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A Lasting Legacy

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Abbot Philip, Dr. Struck, and Maggie Daluga '18 participate in the ground blessing of our new Science Center and Student Commons.

St. Bede by the Numbers



125th Commencement Ceremony

88 graduates
98% are college bound

43

classes represented at
the Annual Auction

8,800

Student Service hours



38

2017-2018 Student Ambassadors

25 YEARS

Fr. Dominic Garramone, O.S.B. ordained 25 years in 2017

3,586

pounds of food donated
to the Food Pantry



5 out of 6

Regional Championship
wins for Scholastic Bowl



17

Class Reunions at Homecoming 2016



95 YEAR OLD

Brother George received

23,191

Facebook views

(a record for a St. Bede post)



18

2016-2017

Eucharistic Ministers



Dear Alumni, Family and Friends,



As one school year concludes and another opens, we reflect on what we have accomplished and all we have to be grateful for. 2017 will long be remembered as not only the historic year of our 125th year of graduates, but a transformational year for St. Bede.

As a staff member, here over the summer, it is exciting to watch the construction progress on the Science Center and Student Commons, as well as the Captain Thomas J. Heitmann Memorial Track. As a parent, I am thrilled to know my youngest child, Mark, will spend quality time during his senior year in the Commons and take classes in the terrific laboratories. All students will have the unique opportunity for the

construction process of the new addition to be brought into the classroom. The journey to understanding our commitment to leading edge academics will be brought to life just outside our building. Life for a student at St. Bede will be anything but textbook this year.

The commitment to St. Bede students is strong and enduring. We continue to build on previous successes and look to the future with a renewed resolve to make St. Bede the best that it can be. There has never been a better or more exciting time to be at St. Bede.

Ensuring that a St. Bede education is accessible to all students will continue to be a priority. Your participation in the Annual Fund, the Auction, and our Special Events helps to make this possible by keeping our tuition affordable for families in the Illinois Valley. Thank you for your continued support and your prayers as we continue to grow. Faith remains one of the defining characteristics of our alumni, family, and friends and we will always remain grounded by our Benedictine roots. I look forward to a bright future for St. Bede. The best is yet to come!

We are one. Then, now and always.

Julia Yaklich
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**Students representing classes 2018-2023
at ground blessing.**

*Thank you to Rylee Martinaitis '15 and Emma Perona '15
for their assistance with this issue.*

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The Legacy Project

Dear Bruins and Friends,



Thanks to the care and generosity of over 100 donors, construction of the Science Center and Student Commons has started! Abbot Philip blessed the building site on June 14th surrounded by a

group of students, faculty, administrators, and the Board of Directors. This is wonderful and promising news for the St. Bede family and the Illinois Valley.

The Science Center provides spacious, state-of-the-art laboratories for Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. A Collaborative Learning Lab supports other innovative STEM-related courses. The Center is versatile and includes an outdoor classroom equipped with gas, electricity, water, and solar panels to conduct experiments. The Center will be heated and cooled by 14 geothermal wells, which also provide educational opportunities. In fact, Science faculty members are partnering with our builder to identify practical applications of science and engineering concepts to serve as real-time lessons over the course of the nine-month construction process.

The Student Commons provides 1,500 square feet of space for students to study independently or in small groups – or to simply take a break. The Commons is intended to have a collegiate look and feel. It has

catering capabilities and a lift for access to the first floor of the main school building. Art works by students and alumni will also be proudly displayed. Great care has been taken by our architect and our Building & Design team to ensure the new addition blends architecturally and aesthetically with the main school building, the monastery, and St. Bede Abbey Church.

A ground-breaking ceremony and celebration will be held on August 23rd when students and faculty return. The Science Center and Student Commons will be ready for the 2018-2019 school year. All alumni and friends are welcome to celebrate this prominent addition to our educational capabilities.

Phase Three is next. The next addition to our campus and student life will be an attractive and highly functional Field House. The 15,000 square foot facility located to the east of the current gym will feature two basketball/volleyball courts and significant space for baseball, wrestling, and other sports or clubs. The Field House will be connected to the Abbot Vincent Gymnasium. Renovations to both levels of the existing gym and the lobby will provide additional restrooms, improved locker rooms, an enhanced lobby, and modern weight and training rooms. Forty new parking spaces are part of the design. The Field House provides a better school/life balance as students will be able to practice their sport or enjoy their club activities and return home earlier for dinner with their family – and more



Phase 2:
SCIENCE CENTER &
STUDENT COMMONS
QUICK FACTS

\$4.1 million

raised to date.

All gifts to date are the largest by existing donors.

time to study. Fundraising efforts to build on a leadership-level gift will begin soon.

The fourth and final phase of the Legacy Project is the Renovations Phase. This phase is last as school leaders can determine the ideal number of classrooms to upgrade on the two main floors. The decision will be based on enrollment needs and fundraising success. A new kitchen is a must as well. Renovations will include energy-efficient windows, new doors, enhanced technology, and modern instructional tools. Administrative offices and common areas will also be improved. A geothermal system will heat and cool the renovated floors to provide a consistent atmosphere conducive to learning.

My favorite discussion during an “ask” is a response to my suggestion that a gift to a capital campaign should “sting” a little bit,

THE LEGACY PROJECT TIMELINE:

COMPLETED

Fire sprinklers, new security and communications systems and the new Arch.

PHASE 1 - LIFE SAFETY/ARCH



UNDERWAY

Science laboratories and collaborative learning.

PHASE 2 - SCIENCE CENTER AND STUDENT COMMONS





40%

of gifts for this phase have come from alumni and friends living outside of the Illinois Valley.

60%

of donations to date have been received; this healthy level of cash lowers short-term borrowing costs.

30+

alumni, friends and parents serve on Campaign Teams.

Countless calls and wonderful conversations with graduates and supporters.

StudioGC of Chicago, Architect
Vissering Construction Company of Streator, General Contractor
JB Contracting of La Salle, Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing

to which the reply was, "I have a low pain tolerance!" After we all laughed, I said, "That is not unusual. Make a stiff drink and write a big check!"

Fundraising for the Field House Phase and the Renovations Phase will continue into 2018. I have committed two years to the Legacy Project to date, and many nights away from my family. Yet this meaningful pursuit has been, by far, the most rewarding work of my career. I have met amazing people and their families. If you see "Scottsdale AZ" on your caller ID, it will likely be me. Please answer the call and join us on this crucially important and truly transformational project for St. Bede Academy. Thank you in advance for making a difference for current and future Bruins.

With gratitude,

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Phase 3:



Fieldhouse Interior



Phase 3 Overall Project

COMING SOON

More space for athletics and clubs, public restrooms, upgraded locker rooms, and training facilities.

PHASE 3 - FIELD HOUSE



FINALE

Energy efficient windows, new doors, enhanced technology, and a new kitchen.

PHASE 4 - RENOVATIONS TO MAIN BUILDING





SBA Band leads the Homecoming Parade. ▲
Football coaches get ready for the game. ►



Homecoming 2016



▲ Abbot Philip Davey, O.S.B. '65
and John O'Reilly '61 deliver
the game ball by helicopter.

Football Homecoming
parade float. ►



◀ SBA Super Fans.

Nicole Rice Ellis '01
and Harleigh Rice '17 at
Homecoming 2016. ►



▲ Bob Jeffery and Mike Vandaele, former
1966 cheerleaders, pose with cheerleaders
Sophia Brandenburg and Karolina Kaniewski.



▲ Adam Lenkaitis, Jon Yaklich, Nathan Kinsella, and Allena Faber get ready for the varsity game.

Volleyball float in the Homecoming parade. ►



◀ Dr. Lyle Micheli '58, wife Anne, and daughter Lisa honor Father Dunstan at the "Dear Bruins Project."



▲ Seniors Eva Bennett, Adam Poundstone, and Allison Koyak at the Powder Puff Game.

