

One year ago students, teachers, and staff made an ongoing commitment of prayers and financial support to Fr. Michael Ssenfuma and the Anawim mission to the Buterbere school in Masaka, Uganda. Meanwhile the Buterbere students offer regular prayers for their long distance partners in Montgomery. The mission has merged hearts, prayers, and hope for one another across the world.

Fr. Carucci, Rick and Joey Harris, Nap Barranco, Jeff Barranco, and Allison Russo have been instrumental in organizing Anawim with Fr. Michael and in connecting MCPS with Anawim updates and information.



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# HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

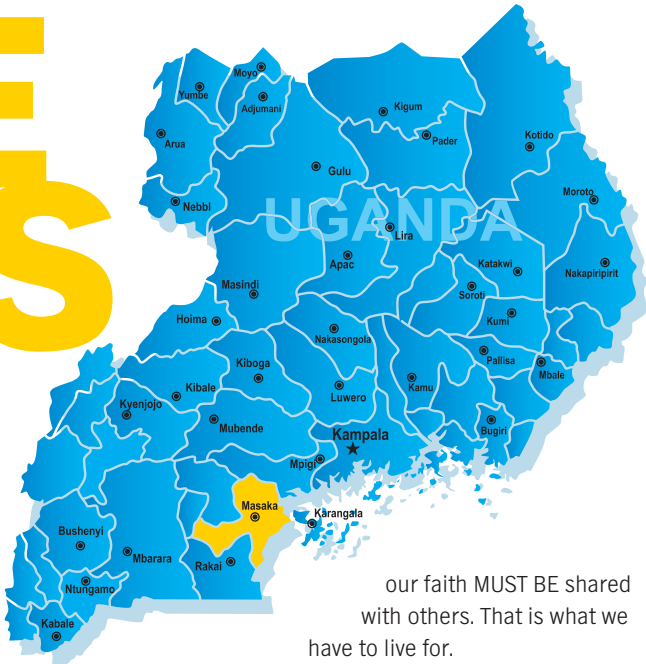
When we open our hearts to Jesus there are things that happen which the human mind cannot grasp. Each of us has a story of how God has worked in our lives and how strange the story begins. I want to share how I came to sweet home Alabama.

God's ways are not our ways! He provides springs of fresh waters in the deserts and that's my testimony.

I am privileged to serve young people in my country and share their stories. Sometimes the children don't have food or an opportunity to be in school. Sharing God's love with them makes me want to do

## ANAWIM UGANDA'S MISSION STATEMENT

Anawim Uganda's mission is to provide Christ centered support to the youth of Masaka Uganda – to inspire their futures, improve their communities, better their education, & to nurture the spiritual growth of young Catholic leaders.



our faith MUST BE shared with others. That is what we have to live for.

There are many signs of growth and confidence, signs of maturity and purpose. Anna from middle school brought me \$40 in pennies as her personal collection to help our mission and promised she will do more next year. I felt so honored for her spirit. You continue to pray for us and indeed we do experience your prayers and such is what we need to keep doing.

There is still a long way to go, but together we can do it and we must. The uphill task is tremendously difficult but it's achievable. I invite all your ideas and continued support. I want to see the American children come to experience what they have contributed to in Uganda and I want them to grow up knowing that they are important and what they are doing is equally important in shaping the world they are living in.

My sincere gratitude goes to Archbishop Thomas Rodi who allows me to come visit the Archdiocese, my pastor, Fr. David Carucci, and all the priests that help me to be here. You mean the world to me.

My desire is to see this relationship grow and that it will be one way of preparing each one of us for heaven. The little we can do, we must do.

We are not only doing what Jesus wants us to do but also we are contributing to the destiny of our children.

May God bless you all,  
**Fr. Michael Ssenfuma**

more because in Jesus they discover God's plan for everything.

In 2006 my friend, Helga Marcar met me in a village school ministering to children at Villa Mar parish as associate pastor. She observed my relationship with children during

Mass, my approach to life, and my interactions with others, telling me that it was uniquely impressive.

A year later I was appointed to my current position as Diocesan youth chaplain. Realizing the enormous work I had been entrusted with, Ms Helga wanted to support us. Ms. Helga felt an opportunity to do something as a witness to starving children without clothing, children dying for lack of medical treatment, and children without education.

She said she had little but would help me get exposure. She organized travel for me to the UK and Belgium to make connections and solicit support to begin work for what I was called to do.

Unfortunately the trip yielded no funds and technical support. However, God had a better plan. After celebrating Mass in Brussels, Belgium, on my last Sunday in Europe, I was greeted by an American man who introduced himself as **Daniel Johnston ('97)**. He said that he believed my mission had a place in the heart of America. Despite hearing many stories about America, I did not think I would ever get there. God had a different plan.

Daniel took my address and promised to find me a place to visit in the summer. After six months he wrote that he was full of promise that something would work out. His plan was to get me to NOTRE DAME, BUT GOD'S PLAN WAS TO BRING ME TO ALABAMA.



Top of page: Fr. Michael and students in Uganda. Above: Allison Russo, Fr. Michael, and Jeff Barranco. Below: Fr. Michael.



## 2012-2013 GIVING

\$10,332 Total Collections which provided the following for Buterbere School in Masaka, Uganda:

- soccer jerseys and gear
- school and first aid supplies
- children's clothing
- blankets
- concrete classroom floor
- gutters and down spouts to harvest water
- cement base for a water cistern
- metal doors
- desks and chairs for the crudely built classroom



# Professing the Faith in Difficult Times

St. Polycarp was born about 65AD and as a young man was a disciple of St. John the Evangelist. It was probably St. John who ordained him bishop of Smyrna (a city now located in Turkey). St. Polycarp would eventually be martyred (155AD) but before his martyrdom he had disciples too. One of these was a young man named Irenaeus (born 130AD) who was born in Smyrna but later left his home town to serve as a priest in Lyons, France. He was chosen to serve as the second bishop of Lyons after the first bishop of Lyons was martyred. St. Irenaeus himself was martyred (202AD) for witnessing to the faith after serving more than 20 years as bishop.

The purpose of mentioning these men is two-fold. First, it reminds us that despite the persecutions and martyrdoms of the early Church, the faith continued to spread. The faith to which St. Irenaeus witnessed by his death continued to be taught and lived in Lyons. About 1,600 years after the martyrdom of St. Irenaeus, a young seminarian named Michael Portier left his home in Lyons in 1817, just as Irenaeus had, in order to serve the Church where there was a need for priests. He journeyed to America and, to make a long story short, eventually became the first bishop of Mobile. The

faith passed from John to Polycarp to Irenaeus and on through the centuries in Lyons made its way to Alabama. Our archdiocese of Mobile is tied back to St. John in a very visible manner.

The other purpose for mentioning this history is that it teaches us that we must profess the faith even when times are difficult. The early history of the faith in Lyons is replete with the stories of martyrs. This did not end with ancient times. Some of Michael Portier’s relatives in Lyons were put to death during the French Revolution in the 1790’s for refusing to abandon the Catholic faith.

We live in a new moment in our country. Our American culture has been grounded in our Judeo-Christian values, but today is different. Our increasingly secular society is becoming progressively hostile to people of faith and we, as previous generations, will need to learn how to be people of faith in a hostile environment.

We are not facing physical persecution resulting in executions, but we are gradually facing governmental actions which assail our ability to practice our faith. State and Federal governments are using tax emptions, licensing, governmental contracts, and liability for violations of public accommodations



Montgomery Catholic's High School Science Olympiad Team pictured with Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi in April 2013. Pictured from left to right: Leo Petters is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Petters; Patrick O'Mara and Maddie O'Mara, they are the son and daughter of Col. and Mrs. Ray O'Mara; Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi; Zach Hulcher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hulcher; Baines Deal is a senior and the son of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deal.

statutes as ways to coerce people to act in ways contrary to their faith. I came across two recent examples of this: A United Methodist pavilion in New Jersey which lost its property tax exemption for refusing to allow a same sex “marriage” on its property and a florist in Washington State who describes herself as a “Christian woman” who is being prosecuted by the State Attorney General for refusing to accept a request to provide flowers for a same sex “marriage.”

Standing up for the sanctity of life, the Gospel teaching on marriage,

and religious liberty will not be easy. Sometimes it is not easy to be a follower of the Lord. Previous generations of Christians knew this. We may be called to relearn that being a Christian can require a sacrifice. However, we are also strengthened by the words of Jesus: “Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.” (Matthew 10)

**Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi**  
*Archbishop of Mobile*

## Letter from the President

*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matthew 6:21*

The fact that you are receiving this year's edition of Nowadays signifies in some form or fashion that you have a heart for Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. You have given us your greatest treasure, your children to educate, you have generously donated countless hours to the service of the school in the support of its mission, and you have donated monetarily in order to continue the work begun by the Sisters of Loretto in 1873.

This year the student body of MCPS was 832 strong in grades K4 through 12. We were able to open the Holy Spirit Campus and the pre-kindergarten classes at both St. Bede and Holy Spirit. Our students continue to excel both in and outside of the classroom. We had two National

Merit finalists, **Giselle Simms** and **Zach Hulcher**. Both of these students were educated solely in our system. Our second through eighth grader scored well above the national average on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and our elementary, middle, and high school students continue to outperform others on the ACRE test, a nationally normed test of knowledge of the Catholic faith. Athletically, our students had a great year, as you will see in the article written by Travis Jarome, our Athletic Director. Our school continues to lead our students to give back to others through charitable acts of service. The MCPS community raised over \$10,000 for the support of Fr. Michael Ssenfuma's Anawim Ministry. This money helped to fund essentials things for the education of the students in Buterbere such as desks, concrete

flooring, and a water collection system. At the same time, the students in this small African village were giving us something even more valuable, their prayers. It is a win-win situation for both student bodies.

So many people give their most valued gift to MCPS, time. Archbishop Rodi is a frequent visitor to the campuses of MCPS. The students have the privilege of knowing him on a personal level and enjoy his visits to their classes. Our local priests are phenomenal in their support of the school through their willingness to say Mass, hear confessions, visit classes, and stand in carpool line. Their presence and their living out the Gospel sets us apart from all other schools.

