

ALUMNI ARROW

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2026

ANNOUNCING THE HELEN HAMLIN MARSHALL ACTIVITY CENTER

Completion of New \$4 Million Center Set for 2028, During 100th Anniversary Year

St. Sebastian Parish is pleased to announce plans for the construction of a new activity center adjacent to Zwisler Hall. The new facility will provide a dedicated physical education space, a permanent home for our aftercare program, and additional meeting spaces for our vibrant parish and school. The current gymnasium (Byrider Hall) will continue to host CYO athletics and parish functions.

The new center will eliminate the need for our students to cross the street for physical education classes, a practice that comes with increasing safety concerns from changes in traffic patterns, increased traffic, and concerns about exposing students to unsecured public walkways and streets.

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation has already raised just under \$3.2 million in cash and pledges toward this project! The plans call for the completion of the center in time for the parish's 100th anniversary celebrations in August of 2028. The building will be named The Helen Hamlin Marshall Activity Center, in honor of the late wife of Chester Marshall '66, whose generous donation put the project on solid footing.

The new center will be a three-sided addition to Zwisler Hall, adding approximately 8,300 square feet of new space. The main area will include a standard, elementary-school-sized gym along with an office for our PE teacher. The building will also include a large meeting room, two smaller meeting spaces, storage areas, and new bathrooms. A new vestibule entrance will feature a "Century Wall," highlighting our rich history and 100 years of faith at St. Sebastian Parish.

The remaining funds needed for this \$4 million project will come through the upcoming diocesan capital campaign. As with past diocesan campaigns, a percentage of funds raised by St. Sebastian Parish will return to the parish, and these funds will help complete the center's funding. Stay tuned for more details and how you can contribute. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Holaday at holadayk@stsebastian.org or alumni@stsebastian.org. As we look ahead to celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. Sebastian Parish in 2028, we remain committed to our mission of leading others to Christ and excited to embark on the next century of faith together.



SOUTH ELEVATION - Entry from Brick Parking Lot



NEW CENTER

EXISTING
ZWISLER
HALL



NORTH ELEVATION - Mull Avenue

ALUMNI UPDATES

CLASSES OF 1952-1955



Thanks to **Bill Parker '53**, **Patti Garrett Lengacher '66**, **Tom Rhodenbaugh '55**, and **Bernie Rothermel '55**, who helped identify some of the people in this picture of St. Sebastian Boy Scout Troop 96. Bill Parker '53 was able to narrow the date of the picture to 1953 or 1954, rather than the 1940s as initially thought. If you would like a digital copy of the photo (you can zoom in on the faces to help identify them), please email us at alumni@stsebastian.org.

Row 1: (l to r) Charlie Peter '55, Tom Riegler '55, David Schmida '55, Keith Burch '55, Mike Garrett '55, then the rest are unknown.

Row 2: (starting with the kneeling scouts): unknown (maybe Sam Burkhardt), unknown, Jim Dettling '53, unknown, unknown, unknown, Bill Parker '53, Robert Fraser '53.

Row 3: All unknown.

Row 4: Unknown scout leader, scout leader Glenn Garrett (dark shirt and tie), David Konopka '53, Richard Melliand '53, Tom Rhodenbaugh '55 (in dark shirt because he did not have a uniform yet), unknown, unknown, unknown, James Ferraro '53 (with merit badge sash), unknown, unknown, unknown, Dr. James Ferraro, Sr.

Row 5: Scout leader William August Fraser, unknown, Bernie Rothermel '55, Tim Murty '55, unknown, Bill Jordan '53 (1st white neckerchief), unknown, Bob Dettling '53 (2nd white neckerchief), unknown, Ed Butler '52 (black shirt), unknown, and scout leader Vernon George Parker (father of Bill Parker '53).

Patti Garrett Lengacher '66 identified her dad, Glenn Garrett, and her brother, **Mike Garrett '55**, in the photo. Patti writes, "My dad was a scout leader for many years with Troop 96. He really enjoyed scouting and working with the youth. We had many a meeting in our basement on Westover Drive, and a scout room with scouting supplies."