HOMECOMING 2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Celebrating the classes ending on the "2" and "7" - 1942-2017

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

4:30 p.m. - Fan Gear, Bedan Club Food Pavilion and Concessions open
5:45 p.m. - Homecoming Parade
Girls Powder Puff Football Game immediately following parade

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Class Reunion Gatherings and at 7:30 p.m. - Student Variety Show

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:00 a.m. - Annual Jim Lattin 5K Run/Walk
8:30 a.m. - Alumni Association Board Meeting
10:00 a.m. - 2016 Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony
10:30 a.m. - Fan Gear, Bedan Club Food Pavilion and Concessions open
12:00 p.m. - JV Football Game vs. Monmouth Roseville Titans
2:00 p.m. - Varsity Football Game vs. Monmouth Roseville Titans
Half-time show honoring our Golden Bedan Class of 1967
Class Reunion Gatherings

Join us for *BruinsJam 2017!*

Stick around after the varsity football game for *BruinsJam 2017!* Several Bruins-filled bands will perform on two stages on the field near the water tower until 10:00 p.m. A magician and a balloon artist will entertain the kids. The event is free with onsite food available. Details on our website soon.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

10:00 a.m. - All Alumni/Community Mass & Induction of Golden Bedans
11:00 a.m. - All Alumni/Community Brunch - Pre-tickets available or payable at door and The Distinguished Alumnus Award presented by the Alumni Association
7:00-10:00 p.m. - Student Homecoming Dance



Reunions

'66

Class of '66 Golden Bedans with
Abbot Philip Davey, O.S.B. '65 after Mass.



2016 Hall of Fame



Inductees included: William Lee Andreoni '60, Michael Andreoni '02, Michael Padilla '02, Nicholas Potthoff '96, Alec Schwab '11, Dr. Goodwin Toraason (Posthumously) '40, 1956 Baseball Team, 1974-75 Basketball Team

Start planning for your 2017 reunions now!
Class of 1967: Prepare to be this year's Golden Bedans!

Contact the Development Department for Class Lists and Hotels/Restaurant Information.



ATHLETICS

Track

Junior **Bret Dannis** attended State for the third year in a row and won the 110 High Hurdles, setting a state record at 13.93. This win brings his gold medal count up to a total of three. Last year, winning the 110 High Hurdles and the 300 Intermediate Hurdles.



Senior **Lauren Giordano** jumped 16'4" and junior **Kaelyn Condon** jumped 16'7" to qualify for the IHSA 1A State finals in long jump. Senior **Annie Needs** ran 2:27.44 to qualify for the 800 meter run.



Annie Needs, Kaelyn Condon, and Lauren Giordano

Cross Country

The Boys Cross Country team qualified and advanced to sectionals.



Senior **Annie Needs** advanced to sectionals for Girls Cross Country.

Wrestling

Charlie Korey wins his 2nd back-to-back IHSA Regional title.



Basketball



Senior **Thea Mauck** made nine three-point shots to advance to the state tournament 2A Three-Point Showdown for the second year in a row.

Junior **Jackson Funfsinn** made eight three-point shots to advance to the state tournament 2A Three-Point Showdown.



Football

The football team advanced to the second round of the 2A playoffs, defeating Westchester St. Joseph 40-13. The season became monumental as senior **Adam Poundstone** set the record for the 2nd most all-time rushing yards in a season with 1,254 yards. Senior **Braidy Shipp** ranked 17th all-time in the state with 2,539 receiving yards in his career.



Football Team after playoff win



Senior Adam Poundstone



Senior Braidy Shipp

On track this summer to make a dream come true



Capt. Thomas J. Heitmann

Thomas J. Heitmann '02 was a track star during his time at the Academy, winning two Illinois state medals and named the *News Tribune* Boys Track and Field Athlete of the Year in 2002. After high school he attended Valley Forge Military

College and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University before joining the U.S. Marine Corps to become a pilot. Heitmann attributed much of his success in college and in the Marine Corps to his experience in track. Because of that, he wanted to give back to the school by having a track facility built to benefit student athletes and the community.

In 2010, he reached out to his former track coach, Mike Skoflanc, about starting a fundraising campaign to build a track facility at St. Bede. Tragically, in 2011, Heitmann, 27,

died while serving his country during a helicopter training mission at Marine Corps Air Station at Camp Pendleton in Southern California.

The Thomas J. Heitmann Memorial Track is being built to not only benefit the student athletes and the community but to honor a fallen soldier. On October 24th, Abbot Philip Davey, O.S.B. '65 and Thomas' sister, Rachel Heitmann-Christensen, a 1995



Mary and Tom Heitmann with three-time state champion Bret Dannis.



Boys and girls track team on the grounds of the Thomas J. Heitmann Memorial Track.

St. Bede graduate, appeared for an interview with CBS News 8 in San Diego, where Abbot stated, "We are ready to build the track now, even though his life and military career were cut short, his dream doesn't have to be." Consistent local media attention and articles across the country, which included a full page story in the *Chicago Tribune*, spurred generous donations to help complete phase one.

His dream has now begun! Phase One, which includes construction of the track, fencing, and seeding has started and will be completed for use in spring 2018. Fundraising continues for Phase Two which will complete the project and includes equipment, timing devices, a storage facility, and spectator seating and restrooms.

Contributions for Phase Two may be directed to the support tab at www.st-bede.com.

ARTS

Fall Theater



Andrew Kim, Nathan Kinsella, and Olivia Wojcik take part in Fall Theater.

Spring Musical



TRAVEL



Costa Rica

An experience of a lifetime for our Bruins

by Katherine Gonzalez, Spanish Instructor

St. Bede's Foreign Language Department is working hard to help transform the way our students view the world. Along with Mrs. Brittany Botero and Mrs. Lindsey Olivero-Gong, we feel the language department is a force that will captivate our Bruins for years to come. We decided it was finally time to provide an opportunity for students to experience the culture they've been learning about outside the traditional brick and mortar classroom environment.

This April, a group of 15 students and I took an eight day Immersion Tour through Costa Rica; we visited major cities like Liberia, San Jose, Sarapiquí, and Arenal.

The purpose was to help students practice their language skills by listening to locals and getting a chance to converse with them. Students were able to do adventurous things like kayaking and zip lining, but they also got a chance to learn about the Central American culture.

We attended dance classes, cooking courses, and spent plenty of time with local families and kids. We visited schools, picked pineapples straight from the field, milked cows, and even got up close and personal with a volcano.

What impressed me the most was how happy the kids were as they made new friends and how excited they were to share the experience upon their return. International tours are great incentives for our students but also to add another piece to the puzzle as we work hard to form globalized citizens. This trip was definitely a highlight for our students and we can't wait for our upcoming trip to the Dominican Republic, where we'll be visiting Christopher Columbus' tomb, art galleries, reforestation centers, and so much more. Students will enjoy their eight day adventure as we zoom through Santo Domingo, Jarabacoa, Santiago, and Puerto Plata.

Europe

A lifetime of new perspectives and insights

Members of the Class of 2018, accompanied by Mrs. Joan Jobst, joined 39 students from across the United States for an incredible educational enrichment experience. Students began their trip in Paris where they toured the Place de la Concorde, Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe, Les Invalides, and Eiffel Tower. Students also experienced the extraordinary artwork at the Louvre and visited Notre Dame Cathedral.

It was then on to Venice where students viewed some of the world's finest art and architecture while visiting St. Mark's Square, and at Doge's Palace saw where the Venetian Dukes once ruled. However, one of the most fascinating experiences of the trip was the time spent in Florence. Students were able to experience what they had read about the glory of the Renaissance in art, history, religion, and English classes. Students visited Michelangelo's statue of David and Botticelli's The Birth of Venus. The tours of Piazza della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio,

Chiesa di Santa Croce, and the Gates of Paradise added to the cultural experience of this beautiful city.

From Florence, students traveled to Rome where they toured the city and explored the Colosseum, the Roman Forum where Julius Caesar gave many a political speech. A walking tour of Rome allowed the students to see Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, the Piazza Navona, and the Spanish Steps. The true high point of the trip was the expertly guided tour of Vatican City; Students also visited the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. Here students were able to experience the rich history of the Catholic Church.

Throughout the tour students took advantage of their free time strolling through the streets, shopping, stopping to eat the local cuisine, participating in side tours, and mingling with their new friends. They returned home with new perspectives and insights that will remain with them for a life time.