Parent involvement is an integral part of the fabric of MCPS. From concession stands to field trip chaperones, parents are responsible for the helping to make these extra-curricular activities happen. I know that their heart is in this school because I realize the sacrifices that they make in order to provide Catholic education for their children.

We are blessed with a remarkable faculty and staff. They go far beyond the call of duty and are willing to push themselves to inculcate new methods into their classes to keep our students engaged academically. This year our ninth grade social studies class was web-based, using e-books and laptops. It was a huge success, and next year the one-to-one laptop initiative will involve all ninth and tenth graders. Professional development of the staff is key to the success of this program, and we have been fortunate to be able to implement staff development in this area for all of our teachers.

The health of our schools is directly proportional to their leadership. Laurie Gulley is the epitome of Catholic



principals, prayerful, loving, and fair. She is the face and foundation of the wonderful work that continues at St. Bede. The admin team at Holy Sprit, Fr. Driscoll, Mary Kelley, and Ken Klinger, did a remarkable job in the opening of the Holy Spirit Campus. Chad Barwick, our Middle/High School principal, along with Julie Wood, Middle School Assistant principal, did an outstanding job under this new model.

Thank you to all of you that continue to support our mission through monetary donations. I am always touched by your generosity. Over the past several years we have been able to pay down our debt to a balance of \$1,125,000.00. This is a major accomplishment and hopefully, through your continued support and generous donations we will be debt free in the very near future.

As we wrap up another academic year and begin to plan for the opening of MCPS for the 140th time, I am reminded of a quote from Blessed Mother Theresa, “God does not require that we be successful, only that we be faithful.” We continue be faithful to the mission of the school and pray that the Lord will judge us as successful as we lead our students to become people of Faith, Virtue, and Wisdom.

Please continue to pray for Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School, its students, families, faculty, and staff as we begin our new school year, and know that you remain in mine.

**Anne Ceasar, President**

## 2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- PICE Golf Tournament**  
September 27
- Homecoming Bon Fire**  
October 10 @ 6:30 PM
- Homecoming Football Game**  
October 11 @ 7 PM
- Columbus Day**  
October 14 NO SCHOOL
- Thanksgiving Holidays**  
November 27-29
- Christmas Holidays**  
December 20 – January 1
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**  
January 20 NO SCHOOL

- Catholic Schools Week**  
January 27 – 31
- Monte Carlo Night**  
February 8 @ 6 – 10 PM  
Dolly Barranco Center
- Presidents Day**  
February 17 NO SCHOOL
- Good Friday**  
April 18 NO SCHOOL
- Easter Break**  
April 21 – 25
- Graduation**  
May 20 @ 7 PM

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2012-2013

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- Michelle O'Mara**  
*Holy Family Community, Maxwell Air Force Base Representative*

Dear MCPS Friends and Family,



As President of Montgomery Catholic's Advisory Board for the 2012-2013 year and father of students at three of our four campuses, I have been witness to such exciting change! From the construction of our Holy Spirit Campus – the Archdiocese's first new elementary school in 34 years – to the introduction of Apple laptops in the high school classroom, Montgomery Catholic continues to provide a wonderful education for its students. For instance, where else would you have high school students truly excited – yes, excited – about Latin?!? Award-winning Science Olympiad teams...All-State band honors...

state championship athletics...we have it all at Montgomery Catholic!

But Montgomery Catholic is more than bricks, books, cleats, and computers.

I am reminded of middle school convocation in January. I was there to discuss my work on the prosecution of one of the men responsible for the 1963 bombing of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. As I held up photos of the four little girls killed in that explosion, I could see in the students' eyes that this was more than a history lesson. Their faith and their conscience – the faith and conscience that we, as parents, pray for our children – had been nurtured by their teachers in a way that allowed them to truly empathize with the victims of that horrible crime. And they wanted that sort of evil to never happen again. I have seen that same faith and conscience in the faces of the teachers

and coaches who have encouraged my children to develop both better minds and bigger hearts.

As Pope Francis recently stated, “We are created children in the likeness of God and the Blood of Christ has redeemed us all. And we all have a duty to do good.” I am confident that Montgomery Catholic helps our children to know that they have been made in God's likeness, that they are redeemed, and that they have a duty to do good. They receive an education of both mind and heart. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our school's faculty, staff, and families on our Advisory Board, and to thereby help build upon the work started by the Sisters of Loretto so many years ago.

**Marc Starrett**, *President*  
*Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Advisory Board*

MISSION STATEMENT

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is an integral part of the Catholic Church’s mission to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ while preparing students for college and beyond...helping them grow to become persons of faith, virtue, and wisdom.

BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE  
& FINANCIAL REPORT 2012-2013

From a financial standpoint, the 2012-2013 year is best characterized as a year committed to investments in classroom technology and continued progress in reducing the MCPS building debt. Both of these initiatives are very important as we strive to utilize our available funds to equip our classrooms with the latest and best technology, while at the same time strengthening our balance sheet by reducing the debt related to our recent capital building projects.



At the High School a MacBook Air cart was purchased, which allowed us to pilot the 1 to 1 Initiative in ninth grade social studies classrooms. This \$30,000 investment allowed us to start integrating additional technology resources into our curriculum. Additionally, our Middle School and High School teachers were all equipped with laptops, which is a significant step in preparing our faculty for the new laptop initiative.

The 1 to 1 Laptop Initiative will begin by equipping all of our 9th and 10th grade students with MacBooks, then adding

the incoming freshman class in each of the following two years. The MCPS investment to purchase the 150 laptops and supporting insurance, security, and accessories totaled nearly \$200,000. The laptops are being provided to our families on a lease to own program, which will be paid annually over their high school term.

I hope this summary of recent technology investments allows you to understand the high level of commitment we have in providing our students the most up to date learning environment possible.

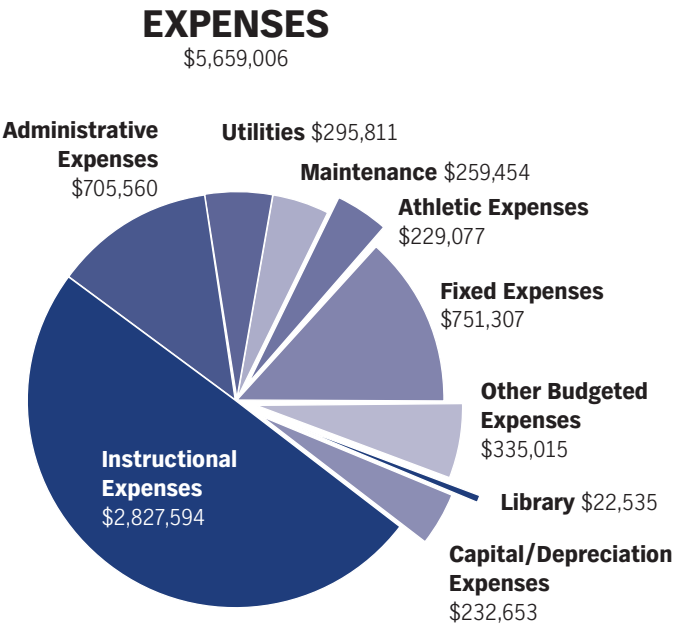
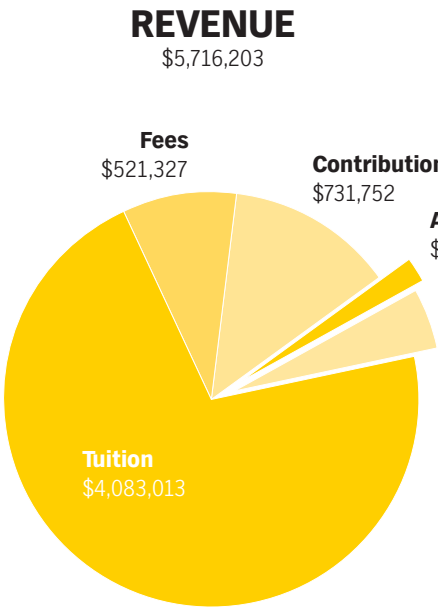
Debt Reduction: We began the 2012-2013 school year with long term

building debt totaling \$1,550,000. We are happy to report that our debt level has been reduced to \$1,145,000 as of June 30, 2013. The significant \$405,000 reduction of debt was made possible by the continuing capital support of our families, MCPS donors, and recent market opportunities. We will continue to focus on reducing our debt as it not only strengthens our balance sheet, but also helps position us for future capital projects.

**Kim Jackson**, *Business Manager*

Technology Investments: The two primary focuses this year were, first, to equip our new Holy Spirit campus with the necessary classroom technology to allow our teachers to be both efficient and effective, and second, to begin preparing for the High School's 1 to 1 Laptop Initiative that will kick off for the 2013-2014 school year.

At Holy Spirit we installed Smart Boards in each classroom, a \$35,000 investment. The Smart Boards allow our teachers to utilize their classroom computers to download and share internet materials to facilitate their lessons. Additionally, we purchased an iPad cart (\$15,000) that can be moved from classroom to classroom, allowing all of our students (up to 30 at a time) to benefit from lessons utilizing internet technology.





# Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Scholarships

## 2013 Scholarship Winners

Robbie Vide  
Memorial Scholarship  
**Ivy Bach**

The Legacy Scholarship  
**Maddie Jarmen**  
**Baden Shippey**

Frye, Arban, Ortega Scholarship  
**Sarah Talbot**

Sally Evans Hodges  
Memorial Scholarship  
**Andrea Hayes**

Anna & Harold  
Paige Scholarship  
**Angela Gier**  
**Blake Johnson**

Montgomery Catholic awards eight individual scholarships to MCPS students annually.

**Robby Vide Memorial Scholarship:** Established 1994. Each year Montgomery Catholic awards one full tuition scholarship to a deserving high school age candidate in the name of Robby Vide, a graduate of the school who died suddenly at the age of 29. The Vide Scholarship is given to a student who exemplifies the qualities of Robby's life: a strong record of scholarship, participation in extra-curriculars and athletics, and a zest for life.