Bill Parker '53 wrote "I enjoyed reading in the Fall issue of "Alumni Arrow," about Boy Scouts of America (as it was called then) Troop 96. In particular, the photo on page 2 caught my eye because I, my father, and a good number of my friends are in that photo ... I was told that somewhere in the old cafeteria there was a plaque on the wall honoring the year that Troop 96 had a record number of winners of the Ad Altare Dei award, the highest religious award a Catholic Boy Scout could win. I think there were 5 or 6 winners that year, which was probably from 1955 or 1956. I graduated from St. Sebastian School in 1953 and went on to St. Vincent, and then to Notre Dame."

Do you have class pictures or memorabilia to share? Contributions to the parish archives are always welcome! Please contact the Archive Team at archives@stsebastian.org.

CLASS OF 1976 – 50TH REUNION – OCTOBER 3, 2026

The Class of 1976 continues to plan a 50th reunion on October 3rd, 2026, to be held at Zwisler Hall. The evening will include food, drinks, a school tour and plenty of time for reminiscing with old friends. More details will be shared as plans are finalized. Save the date and spread the word. We have been actively contacting our class from the information St. Sebastian has available. Contact Kathy Madigan Hager (khager911@hotmail.com (651) 336-9877), Jim Pianalto (jimpianalto@gmail.com) or Jim Meadows (jmeadows@lakemetroparks.com) with any questions or current contact information.

CLASS OF 1983

Lynda Montgomery McAlonie published a book, “Second Light,” which is available on Amazon. She lives in Akron with her husband, Russ, and their three children. She currently works as a portfolio manager in higher education publishing for Pearson and is actively involved in her church community at Grace Bath Campus. The book deals with the worlds of Hollywood, politics, and human trafficking. Readers may recognize the pastor and church that appear in the book, which are loosely based on St. Sebastian Parish. In her author profile, Lynda writes, “I wrote this book after feeling a nudge from God while running on the treadmill during the long days of COVID. Over time, the story unfolded, and I found more joy in writing it than I ever imagined. I believe strongly that human trafficking weighs heavily on the heart of our Creator, and I am committed to doing my part to help bring awareness and change.”



CLASS OF 1986 – 40TH REUNION – JUNE 19-20, 2026

The dates are set to celebrate our 40th Reunion on June 19-20, 2026! Please make sure to update your contact information with the Alumni Association (stsebastian.org/school/alumni/update-info) and keep an eye out for details. If you would like to help with planning, please contact Susie Beringer Dix (susiedix@me.com) or Julie Bachmann Vesco (vesco@neo.rr.com). And don't forget to follow the reunion Instagram page for updates: [@stsebs1986](https://www.instagram.com/stsebs1986).

CLASS OF 2002

Matt Mortier and his wife Laura live in Canton, MI with their daughter Matilda (age 7). Matt recently started a job as Senior Director, Donor Relations & Stewardship at Michigan State University after 15 years at Eastern Michigan University.

CLASS OF 2019

Julia Pentasuglio interviewed Jane Goodall, the world-renowned primatologist, ethologist, and conservationist, for a story she wrote for The Phoenix, Loyola University's student newspaper. Julia met with Goodall in September when Goodall was in town to launch the Chicago chapter of “Roots and Shoots Basecamp,” an organization that works to implement environmental changes at the local level. Goodall showed her approval of the article by sharing Julia's story on her Instagram page. Julia was fortunate to have been among the last people to interview Goodall, who passed away just two weeks later on Oct. 1, 2025. Julia, who is The Phoenix's managing editor, is a third-year student majoring in multimedia journalism and political science with a minor in environmental communication. She has also written for The Akron Beacon Journal as a reporting intern and has worked on the digital media team at North Coast Media.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR MEMORIES!

We love to hear
from our alumni!
Do you have a story about:

Your favorite games at recess?
Your favorite teacher?
Your favorite priest?

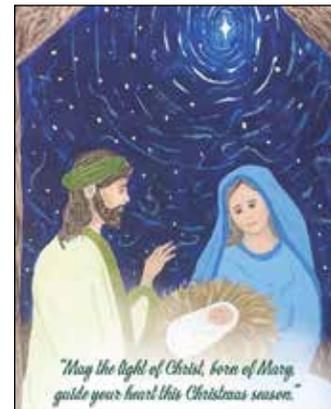
Email us at
alumni@stsebastian.org
or contact Kathy Holaday
at 330-836-2233 x113

CLASSES OF 2020-2023

Maddie Kastelic '22 created the beautiful artwork depicting the holy family that was selected as the cover of the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Christmas card.