HONOR AWARDS



Citizenship Award

Freshman Macy Bosnich, Sophomore Kate Plankenhorn, Junior Joe Peacock and Senior Chase Ludford.



Father Arthur Service Award

Megan Boelli and Evan Knoblauch



Senior of the Year

Michael Manning

Bruins Scholastic Bowl Regional Champions AGAIN!

Lead by Coach Rich Cummings and Senior Captain Andrew Kim, the Bruin's Scholastic Bowl Team won the IHSA Class A Scholastic Bowl Regional Championship for the third consecutive year in a row. They have achieved victory five out of the last six regional championships in 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, and now 2017.



Class of 2017 Top Ten

(left to right, back row): Thea Mauk, Annie Needs, Elisha Li, Kourtney Knecht, and Emily Edwall; (front row): Michael Manning, Andrew Kim, Ben Sons, and Nick Szczepaniak; Not pictured: Brent Koogler.



2017 Illinois State Scholars

(left to right, back row): Nick Szczepaniak, Luke Ravnika, Jimmy Perona, Andrew Kim, Michael Manning, and Annie Needs; (front row): Ben Sons, Kourtney Knecht, Kelsey Wilson, Brent Koogler, Kevin Lu, Elisha Li, and Derrick Scarpaci.



Fr. Kevin Gorman Award

(left to right, back row): Adam Lenkaitis, Thea Mauk, Julia Browning, Joe Marena, Stephanie Boehm, Courtney Cook, and Michael Manning; (front row): Xavier Braboy, Evan Knoblauch, Josh Sapp, Braidy Shipp, and Emily Edwall; Not pictured: Carter Funfsinn.

Class of 1967 and 2017 Continue a New Tradition

On May 9th, members from the Class of 1967 returned to St. Bede to meet their Legacy Class of 2017. The alumni enjoyed lunch with the Class of 2017 in the same refectory they dined in 50 years ago. After lunch, the Class of 1967 participated in a special Senior Farewell Mass for the graduating Class of 2017.



Mike '67 and Emily '17 Schneider

The Farewell Mass and Legacy Lunch is a time for the two classes to reconnect with their alma mater and share St. Bede stories. The event highlighted the importance of tradition and what it means to be a St. Bede graduate.

The Legacy Lunch and Farewell Mass put a true meaning in the word Legacy when Mike Schneider '67 and his granddaughter Emily Schneider '17 spoke at the mass about how traditions remain the same even after 50 years.

The 2018 Legacy Lunch and Senior Farewell Mass will be May 9th. Class of 1968, mark your calendars for this special day.



(front, left to right): Pat Andreoni, Pat Dooley, Jack Donaldson, and Ron Domkuski
(back): Jim Fusinetti, Steve Jesilowski, Rich Baird, and Mike Schneider



125th Annual

The Class of 2017 Legacies

Stephanie Boehm.....	Mark '83 and Mary Beth (Ludford) '84 Boehm
Megan Bolelli	Joe Bolelli '91
Julia Browning	Molly (Spears) Williamson '92
Jaclyn Cain	Anthony '86 and Peggy (Shields) '86 Cain
Mary Considine	Tom '80 and Sue (Story) '85 Sickley
Courtney Cook	Shelley (Ugasco) Cook '88
Kristian Gensler	Todd Gensler '93
Lauren Giordano	Ken Giordano '87
Allison Koyak	Jay Koyak '88
Michael Manning	Jim Manning '85
Joseph Marenda	Joe Marenda '82
James Perona	Jim '88 and Amy (DeAngelo) '88 Perona
Nicolas Plankenhorn	Jolene (Myers) Plankenhorn '91
Emily Schneider	Mark Schneider '90
Rhiannon Seibert	Suzanne (Ceresa) Seibert '90
Benjamin Sons	Shawn '83 and Janel (Gualandri) '85 Sons



(top row, left to right): Bruins ready to graduate;
Commencement speaker, Dr. Andrew Bacevich, and fellow
1965 classmate Abbot Philip Davey, O.S.B.
(bottom row, left to right): Hats off to the Class of 2017;
Happy graduates; Valedictorian Annie Needs;
Boarding students pose with their graduation caps.

Commencement

Class of 2017 - Where Will They Go Next?

Madeleine Anderson - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Bradyn Atkinson - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Xi "Buck" Bao - *University of British Columbia*
 Madison Beijster - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Eva Bennett - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Stephanie Boehm - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Megan Bolelli - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Brady Booker - *Quincy University*
 Xavier Braboy - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Sophia Brandenburg - *High Point University*
 Julia Browning - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Dashiell Burgess - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Jaclyn Cain - *Marquette University*
 Tzu-Chun "Joey" Chou - *Purdue University*
 Adam Claggett - *Florida Gulf Coast University*
 Mary Considine - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Courtney Cook - *St. Ambrose University*
 Cody Corneglio - *Apprenticeship training for Cumming Diesel through Vincennes University*
 Justin Darnell - *Undecided*
 Riley Dirks - *Northern Illinois University*
 Neal Dodda - *Saint Louis University*
 Nikita Dodda - *Loyola University*
 Jonathan Dose - *St. Ambrose University*
 Jacob Dudek - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Emily Edwall - *Augustana College*
 Jordan Elnicki - *Gap Year*
 Bryant Eustice - *St. Olaf College*
 Allena Faber - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Carter Funfsinn - *Virginia Military Institute*
 Brooklyn Fusinatto - *Illinois Valley Community College*

Kirsten Gage - *Illinois Central College*
 Gavin Garcia - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Kristian Gensler - *Illinois State University*
 Lauren Giordano - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Shiqing "Wendy" Gui - *Santa Monica College, California*
 Hongyru "Charlie" Guo - *University of Houston-Downtown*
 Riley Heise - *Lake Sumter State College*
 Yatong "Hattie" Ji - *Boston University*
 Alex Justi - *EMT Certification Program through LaMoille Ambulance and Illinois Valley Community College*
 Karolina Kaniewski - *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*
 Andrew Kim - *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*
 Nathan Kinsella - *Illinois State University*
 Sean Kinsella - *University of Iowa*
 Kourtney Knecht - *MacMurray College*
 Brett Knoblauch - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Evan Knoblauch - *Gap Year then Illinois State University*
 Jose Koehler-Acosta - *Southern Illinois University-Carbondale*
 Brent Koogler - *Truman State University*
 Allison Koyak - *Marquette University*
 Adam Lenkaitis - *Illinois State University*
 Elisha Li - *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*
 Kevin Lu - *Villanova University*
 Chase Ludford - *Marquette University*
 Michael Manning - *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*
 Joseph Marendia - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Jonathan Martin - *Butler University*
 Lucia Martinez Parente Herrera - *Universidad Anahuac*
 Thia Mauck - *Marquette University*
 Jena McGilvrey - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Aiko Mendoza - *St. Ambrose University*

Kia Miller - *Daytona State College*
 Teresa Montez - *St. Ambrose University*
 Christopher Moore - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Angeline Needs - *Calvin College*
 James Perona - *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*
 Allyssa Phegley - *Purdue University*
 Nicolas Plankenhorn - *Drake University*
 Adam Poundstone - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Lexi Quesse - *Illinois State University*
 Luke Ravnika - *University of Iowa*
 Harleigh Rice - *American Musical & Dramatic Academy of New York*
 Teresa Sajuan - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Emily Sampo - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Joshua Sapp - *Quincy University*
 Derrick Scarpaci - *Oral Roberts University*
 Emily Schneider - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Rhiannon Seibert - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Braidy Shipp - *Quincy University*
 Lauren Silfies - *Illinois Central College*
 Matthew Snyder - *University of Dubuque*
 Benjamin Sons - *Purdue University*
 Dylan Struck - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Nicholas Szczepaniak - *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*
 Kelsey Wilson - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Jon Yaklich - *Illinois Valley Community College*
 Ting "Annie" Yang - *Pennsylvania State University*
 Yutong "Clara" Yuan - *Pennsylvania State University*
 Mingxi "Michael" Zhao - *George Brown College, Ontario, Canada*



Auction & Special Events

34th Annual Auction

With totals exceeding 2016, a record number of 43 classes represented, and over 330 in attendance, the 34th Annual St. Bede Auction was once again a sellout which included over 100 new attendees. It was a fabulous night of generosity that even included the outgoing Class of 2017. Prior to the Live Auction kick-off, members of the Class of 2017 presented Abbot Philip Davey, O.S.B. '65 a Class Gift to help "bridge the gap" for future Bruins. It was the first time a donation by a Class to "bridge the gap" was ever made before even graduating. Announced at that time was a generous match by the Miller Group Charitable Trust for the Class of 2017 gift and all those that raised their paddles for \$20.17 up to \$5,000.