**Coach Ralph Furlong Scholarship:** Established 1998. Initiated by a member of his 1946 football team, the intent of this scholarship is to honor one of Catholic's greatest coaches, whose record of 24 straight wins from 1947-1949 remains a school record. The Furlong scholarship is a partial tuition scholarship of \$1,000, given to a high school student who demonstrates a commitment to both extra-curriculars and his or her studies.

**The Legacy Scholarship:** Established 2006. Named in honor of teachers of MCPS, this tuition scholarship gives scholarships of \$2,500 each to two qualified new students. It was originally established through the generous benefaction of Mrs. Catherine Martin, class of 1937, and her family to give

students the chance to attend Catholic who could otherwise not afford to do so.

**Frye, Arban, Ortega Scholarship:** Established 2007. The Frye, Arban, Ortega (FAO) Scholarship seeks to honor Mr. Bernard Frye, Coach Joseph Arban, and Mrs. Alice Ortega, teachers who have given over 100 years of combined service to Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. In their name, it rewards a scholarship to one graduating senior

**Sally Evans Hodges Memorial Scholarship:** Established 2013. A \$3500 partial tuition scholarship is awarded to a deserving high school Junior or Senior in the memory of Sally Evans Hodges, a life-time believer in and supporter of Catholic education. Candidates should have a strong academic record, be a person of good character and contribute to making Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School a better institution, through service, time or energy.

**Anna and Harold Paige Scholarship:** Established 2013. The Anna and Harold Paige Scholarship is a non-denominational, need based, full tuition scholarship to be awarded to one Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School High School student and one St. Bede Elementary Campus student. Qualified students will demonstrate good moral character and leadership qualities.

Visit [www.montgomerycatholic.org](http://www.montgomerycatholic.org) for more information on individual scholarships and for applications.



Andrea Hayes

## Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Awards First Sally Evans Hodges Memorial Scholarship

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is proud to announce **Miss Andrea Hayes** as the first recipient of the Sally Evans Hodges Memorial Scholarship.

The Sally Evans Hodges Memorial Scholarship at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School was established in 2013 by the family of Sally Evans Hodges. Mrs. Hodges was a life-time believer in and supporter of Catholic education. The scholarship is awarded annually to one student and provides a partial tuition scholarship for one school year for a Junior or Senior at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School's High School Campus. Andrea met all of the qualifications for the Sally Evans Memorial Scholarship, including being a new or currently enrolled student at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School's High School Campus, exhibiting positive Christian characteristics, having a strong academic record, and it is believed she will contribute to making Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School a better institution, via service, time or energy.

Andrea Hayes is a rising senior at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and the daughter of Ms. Julia Sosa and Mr. Paul Hayes of Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Dick Hodges presented the award to Andrea at the MCPS Academic Awards Ceremony on May 6, 2013.



Blake Johnson

Angela Grier

## Anna and Harold Paige Scholarship Awarded to Two MCPS Students

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School awarded a full tuition scholarship to two students in May. The Anna and Harold Paige Scholarship was established in 2013 by a generous donation to Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School by the estate of Anna and Harold Paige, who were faithful members of St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church.

The first recipients of the Anna and Harold Paige Scholarship are **Blake Johnson** a rising sophomore and **Angela Gier**, a rising fifth grade student at Montgomery Catholic's St. Bede campus. Blake is the son of Michelle and Bruce Johnson of Prattville, Alabama. Angela is the daughter of Karla and Paul Gier of Montgomery, Alabama.



Gabriel McBeal



Madison Gaston

## The Knights of Columbus Support Student Achievement

**KOC #12150 Present First Richard and Barbara Brienza Scholarship**

On May 24, 2013 in the MCPS Holy Spirit Honors Assembly Jason Nguyen, Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus Council #12150 presented the first time Richard and Barbara Brienza Scholarship. The recipient was **Gabriel McBeal**, a sixth grade student at MCPS Holy Spirit Campus. The Brienza scholarship is dedicated to promoting Catholic education for MCPS Middle School students with financial tuition assistance. Gabriel was chosen to receive this award because of his academic efforts and his involvement with the school, his community and his home. He was also the recipient of the "Best Woodwind" award for the MCPS Beginning Band. Gabriel is the son of Mitch and Evangelene McBeal.

**KOC #893 Present Two Ben and Alice Tokarz Memorial Scholarships**

Each year the KOC #893 take pride in giving two tuition scholarships in memory

of Ben and Alice Tokarz to help students continue their education at MCPS. One scholarship is given to a St. Bede campus sixth grader who graduates to Middle School. The other is for a MCPS Middle School campus eighth grade student who graduates to High School. Students are selected with regard to academic achievement and service to school, family, and community. Applicants also share their personal views of Catholic education, and how it strengthens their faith.

Col. Lauer presented the winner of the St. Bede campus scholarship to **Melody Taylor** during the sixth grade completion Mass on Friday, May 24, 2013. Melody is the daughter of Lynda and Andy Taylor of Montgomery. The winner of the Middle School campus scholarship was **Madison Gaston**. It was also presented by Col. Lauer at the MCPS eighth grade completion Mass on Thursday, May 23, 2013. Madison is the daughter of Shannon and Collin Gaston of Pike Road.





# UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Photo by Michael Tyner ('13)

At the beginning of June, a group of recent MCPS graduates took a pilgrimage to Italy. Among the group were **Megan Karst ('13), Zach Hulcher ('13), Michael Tyner ('13), Callie Wilkinson('13), and Elizabeth Karst ('12)**. In Rome they witnessed the result of two millennia of the Christian Tradition, both through the awe inspiring churches as well as through the sacred relics of men and women who lived and died for the faith. The group attended a Papal Audience of newly elected Pope Francis, affectionately called Papa

Francesco by the Italians. Pictures taken by the former students verify their close proximity to His Holiness as he rode through the crowds in his "Popemobile." Additionally, the group was able to visit historic sites such as the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, and the Pantheon. For each member of the group, witnessing the living Tradition and beauty of the Church solidified their Catholic faith and reaffirmed all they have been taught throughout their years at MCPS.

**Megan Karst ('13)** contributing

## Jack Galassini Named Harbin Distinguished Service Award Winner

**Jack Galassini** was honored by Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School on May 6, 2013 as the 2013 Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service Award winner for his dedicated service to the school. The Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service Award was established by the Harbin family and is awarded by the school to recognize those selfless individuals who have significantly served Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and exemplified its values in their lives.

Jack's support of Montgomery Catholic spans three decades, beginning in the mid 1980's and moving into the mid 1990's while his three children were students at the school. He continued into the new millennium where he served as the emcee for several school events including our annual school spring fundraiser and filled in wherever and whenever he was asked.

Many activities kept Jack volunteering at Montgomery Catholic over the years. He was involved with Back to School nights, picnics, and rummage sales, and he hosted school Halloween parties at his home. He was a School Board member and a Booster Club member who was instrumental in getting the club started. He created Booster Buddies which helped increase attendance at Booster Club meetings, helped with Legislative Conventions, and SACS Accreditation, and provided the school with extensive knowledge and ideas for the "Faith in Education" Capital Campaign which enabled the school to expand adding the Belke Lab, Middle School, and Athletic Fields. Supportive of the students and staff,



Left to right: MCPS President Anne Ceasar, Jack Galassini and his wife, Pat.

Jack was always there whether it was writing recommendation letters for students, allowing the school to use his office for meetings, or serving on a search committee. He was invaluable in the planning and success of the annual Seafood Dinner held for years as a school fundraiser. He never said no to committee work; he was active in the PTC and both girls and boys athletics.

An active member of St. Bede Parish for more than 40 years, Jack serves as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. He has served on the Parish Council and as Deanery Chair for the Catholic Charities Campaign. He has been a President of the Montgomery United Way. Currently, Jack serves on numerous civic boards, and he is a TV host.

With service many times behind the scenes, Jack has been involved with the school in almost every area. He worked all the fun activities but also took on major leadership responsibilities on committees and in the often difficult job of fundraising. He did it out of love for the school, its students, and the entire Montgomery Catholic community.

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School accepts nominations for the Harbin Distinguished Service Award throughout the year. Please contact Vicki Dickson at [vdickson@montgomerycatholic.org](mailto:vdickson@montgomerycatholic.org) for Award Guidelines and an application. The award is given each year in May.



MCPS students and Junior class sponsor at the annual Mardi Gras Breakfast.

## The Annual Mardi Gras Breakfast

The Annual Mardi Gras breakfast hosted by the Junior Class on February 12, 2013 was one of the best yet! The students with **Mrs. Sarah Pugh**, their faculty sponsor, did an amazing job of transforming the DBC into a fabulous Mardi Gras hall and served a delicious hearty breakfast. However, the main treat was the powerful message delivered by **Teresa Nadeau ('74)**, a graduate of Catholic High (our name when she graduated.) Teresa spoke about her love of our school, her "legendary teachers," and the struggles she has faced as she was diagnosed

year. After more than a year of logistical planning, MCPS is rolling out its One to One Laptop Initiative for the 9th and 10th grade classes in the continuing effort to provide our students with a 21st century education. The students will use the laptops to enhance learning and collaborate in new ways such as file sharing through AirDrop and Dropbox, podcast creation through Garage Band, and guided research on the internet.

This project was piloted in the 9th grade history classrooms last school year with a rolling Macbook lab that will continue to be in service for other grades, increasing our ability to serve the tech needs of our growing community. The school chose the lease-to-own program through Apple based on its proven leadership in educational support and the robust durability of the hardware and software.

We are excited for the future and giving our Knights the tools needed to prepare them for employment in a tech-savvy workforce. We ask for the intercession of St. Isidore, patron saint of computers, for our successful One to One Laptop Initiative!

with Scleroderma. She shared her journey in faith and how her friendship with God has evolved and maintained her. The MCPS community is so thankful that Teresa shared her message with us on that day and thankful for having her as one of our own. \*\* For more information about Scleroderma, check out [scleroderma.org](http://scleroderma.org). \*\* For more information about Teresa's drawings, check out [teresanadeau.com](http://teresanadeau.com). \*\* For more information about God, just talk to Him. \*\* To contact Teresa about speaking at your group or meeting contact Teresa at [teresa@nadeau.net](mailto:teresa@nadeau.net).



