



# ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

Educating and Inspiring Saints and Leaders

# ALUMNI NEWS

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## FACULTY FOCUS: Molly Mathews '84

In June, Molly was recognized for 25 years teaching at St. Robert School. She began her career in the 1992-93 school year, and has been a constant presence in the Middle School since. She has taught some combination of religion, social studies and language arts through the years. Molly currently serves on two faculty

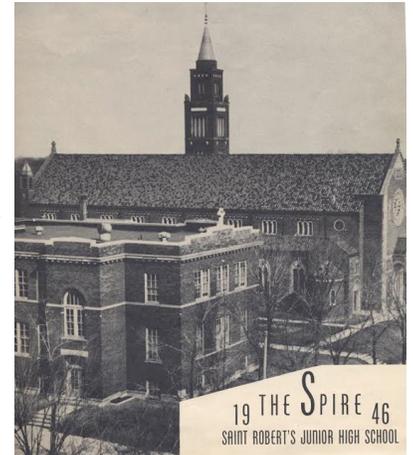


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leadership teams and is a beloved mentor to our eighth graders in preparing their graduation experiences. She has remained an active member of St. Robert Parish, serving as both a lector and Eucharistic minister.

**THANK YOU** to all our generous alumni, parents and friends! The 2016-17 Annual Fund Campaign concluded on June 30, 2017. We exceeded the \$200,000 goal – the final committed number was \$201,924. Your tax-deductible gifts go directly to support the operating expenses of St. Robert School, furthering quality Catholic education while supporting our mission to educate and inspire saints and leaders. Watch for further details in the Annual Report, which is mailed in the fall.

St. Robert School has a refurbished flag pole and a new flag flying, thanks to the St. Robert Parish Scrip program. The existing flag pole, which was probably installed in the late 1940s or 1950s, needed repairs. St. Robert School parents are significant supporters of Scrip, so some profits from the program were directed to benefit the school. Scrip gift cards are available for most stores in the Milwaukee area. A percentage of the face value is returned to the parish. It's a pain-free way to support St. Robert Parish (and in this instance, the school's flagpole!). Anyone interested in participating in the Scrip program can call or email Kathy Wyatt (414-350-9562 or kpw Wyatt50@gmail.com).



**Mary Ellen Croke Fox '52**, and her husband, Michael E. Fox, Sr., were presented with honorary doctorates from Santa Clara University at its 2017 commencement. The university president recognized the Saratoga, CA couple for their philanthropic efforts for SCU and throughout the Silicon Valley. They have supported the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Foundation, Silicon Valley FACES, Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School, and the Santa Clara University's Board of Regents among others. Mary Ellen graduated from Holy Angels Academy and attended Barat College in Lake Forest until 1959 when she and Michael moved to California.



At Dominican High School, **Anne Linn '13** and **Kate Frediani '15** received Renaissance Awards for Performing Arts (Anne) and World Languages (Kate); **Joe Frediani '13** received the Gesu Peacemaker Award for service and dedication to Dominican High School and the Milwaukee Community. In addition, DHS students **Kevin Linn '13** and **Anne Linn '13** were nominated for Tommy Awards, a Wisconsin state program that honors outstanding high school musical theater achievement.



**Leena Abu-Zahra '13** is a valedictorian of the Divine Savior Holy Angels Class of 2017. Leena will attend UW-Madison and is considering majoring in chemistry. She was also accepted into UCLA, UC-Berkeley, and Boston College.



**Nicholas Kalt '92** was awarded the Shorewood School District Tradition of Excellence Award on April 28, 2017, for his military service. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the US Marine Corps in 2000. Kalt served in Iraq and retired as Captain from the Marine Corps due to injuries sustained in Iraq, for which he was awarded a Purple Heart, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" and the Combat Action Ribbon. He is currently employed as firefighter with Long Beach, CA Fire Department. He and his wife, Katy, live in San Clemente, CA.



**Andy McGuire '02** received his Doctorate in Geography, Water Policy from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He celebrated with his parents, Steve and **Ruth Haese McGuire '75**.

At Divine Savior Holy Angels High School, **Mary Callanan '14** and **Maeve Devine '14** were inducted into the National Honor Society. **Kelley Schlise '15** received the Beatrice M. Haggerty Scholarship for outstanding achievement in science, math and extra-curricular activities; and, an award for Outstanding Geometry Student. Le Grand Concours (The National French Contest) awarded a Certificate of Honor for

the highest test score in French 4 to **Mary Callanan '14** and for the highest test score in French 3 to **Kelley Schlise '15**.

**Leann Vice-Reshel '02** graduated in May, 2017 with a doctorate degree in clinical psychology from Alliant International University in San Diego, CA. Leann did her dissertation on the effectiveness of nature therapy with autistic children. She is married and currently works for Agnesian Health Care in Fond du Lac as a psychotherapist with children and adolescents.



Milwaukee Bishop Donald Hying and Ahava Productions produced a film series called ECHO that introduces viewers to the US Catholic Catechism for Adults. **Adela Luna '15**, **Anne Linn '13**, and **Brigid Jurgens '15** sung with a choir of high school

girls directed by Mark Konewko that was part of the last episode. The series can be found at <http://www.ahavaproductions.com/echo/>

**Fr. Michael Witzak '65** celebrated his 40th anniversary of ordination on May 28, 2017. He continues teaching at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

**Mary Franke '03**, an actress living in Chicago, appeared in an ad for Lakeshore Technical College. The ad can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K976EA5W-Nc>



St. Robert School welcomes the daughter of **Mary Balthasar Pape '95** to 4K in the fall of 2017.

## In Memoriam

- Lola Bour Axt '33 – 9/15/16
- Hattie Czaja Clancy '35 – 1/12/17
- Mark Williams '40 – 5/21/17
- Charles Schwerm '47 (9th grade only) – 11/5/16
- Karen Grant Bennett '60 – 5/25/17
- Laura Ann Deinlein '69 – 6/24/17
- Steven Girard '76 – 4/19/17
- Devin Wyatt '07 – 4/12/17

We extend our sympathy to alumna and parent of alumni, **Audrey Radtke '70**, on the death of her father, Robert Albrecht. We are grateful the family mentioned St. Robert School as a recipient of suggested memorials.

## Congratulations

William Marc Smathers, the son of **Alex Brousseau Smathers '03** and her husband, Jason, was baptized at St. Robert Church on April 30, 2017.

**Kelly O'Keef Tyriver '98** and her husband, Reed, welcomed their second child, Robert Douglas, to the family on June 1, 2017. The Tyrivers live in Oshkosh, WI, and have a daughter, Teagan, who is 2½.



**Margaret Cope '02** married Dan O'Connell at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Milwaukee, on Saturday, June 17, 2017.



**Caitlin McKeown Simon '00** and her husband, Trevor, welcomed their first child, Corbin McKeown Simon, on June 24, 2017. The Simons live in Washington, DC.

## REUNION

The **Class of 1983** is planning a reunion for the summer of 2018, and is updating the class list. Please email **Claudine Bizefski Franzen '83** at [claudinefranzen@gmail.com](mailto:claudinefranzen@gmail.com) with your current contact information, or to volunteer with planning.

## DATES to REMEMBER

- August 24, 2017 . . . . . Pretzel Run/Walk at Estabrook Park 5:00 pm Check-in
- August 28, 2017 . . . . . First Day of School
- September 30, 2017 . . . . . Class of 1968 Reunion
- October 6-7, 2017 . . . . . Rummage Sale
- March 10, 2018 . . . . . Emerald Auction
- Summer, 2018 . . . . . Class of 1983 Reunion

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