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Through the Halls

OF DELPHOS ST. JOHN'S

St. John's Welcomes 14th Pastor

St. John's parish welcomed Fr. Dave Reinhart as our pastor on July 8, 2013. Fr. Dave had only been discharged from the U.S. Military for a few weeks before he arrived in Delphos. Since 2010 he had been serving as a military chaplain in the Air Force stationed at Ellsworth AFB in South Dakota and also spending time in southwest Asia and England.

Fr. Dave is a Bucyrus, Ohio native and a graduate of The Ohio State University in the field of landscape architecture. He felt the pull of the priesthood as a child but didn't act on it until after



Father Dave Reinhart

graduating from Ohio State and spending a few years working in Columbus. At that time he entered St. Meinrad Seminary and was ordained a priest in 1998.

In addition to his military service, Fr. Dave has spent time at numerous parishes and schools in northwest Ohio. Last April Bishop Blair asked Fr. Dave to come to Delphos and he responded

with an "Of course".

He's spent the months since his arrival in Delphos getting to know the parish and its people and plotting the course for the future of the parish and school.

Currently Fr. Dave along with associate pastor Fr. Chris Bohnsack minister to the parishes of Delphos St. John's and Landeck St. John the Baptist.

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First, let me thank you for this opportunity, and for all of you who posted comments to me on the Alumni Facebook page. It's a pleasant surprise to see the strength of St. Johns' alumni.

I was asked by your editor to reflect on my days in Delphos and reaching the milestone of 100 years. The early days in Delphos were at times difficult, especially through the depression years, but the family was established with a large support group of friends and relatives.

My dad, E.L. Stallkamp, was an early historian of St. Johns parish and was a founding member of the 1911 building committee for the new school with Fr. Rupert. Being the youngest of 11 children, the family had a presence at St. John's from 1898 through 1931 and experienced many events, from the renovations (old St. Mary's) to the 50th Anniversary celebration of Fr. Rupert's priesthood where my sister Helen Stallkamp played the newly purchased Moller organ for the ceremony.

I have a flood of memories, but the most striking are:
 1. *Of the continued and tremendous support of the*



parish fundraising events. People are amazed at not only the turnout but also of the amount that is collected/donated to the cause of supporting the parish and its' activities.

2. Of the wonderful dinners that were served by the parish families to those that donated their time to make the events successful.

3. Of pleasant memories of the traditional/customary banquet given by the Jr. high school class to the outgoing seniors.

4. My role as class secretary to record the "important" minutes of the class meetings.

The education received at St. Johns molded the students in the Christian faith & prepared us as best they could, to survive the issues of the Great Depression and life's challenges.

Thanks to all the kind and gracious comments that have been forwarded to me, wishing the very best at this stage of my life!

*Martha (Stallkamp) Kihm
 Class of 1931*

2013 Delphos St. John's Hall of Fame

Can you believe it? We inducted our TENTH class into the Hall of Fame this year. As with the previous nine, this class features some great individuals.

Information on each inductee will appear on the DSJ Alumni Facebook page. A full biographical article on each will appear in the Summer 2014 Alumni newsletter.

•**Professional Achievement: Bob Kill, Class of 1955**

•**Athletic Achievement: Byron "Barney" Altman, Class of 1954**

•**Service to Mankind: Jerry Kemper (dec.), Class of 1966**

•**Service to St. John's: Fran Voll, Girls Basketball Coach 1976-1984**



The Hall of Fame induction ceremony is always held the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Adam Lee, Class of 1999 takes the helm as DSJ Principal

Dear Saint John's Alumni:

As the new principal of St. John's High School, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the beginning of an innovative and exciting school year. The opening of this school year brings with it the promise of new beginnings, in faith, academics, and friendship. Educating students since 1913, St. John's High School is a place rich in tradition and heavily invested in faith and family. Ours is a nurturing, supportive environment that thrives from the contributions of all of its members, past and present. With the help of faculty, staff, and parents, St. John's is a place where adolescents can grow to become productive and mindful young adults.

I am thrilled to now have the opportunity to return to my alma mater and continue my career in education. I believe that St. John's can continue to grow as a catholic and academic institution within our own community and the ever-expanding technological world. I look forward to continuing to build St. John's to the next level scholastically, through the use of technology, the expansion of college preparatory coursework and course offerings, and the challenging expectations set by our staff.