## Henry Petters Wins County Spelling Bee

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School's **Henry Petters** was named the Montgomery County Spelling Bee Winner after correctly spelling the adjective "tyrannical." Henry (7th) competed against nineteen other Montgomery County students in grades four through eight on Monday, February 4, 2013, at Frazer in Montgomery. He brought home a check for three-hundred dollars for being the Montgomery County Spelling Bee champion. He moved on to the state level spelling contest in Birmingham on March 9, 2013. Henry, a seventh grader, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Petters.



## Montgomery Catholic Crowns 2012 Homecoming Queen & King

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School recently crowned their 2012 Homecoming Queen and King during the half-time ceremonies of the varsity football game as the Knights hosted Geneva High School, October 5, 2012. **Miss Michaela Marie Armstrong** was crowned by the 2011 Homecoming Queen **Miss Hailey Loria**. Michaela is the daughter of Brett Armstrong and Joanie Armstrong. **Mr. Michael Tyner** was named Homecoming King and presented a

scepter by 2011 Homecoming King **Miller Clemmons**. Michael is the son of Russell and Kathy Tyner.

Attendants and Escorts  
*Freshman:* **Nadine Moussalli**, daughter of Drs. Samir and Cinzia Moussalli, was escorted by **Patrick O'Mara** son of Col. and Mrs. Ray O'Mara.

*Sophomore:* **Emily Walker**, daughter of James Walker and Dana Walker, was escorted by her bother **Jake Walker**.



*Junior:* **MacKenzie Colvin**, daughter of Chris and Tracie Colvin, was escorted by **Kyle Berher**, son of Steve and Ann Berher.

*Senior:* **Sarah Talbot**, daughter of Maj. and Mrs. Gordon Talbot, was escorted by Homecoming King, **Michael Tyner**.

*Senior:* **Shelby Taff**, daughter of Jerry and LuAnne Taff, was escorted by **Jack Starr**, son of John and Susan Starr.

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School welcomed all Alumni home with an Alumni party at the Homecoming game from kick-off to half-time. Knight Alumni were able to enjoy re-connecting with former classmates and tailgating with Jim-N-Nick's Bar-b-Que, including the Class of 2002 celebrating their 10th reunion, the class of 1982 celebrating their 30th reunion, and the Class of 1977 celebrating their 35th reunion. Montgomery Catholic also welcomed the Class of 1962 home, celebrating their 50th Reunion, including former Knight Football players: **Doug McElvy, Jimmy Jehle, Ray Shulstead**, and **John Lueken** who were recognized between quarters.

Montgomery Catholic students celebrated Homecoming Week with a host of daily activities building up to the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 6 held at the St. Bede Family Life Center.

*Hailey Loria, Michaela Marie Armstrong, Michael Tyner and Miller Clemmons.*



Giselle Simms and Zachary Hulcher

## Montgomery Catholic Announces Two National Merit Finalists!

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is proud to announce Giselle Simms and Zachary Hulcher as National Merit Scholarship® Finalists. As finalists, Giselle and Zachary both maintained outstanding academic records throughout their high school years, were endorsed and recommended by their school principal, and earned SAT scores that confirm their qualifying test performance. Giselle and Zachary also

had to submit a detailed scholarship application, including a self-descriptive essay and information regarding their participation and leadership in both school and community activities. Giselle is the daughter of Mariann and Douglas Simms of Wetumpka. Zachary is the son of Vickie and Richard Hulcher of Montgomery. Giselle will attend Carnegie Mellon and Zachary will attend MIT in the fall.



Alex Castanza

## Alex Castanza named 2013 Chief Justice at the YMCA Youth Judicial Conference

After several weeks of preparation that included memorizing depositions, preparing direct and cross examination questions, attending officer training, and long team practices, a total of 43 Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School students participated in the 2012 YMCA Youth Judicial Conference, which was held November 10-11, here in Montgomery. These students, along with their attorney coaches, worked diligently to prepare either the prosecution or the defense side of the case. Trials were held in the chambers of the Federal Courthouse of the Middle District of Alabama. While the competition was stiff, our students fared extremely well! The following 6 teams competed:

For the prosecution: 2011 Premier League competition winners **Gaten Armstrong, McKinlee Houghland, Ashley Karst, Mary McLaughlin, Allie Micher, Jennifer Tyner**, and **Tucker Wilkinson** worked with attorneys Ali and Ray Hawthorne once again this year and placed in the Top 20.

Half of the team made up of **Baines Deal, Carmen Espinoza, Zach Hulcher, Paul Overton, Dean Rodopoulos**,

**Bennie Taylor**, and **Michael Tyner** competed for the first time this year and did very well. They were coached by Nicole McArthur and Jacob Jeter and placed in the Top 20.

The prosecution team coached by Lydia Yancey and made up of **Agnes Armstrong, Emily Barranco, Kathleen Beesley, Abaigeal Gilbert, Emily Lafreniere** and **Nadine Moussalli** won top honors in the Premier League!

For the defense: Coached by Mike Harper, the Premier League team made up of **Ali Harper, Aubrey Lenn, Alex Nyairo, Elizabeth Overton, Taylor Pitters**, and **Emily Walker** competed well against their competition.

The defense team, made up of **Ashley Barranco, Ann Marie Dean, Andrea Hayes, Monica McCann, Anna McCracken**, and **Trey Vaughan**, was once again coached by Richard Dean. This team was fierce and placed in the Top 20.

Laurel Crawford once again coached her team to the Top 10. This team included **Chad DuBois, Sydney Jarman, Megan Karst, Katie Lafreniere** (who was named the "fashionista" of the weekend), **Jack Starr, Maggie Starr**, and **Natalie Sullivan**.

Representing MCPS as Officers of the Court were Judge **Stefan Perritano** and his Bailiff, **James Sherman**. **Alex Castanza** served as Bailiff for the Chief Justice, his 2nd year in that position.

The culmination of the weekend was the election and swearing in of the 2013 Chief Justice, MCPS Junior, **Alex Castanza**. Alex is the son of Mike and Diane Castanza.

Special thanks go to the attorneys who helped prepare our students, to the many parents who came to watch the trials, and to Abby Beesley and Steve Perritano who were tireless chaperones!



# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Student Accomplishments 2012-2013

### ART

**Braxton Woodson** (2nd), **Hart Yost** (3rd), **Nathan Manning** (2nd), **Alexander Villena** (2nd), **Savannah Johnson** (5th), and **Audrey Trant** (2nd) had art work submitted for a competition done by the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. Their work was chosen to be on display in the museum.

**Sophia Kerr** (3rd) was in *A Christmas Carol* at ASF this year.

**Matthew Klinger** (6th) played Oliver Twist, and **Emily Klinger** (3rd) played an orphan and gang member in *Oliver!* the musical at Faulkner Dinner Theater.

**Matthew Klinger** (6th) was cast as Jem in ASF's production of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.



**Ricky Treloar** (6th) won the “Be Kind to Animals” poster contest sponsored by the Montgomery Humane Society.

### ENGLISH

Sixth Graders **Anna Catherine Barranco**, **Annie Bach**, **Mari Caitlin Riggles**, **Jacob Flowers**, **Ricky Treloar**, **Ethan Macchia**, **Isabelle Saliba**, and **Melody Taylor** wrote essays that were published in “Celebrating Me” by Creative Communications.

**Katherine O’Connor** (5th grade) won the St. Bede campus school-wide spelling bee.

**Will Gooslin** won the Holy Spirit campus school-wide spelling bee. Both students went on to compete in the city bee.

Accelerated Reader winners (read books and took tests for the most points and at least 85% accuracy) for this year were:

**Fr. Michael Sassenfuma** joined the winners from our St. Bede campus for an end of the year limo ride.

1st Grade winners: **Ian Shin** and **Ashlyn DiGioia**



## WRITING, WINNING AND GIVING!

### Nicholas Brown Wins Essay Contest

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School sixth grader Nicholas Brown won the city-wide essay contest, “The Power of Pets” held by the Montgomery Humane Society. Nicholas entered the contest with an essay he wrote as an English assignment. He wrote about what his dog has taught him and how special his pet is to him. The Humane Society’s Mary Hughes visited the MCPS St. Bede Campus on February 21 to present Nicholas with a medal and a check for \$100. With a giving spirit, Nicholas graciously accepted the medal and refused the check. He asked that the Humane Society use the money to help feed the animals at the shelter. WOW! What a wonderful gift Nicholas gave, and what a wonderful example he is for all of us!

## KNIGHTS SCORE BIG!

The Iowa Test Basic Skills (ITBS) tests offer educators a diagnostic look at how their students are progressing in key academic areas. This nationally normed standardized test evaluates the following areas: Vocabulary, Word Analysis, Listening, Reading Comprehension, Language, Math, Social Studies, and Science.

Second	3.7
Third	5.2
Fourth	6.8
Fifth	8.3
Sixth	8.4
Seventh	9.2
Eighth	10.1



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL  
Student Accomplishments 2012-2013

ART

1 Beth Wyatt has a piece in the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Permanent Student Art Collection.

HONORS

Valedictorian: Zachary Hulcher

Saludatorian: Jarett Mason

The Joe Arban Perfect Attendance Award: Trey Magdon, Maddie O'Mara, and Ashley Sulzby

2 Alabama's Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Conference Attendees: Paige Barranco and Leo Petters

Alabama Youth Judicial Chief Justice 2014: Alex Castanza

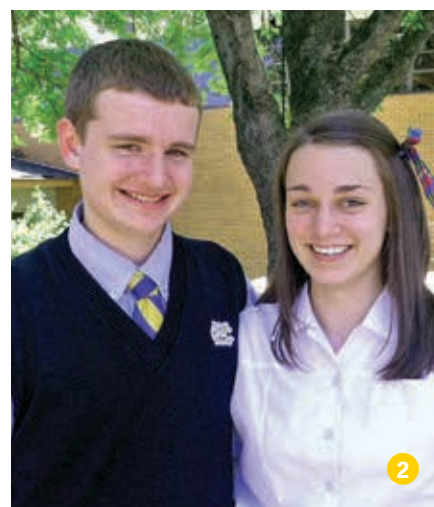
National Merit Scholarship Finalists: Zachary Hulcher and Giselle Simms

National Merit Qualifier for 2014: Maddie O'Mara

Middle School Knight Ambassadors: Mya Averett, Cheyenne Hayes, Elizabeth Londell, Anna Nutting, Michael O'Connor, Antwan Parker, Lauren Smith, Jordan Steele, Maggie Tippet.