Bella Incorvia '22, Owen Schlueter '22, and Jude Rothkopf '22 were among a group of five seniors from St. Vincent-St. Mary High School who were commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on December 8 as part of the whole school Mass celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.



Alex Krohn '22 received the Ty & Bella Youth Inspiration Award in January from Akron Snow Angels, a charity that serves Akron's most vulnerable people by providing them with basic essentials and fostering compassionate friendships with them. Alex, who is a senior at Archbishop Hoban High School, has been involved with Akron Snow Angels since she was seven years old. She received the award for being a young person who leads with heart, compassion, and action. Representatives from Akron Snow Angels said Alex "doesn't just show up – she commits. She challenges herself, steps outside her comfort zone, and says yes when something needs done." Alex is pictured here (center) with the two people for whom the award is named.



Twenty alumni earned national AP Scholar awards for achieving high scores on three or more AP tests taken in a single year while they attended St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. AP Scholars with Distinction (average score of at least 3.5 and scores of 3 or higher on 5 or more exams) are **Jacob Dennée '21, Payton Kidder '21, Jude Rothkopf '22, and Joshua Skovira '21**. AP Scholars with Honor (average score of at least 3.25 and scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more exams) are **Isabella Incorvia '22, Gianna Pillitiere '21, and Susan Thomas '22**. AP Scholars (scores of 3 or higher on 3 or more exams) are **Steven Bitecofer '22, Joseph Danzy '22, Cameron Greenwood '21, Lily Hanchin '21, Madelyn Kastelic '22, Matthew Large '21, Dietrich Loyed '22, Sophia Magee '21, Owen Schlueter '22, Nathan Sparhawk '22, Jackson Vesco '21, Quinn Yori '22, and Zoey Zachardy '22**.



Isaac Sullivan '23 achieved the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of St. Sebastian Troop 96. Isaac's Eagle Scout project was building and installing duck boxes at the Panzner Wetland Wildlife Reserve, a 105-acre restored wetland located in Copley Township. The boxes are elevated nesting sites that provide safe habitats for wood ducks. Isaac is pictured here with his father, Tim Sullivan, and Don Salyers, Troop 96 Scoutmaster.

Congratulations to **Daphne Kindbom '24, Jane Porter '23, Julia Rea '23, and Maddy Sellers '25** who competed as part of the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School girls cross country team that took 7th place at the OHSAA Division III State Championships on November 1 at Fortress Obetz in Columbus.

Three alumni who attend Archbishop Hoban High School earned 2026 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for the Northeast Central Ohio Art Region: **Alessandra Ciarlariello '23** (Honorable Mention), **Colin DiNicola '22** (Silver Key, Honorable Mention), and **Adriana Wilkerson '24** (Silver Key, Honorable Mention).

Henry Thomas '24 won a "Best Delegate" award at the CCWA Lorain Conference in December as part of the Model United Nations team from St. Vincent-St. Mary High School that won the overall award of Best Small Delegation.



CLASS OF 1966 VISIT, SHARE MEMORIES

Members of the Class of 1966, including many who graduated from Our Lady of the Elms High School, enjoyed a weekend of activities in October to reconnect and visit their alma maters. **Susan Traub Carter** shared this picture of a St. Sebastian statue and this memory, "In the 8th grade I won the Akron Beacon Journal Spelling Bee, which earned me a trip to compete in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. (I think I might have been the first to win from a parochial school. My mom coached two other SSS kids after me who also went to the national bee.) Monsignor Zwisler brought the statue up to my 8th-grade classroom and gave it to me. He told me that it was on his dresser while he was studying to be a priest in Rome ... I was in a 7/8 split classroom. Sr. John Bosco was my teacher."