Hats off to Bonnie Prokup, in charge of the Auction and Special Events, for all the efforts put forth to make the evening memorable. A special thanks to our 2017 Auction Presenting Sponsor, Geneva International, and all our sponsors who helped to make the evening a success!

Before the night was over, mobile bidding was just shy of reaching twice the amount as last year, coming in a little over \$53,000. The Live Auction was quite the entertaining evening when Charity Auctioneer Greg Dellinger took the stage along with emcee John Spencer of La Salle County Broadcasting. The first item, "Mass in your home," celebrated by Abbot Philip Davey, O.S.B., brought in over \$5,000 after being sold twice and set the tone for rounds of generosity. New items offered this year were a car lease, Chef Charlie's gourmet dinner, a year of ice cream, brew your own beer party, unique trips, and a "rolling in the dough" bag containing not only cash but creative services and gifts. There was something for everyone! St. Bede once again was fortunate to offer the Rich Harvest Farms Weekend with the two winning bids totaling \$18,000 and being generously matched by Mr. Jerry Rich.

Save the date for next year's auction, April 28, 2018.

"The generosity from our St. Bede family is what makes it possible to keep our tuition affordable and offer a Catholic education to young people in the Illinois Valley. We want to thank everyone for such a great night!"

- Abbot Philip Davey, O.S.B.

(above, left to right): Kate Theisinger, Pamela Needs, Katelyn Kapraun, and Meygan Echols looked up auction items for guests.

Don Causa represented the Class of 1961 in the student parade with his niece Jaci Cain from the Class of 2017.

Barbara Lukancic enjoyed the auction with Abbot Philip Davey, O.S.B.



RECORD BREAKING NUMBERS:

\$300,000+

total gross for the night

330

guests in attendance

43

alumni classes represented

106

new attendees

\$53,000+

in mobile bidding

138

volunteers

(left to right):

Jordan Kraml, Kate Plankenhorn, and Morgan Zywicki served as auction table concierges.

Presenting Sponsor, Tom Stevenson of Geneva International, with Liga and Krystal Daniels.

Signature Sponsor Dr. Eric Santos '92 gets ready to start bidding with Joey Beavers.

A friendly volunteer helps John O'Reilly '61 place a mobile bid.




WE STILL HAVE A FEW SEATS LEFT... JOIN US!

Germany • Slovenia • Austria

October 18-29, 2017 • Visit www.st-bede.com for details

2017 Annual Fund

THEN • NOW • ALWAYS

We are One

As we conclude our 125th Anniversary, we are one! One in faith, one in education, and as we look to the next 125 years, one in the future. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2016-2017 Annual Fund Campaign. We could not do what we do and keep tuition affordable without your support, this year and every year. Our sincerest THANK YOU to all who contributed. Our students, faculty, and staff are grateful for your generosity and dedication to St. Bede. We truly are one!

Annual Tea & Style Show

It was a beautiful day for our 17th Annual Tea & Style Show. The ladies had amazing tables this year and the style show gave us some wonderful ideas for fall. Thank you to our fabulous friends and remarkable volunteers who work so hard to fill this day with fun and help make it a success!



(above, top): Senior Thea Mauck and grandmother Carole Barton modeling for the Style Show.

(above): "Tee" It up for a Hole in One Table - Jen Pyszka, Jennie Maschmann, Grace Maschmann, Payge Pyszka, Terri Wiesbrock, Jody Marzetta, and Lori Reese.

Bruin Family Fest



(above, top left): Fr. Ronald Margherio, O.S.B. '68 prepares for the outdoor mass with the help of seniors Stephanie Boehm and Aiko Mendoza.

(above, top right): SBA Junior Matt Dunseth helped Jennifer Pillion '92 and her son Brendon with the scavenger hunt.

(above): Family and friends of St. Bede gathered around the biggest table the Academy has ever seen, circling around the fountain.

Jingle & Mingle 2016

Music from the Windy City Dueling Pianos helped us start off the holiday season on a fun note. Those in attendance enjoyed the interactive musical show and danced the night away with family and friends. Thank you for making this night such an incredible success! Help us rock the Academy next year for Jingle & Mingle on Friday, December 8, 2017.

(far right): "Santa" poses with Al and Kathy Granata from Tonica.

(right): SBA sophmores Alicia Koogler and Lauren Pillion helped greet guests as they arrived.



#GIVINGTUESDAY raised \$66,000 for the St. Bede Fund

Surpasses goal with matching gifts of \$30,000

“With every gift we receive I am encouraged to work harder, and to be even more committed to the St. Bede family. I ask God daily to bless all the people who bless St. Bede with their gifts.”

– Abbot Philip Davey, O.S.B. '65



For a second year, on November 29, 2016, St. Bede joined #GIVINGTUESDAY, a global day of giving that encourages philanthropy, and to celebrate generosity worldwide to generate support of the Annual Fund.

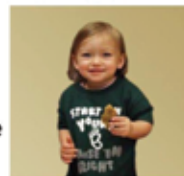
St. Bede's goal of \$30,000 was set in motion with a match coming from seven generous donors. David Porter '61, D.J. Sickley Construction '73 and Angelo Perino '80, each with matching gifts of \$5,000, a \$2,000 match from Catherine and Christopher Campbell '96, and Mike Rossiter '61 and LaSalle State Bank, each with a match of \$1,500. Topped off with an anonymous \$10,000 match, St. Bede was able to meet their matching goal by early evening.

Donations were primarily received online and also included faculty/staff and St. Bede students. Within 24 hours, friends and family of St. Bede raised over \$36,000, and with matches of \$30,000, brought the grand total for #GIVINGTUESDAY this year to \$66,000. Thanks to the overwhelming kindness from our St. Bede family, we had an incredible day of generosity!

SWEET SUCCESS

#THANKYOU
WEDNESDAY

THANK YOU for helping make
#GivingTuesday a success!



In just 24 hours our Saint Bede family raised over \$36,000 along with matches of \$30,000 to bring our grand total to \$66,000 in support of the Saint Bede Annual Fund. You are the reason our present and future Bruins have the opportunity to attend Saint Bede Academy.

You are the Spirit of Saint Bede!

Save the date for #GIVINGTUESDAY, November 28, 2017!

St. Bede ON THE ROAD

Join alumni, parents, and friends as Abbot Philip Davey, O.S.B. '65 comes to your hometown. Learn what's new at St. Bede and enjoy the company of fellow Bruins.