State recognition for the Duke TIP program: Cameryn Brown, Christopher DeJesus, Sieanna Grogan-Albaugh, Henry Petters, Annabel Starrett

Qualified for Academy for Summer Studies through the Duke TIP program: Christopher DeJesus and Sieanna Grogan-Albaugh.



Qualified for Center for Summer Studies through the Duke TIP program: Henry Petters and Annabel Starrett

Montgomery County Spelling Bee Champion: Henry Petters

Spotlight Students in Potential Magazine: Daniel Lobello and Andrea Hayes

MATH & SCIENCE

3 A.M.P.'ed (Auburn Mathematical Puzzle Challenge): The MCPS team of Henry Petters, Lauren Smith, Isabella Padilla, David Bender and Ledariane Moore placed 1st.

4 Can Do Good Social Design Competition: MCPS received the Viewer's Choice award.

Montgomery Chapter MathCounts Competition: the MCPS team placed 2nd; individual honors: Henry Petters placed 3rd, and David Bender placed 7th.

Math and Computing Olympiad: 1st place in Math Competition, Zachary Hulcher, Leo Petters and Willie



Ravelo. 2nd place in Web Design, Maddie O'Mara, Giselle Simms and Dylan Craig.

Statewide Math Tournament: MCPS placed 9th in the State, highest ranked team from Montgomery.

Middle School Science Olympiad Auburn University Competition: 1st place; Henry Petters and Frank Gonzalez, Write It Do It; 3rd place(tie); Henry Petters, Metric Mastery; 4th place; Katie Lawrence and Lucy Waite, Water Quality; 4th place; Adam Bristol and Frank Gonzalez, Sounds of Music. MCPS ribbon recipients were: 5th place; Lita Blackburn, Food Science; 6th place; David Bender and Jordan Steele, Crime Busters; David Bender, Boomilever; David Bender and Lita Blackburn, Experimental Design; Ledariane Moore and Henry Petters, Shock Value; Adam Bristol and Frank Gonzalez, Road Scholar; Cheyenne Hayes and Clint Williams, Rotor Egg Drop; 7th place; Cheyenne Hayes and Katie

Micher, Disease Detectives 2nd; Stone Miller, Experimental Design 3rd; Sarah Nolan, Circuit Lab 3rd and Experimental Design 3rd; Maddie O'Mara, Magnetic Levitation 1st; Gravity Vehicle 1st; Dynamic Planet 2nd; Elastic Launch Glider 3rd; Patrick O'Mara, Magnetic Levitation 1st; Gravity Vehicle 1st; Elastic Launch Glider 3rd; Leo Petters, Magnetic Levitation 1st; Remote Sensing 1st; Technical Problem Solving 2nd; Willie Ravelo, Write It/Do It 1st; Thermodynamics 2nd; Fermi Questions 2nd; Robbie Sankey, Water Quality 2nd; Spencer Starr, Astronomy 3rd; Kristina Vanella, Disease Detectives 2nd; Chase Williams, Write It/Do It 1st; Thermodynamics 2nd.

5 State Science Olympiad: 5th place overall. Individual honors were:

Baines Deal: 1st in State for Genetics - Designer Genes and 3rd in State for Materials Science.

Zach Hulcher: 1st in State for Genetics- Designer Genes, 1st in State for Dynamic Planet, 3rd in State for Materials Science and 3rd in State for Remote Sensing,

Maddie O'Mara: 1st in State for Gravity Vehicle and 3rd in State for Magnetic Levitation, Patrick O'Mara: 1st in State for Gravity Vehicle and 3rd in State for Magnetic Levitation.

Leo Petters: 1st in State for Dynamic Planet and 3rd in State for Remote Sensing.

Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science Competition at Auburn University (TEAMS): 1st at the new Middle School level, 1st for the third straight year at the 9th-10th grade level and 4th at the 11th-12th grade level.

Lawrence, Keep the Heat. 8th place; Lita Blackburn and Henry Petters, Reach for the Stars.

Regional Science Olympiad: 3rd place overall. Individual honors were:

Brian Brunson - Water Quality 2nd; Fermi Questions 2nd; Rocks & Minerals 3rd; Baines Deal, Water Quality 3rd; Kenneth Dickerson, Forestry 2nd; Astronomy 3rd; Anne Faulkner, Forestry 2nd; Experimental Design 3rd; Berkeley Hall, Technical Problem Solving 2nd; Thermodynamics 3rd; Water Quality 3rd; Zach Hulcher, Remote Sensing 1st; Dynamic Planet 2nd; Thermodynamics 3rd; Patrick McGinn, Circuit Lab 3rd; Allie



# HAPPY DAYS!

Faculty and staff share good news of marriages and babies!



**Alex Johnson**, Band Director, announces the birth of their second child, Lorelei Annelise Johnson on June 2, 2013, weighing 8 lbs 11 oz and 21 inches long.

**Sharon Stark**, Food Service Director, St. Bede Campus, announces the marriage of her dad, Roy Peltier to his lovely new wife, Angela (Garthwright) at the young age of 81. Sharon's dad was widowed for more than 9 years. The wedding was May 18, 2013 at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish.



**Mary Pat (Wade) Sikes ('96)**, Holy Spirit Kindergarten Teacher, husband, Michael, and big brother, Patrick

welcomed their baby girl, Kathryn Anne on July 9, 2013.



**Anna Lee Ingalls**, Development Director, announces the birth of her granddaughter, Margaret

Ashworth Lewis, on September 26, 2012, to her daughter Courtney, husband Jeremy Lewis, and big brother Connor.



**Jeanene Crenshaw**, High School Chemistry Teacher, announces the birth of her first grandchild, Cooper Jeffrey Jackson, 7 lbs 14 oz 21 inches, born at 12:53 June 23 to her daughter, Sarah and husband, Dewayne Jackson. "Thanking God that all went perfectly!"



**HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU!** Amy Johnson has been a welcomed face at Montgomery Catholic for 18 years as media specialist for the middle and high school library. She coordinated the transition of moving the library from the Classic Building to the Belke Building in 1998. Today the school continues to enjoy praise from the public for that facility. With technology advances she maintained current skills for cataloging library inventory and managing the Power School system which tracks student contact information and grading for parent access.

This spring it was bittersweet to acknowledge her retirement announcement. Despite losing a good friend and co-worker, we are excited for her plans to spend more time with her family.

On behalf of the thousands of students you have served through the years and all of the Montgomery Catholic family, we wish you happy trails wherever you go!

## Congratulations to Our Very Own Alumni Teacher!

*"I believe in education, which gives me the knowledge to work wisely and trains my mind and my hands to work skillfully" - from the Auburn Creed.*

BEST stands for Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology. Its mission is to "inspire students to pursue careers in engineering, science, technology, and math through participation in a sports-like science- and engineering-based robotics competition." Each year teams develop robots to perform tasks simulating a different branch of engineering.

Last year was our third year to participate. There are two competitions. The Robotics competition and the BEST competition include robotics plus marketing and oral presentation components. We finished 9th in our region last year out of 24.

BEST originated in Texas in 1993 when two engineers from Texas instruments organized what they thought was a one-shot robotics event for local high schools. Since then it has grown to nearly 1000 schools and 50 host sites.

The War Eagle BEST Teacher Leadership Award is given each year

**WAR EAGLE BEST**  
Auburn University  
Presents the  
Teacher Leadership Award to  
*Dr. Joseph Profio*  
Montgomery Catholic  
Preparatory School  
*For inspiring the spirit of the Auburn Creed in his BEST Students.*

at the Auburn University regional BEST competitions to an individual who demonstrates the spirit of the BEST program in promoting interest in technology-related fields of study.



BEST is administered at Auburn University by the College of Engineering and the College of Sciences and Mathematics. MCPS participated in many activities sponsored by these Colleges: BEST, TEAMS (another engineering themed competition), E-Day (Auburn's Engineering Open House), AMP'd (solving math puzzles, middle school and high school), and the Women's Leadership Symposium in Science and Mathematics.

"I believe I was considered for the award because I participate in as many Math, Science and Engineering events as possible at Auburn. In addition, I support or coordinate MCPS participation in math competitions (University of Alabama, Vestavia Hills,

AMC state math competition), Science Olympiad, and the Math and Computing Olympiad at Alabama State University.

Math and Science are not just class subjects designed to torture unfortunate students. (That's just a perk!) Math and Science are alive and exciting. MCPS students benefit from associating and competing with the top students from other school around Alabama and western Georgia. These events, whether we win or lose, provide perspective to students on what types of questions mathematicians, scientists, and engineers consider."

## PARENT-TEACHER COUNCIL

A school is successful through many means, and at Montgomery Catholic one of the longstanding and essential components to that end is our Parent Teacher Council (PTC). They are an imperative venue for our community to stay connected. The leadership for these organizations takes on tremendous responsibility in making sure the goals they set forth are executed. The gratitude for their volunteerism is never adequately expressed. Yet we hope our acknowledgement here emphasizes the importance they play and the appreciation we have.

Our four gallant leaders for 2012-2013 were PTC presidents **Nancy Koontz**, St. Bede campus, **Christina Parker**, Holy Spirit campus, **Ashlee Hooper**, Middle School campus, and **Teresa Norris**, High School campus. In the course of a year they

hosted receptions for a multitude of occasions, celebrated Catholic Schools Week, raised money for increased technology in the classrooms, and were always on call to provide help when an unplanned need arose. They seemed to work effortlessly in coordinating a multitude of parent volunteers for a long list of events.