I was very fortunate to have parents that strived to guarantee that I receive a Catholic Education, and as a result made great sacrifices to ensure my success. The opportunity to attend St. John's from Kindergarten until Graduation, having had wonderful faculty and staff, has allowed me the chance to achieve my goal of becoming an educator. My experiences while attending St. John's have forever shaped my morals, drive, and behavior, and as a result I hope to pass along these valuable beliefs to the future Alumni. These same values are what allowed me to succeed in my education past St. John, at Bowl-



Adam Lee

ing Green State University and the University of Dayton. My experiences at St. John also guided me through the eight years I was employed at Vantage Career Center as a Teacher and Dean of Students. The fond memories of academics, athletics, school lunches, and uniforms remind me each day of the awesome responsibility and opportunity that has been bestowed upon me to continue the tradition of excellence, from those who have, are, and will go through the halls of St. John's.

It is an honor to represent the St. John community and alumni, and I look forward to working together with you to continue to take St. John's to the forefront of faith and education. I recognize the significance of the values St. John's instilled within me when I attended, and I am eager to help the staff and students of St. John's experience the tenets it has to offer.

God Bless,

Adam Lee
Class of '99
High School Principal
Delphos Saint John's

Paul Krendl, Class of 1998, Wows Delphos



He started as an amateur magician who did birthday parties for \$5. Today he heads one of the largest magic production companies on the East Coast. Paul Krendl, Class of 1998, is president of Magical Solutions, Inc. headquartered in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

His group Krendl and Company performs at Virginia Beach resorts along with overseas and cruise ship

performances. His interactive shows combine comedy, illusions, theater and magic.

In September Paul returned home with Krendl and Company to be the featured performer during the annual Delphos Canal Days celebration. He gave a glimpse of things to come with several mini-performances before a capacity crowd of 500 during the Toast To The City and then performed two sold out performances of his Grand Illusion show on Saturday. After his visit



home Paul was headed to California for another show.

With Paul's busy schedule the Alumni Association was unable to connect with him during his visit home. We'll try to contact him over the winter and learn a little more about his rise from birthday party magician to award winning entertainer.

In the meantime you can learn more about Krendl and Company at their website: www.krendlmagic.net or visit Magical Solutions' Facebook page.

In Memoriam

Gordon Fullerton 1936-2013

Gordon Fullerton passed away at the age of 76 on August 21, 2013 in Lancaster, California. Gordon was born in New York in October 1936. He married Marie Buettner at Delphos St. John's on July 6, 1968. They had two children.

Gordon retired as an Air Force Colonel and joined the space program, helping design and test the space shuttle. In 1982 when he piloted space shuttle Columbia's third flight he was permitted to take a small number of personal items with him on the flight. Included in those items was a small Blue Jay pennant given to him by his wife Marie who bought it when she entered high school at St. John's in 1957. This pennant, which orbited the Earth 130 times, was presented to St. John's by Gordon and Marie in 2006. The pennant hangs proudly in the lobby of St. John's high school.

We offer our condolences to Marie and the entire Fullerton family.

