

Bergfeld, Donald 1978  
 Fischbach, Tab 1985  
 Gable, Dean 1998  
 Gunder, Chris 1986  
 Hempfling, Dean 1994  
 Kill, B Robert 1955  
 Klausing, Ronald  
 Krendl, John 1946  
 Kysela, Marilyn 1986  
 Liebrecht, Jeffrey 1976  
 Miller, Kenneth 1974  
 Mueller, Mark 1991  
 Ramio, Laura 1992  
 Rode, Gerald and Virginia 1945  
 Scarr, Matthew 1986  
 Schulte, Robert  
 Seck, Marilyn 1958  
 Wellmann, Scott 1984  
 Westrich, Jack and Jane 1969

\$59,763.00 Total Received

## Breaking News!!!

Don Huysman, Class of 1966, and principal of St. John's High School, has announced his retirement at the end of the current school year. Don has served at St. John's HS for 41 years including the last 13 as

principal. Thank you, Don, for your many years of service to St. John's. Check the DSJ Alumni Facebook page for more on Mr. Huysman.



## At DSJ

# It's 'All in the Family'



After reading about the Wannemacher family's impressive line of continuous students at DSJ in a previous newsletter, Tom Buettner submitted his own family's long association with St. John's schools. It all started with his grandparents Ed and Elizabeth (Klima) Wrasmann who had ten children, all who attended DSJ with eight graduating. They were followed by 51 grandchildren, 18 of whom attended DSJ with 12 graduating. Next came 79 great-grandchildren. Of those, five have graduated from DSJ and five are still in school in 2013; a



senior, junior, sophomore, freshman and 5th grader. There are currently 39 great-great-grandchildren and counting. One currently in preschool and another will start in two years. All in all, there has been a family member of Ed and Elizabeth in attendance at DSJ continuously since 1930.

## KOESTER (Continued from page 3)

*We have about 20 priests on the faculty here, of whom the vast majority live and work here with us seminarians full-time. There are about 200 of us seminarians, which puts the Josephinum almost completely at capacity. In fact, if the current trends continue, we will be completely full in just a few years.*

*Additionally, we are greatly blessed here at the Josephinum with a very solid formation program. For us seminarians, a typical weekday's schedule includes community Lauds (Morning Prayer) at 6:45, Mass at 7:00, breakfast at 8:10, followed by classes until lunch around noon, which is then followed by more classes. My current course-load, which is standard for the spring semester of year two, includes Western Civilizations II, Latin IV, Ethics, Epistemology, and Modern Philosophy. After classes, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is offered from 4:45-5:45, which is followed immediately by community Vespers (Evening Prayer), after which we gather for dinner. Evenings are normally devoted to formation conferences, lectures, study time, and fraternity. Also, during the day, many of us play sports, exercise, and pray privately between classes. We get the opportunity once a week to go out into the city to perform apostolic works (teaching children, visiting the sick and elderly, working at soup kitchens, etc.). Finally, we are offered the sacrament of Confession nearly every day, and are strongly encouraged to go frequently to confess our sins.*

*On a final note, I would like to thank everyone in the St. John's family, whether you are back in Delphos or aboard, for all of the prayers and support you have of-*

*fered me. Indeed, I am a sinner, and I cannot even begin to express my gratitude for any and all prayers offered on my account. Please know that all of our community of St. John is in my prayers every day, normally right before Mass each morning. May St. John's continue to teach the truth of Jesus Christ crucified and risen to the coming generations, and may Mary, the Mother of God and our mother, wrap us in her radiant mantle and pray for us, that we too may vigorously wield the cross of Christ with unceasing love for our saving God.*

*With all things considered, I cannot yet say if I am called to be a priest for our diocese of Toledo, but I can say that discernment so far has been great and I have never been happier. For these things and all things, with all of His angels and saints, especially His Virgin Mother, may all praise be to Christ Jesus, now and forever.*