Nancy, Christina, Ashlee, and Teresa, we tip our hats to you

for your humble and dedicated service. Whether it be Muffins for Moms, Donuts for Dads, Field Day refreshments, lunch for all students and faculty, or the ultimate high school graduation reception, you made us look like a million dollars every time we gathered, and we love you for it! Thank you for taking pride in who we are and celebrating Montgomery Catholic in the finest of fashion. This is Catholic!





# Honoring Mary All Year

At Montgomery Catholic, our students honor the Blessed Mother throughout the year. The tradition of sharing a statue of Mary who travels home each week with an Elementary student and their family continues. They are asked to pray for our school and ask for a special intercession by the Blessed Mother. This year, four May Crowning celebrations were held at our campuses, a beautiful tradition celebrating our Blessed Mother. The Middle School ceremony took place May 1st in front of the school; each Elementary campus' second grade, first communion class crowned Mary during a school Mass, and our High School campus was the site of the annual Mary's Day Celebration, sponsored by the ACCW (Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women) Montgomery Deanery. All are beautiful ways to honor our Mother Mary and give thanks for all she has done for us.



## THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN MONTGOMERY



"Just to let you know, there is a Catholic school in Montgomery." These were the closing words Archbishop Rodi jokingly said after handing me my first assignment as a priest. From now on I would be stationed at St. Bede Parish in Montgomery, a place I knew very little about, but was excited to experience. What I discovered after the first couple weeks was a vibrant Catholic community that was on fire with the faith and a Catholic School system that was dedicated to spreading that same faith to the children of Montgomery.

It is an amazing honor to be a part of the MCPS family. From the moment I arrived in the Capital City, Montgomery Catholic has welcomed me with open arms, and I am truly thankful for it. One of the great opportunities I have is to visit the Elementary, Middle School, and High School classrooms. I love being able to visit with the students. Whether it's fielding questions about the faith, talking about current events in the church, or telling a good ghost story, it's always fun to stop by the classroom and speak to the kids. I'm so grateful that teachers let me disrupt their classes at random times in the day!

In my first year here in Montgomery, I've been so impressed at how well the students, from K-4 all the way to seniors in High School, understand and can articulate the beliefs of our faith. One of my fondest memories was during the Pro-Life March in Washington D.C where a couple of our students encountered a small group of anti-march protesters. Without fear or anger, our students

calmly engaged these protesters with reasoned and logical arguments that left the other side speechless. To be honest, I was left a little speechless as well.

Even more than just talking about the faith, I am continually amazed at how the students of Montgomery Catholic are living out the Gospel. Whether it be doing community service, helping each other inside and outside of the classroom or, most importantly, participating in the sacraments like Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis, it is obvious that these students understand what living the Gospel is all about.

We are told that actions speak louder than words, and it seems that the students, faculty, and administration of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School have taken these words to heart when it comes to spreading the message of Jesus Christ and His Church. I am so thankful that MCPS allows me to be a part of such an incredible school. I look forward to spending another year with all those who make MCPS what it is today. Go Knights! God bless.



**Fr. Pat Arensberg,**  
Parochial Vicar,  
St. Bede the  
Venerable Catholic Church



# Then and Nowadays

In a driving rain storm in the summer of 1992, I first arrived at the then Montgomery Catholic High School. Faustin Weber had hired me, sight unseen, after an extensive telephone interview. I had no idea what to expect, and neither did he! The stress and long hours of a first year teacher were exhausting. I have to admit on the first day of class I was a little shocked by the fact that the students were not in uniforms. The kids looked like rag-a-muffins! (We've come a long way.) But despite their shaggy and unkempt appearance, there was something special about the kids I taught. Many had been together from preschool and acted more like siblings and cousins than classmates. Others, many of them military dependants, were just here for a year. It was inspiring to watch their interactions.

That first year was a great year for me. Faustin and Doctor Doyle were great mentors. Some of our practices in those days were a bit unconventional, but I found CHS to be a place that took Faith Formation serious and treated our kids with respect and demanded a lot out of them. That has not changed, but a great deal has changed! The uniforms were a welcome change, for me at least. I'm, also, looking forward to the two adjustments in the dress code for next year at the middle/high



school – no shorts and no hoodies, thank you Archbishop Rodi and Mr. Barwick, respectively. We have gone from monthly Masses in the gym, to weekly Masses in the Dolly Barranco Center, plus Mass three more days a week in the chapel! We have gone from a one hallway school to an impressive state-of-the-art educational complex. We even have year round climate control. We no longer have to wait for Doc to decide that 93° temperatures in the classroom impedes student learning. When I first got to CHS, you had to go to the President's office to ask for chalk, and you were begrudgingly awarded two sticks. Today MCPS has Smart boards in every classroom! (Wow, no chalk dust on my clerical shirt!)

I was very impressed with those young men and women I taught at CHS over twenty years ago, and I remain impressed

with the young men and women MCPS is producing today – Academy appointments, National Merit Finalists, and graduates at MIT, Harvard, and a couple of Seminarians. But please don't think that I judge our children solely on academic success. More importantly we have produced good people. My favorite story of success involves a student whose graduation was doubtful at times during his senior year. He did graduate, and if he had gone to college he would be dead or in jail today. He knew it, and his parents and I knew it. Instead, he enlisted in the military, served honorably and grew up. He has a great job and a beautiful family that I see at Mass every Sunday. A success story!

Please don't get me wrong. It might sound like I'm saying how much better MCPS is than the CHS of old. While we are better in terms of facilities and opportunities, this Montgomery Catholic community, in my experience, has always been extraordinary. There was something here in the early 1990's that made me change my life plans and ask to become a priest

of the Archdiocese of Mobile, and that something is still here. CHS and MCPS have always been the heart of the Catholic community here in Montgomery. I hope and pray that it remains beating strong for another 138 years. This truly has been and continues to be an adult community that is committed to raising young men and women of Faith, Virtue, and Wisdom.

**Fr. David Carucci,**  
*Pastor, St. Bede  
the Venerable Catholic  
Church*



## Prayer Warriors Connecting Our Hearts

Two very busy ladies have a commitment to bring us prayer petitions every day year round. Our personal prayer warriors are **Liz Gregorius** and **Ann Karst**. Liz has a son at MCPS, works full time, and is in graduate school. Ann is a full time nurse anesthetist with three daughters at MCPS (two have graduated). Their ministry brightens our morning “in” boxes and over time has become a witness to the power of prayer. We are more acutely aware of God's miracles in healing some illnesses and trauma, and His grace when the struggles continue. In every petition we are reminded that God's love endures.

“Several years ago I was looking for a unique way to 'help' my child's school. I wanted something that did not involve a huge outlay of cash because I did not have much extra to spare at the time. One day after dropping him off at St. Bede, it hit me like the proverbial ton of bricks - start a weekly Rosary group with other moms to offer prayer for Montgomery Catholic. As I asked around everyone seemed genuinely excited at the prospect, but we could never find a time that worked for us all. I knew the effort was needed, but was lost in how to accomplish the idea. I was telling my good friend Ann Karst one morning

how things were not working out for this endeavor, however I felt the Lord wanted us to proceed. Ann suggested that we pray via e-mail and open it up to the entire parent population of Montgomery Catholic. Wow! Of course, I knew there was no way that I could handle this alone, so she agreed to partner with me, and Prayer Warriors was born.

It has been and continues to be successful beyond our wildest dreams. The Lord has truly blessed our efforts because what started as a tiny spark from the Holy Spirit has turned into a wild fire. Ann and I are blessed by this ministry on a daily basis.

If you would like to join the Prayer Warriors and receive prayers each weekday morning for Montgomery Catholic plus other topics, email either Ann or myself. We will accept your prayer petitions not only for our school but for family, friends, and our community. To join simply send us an email with your name and email address to Ann at karstj2@bellsouth.net or me at lizgregorius@charter.net. Please include Prayer Warriors in the subject line of your email.

Remember that prayer is the best gift that you can ever give!”

Contributed by **Liz Gregorius**

Christ remains the center of our life at all four campuses of Montgomery Catholic. Every time we come together there is a calming quiet that allows us to reconnect to the priorities we have been called to serve.

Consider dropping by and joining us. You'll be greeted with a silence unheard of in a school and a new found joy in worshipping with the students. Their faces alone reflect the hope we have in Christ. We look forward to seeing you!

### SCHOOL MASS TIMES

St. Bede Elementary  
Friday, 8:30 a.m.

Holy Spirit Elementary  
Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Middle and High Schools  
Friday, 10:10 a.m. in the  
Dolly Barranco Center

Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday, 7 a.m., High School Chapel

Friday, 9 a.m., High School Chapel,  
Summer Hours only

### CONFESSION

Thursday, 4 p.m., High School Chapel

Friday after St. Bede Mass

Thursday after Holy Spirit Mass

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Holy Days falling on a school day are celebrated at all four campuses

### ROSARY CLUB

Thursday, 3:00 p.m., High School Chapel

### ADORATION

St. Bede – First Fridays – 2:15 p.m.

Holy Spirit – First Fridays – 2:15 p.m.

Middle & High School - First Fridays  
following Mass until end of school day.





# MONTGOMERY CATHOLIC KNIGHTS

What a great time to be a MONTGOMERY CATHOLIC KNIGHT!  
Knights fans can proudly reflect on an incredible year for the athletic department.

Congratulations to all of our teams who qualified for the postseason, many breaking through years of frustration to get there. The volleyball team qualified for regional play for the first time since 2009 by virtue of winning their area tournament, and the boys cross country team claimed their first-ever state championship – the first state championship in 12 years for Montgomery Catholic athletics.

As the seasons turned from fall to winter, the wrestling team finished 10th in the state of Alabama with just two wrestlers represented at the state level. Eighth-grader Zachary Van Alst claimed his second consecutive state title in the 106-pound weight class, while David Norris recorded his highest finish at the state tournament when he finished third in his weight class. Not to be outdone by wrestling by wrestling, the indoor track and field team came away with many state medalists but none more decorated than eighth-grader Kylie Frank who brought home three runner-up medals.