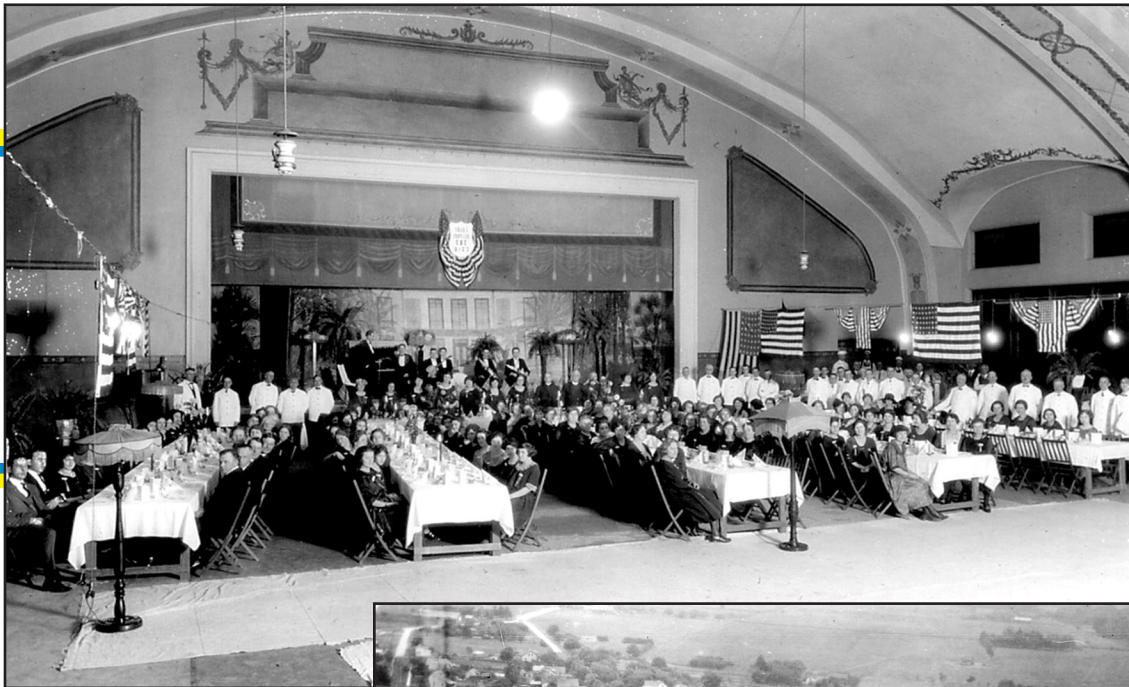


Can you identify these photos and where they were taken?

Hint: All but one were taken at DSJ.



From the Archives



A ca. 1920's banquet held in the old gymnasium on the second floor of the grade school.

A birdseye view of St. John's schools and rectory taken from the church steeple, ca. 1920's.

Oh, the changes.



Do you remember the Capitol Theater?

Tell us your stories.

News From The Nest

Hello DSJ Alumni – Greetings from the home of the Blue Jays - We Hope all is well with you!

We wanted to tell you about some changes here at your alma mater.

You may have heard that Mr. Huysman has gone into well-deserved retirement after 41 years, and we have Mr. Adam Lee, a 1999 graduate, taking his place. As always our focus stays the same, giving our students the best education in possible!

Currently we are happy to report that about 70% of our graduates go on to four-year colleges, and about another 25% go to two-year colleges or technical schools.

However, while a 95% college attendance rate is very good, we want to make our students even more successful!

One way to do this is the creation of a new Career Resource Center. This room is full of college and financial aid information that will help students find the right college for them and one they can afford. It will also allow students to get ready for their critical ACT tests as well as the several ways listed below....

- Career research - Students will have access to the Ohio Career Information System (OCIS), which allows them to research scholarships, financial aid, careers, colleges, etc.
- Enable students to take online classes during the school day rather than having to take them after school or on weekends.
- Do ACT and SAT test preparation – very important for helping them get scholarships
- Filling out college admissions applications and financial aid documents.
- Researching potential colleges and universities.
- Register online for ACT/SAT tests.

We have begun to furnish the resource room with shelving units, tables and chairs that were once used in the high school library. As you might know, we recycle everything at Delphos St. Johns! Neil Miller,

another St. John alumnus, built the aforementioned shelving unit and the cabinets. Several books, DVD's, and other items have been moved from the guidance office and placed in the resource room.

The tables have computer hookups - but no computers. This is where we need your help. The computers and related equipment will cost us about \$5000. Currently your fellow alumni have donated \$3500.00. This total comes from just two very generous alumni. We thank them both very much!



Mr. Huysman has gone into well-deserved retirement after 41 years.

If you would like to help our students succeed in the 21st century, please mail your donation to:

**Delphos St. Johns High School
515 East Second Street,
Delphos, Ohio 45833
The tax ID# is 34-4428238**

On the check - please indicate "Career Resource Center".

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Hall of Fame Ceremony in December (a good number of your classmates are already part of the Hall of Fame – should we include you as well?)

Thanks for all that you do to help St Johns stay alive and well!!!!

Class Connections:

The Class of 1939 was a small group of about 36 classmates who, after WWII, decided that they wanted to stay connected and agreed to meet one time monthly as a group to celebrate friendship, food and family.

It started at a restaurant in Lima for the first couple of meetings and then the group decided to meet at a classmates home, alternating each month, with the guys in one room (usually playing cards) and the women in the living room (keeping the kids away from the guys)! They would share stories about the past, and keep up with current events.

These meetings have lasted for better than 70 years. In the past several years they got together on the first Friday of each month and would meet at a local restaurant. Whoever could make it was always welcome.

They stopped meeting a year ago or so as they lost 3 classmates in that final year. There are just a few class-



mates left, but as time has aged their bodies and taken friends from this earth, they still have vivid memories that warm their hearts and bring joy that true friendship can deliver.