Check out the fun we had and save the date for future events. **Thank you to all who hosted and attended!**



Denver, Colorado



August 5, 2016 – Hosted by John Levisay '85, CEO of Craftsry
(back row): Denis Donnelly '73, Julia Yaklich, Nick Eiten '80, James Landgraf '56, Henry Knauf '08, Gerald Novreske '57, John O'Reilly '61, Dan Leszczynski '73, Tracey Bacidore '87, Rev. Kenneth Przybyla '69, Dr. Ed Theiss '58, Jules Tybor '96, and Nicole Yaklich '13
(front row): Mary (Doyle) Vulcani '85, Eileen (O'Sadnick) Smith '83, Tom Leydon '77, John Levisay '85, Father Dominic Garramone, O.S.B., Gene Caron '58, and Matt McGinnis '85

Southern California



October 23, 2016 – Hosted by Ray Moriarity '64 and Paul Robich '64
Don Myers '55, Matt McGinnis '85, Paul Robich '64, Robert Spoeri '69, Abbot Philip Davey, O.S.B. '65, John Walsh '53, Ray Moriarity '64, Maureen (Langham) Schimmoller '95, and Rachel (Heitmann) Christensen '95

Houston, Texas



October 29, 2016 – Hosted by Ken '76 & Beth Bayne
Rich Pattarozzi '61, Lisa Manijak '77, Matt McGinnis '85, Jim Foley '56, Abbot Philip Davey, O.S.B. '65, Ken Bayne '76, and Luke O'Sadnick '04

Scottsdale, Arizona



February 16, 2017 – Hosted by Matt '85 & Erica McGinnis
Matt McGinnis '85, Tom Kuk '55, Dominic Magnoni '87, Dr. Bob Dudek '84, Dr. Steve Bansberg '74, Alex Huenenberg '64, Tom Whalen '58, Ed Monaghan '57, Rich Pattarozzi '61, Mike Pattarozzi '68, Leroy Ceresa '64, Maria (Tomsha) Shull '99, Tom Kelly '48, and Abbot Philip Davey, O.S.B. '65

UPCOMING EVENTS

2017

North Chicago

Friday, August 18, 2017

Cocktails at 6:30 p.m. with dinner to follow

Hosted by Angelo '80, Andrea, and

Anna '09 Perino

Knollwood Club Golf Course

1890 Knollwood Rd.

Lake Forest, IL 60045

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Friday, August 25, 2017, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Hosted by David Porter '61

Wisconsin Club

900 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53233

San Antonio, Texas

Friday, November 10, 2017, Time TBD

Hosted by John Holcomb '57 at his home

11719 Warfield St.

San Antonio, TX 78216

2018

Miami, Florida

Friday, January 26, 2018, Time TBD

Hosted by Atty. Don Hayden '78 at his home

310 NE 99th St.

Miami Shores, FL 33138

Naples, Florida

End of January, early February

Hosted by Dr. Jim Mini '57

The Villages, Florida

End of January, early February

New Orleans, Louisiana

End of January, early February

St. Louis, Missouri

Friday, April 20, 2018, Time TBD

Hosted by Ed Pattarozzi '74

Denver, Colorado

Summer 2018

Chicago, Illinois

Date TBD

Some venues have been set while others are still in the planning stages. If you are interested in hosting a regional event in your area in the future, please contact Rich Pattarozzi at richpatt@bellsouth.net or (504) 905-5618.

Alumnus Award

Each year, beginning in 2017, the SBA Alumni Association will recognize an individual and honor an alumnus for significant professional and personal achievements.

These individuals will have attended or graduated from St. Bede Academy and best exemplify our ideals and values. The recipients serve as a role models for current and future St. Bede Academy students.

The St. Bede Alumni Association is pleased to announce the first recipient of their Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2017, Dr. Lyle Micheli, MD '58.



Dr. Micheli was President of the Class of 1958. He excelled academically, played football, and boxed. Fr. Dunstan Morrissey, a beloved monk, encouraged him to apply at Harvard University. The gifted and hard-working Dalzell native thrived at Harvard. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1962, followed by a medical degree from Harvard School of Medicine in 1966.

Dr. Micheli is a renowned pediatric orthopedic surgeon. He founded the Division of Sports Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital in 1974 and still bikes to work there. Other notable professional achievements include serving on the Board of the US Rugby Football Foundation, Team Physician for US Figure Skating, and Finish Line Director for the Boston Marathon. In 2014, he opened the Micheli Center for Sports Injury Prevention. Dr. Micheli regularly contributes to professional journals and has an artistic side too; he is the attending physician for the Boston Ballet. Dr. Micheli lives in Boston with his wife Anne and has two daughters Lisa and Amanda.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award will be presented at the Homecoming brunch on Sunday, October 8, 2017, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Golden Bedan Mass. Please join us to recognize Dr. Lyle Micheli '58. Tickets for the brunch can be obtained during Homecoming at the Alumni Tent, in advance by contacting Valarie Gengler at vgengler@st-bede.com, or at the door.

On behalf of the Association, we look forward to celebrating with you!

Rich Pattarozzi '61

President, St. Bede Alumni Association

Interested in making a nomination for 2018? Criteria for the selection of the Distinguished Alumnus/ne Award and the nomination form can be found on our website under the Alumni Association tab.

St. Bede WEDDINGS



Thea Schwab '09 married Joseph McNamara on November 5, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church.



Amber Odom and **Ross Kenseth '11** were married on December 31, 2016 in Laurel Hill, Florida.

St. Bede BABIES



Dr. James Mini '57 has become a great grandpa to Hudson Bruce Hetrick, born on April 6, 2017.



Norah Dooley and Rosalie Sellier, granddaughters of Linda and **Dan Dooley '77**, were baptized on December 27, 2016, with proud parents Danny and Kayla Dooley, and Aaron and Claire (Dooley) Sellier.



David Porter '61 welcomed a new granddaughter, Lila Walker Porter, on January 2, 2017. Lila also attended this year's auction and is enjoying her Br. George Bear.



Matt Cole '95 and wife Katie, along with brother Grady and sisters Kelsy and Emersyn, celebrated the baptism of Brody Cole on May 7, 2017.



Kat (McCullough) Braun '99 and husband Mike Braun welcome daughter, Lila Celeste Braun, born September 3, 2016.



Joe Colmone '99 and wife Julie celebrated the baptism of their son, Kyle Colmone, on October 29, 2016.



Sachin and Jennifer Goel '99 welcome son, Avi Edward Goel, born on November 5, 2016. Pictured are Avi and his excited sisters, Shaila and Samay.



Patrick and **Krista (Ferrari) Shea '99** celebrated the baptism of their son, Patrick Shea.



Anthony and **Joscelyn (Pohar) Fletcher '05** celebrated the baptism of Ellory Fletcher on May 13, 2017.



Kassi (Sandrolini) '08 and Michael Filipiak celebrated the baptism of their son, Gavin Filipiak, on April 30, 2017.



John Michael Root Jr., son of John and **Bekki (Prokup) Root '10**, was baptized on June 18, 2017.

Alumni CLASS NOTES

Barbara and **Thomas Acker '50**, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 12, 2015. Thomas was a boarding student from 1946-1950. All his children and grandchildren have visited St. Bede.



Atty. Paul Perona '56 and **Christine Perona '15** took to the sky with his winning auction package in a Stearman bi-plane to get a bird's eye view of the Illinois Valley.



Dr. James Mini '57 is working on a new book, "Circle Almost Completed." A plaque has been placed in his honor in the new Loyola Athletic Hall of Fame, and his daughter Alison was married on July 7, 2017 to Michael White.

Al Gorgal '59, his wife Judy, son Kevin, and grandson Bennet were at St. Bede to watch granddaughter Baily take on the Bruins in basketball.



Jim Dietz '61, Bob Lesnak '68, John Lesnak '72, and Frank Drasler '60 were recently all together in Chicago for a family gathering to remember Tony Lesnak.



Bob Huettmann '61 has moved to Punta Gorda but visits the Illinois Valley often as 20 grandchildren live within 10 miles of SBA.

Gene Lessard '61 published a new book titled "An Object of Conviction." His first book was titled "Grandfather's Tale" and both books are available on Amazon.

Bill Murphy '61 and his wife Elizabeth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 10, 2016 at the Abbey Resort in Fontana, Wisconsin where they honeymooned in 1966. Bill still has the hotel bill from 1966.



Bill Murphy '61 won tickets at the auction and took this picture of his son Bill and grandson Braden with 76ers broadcaster **Tom McGinnis '79** during the Bulls vs. 76ers game.



Jerome Kapacinskas '62 has retired after 39 years in pharmacy.

In April the **Class of '64** reunited in LaSalle to enjoy breakfast together.



Michael Hollerich '65, professor of Theology at University of St. Thomas, recently visited the archaeological site of Caesarea in Palestine with his colleague Mark Del Cogiliano.