The spring brought much success as four teams challenged for state championships, first with the girls soccer team. The Knights qualified for the playoffs for the first time since 2007 when they finished second in the area to Saint James; however, they lost to two-time defending state champion Montgomery Academy in the opening round. The golf

team qualified for the AHSAA Sub-State Tournament, finishing fourth in the AHSAA Sectional Tournament – a tournament that many expected the Knights to blow through in 2012.

The baseball team set a new standard this year as they qualified for the playoffs for the first time since 2008 when they won their area. By hosting a first round series, the Knights did so for the first time since 2005; and by advancing to the second round, the Knights squashed 20 years of frustration of not getting through the first round when they hosted Slocomb.

The softball Knights also broke through in a big way this season as they won the regular season area and the area tournament. By doing so, they earned a bid to the AHSAA Regionals in Gulf Shores, where, for the first time since 2005, they advanced to the AHSAA State Tournament as the second qualifier out of the region by winning three games on the last day – including a 1-0 victory over Geneva with seventh-inning heroics and a 4-2, 12-inning win over Opp.

The Knights had two student-athletes earn All-American honors, six earn All-State honors, 16 All-Metro selections through the winter season, and eight student-athletes who have signed or will walk-on at their respective colleges and universities next fall. (Spring All Metro not available at the time of publication)



How can we improve on this wonderful year of athletics at Montgomery Catholic?

By not resting on our laurels and not worrying about what

others are doing, by worrying about what Montgomery Catholic is doing.

We have brought in three coaches this fall – Gregg Baker for football, Laura Mackley for volleyball and Emily Younker for cheer – that have the same drive, the same characteristics that we are always looking for in leaders at Montgomery Catholic. We have a strong group of student-athletes who believe in each other, believe in TEAM and believe in the SACRED message. We also have a dedicated group of faculty and staff, as well as an administration who works tirelessly for the school and for athletics.

As I write this letter, I think about each of you, the supporters of Montgomery

Catholic Preparatory School athletics, those that come out each and every day to support our student-athletes. I think about those who give so generously to the school and to athletics, making it possible for us to be able to compete at the highest level. I think about the strong leadership of our President, Anne Ceasar, who shares in the vision of becoming one of the preeminent athletic departments in the state of Alabama.

Make no mistake about it: we still have work to do. There is unfinished business on the horizon and our coaches and student-athletes are focused on that. We may have made the playoffs and challenged others for making it, but we have not climbed the mountain, and we are far from building the foundation necessary to compete against the state's best.

As important as it may seem to look back on what has been accomplished this year, what matters even more is what happens from today moving forward. Competing on a high level is hard enough in high school athletics with the turnover in athletes, but staying there poses an even





greater challenge when you take on the best the state has to offer.

In today’s world, it is important to be proactive and not reactive in the world of athletics and we are committed to making our facilities the best in the area, and our teams the best in the state.

I think we can all agree that it is great to be a Knight. Regardless of the outcome of any game, we will continue to celebrate the accomplishments of our student-athletes from 2012-13 as they have made their mark in Montgomery Catholic athletics and set the bar high.

It is up to all of us to help future Montgomery Catholic teams have a chance to do the same. For all of you who have supported us along the way, thank you for your support. Each and every one has played a part in getting us here. We will continue to need your ongoing support in the days, months and years ahead as we continue to build a championship foundation.

Yours in Christ,  
**Travis J. Jarome**  
*Athletic Director*



# Athletic Achievements (2012-13)

### INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**James Sherman**, junior kicker, ranked at the top of Class 2014 (Chris Sailer Kicking) Also named an All-American kicker by Chris Sailer kicking at conclusion of football season

**Jennifer Westendorf** ranked as top player in Class 2016 by several soccer websites, and was invited to participate as a pool player for the United State U-17 national team

**David Norris** finished third in his weight class at the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) state championships

**Girls 4x800-meter relay team** finished second overall at the indoor track and field championships

**Jarrett Mason, Skip Martin** and **Kylie Frank**, finished runner-up in distance events at the AHSAA state championships in track and field

**Jarrett Mason** finished as the state runner-up in cross country, and he along with **Skip Martin** and **Timothy McOmber** earned All-State honors in cross country this past fall

**Katherine Terino** finished in the top five in the girls race at the cross country state championships, earning All-State honors

### ALL METRO HONORS

Volleyball: **Callie Wilkinson**

Football: **Conner Preston, Cole Dixon, Dean Rodopoulos, James Sherman**

Cross Country: **Katherine Terino, Kylie Frank, Jarrett Mason, Skip Martin** and **Timothy McOmber**

Wrestling: **Zachary Van Alst** and **David Norris**

Basketball: **Michael Dallas, Anthony Thomas, Kirstin Wood** and **Jordan Lacey**

Track And Field: **Kylie Frank, Jennifer Westendorf, Jarrett Mason** and **Skip Martin**

Golf: **Zack Jones** and **Chapman Barranco**

Soccer: **Jennifer Westendorf**

Softball: **Sydney O'Connor, Lauren Walker** and **Kirstin Wood**

Baseball: **Matt Brooks** and **Greg Rickels**

### TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Volleyball** claimed the area regular season and tournament championships, advancing to the South Super Regional Tournament

**Girls Cross Country** qualified for the state meet for the first time since 2008 by finishing in the top four in the sectional meet

**Wrestling** finished 10th in the state with only two wrestlers representing the team at the state meet

**Baseball** won the area championship and qualified for the playoffs for the first time since 2008. The team won their first round game, the first time in almost 20 years, and hosted a second round playoff game – the first time since 2005 the Knights hosted a home playoff series

**Golf** won the Greater Montgomery Open for the first time in school history and qualified for AHSAA Sub-State by finishing in the top four at sectionals

**Girls Soccer** qualified for the playoffs for the first time since 2007, by finishing second in the area to Saint James

**Softball** won the area regular season championship and the area tournament championship. They advanced to the State Tournament for the first time since 2005 by finishing in the top two at the AHSAA Regional Tournament

**Boys and Girls Outdoor Track and Field** finished in the top seven at the AHSAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships with only distance runners on their teams

**Boys and Girls Outdoor Track and Field** recorded their highest finish in school history at sectionals, by finishing second in both of those meets

### POST PREP CAREER

**Michael Dallas** (basketball) Huntingdon College

**Kenneth Dickerson** (football walk-on) Tuskegee University

**Jarrett Mason** (cross country, track and field) Millsaps College

**Skip Martin** (cross country, track and field) University of North Alabama

**Conner Preston** (football) University of North Carolina Pembroke

**Greg Rickels** (baseball) Huntingdon College

**Katherine Terino** (cross country, track and field) – University of Montevallo

**Zach Hulcher** (football) MIT

### OVERALL MCPS ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Athletic Excellence Award Nomination**, *Coach and Athletic Director* magazine

**Sportsmanship Banner** by the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) was awarded for having a fine-free and ejection-free year in athletics.

## STATE CHAMPS!

### Zachary Van Alst

106-pound weight class championship for the second consecutive year at the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) state championships. He also finished third at the NHSCA national wrestling tournament, being named an All-American.

### Kylie Frank

won state championships in the 400-meters and 1600-meters (setting a new state record) at the AHSAA outdoor championships this spring. She also finished second in three events at the indoor track and field championships – her first state competition in track and field.

### Boys 4 x 800-meter relay team

won their fourth consecutive state championship (indoor -2012) and their third consecutive outdoor championship this spring.

### Boys Cross Country

claimed the sectional championship for the second consecutive year and won the AHSAA Class 3A State Championship.

**August 24, 2013**  
Fall Jamboree @ Trinity

**August 30, 2013**  
MCPS @ St. Jude

**September 6, 2013**  
MCPS @ Daleville\*

**September 13, 2013**  
Slocumb\* @ MCPS

**September 20, 2013**  
MCPS @ Dale County\*

**September 27, 2013**  
Alabama Christian @ MCPS

**October 4, 2013**  
MCPS @ Geneva\* .

**HOMECOMING**  
**October 11, 2013**  
Pike County\* @ MCPS

**October 18, 2013**  
MCPS @ Barbour County\*

**October 25, 2013**  
Abbeville\* @ MCPS

**November 1, 2013**  
MCPS @ Saint James

\* Region Game  
Games begin @ 7 p.m.

# 2013 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



The 2012-2013 school year was a great time of growth for the MCPS Band. We began the year welcoming a new faculty member, **Christina Banks**, as Assistant Director. In her roles as Beginning Band and General Music teacher at the St. Bede and Holy Spirit campuses, as well as assisting in the instruction of the Marching Knights, Ms. Banks has brought a wealth of expertise and enthusiasm to the Band program.

The Marching Knights began with the most successful (and enjoyable) summer Band Camp ever. In October, the Marching Knights competed at the Southeastern States Marching Band Festival in Troy, Alabama, and the Huntingdon Invitational Marching Competition at Huntingdon College. The Marching Knights do a great job of representing MCPS and earn high scores at these events, but they also received straight Superior ratings from every judge in every section at the Huntingdon Marching Invitational. This was the first time in school history to make this accomplishment.

Also in October, the MCPS Band held our annual Fall Concert, the first concert band performance of the year. This concert was a great success in featuring our Middle and High School students performing a large variety of music literature.

In December, the Band's annual Christmas Concert was held, introducing the first performance for the 6th grade Beginning Band students. They began their musical careers with much acclaim and applause. Additionally a group of students from our Middle School campus represented Montgomery Catholic at the 2012 Southeastern United States Middle School Honor Bands at Troy University. Those selected included **Mary Katherine Brunson, Audrey Kim, and Kenneth Bell**. These students applied and were selected from a very large body of applicants from around the southeast.