*Pax Christi, (Peace of Christ)  
Tyler Koester*

*P.S. If anyone is ever in the Columbus area, Sunday Mass here at the Josephinum is almost always open to the public (typically beginning at 10:15). Also, if anyone would ever like to get into contact with me, especially with any questions regarding vocations to the priesthood, my email address is <tkoester@pcj.edu> and my stress address is "Tyler Koester, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 North High St., Columbus, OH 43235." Thanks again for all of your prayers and support everyone!*

## Blue and Gold Spotlight

### Mike Betz Class of 2004

A couple twists, turns, flips...my life kind has been the best roller coaster that I have ever rode. I moved to New Orleans after taking a junior executive position with a major fortune 100 company. Three years and a couple masters degrees later, I decided that I would start my own company. I never thought it would grow into the size it became and to get it to a point to sell it to an even larger company. I never would have thought I would have had the opportunity like it again and after having some serious thought, I knew I wanted to end up closer to Ohio. I sold my company, sold my house and decided I would move my life back to my hometown of Delphos to reconnect with my family and friends, in addition to make it a temporarily home base to live inexpensively and to travel with the sale of my company allowed me to. I thought, I am only going to be this young once...so I might as well do it now.

The city of Delphos changed a great amount while I was gone, but the people where the same people who were proud of their community. A lot of businesses that were standing, only a few years earlier, were now gone and I felt that the city of Delphos needed something to help kick-start itself back on a path of growth and a strong sense of our community pride. After I traveled for a couple months, I found myself spending more and more time in Delphos. Reconnecting with long lost friends and making a lot of new ones that I would have never thought I would have forged the relationships I did. I decided that I would be proactive and start a movement of bringing things that are common in Bigger Cities, but could be sustainable in smaller towns to Delphos and that is how myself and couple other concerned Delphos Citizens created MyTown. It was just that, we really tried to focus on positivity



to our downtown and creating an energy that would help remind Delphosians of how proud of a community we came from. We had a lot of success from launching a successful farmers market, special events, to creating communications tools that helped us all stay informed they were all positive influences to help create a powerful sense of pride.

Although, I knew Delphos was not going to be my final stop...I felt like I had a calling to move back to my hometown and give it the amplification needed. This past October I was informed that position opened up with a company that I have always admired that would move me to Cincinnati to work as the Marketing and

Community Relations Director for Whole Foods Market.

The decision for me to move was a bitter sweet and difficult one for me to make, but I just felt that it was the best for me to continue my professional path that I mapped out. I took the position in November and moved in the heart of Downtown Cincinnati. Living a much more Urban lifestyle than the past year.

With that being said, I would have not given up this past year for anything. In December, a month after I moved my father passed away suddenly. It has been difficult to handle at times, but then I think and thank God for working the way he works...It was him who gave me that calling to move home, where I was able to spend a year with my family, seeing them in a much different adult light. I am blessed.

It is truly funny how people can pick up something like they never left it. Delphos, I am truly grateful for the man you helped shape me into and the relationships that I have continued to build. The best thing about living in Cincinnati compared to New Orleans...it's only a 2.5 hour car ride to home!

## Blue Jay Sports Roundup

Football 8-5 MAC 5-3 Regional runner-up  
 Volleyball 4-17 MAC 0-9  
 Boys Golf MAC 6th  
 Cross Country-not enough runners for a full team. For individual results check the MAC website  
 Girls Soccer 4-13-1  
 Girls Basketball 9-15 MAC 1-8  
 Wrestling Allen County Inv. 4th Catholic Invitational Small School 2/16 Will Buettner State Qualifier, New Single Season Win Record 44-9, Will and his dad Keith '84, are the first father-son wrestling state qualifiers from DSJ.  
 Boys Basketball 20-6 MAC 8-1 Co-Champs, Regional runner-up, Curtis Geise 1,000+ points  
 Midwest Athletic Conference website:  
[www.midwestathleticconference.com](http://www.midwestathleticconference.com)