Special Acknowledgments

BEST WISHES TO:

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Trompeter
60th Wedding Anniversary
From Toni and Jack Landgraf

Dr. Richard & Ruth Pommier
50th Wedding Anniversary
From Sheila and Michael Campbell

Acknowledgments extend special wishes and will be noted in our publications. Make a donation to St. Bede in honor of a friend, family member, or associate for special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, or to honor a teacher or staff member.

Call the Development Department Office to request Special Acknowledgments Notes.
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Class Notes

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Ray Bauer '66, Manager of Marketing Services at Commercial Metals Company will retire in August after 47 years in the steel business - sales and marketing management.

John (Jack) Ennenbach '68 is happily retired and volunteering in his community.

Ron Potthoff '68 retired in 2016 after 42 years of police work and served as Sterling Chief of Police since 1996.

Congratulations to **Rev. Kenneth Przybyla '69** on the 40th anniversary of his priesthood ordination.

Philip Brate's '70 son Cameron Brate played football and graduated from Harvard University in 2014 and was drafted to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. In 2016, he led the NFL for tight ends with eight touchdown receptions, also tying for the NFL lead among tight ends. He finished with 57 catches for 660 yards.



Patrick Rund '70 is semi-retired and enjoys travelling around the country as time allows.

Greg Doyle '71 just returned from a trip to Khaolak, Thailand.

Richard Huettemann '74 is relocating to the Illinois Valley after spending ten years in Arkansas. He is looking forward to reconnecting with the St. Bede community and alumni.

Bruce Rounds '74 retired in October as VP Chief Financial Officer of Alliance Laundry Holding.

John Winklemann '74 has served as the Associate Dean of Students and Director of Residential Life at Beloit College for over 30 years.

William Flaherty '75 is a Senior Vice President at Swiss Re and was awarded the 2016 Person of the Year by The Association of Insurance and Reinsurance Run-Off Companies.

Dr. Cynthia Ashley '76 and husband Brian have recently acquired a Quarter Horse named Lily and a Dun Tabiano Paint named Burrito.



Atty. Donald Hayden '78 is a partner at Mark, Migdal & Hayden.

The 3rd annual Bruin getaway in Eagles Mere, Pennsylvania, was enjoyed by **Walt Manijak, Tom McGinnis, Rich Dudek, Gary Roach, Fran Brolley, Tim Murphy, John Toraason,** and **Bill Ebener** from the classes of '78 and '79.



Karl Helmer '80 is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Radiology at Harvard Medical School.

Angelo Perino '80 attended Game 3 of the World Series at Wrigley Field with Joseph Lacher and his son, Thomas Lacher.



Bill Prokup '82 and **Mike Gaughan '72** connected at Saint Mary's graduation in South Bend, Indiana.



Michael Cornthwaite '91 and his wife Jennifer have opened another cocktail bar and a new events space in downtown Las Vegas called Proof of Concept. They like to travel often with their 4-year-old daughter Amelie, including their favorite spot in Marfa, Texas where they recently opened a Wine Garden.

Eric Pleiss '03 is currently employed at Tech Data as a Solutions Specialist.

Dr. Brendan P. Kelley '03 was accepted into a two-year fellowship, specializing in Neuroradiology, in the Harvard program at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. A graduate of Notre Dame '07 and New York Medical College '09, Dr. Kelley is the son of proud parents Dr. Mark and Michelle (Stuart) '77 Kelley.

In April 2017, **Akash Goel's '03** article "What Americans Will Lose When They Push Immigrants Away: Doctors" was published in TIME magazine. The article goes into depth on his parents journey from India to the U.S. and touches on the impact his parents made as physicians in the Illinois Valley.

Mingyu Jeong '06, a boarding student from Korea stopped by St. Bede in May 2017 and is currently living in Korea.



John Sitterly '07 is currently pursuing a MBA from the University of Denver.

Ellen Faletti '09 is currently pursuing a M.A. in Library and Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Molly Mauck '09 recently graduated cum laude from New York Law School and is licensed to practice law in New York and Illinois. She has accepted a position as Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan that begins in September of 2017.

Pierce Ganassin '10 taught English for two years in Madrid and is finishing up his masters in marketing at Cass Business School/University of London.



Br. Marion (Daniel) Sanchez, O.S.B. '10 celebrated his Solemn Monastic Profession as a Benedictine monk of St. Bernard Abbey on August 20, 2016. Joined by **James Sanchez '21**, **Maria Lattin-Sanchez '85**, Emily Sanchez, Armando Sanchez, Abbot Cletus Meagher, O.S.B., **Luke Sanchez '19**, **Maria Sanchez-Bray '04**, Jacob Sanchez, and **Rosanna Sanchez '08**.



Nathaniel Kapraun '11 is the Communications and Operations Manager at Heritage Works in Dubuque, Iowa.

Jordyn Petersen Bauman '11 and her husband Kristijan now live in Salt Lake City, Utah and visited St. Bede in December. Jordyn moved during her senior year but would love to attend future class reunions.



Bradley Groleau '13 earned a BS in athletic training from McKendree University and is currently the Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer at The University of Nebraska Omaha.



Mitchell Dean '13 graduated from the University of Iowa on Saturday, May 13, 2017 holding *The Bedan Record* from his senior year 2013.

Nicole Yaklich '13 with brother **Mark '19** and mom Julia proudly display the W flag at Game 7 of the World Series in Cleveland.



Morgan Knoblauch '14 won Putnam County Fair Queen in 2016.

Sarah Bolelli '15 joined the 10-33 Ambulance Services in July of 2016 and won EMT of the Year Award for 2016.

Gabe Braboy '15 and **Michelle Reese '15** honored as Thomas J. McCormack Award winners for maintaining a GPA of 3.75 or higher for three consecutive semesters with 14 or more credit hours.



Madigan Ellis '15 was crowned 2016 Miss Bureau County Fair Queen in August 2016.

Rylee Martinaitis '15 graduated Magna Cum Laude from IVCC will attend U of I in the fall. Proud grandparents **Jack '63** and Kathy Martinaitis.



Nick Needs '16 and SBA faculty member Jennifer Billingsley ran the 2016 Bank of America Marathon in Chicago.



Burt and Linda McRoy stopped for a visit to St. Bede on their way to Michigan.



Barbara and Dr. Louis Lukancic celebrated Christmas and a Cubs World Series win with their Br. George Bear.



Want to be in the next *Bedan Record*?

Traveling? Take *The Bedan Record* with you and send us a picture.

Have news to share?

Are classmates getting together throughout the year?

Let us know!

Three easy ways to submit your information:

- 1) Visit www.st-bede.com, go to ALUMNI and click on Submit a Class Note
- 2) Email your news and pictures to jjaklich@st-bede.com
- 3) Mail your news to St. Bede, Attn: Development Department

Please include your graduation year, maiden name when applicable, email, and daytime phone number for verification purposes if needed. Please identify all photo locations and who is pictured.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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WHERE IN THE WORLD *is The Bedan Record*



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- 1 Jim Rickey '61 and his daughter Breezer in Rome, Italy.
- 2 Dr. Michael '73 and Allison (Hebel) Rooney '78 at the 2016 World Series.
- 3 Alex Hunenberg '64 at the Louvre in Paris, France.
- 4 Paula and Michael Dwyer '72 at St. Basil's Cathedral on Red Square in Moscow, Russia.
- 5 John and Stevie '12 Fisher off the edge of the Cayman Trench.
- 6 Steve Wasilewski '68 and wife Elaine in Hornostaje, Poland, the birthplace of his Grandfather.
- 7 Mark Sadowski '73, Pat (Sadowski) Doctor '76, and Dean Sadowski '81 were recently in Italy and are seen here at St. Peter's Basilica.
- 8 Ricardo Michel '78, Laura (Jasiek) Reilly '86, and Dr. Franklin Jasiek '56 fished in Manzanillo, Mexico.
- 9 Benita Welch '82, Kathleen McCullough '99, Sachin Goel '99, Dana Fitzgerald '00, and Patrick Santos '85 got together to take this picture as they coordinated their NYC package for the Auction.

Abbey Views



The Lord is doing great things for us! Holy is his name!