Pictured here with the guardian angel statue are 1966 alumni (kneeling) Rosalind Rowe Wilson, Patty Ritzert, Susan Traub Carter; (2nd row) Chris Vassel Auer, Jim Foley, Barb Freeman Fralish, Mary Graf Kase, Andrea Kucler Pearson, Carole Zachardy; and (3rd row) Ben Urdiales, Dave Tschantz, Patti Garrett Lengacher, Steve Pearson, and Chester Marshall.

#WEGIVECATHOLIC 2025 RAISES \$10,777

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2025 #weGiveCatholic effort on Dec. 2, 2025! We raised \$10,777 from 137 donors for the Playground Project: Growing in Mind, Body and Spirit. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of new playground equipment to replace the well-used structures that have been in place for over 20 years. Don't worry, the iconic big tire will remain! Additional funding for the Playground Project will come from the paddle raise at the 2026 St. Sebastian Spectacular, the school's largest annual fundraiser. For more information or to contribute, visit stsebastian.org/spectacular.



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✦✦ We Will Remember ... ✦✦

The Alumni Association extends our sincerest sympathy to the families and friends of our deceased alumni (approx. Oct. 1, 2025-Jan. 31, 2026). If you learn of the passing of a St. Sebastian alumnus, please contact us by phone at 330-836-2233 x113 or by email at alumni@stsebastian.org.

Stephen S. Berry, OFS '45, May 27, 2025

Mary J. Loftus '53, January 7, 2026

Timothy J. Murty '55, November 13, 2025

Marylyn Halabrin Maximovich '57,

January 12, 2026

Charles A. Scheatzle '58, November 11, 2025

Joseph A. Bachmann '60, June 22, 2025

Timothy L. App '61, November 19, 2025

Terry C. Ajamie '62, October 16, 2025

Edward F. Hellwig, Jr. '62, November 26, 2025

Diane L. Magyary '63, October 28, 2025

THANK YOU, ALUMNI DONORS!

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation is so very fortunate to have the support of so many of our alumni. Listed below by class year are alumni who donated to the Foundation in 2025. This includes donations designated to one of the Foundation's 85+ named funds/endowments, as well as donations to two year-end appeals: the 2025 #weGiveCatholic effort, which will fund upgrades to the playground equipment, and the 2025 Annual Appeal, which will provide support for the Alumni Scholarship Endowment and for the areas of greatest need in the parish. Thank you to our alumni donors for their amazing support!