To the Class of 1939, The Blue Jay Nation applauds your commitment to your friendships created almost 75 years ago!

Centennial Committee looking for volunteers



As the celebration of DSJ's 100th four year graduating class approaches, the Centennial Committee is looking for a few more hands.

The group has come up with some great ideas for events to commemorate this event including an all Alumni Mass and picnic at the park, an open house and school tour, a more formal dinner-dance, an Alumni tailgate party, souvenirs, etc...

We need a little more help to make all these things happen. If you'd like to be part of this milestone DSJ event contact us at DSJ Alumni, PO Box 112, Delphos OH 45833, rebbes-kotte@woh.rr.com or 419-692-0752

Hang on Snoopy!

A huge controversy has engulfed the DSJ Alumni Association.

Do you remember the Peanuts cartoon featuring Snoopy being buzzed by a Blue Jay? On what wall in the gym did it hang when you were in school?

About half of the Alumni Association remembers it hanging on the north wall of the gym by the bucket seats and later being moved to the south wall.

The other half are certain it always hung on the south wall and nowhere else. What do you remember? Let us know with a note, an email or post your memory on the DSJ Alumni Facebook page.

St. John's Benefit Auction Goes Online



2013 Auction attendees enjoying the "Kentucky Derby" theme.

St. John's Annual Benefit & Auction will be held this year on April 26 in the All Saints Building.

New to this really fun event is an online auction. To see what's up just go to: <http://delphosstjohns.org/fund-raisers/>.

Here you'll find a brief description of the Benefit and a link to the online auction. Stop in and join the fun!

Oliver J. "Ollie" Sever. Class of 1942 Featured in Book

Ollie Sever, who maintained St. John's parish and school for 45 years, was featured in a book on those whose service to God manifests itself in the maintenance of sacred spaces. In Rev. Kurt Meyers book, *Twelve Baskets of Scraps and Those Who Gather Them*, he recounts that in 1995 he came to Delphos on an invitation to become pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. On a walk to meet the people of Delphos he happened upon Ollie Sever. They sat and talked for nearly an hour with Ollie recalling his many years maintaining St. John's. Rev. Meyers took no notes but one story stood out and he recalled it word for word.

"When my doctor told me I needed surgery, he set an appointment for me to see the surgeon in his office. The surgeon checked me over and proposed several dates for the operation, one of which I picked. Then he looked me straight in the eye: "Ollie, there's something I must tell you. This is serious surgery. Your chances of sur-



living the surgery are no better than fifty-fifty.

That gave me a lot to think about as the day of surgery drew near. The day before the surgery I took my field glasses along with pad and pencil and walked to the church. I moved slowly around the entire perimeter of St. John's.

With the aid of my field glasses, I examined every square inch of the exterior of the building, writing notes as I went. When I finished I went inside to the priest's office. Father was at his desk. I laid the pad in front of him and said, "Father, as you know I may be dead tomorrow at this time. I thought I should examine the building one last time. These notes point out matters that will need attention one day."

Rev. Meyers was so moved by Ollie's dedication to God and his parish in the face of death that he included a chapter on him in his book. Ollie passed away before the book was published in 2012 but his legacy of faith and service lives on at DSJ.

Digital newsletter in the works



For those who have signed up for the digital version of the newsletter, please be patient as we work to find a more efficient way to handle this. In the mean, time enjoy your old fashioned paper version.

Answers to picture quiz

- Here are the answers to picture quiz on page 5:**
1. Suction to clean erasers located in the gym
 2. Fallout shelter sign at north doors of the grade school.
 3. Cornerstone of grade school building
 4. Ornamentation over front entrance of the high school
 5. Top of Sisters house.
 6. Sign on the west end of the football stadium.

Visit St. John's Church Live 24/7, 365

No matter where you live you can now join in on all Masses and celebrations held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

The parish debuted the new webcam at St. John's in January which shows the sanctuary of the church every minute of every day.

If you're ill, if there's bad weather or if you live 1,000 miles away you can view all events at St. John's live. In fact, this past weekend bad weather prevented some family members from traveling to Delphos to attend a wedding. Thanks to the webcam they were able to watch and hear the wedding Mass live on their computer.

The webcam is also available on your smartphone or tablet. If you'd like to join us just go www.delphosst-johnparish.org and click on the live webcast link.