When I was a young monk fifty years ago, Abbot David was our leader. We were a large community of almost 80 monks and the future was bright. The community began to develop a

master plan for a new church and to remodel the school, which was then about 75 years old. There was great excitement with the master plan and Abbot David was able to raise a good deal of money. We built what is now called the St. Bede Abbey Church. The process must have worn us out and remodeling the school was not given much attention. Twice in the 1980s the school Board developed plans to update the Academy building. When I became Superintendent in the mid-90s it was clear that the building was old and something needed to be done. We developed an exciting plan and went about raising money. However, the economy soured and we were not able to raise enough funds. But in God's providence, the money we did raise enabled us to address urgent financial issues.

Now, after much planning and effort, we have begun with the second phase of our plan for a campus that will be both new and old. For the last year or so building plans have been developed and fundraising began under the leadership of Matt McGinnis '85. We have reached the point where we are able to begin building the new Science Center and Student Commons. After 50 years of dreaming, the Lord is bringing our hopes and wishes to completion.

The work in the last years has generated more interest and support in our alumni. The Class of 1961, at a crucial point in the process, stepped forward in a leadership role and paved the way for the successful start to our campaign. In addition, they raised over a half million dollars for the Science Center. Their contribution will not be forgotten and we pray their example will be embraced by others.

In the past months Fr. Ambrose and Fr. Matthew died. They were both remarkable men who did whatever they were asked in the service of God. Fr. Ambrose spent most of his life in the Powerhouse and he was MacGyver before there was one on television. His creative genius was only surpassed by his willingness to help anyone in any way he could. His work with BREC fostered a desire to grow in his faith and share it with others.

Most people who were here after 1960 remember Fr. Matthew working in Maintenance with great diligence and passion in spite of physical challenges. His good example was noticed by many. At the same time, he was so quiet that few people had the fortune to know him well. God graciously sent Fr. Matthew to do weekend work at the parish in South Wilmington for almost 50 years. Fr. Matthew touched many people deeply and the outpouring of prayers from the parish at his death was evidence of how well he had served God's people.

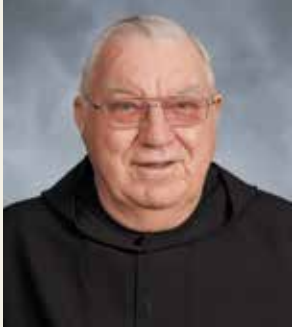
Rich Pattarozzi, President of the Alumni Association, has been a great blessing to us. He has been working hard with their board and our alumni to hold events across the country that enable us to come together and talk about both our past and the future. I taught many of the people who attend, and it is wonderful to not only hear about their time at St. Bede, but about what they learned and how it has impacted their lives. We hope to see you at an upcoming event soon. If you would like to attend or host one of these gatherings, please contact Rich. I'd love to hear your stories and share the good news of what is happening at St. Bede.

We believe that God is at work in the monastery and Academy. We pray for more new members and believe that the God who has led us faithfully for over 125 years will continue to guide us in the future. The Lord is doing great things for us and I am confident with the prayer and cooperation of all us who make up the St. Bede Family great things will happen. Holy is God's name.

God Bless,

Abbot Philip Davey, O.S.B. '65
frphilip@st-bede.com

Fr. Ambrose Hessling, O.S.B.



Fr. Ambrose Hessling, O.S.B. was called to his eternal home on December 31, 2016, he passed away in the Abbey infirmary accompanied by the presence and prayers of Abbot Philip.

He was born January 2, 1931, the son of Edmund and Clara Hessling, in Peoria, Illinois, and was baptized under the patronage of St. Bernard. He attended St. Joseph's School in Peoria, graduating in 1944. He had an uncle who was a priest who suggested that he go to the Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. Bernard did not like being so far from home and after a single semester concluded he was not destined for the priesthood. He then returned home and entered Spalding Institute.

After graduation he was approached by our Fr. Fabian who was on the Spalding faculty at that time, and he suggested the young man attend St. Bede Junior College. Bernard joined nine of his Spalding classmates in the seminary department on the fourth floor. Rediscovering a vocation to the priesthood and eventually the monastic life, he entered the abbey novitiate in 1950, taking the name Ambrose, and professed his first vows on July 11, 1951. After studying theology at St. Bede College and St. John's University, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1957, at which time he was put in charge of the Abbey's print shop for a period of nine years.

For many years Fr. Ambrose was active in ministering to divorced and widowed Catholics through the Benedictine Religious



A young Fr. Ambrose hard at work in the powerhouse.

Education Center. He served several terms on the Abbey's senior council, and regularly played the organ for Abbey church services until shortly before his death. In 1995, Fr. Ambrose undertook the Recyclage program at Sant'Anselmo, or as he put it, "went to Rome to have my theology recycled." He returned with a wealth of stories with which he entertained the community at haustus, and with spiritual insights to share in his homilies. For many years he also enjoyed attending the summer scripture workshops at Loyola.

From 1966 until 2010 Fr. Ambrose was in charge of the Abbey powerhouse and grounds crew. It was in this capacity that he made his most lasting and memorable contributions to the community. Easy going and genial by nature, he proved nearly unflappable in the face of mechanical crises, repairing everything from broken water mains to temperamental tractor engines and fractious radiators. He kept all of the Abbey and Academy vehicles in good working order and directed the efforts to maintain the grounds, often spending hours on a mower or behind the wheel of a snowplow.

He continued to serve on weekend mission assignments, and was even known to hear the confessions of fellow mechanics as they repaired a vehicle, one leaning over the motor above and the other on the mechanic's trolley below, with the engine block serving as the confessional screen. Even as his involvement with maintenance gradually lessened, he continued to serve as a valuable advisor to the maintenance staff and remained in his living quarters on the upper level of the powerhouse, accompanied by a succession of beloved cats.

In his later years, Fr. Ambrose suffered from hearing loss and macular degeneration which made it difficult for him to see. However, he filled in as organist whenever he could, even after starting to lose feeling in his hands and feet. He made use of a walker and eventually an electric wheelchair. His kidneys gradually failed, and after a month-long hospital stay and a short time in a nursing home, he returned to the Abbey infirmary for his final days. His beloved family visited en masse, much to his delight and comfort, and he died peacefully, just two days shy of his 86th birthday.

Fr. Matthew (Charles) Mazzuchelli, O.S.B.



Fr. Matthew (Charles) Mazzuchelli, O.S.B. '49 passed away at St. Bede Abbey on January 24, 2017. He was 85. Fr. Matthew was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his brother, Michael Mazzuchelli '64 of La Salle.

Fr. Matthew was born on December 3, 1931, in La Salle, to Charles and Mazie (O'Donnell) Mazzuchelli. In baptism was given the name

Charles. He attended St. Patrick's Grade School and St. Bede Academy, graduating in 1949. After graduating from the junior college in 1951, he entered the novitiate at St. Bede, taking the name Matthew. He studied theology at St. John's University and was ordained a priest on June 1, 1958. He taught mathematics and typing for a few years in the Academy, and in 1961 was put in charge of maintenance and housekeeping, for both the Abbey and Academy, positions he held for decades. His conscientious nature and competence made him well suited for the many demands of caring for such a large place.

Although he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis shortly after his ordination and had difficulty walking in later years, Fr. Matthew remained active throughout his life. At the monastery, he was the Abbey locksmith and always seemed happiest in his basement shop, working on various carpentry projects. In his workshop, Matthew created decorative woodwork for the Abbey and was especially known for his Adirondack chairs.

Fr. Matthew's greatest joy was his longstanding weekend mission to St. Lawrence Church in South Wilmington which began shortly after his ordination and continued for nearly 50 years. Members of St. Lawrence auctioned off his beautifully crafted wood pieces at their annual fundraiser and he became a beloved figure in the parish and at Sacred Heart in nearby Kinsman.

Matthew's good friend, the Rev. John Hornicak, originally from Joliet and now pastor at Church of the Holy Ghost in Wood Dale, worked with Matthew from 2007 to 2015 when John served at St. Lawrence.