1941	Kathleen J. Buehrle	1966	Chester Marshall	1974	Larry and Meg Lee
1942	Estate of Ramona M. Botzum	1966	Ben '66 and Pam '69 Urdiales	1975	Ray Boshara
1944	Mrs. Thomas Burke	1966	Carole Zachardy	1975	Bob and Martha Burgoon
1944	Mrs. Robert Conway	1967	John and Karen Bader	1975	Greg Getzinger
1944	William Stiller	1967	Thomas '67 and Patricia '68 Cleary	1975	Kevin and Cindy Hackett
1947	Michael R. Stiller	1967	John and Barbara Jost	1975	Denise Labut
1948	Sally Longville	1967	Paul R. Murrow	1975	Mary Cay and Tom Pelot
1949	Edward Dannemiller	1967	Michael and Pola Ochsenhirt	1975	Teresa Kloss Thompson
1950	The Honorable Deborah Cook	1968	Pamela Arman	1976	Edward Balaun
1951	Albert Caliri	1968	Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Davis	1976	Bill and Kelly Baumgardner
1951	Richard McGuckin	1968	Barbara Carroll LaRose	1976	Mike and Julie Traverse Smerdel
1951	Timothy Scanlon	1968	Ann LaRose-McIntyre	1976	Margaret Taylor
1952	Estate of Mary Beth Reymann-Conroy	1968	Patrick and Linda Leary	1977	Martin Baumgardner
1952	Kathleen M. Seikel	1968	Dave and Paula Singleton	1978	Michael and Michelle Huber
1953	Ann Loftus	1968	Mark and Patricia Waickman	1978	Rich and Mary Ellen Crowley
1953	Mary Loftus*	1968	Brian and Sharon Walsh		Huesken
1953	Anita Meeker	1969	Jim and Peggy Costigan	1978	Paul Kearnes
1953	Michael and Judy Neman	1969	Cathleen Cleary Hawes	1978	Kelly and Thomas Seikel
1953	Ann M. Towell	1969	Stephen and Carol Jost	1979	Edward Longville
1954	Fred and Jeannie King	1969	Dr. Joseph M. Khoury	1979	Anonymous
1955	Patricia Lobello-Lamb	1969	Chuck Maroon	1979	Cristine Pace
1955	Charles A. and Theresa Peter	1969	Marjorie and Jeffery Parrish	1979	Michael W. Stiller
1955	Thomas and Linda Riegler	1970	Mary Alice Hardt Brosseau	1980	John and Nadine Rote
1955	Bernard P. Rothermel, Jr.	1970	James and Renee Conlon	1981	Brigid Beringer
1955	Deanna White-Hebert	1970	Timothy and Jennifer DelMedico	1981	Michael and Kristene Hergenrother
1956	Richard and Kay Fanelly	1970	Mark and Margie Jost	1981	Tricia Marks Marshel
1956	James McCready	1970	Jim and Joan Kelley	1981	Kristine and Stephen Rosenfeld
1956	Lou and Micki Trenta	1970	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kraus, Jr.	1982	Jennifer Waters Becker
1957	Dolores Lobello DiCresce	1970	Dr. Cathleen Labate	1982	Margaret and John Kastelic
1957	Bonnie Trickett	1970	Frank J. LaRose	1982	Elizabeth Pinkerton
1958	Anonymous	1970	Robert E. Williams, II	1982	Marcy Smith
1958	Jim Maurer	1971	Ann and John Beringer	1983	Lynda McAlonie
1958	Dennis McAleese	1971	Stanley and Lisa Bernat	1984	John Najeway
1960	Carol Whitehurst Deeser	1971	Stephen and Catherine Buschko	1984	Heather and Barry Thoman
1960	Robert Floyd	1971	Rosemary and Frank Floccari	1984	Laura Tornichio
1960	Jim and Barb Mancino Petruccio	1971	Jim '71 and Mary '75 Lyons	1984	Anonymous
1961	Timothy App*	1972	Patricia Abdenour	1985	Adam L. Bernard
1961	Terence and Barbara Crawford	1972	Timothy Aylward	1986	Paul and Dianne Hergenrother
1961	Ronald and Margaret Elsner	1972	Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Cleary	1989	Anonymous
1961	Michele Metz Kordella	1972	Ken and Peggy Contrera	1993	Jack and Erica Gerstenmaier
1961	Paul and Linda McCann	1972	Brendan Ford	1996	Anne McFadden
1961	Mike '61 and Ginny '62 McGuckin	1972	James and Theresa Gadomski	1998	Mary Jo Kormushoff
1962	Joy Wiesheier Kraft	1972	Jeannie and Jubi Hillery	1998	Jennifer McDonald
1962	Kevin and Mary Lynne Krill	1972	John and Alice Luse	2000	Tim and Emily Marks
1962	Mary and George Skalkos	1972	David and Sherry Marshall	2001	Max and Josellen Bedell
1962	Susan D. Zachardy	1972	Dave and Terry McCulley	2001	Anthony and Emily Boarman
1963	Terence and Joan Hughes	1972	Mark and Colleen Wernig	2001	Nicholas and Monica DelMedico
1963	Mary Kathryn Walsh	1973	Kathy Coyne Bergh	2002	Katie Danzy
1964	Susan Korosa	1973	Teresa Redle Brostowitz	2002	Anonymous
1964	Kathy Kuzma	1973	Larry and Kathy Dannemiller	2003	Sam and Jillian Olsen
1964	Bob and Debbie Mancino	1973	Tom and Katy Karg	2004	Courtney Gerstenmaier Felton
1964	Ed and Mary Pullekins	1973	Lynette Monaghan	2005	Max and Rachael Brady
1965	Anne Lynett Clark	1973	Kaye Kipp Rowe	2005	Ryan and Jill Lang
1965	Patrick Mattes	1974	Charlie and Mary Crowley	2012	Liam Eitman
1965	Susan Flanagan Wervey	1974	Thomas and Michelle Freeman	2015	Caroline Hummel
		1974	Edward Jost	2020	Abbey Monaghan