Blue and Gold Spotlight

Major Brian Paul Huysman Class of 1998

Brian Paul Huysman
Major, United States Marine Corps
Infantry Officer
The Ohio State University, BA, 2002
Delphos St. John's, 1998

After completing my degree from The Ohio State University in June of 2002, I was commissioned a Second Lieutenant (2ndLT) in the Marine Corps in June 2002. I then attended the Officer Basic Course and Infantry Officer Course in Quantico, Virginia, learning skills in basic officer-ship, leadership, and infantry tactics. In May of 2003 I was assigned as a platoon commander to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment (1/5), an infantry battalion in Camp Pendleton, California just north of San Diego.

I deployed first to Okinawa, Japan in December 2003 then to Iraq in March of the following year. While in Iraq, I lead my platoon of 43 Marines in the First Battle of Fallujah. We returned to California that July and immediately began preparations for our next deployment, back to Iraq, in February of 2005. When I completed that deployment, I was assigned to the Marine Corps' west-coast infantry school, the School of Infantry-West (SOI), on Camp Pendleton.

My assignment to SOI was from mid-2006 to mid-2008. I held several billets in leadership and in planning, expanding skills I had learned over my previous four years of service. I completed my assignment and I attended an advanced infantry school with the United States Army at Fort Benning, Georgia. I then returned to Camp Pendleton in early 2009 for a second tour with 1/5.

My second tour with 1/5 had me assigned as a company commander, where I led over 160 Marines on two deployments to Afghanistan, one each in 2009 and 2011. In 2012 I was assigned a position as an operations and planning officer with the 1st Marine Division Headquarters on Camp Pendleton. Later that year I moved to my cur-

rent position, as a Defense Fellow in Washington D. C. detailed to the personal office of Senator Jack Reed, the senior Senator from Rhode Island.

This is a very quick summary of over 11 years of active service as a Marine. Along the way I worked alongside the best men I have ever been around. Put in extraordinary circumstance, I saw amazing acts of sheer will and courage. These acts were not always under fire. More

often than not, I witnessed one Marine helping another in the most normal of daily struggle.

What I have witnessed thus far is a type of brotherhood that has been amazing to be a part of. It has been a community which I found easy to relate to, and an absolute honor to be a part of. It has been a community I know I would not have been able to function in had it not been for my beginnings in Delphos.

The foundation of who I have become was set during my early years at St. John's. The community I was a part of, my family who supported me, and the education (both spiritual and literal) I gained all gave me the knowledge, judgment, and skills to be successful later in life. Delphos St. John's was a community, family, and education that challenged, nurtured, and taught me right from wrong. I learned respect, discipline, and how to be a good person.

My time in Delphos was not perfect, though I believe that growing up should not be. I was given the tools to succeed while at the same time put in situations where I needed to use my judgment.

Once leaving Delphos, the challenges became greater and the consequences of my decisions increased with each passing year. My foundation that was formed in Delphos has allowed me to continue to be successful.

Brian and his wife Michelle reside in Virginia with their two children William and Alexandra. Brian is the son of Ron and Barb Huysman of Delphos.



2013 Blue Jay Sports Roundup

- Football** 9-5 MAC 6-2, Regional champions
- Volleyball** 5-18 MAC 0-9
- Boys Golf** MAC tied for 9th; TJ Hoersten 2nd Team All-MAC
- Boys Cross Country** MAC 8th Regional Qualifier Curtis Pohlman
- Girls Cross Country**...Injuries kept the 'Jays from competing as a full team in the MAC race; Regional Qualifier Megan Joseph
- Girls Soccer** 7-8-3



Delphos St. John's Hall of Fame

NOMINATION form

The Delphos St. John's Hall of Fame Committee invites nominations for candidates for the Delphos St. John's Hall of Fame. This distinguished award recognizes individuals whose deeds and character exemplify outstanding achievement in their life's work and/or service to their community. The honorees spirit and leadership are worthy of recognition and have inspired praise and gratitude among his or her peers.

Please send completed form to: St. John's Alumni Association, PO Box 112, Delphos, OH 45833. Deadline to be considered for this year's class is May 1.

Nominator

Name

Address

City State Zip Code

Phone Number: Home Work

E-mail address:

I nominate

Name

Maiden Name Graduation Year

Address

City State Zip Code

Phone Number: Home Work:

E-mail address:

Please describe the achievements/contributions the nominee has made to his/her profession/community. Please include as much information as possible. (You may use individual sheets of paper for additional information.)

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Name (include maiden name): _____ Graduation Year: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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I Remember When... Tell us your favorite memory of Delphos St. John's.