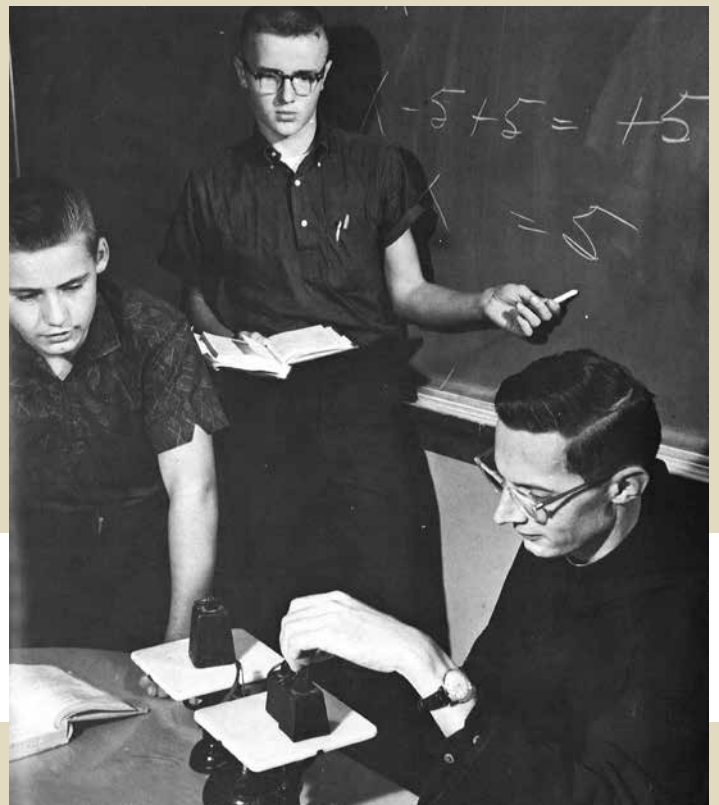
John said Matthew was very unassuming, very humble, and very committed to saying Mass, despite the multiple sclerosis that made walking difficult. Matthew, John said, exemplified the priesthood. "He never took a weekend off," John said. Matthew had a tremendous sense of humor and even joked about his infirmity, especially as he grew older.

Fr. Matthew's favorite recreation was dinner with close friends and sharing of tales from the past. He drank water to the exclusion of other beverages, except for his lone can of beer at cookouts. His favorite foods were soup and spaghetti. If he didn't like a particular dinner menu at the Abbey, he made himself microwave popcorn.

In the last several years, Fr. Matthew would often be found chatting with those in the Business Office or offering a sarcastic comment or two to Dr. Struck. His sense of humor and dedication to the Abbey will certainly be missed.

**"Matthew exemplified the priesthood.
He never took a weekend off."**

Rev. John Hornicak



Fr. Matthew giving a lesson in mathematics.

Monks on the Move

*'For in him we live and move and have our being.'
As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'*

ACTS 17:28

And so we capture here, just a few of the many places our monks have been. Would you like to know more about the places our monks are going and the projects they are involved in? Drop an email to them by locating their name on the Abbey website at www.stbedeabbey.org.



Fr. Dominic surprised students in freshman religion with an interactive lesson on St. Nicholas.



In September 2016, Abbot Philip Davey, O.S.B. '65 had the honor of meeting Pope Francis at the Vatican in Rome.



Fr. Dominic posed with the film crew in Denver at Craftsy's headquarters. Check out Fr. Dom's online baking classes at www.craftsy.com.



In honor of his 95th birthday, O.J. Stoutner presented Br. George Matsuoka with an Official Senate Recognition Certificate from the State of Illinois signed by Senator Sue Rezin.



Fr. Ron's Annual Mystery Trip took students to New Orleans & Memphis. (front row, left to right): Sue Weber, Megan Bolelli, Jaci Cain, Riley Dirks, Kelsey Wilson, and Fr. Ronald Margherio '68; (back row): Dave Margherio '74, Cody Corneglio, Adam Lenkaitis, Evan Knoblauch, Brett Knoblauch, and Rich Pattarozzi '61 (from New Orleans).



Lauren Silfies, Matt Snyder, Fr. Ron, and Kirsten Gage joined the 10th Annual March for Life Rally in Chicago.



Nancy Zukowski and Chris Huffman enjoyed Fr. Dominic's cooking presentation at St. Valentine's Church in Peru.



Abbot Philip with Rachael Heitmann-Christensen '95 at Camp Pendleton in California.



Fr. Ron took several students to the Respect Life Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria.



Abbot Philip traveled to St. Anslem College in Manchester, NH.



Fr. Harold Datzman '56 retired as Pastor for St. Joseph's Parish and is now living at the Abbey. His classmates Franklin Jasiek, Paul Perona, Tom Cleary, Tom Wall, Ken Sondergroth, and Ron Mini celebrated the occasion.



Abbot Philip traveled to the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign to say Mass at St. John's Catholic Newman Center. He was joined by, (left to right) Emma Perona '15, Nicole Yaklich '13, Nick Puhr '13, Jake Peruba '16, Mary Perona Hinders '80, and Tristan Pisarczyk '98.

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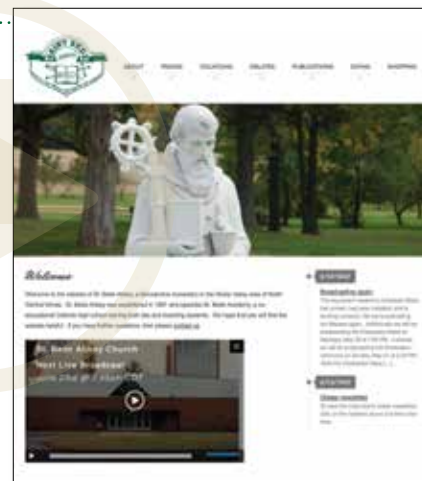
Recently the monastic community has been broadcasting its Masses through our website, and I would like to share with you how such a development occurred. When the Abbey's website was put together, Fr. Dominic and I spent some time composing short biographies of community members as a way for visitors to meet us. After the Abbey's website was launched, I began to wonder if it was possible for people to see the monks "in action" – a way to share with others the monastic community's prayer, worship, and the Gospel. I had considered broadcasting



Mass but I needed to convince myself of its merits before we started the project. At about that time, I attended a workshop at which a presenter spoke about monasticism and evangelization. During a question and answer segment he mentioned broadcasting Mass and how it was indeed a great way to spread the Gospel. After the seminar I was convinced that broadcasting Mass would be a good thing to start.

I worked with our Dennis Summers, our maintenance director, and Ron Barnes, our IT director, concerning the technical aspects of broadcasting Mass, and Fr. Dominic to develop ways to enhance audio in the Abbey Church. After purchasing and installing the camera and other equipment, we broadcasted our first Mass on Sunday, January 31, 2016. Since then, we have also broadcasted other important events that happen in the Abbey Church, such as Christmas, Easter, Homecoming, Funeral and Graduation Masses. More recently we have linked our Sunday Mass broadcast to the Abbey's Facebook page.

This year's graduation may have been one of our better productions. Fr. Dominic enhanced the audio experience by placing a body microphone on each of the speakers



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and I remotely operated the camera. Important events like graduation, can be viewed through the video archives for up to thirty days after the event. The community's daily and Sunday Masses are stored in the video archives for seven days.

Our community is very excited to share our Masses with alumni and other visitors to the Abbey. We hope to continue broadcasting and make each one better than the last. We invite you to watch our Masses on the Abbey's Facebook page or website.

God Bless,

Fr. Michael Calhoun, O.S.B.

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January 31, 2017

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SEPTEMBER 9 T.J. Heitmann Golf Outing

OCTOBER 5-8 Homecoming

OCTOBER 18-29 Off the Bedan Path Trip to Europe

NOVEMBER 17-18 Fall Theatre

DECEMBER 2 Breakfast with Santa

DECEMBER 9 Jingle Mingle

MARCH 15-17 Spring Musical

APRIL 28 35th Annual St. Bede Auction

MAY 9 '68 & '18 Legacy Luncheon, Sr. Farewell Mass

MAY 20 126th Commencement

JUNE 9 22nd Annual Bedan Club Golf Classic

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