In January, a large number of our Band members auditioned for the Alabama

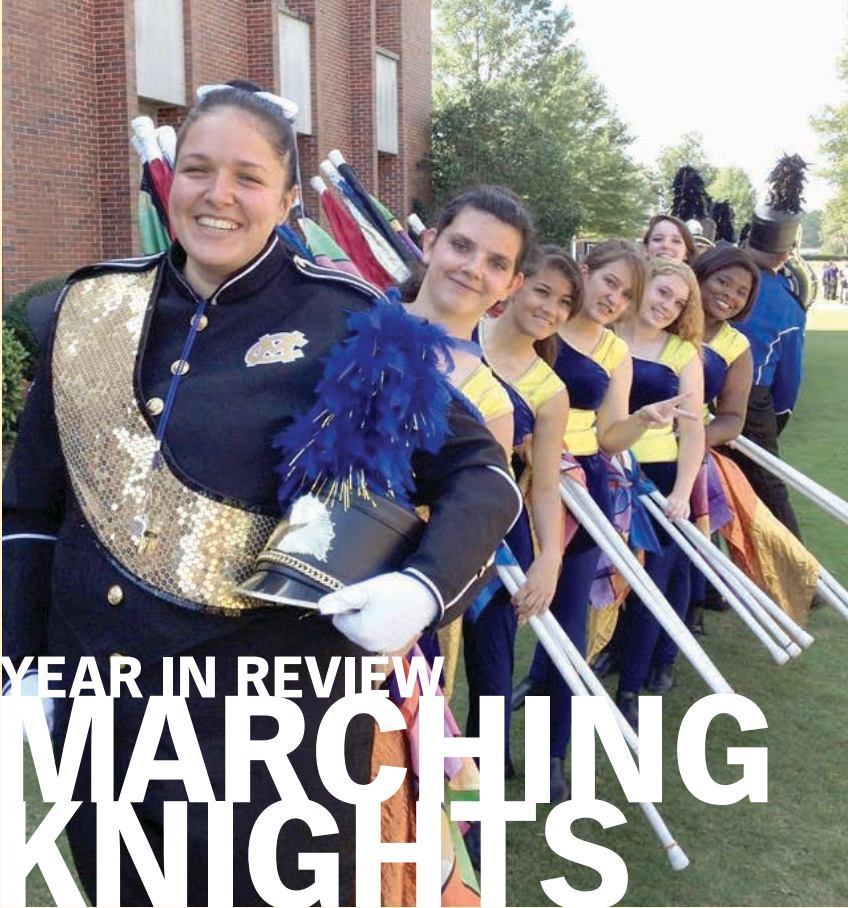
All-District and All-State Honor Bands. Hundreds of students from our area of the state try out for these highly competitive ensembles, and an above-average number of our students earned a place in them. Selected for the All-District Honor Band were **Adam Bristol, David Bender, Audrey Kim, Henry Petters, Will Brunson, Eric Crenshaw, Katie McDaniel, William Russell, Mary Reagan Starrett, Logan Stevens, and Beth Vaughan**. Selected for the very prestigious All-State Honor Bands were **Adam Bristol, William Russell, and Beth Vaughan**. **Adam Bristol** earned 7th chair middle school trombone for the entire state, **Beth Vaughan** made 2nd chair in the All-State White Band, and **William Russell** made 13th chair in the All-State Red Band.

In February, **Mary Reagan Starrett** and **Logan Stevens** were selected for the 2013 Southeastern United States High



School Honor Bands at Troy University. Also during this month, several of our Middle and High School Band members were accepted to the 2012 Auburn University Symphonic Honor Bands, including **Adam Bristol, Eric Crenshaw, and Mary Reagan Starrett**. **Will Brunson** also represented Montgomery Catholic at the 28th Annual Alabama Honor Band Festival in Tuscaloosa.

In March, the MCPS Concert Band performed at the Alabama Bandmasters



earned Superior ratings on a total of 25 different performances.

In May, the Band capped off a great year with our annual Spring Concert. This event featured the Beginning, Middle School, Concert, and Jazz Bands, as well as the Percussion Ensemble. Not only was this a great performance with which to end the year, those in attendance were treated to a fantastic guest appearance by our 7-12 principal, **Mr. Chad Barwick**.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the new opportunities the 2013-2014 school year holds for the MCPS Band program. The Marching Knights will have its largest membership in six years, and our Beginning Band will expand to include 5th grade students at Holy Spirit and St. Bede. We are looking forward to our best year yet with the MCPS Band program.



**Alex Johnson,**  
*Director of Bands*



...are important parts of the MCPS mission, striving each year to expand opportunities. Students in K4-6 have exposure to weekly visual art and music classes while middle and high school students may choose visual arts, drama, or music as an elective. Band is also an elective for students beginning in the sixth grade and up.

Knights are successfully competitive in the arts locally and throughout the state. As

in all areas of our mission Montgomery Catholic students use their talents in the arts to serve the community. Our elementary choirs performed during the holidays for senior citizens. Middle and High school students participated in the annual Empty Bowls project for the Montgomery Area Food Bank by volunteering on event day and designing clay bowls as donations for the fund raiser. A group of high school students painted bird houses for the Family Sunshine Center's annual fund raiser, Making Homes Safe Havens. Finally, high school students painted four handmade benches and table for children built by our very own Deacon Labadie. They were donated to Baptist Health Hospital.



The creativity of our students brighten our days whether their displays are here at home or out in the community.





TORCH BEARERS REVENUE

Fund Description	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
Annual Fund	\$57,022	\$70,682
Athletic Donation	\$5,240	\$7,283
Band Donation	\$7,150	\$7,650
Grandparents for Growth	\$2,460	\$10,685
Holy Spirit Playground	\$0	\$6,500
Knights of the Round Table	\$0	\$17,450
Memorial Gifts	\$7,700	\$14,446
Miscellaneous	\$9,425	\$41,753
Scholarship Donations	\$2,600	\$27,702
Tuition Assistance	\$9,260	\$15,419
TOTAL	\$98,257	\$219,750

Blessings!

A year ago, I received a call from a friend about the Public Relations position here at Montgomery Catholic, and what a blessing the call has been. As I reflect on my first year back at my Alma Mater, I am amazed at the blessings it has given to me. Montgomery Catholic has been a stable force in my life, even when I didn't know it. Being back in these halls has given me tremendous joy and understanding for the great world of education. What a blessing to walk into work and have the opportunity to

pray, the opportunity to grow in faith, and the opportunity to watch young minds and hearts do the same. This is the exact experience I had when I was in school here. My job is to share the “good news” about Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and it is easy to do. Our students are bright and gifted in so many ways. The teachers and administrators in these buildings are dedicated and passionate about helping our community of students, along with their families, to strive to be persons of Faith, Virtue and Wisdom.

Dear Knights in Shining Armor,

It's great to have this opportunity to greet you, show what's new, and most importantly, say THANK YOU!

In two years of our Torch Bearers campaign you carried a shining light expanding the number of donors and giving dollars. Your gifts translated to God's grace to enrich various areas of the school.

“Numbers don't lie.” See how generous the Montgomery Catholic community has been in supporting our mission. It is phenomenal!

It is a privilege to promote our students and humbling to communicate with donors and alumni who share their stories, their memories, and their visions for the future. Their hearts build all of our dreams for Montgomery Catholic.

“In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!” - Pope Francis

May you pray and ponder the gifts you have been given and how a portion of that might benefit our students.

Peace and Prayers,  
**Anna Lee Ingalls,**  
*Development Director*

WHAT IS ADVANCEMENT?

Most people are familiar with the concepts of development and public relations. In recent years the word “advancement” has become a new standard term to umbrella initiatives in development, public relations, enrollment, and faith formation.

Advancement is a team approach which calls every person in the organization to get on board as ambassadors for the mission of the school at every level.

The leadership of our advancement team is **Anne Ceasar**, President; **Kim Jackson**, Business Manager; **Vicki Dickson**, Public Relations Director; and **Anna Lee Ingalls**, Development Director.

You are vital to MCPS in advancing our school with your word on the street. Take it seriously, be informed, promote our strengths, and pray for the wisdom that we may always improve who we are to His glory!

Advancement... it's a winner. Cheer for the home team.

Faith in Education

Faith in Education was the fourth phase of a major renovation and building master plan for Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. This historic \$3 million effort helped to build the Dolly Barranco Student Life Center and to refurbish the then existing Middle and High School cafeteria into four classrooms. Each year we acknowledge pledge gifts made in the just completed fiscal year.

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Ella Castanza celebrates Catholic Schools Week with 6 grandparents on Grandparents Day. Ella's grandmothers Diane Castanza and Cindy Taylor, great grandmothers Barbara Deep and Bebe Taylor, great grandfather Mike Deep and great-great grandmother Dorothy Thomas all came to visit her class. Pictured with Ella are Mike and Barbara Deep and 99 year old Dorothy Thomas. Ella is in Mrs. Rutland's first grade.





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Contributions for 2013:

- \$45,000 Renovation of high school locker rooms
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- \$41,000 Increase Mac Books for elementary teachers
- \$34,000 Network Infrastructure St. Bede Elementary
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Our gratitude continues for **Jean Bradley** who instated Monte Carlo in 2009 and to **Bonnie McClure** who has chaired the event from 2010 to the present.

Jean had a genius idea in providing a way to build community and extra funding for the school. In her gifted manner, Bonnie has directed the event to bigger and better annually.

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# ALL ABOUT ALUMNI

This has been a stellar year for our alumni...more communication, more giving, more volunteering, and more reunions. We have enjoyed every minute of hearing from each of you. Thank you!

Even though that central hall is a distant memory, YOU are always on our mind. Your wisdom and enthusiasm can be a great advantage in shaping goals and mentoring students. The ways you can be a part of Montgomery Catholic are endless. Give us a call, and let's discuss what excites you about the future of the Knights!

**NORTH ALABAMA RECONNECT**  
Pale Eddie's in Birmingham was the spot on January 24, 2012, for the first ever Montgomery Catholic reconnect event.

With a large concentration of alumni in Birmingham we invited everyone in the greater Birmingham area and north of to attend.

The setting was casual and a lot of fun. Jim 'N Nick's catered and a cash bar was available. Fr. Carucci, Anne Ceasar, Vicki Dickson, and Anna Lee Ingalls hosted 21 alumni. The crowd enjoyed reconnecting with each other and getting some quick updates about the school from the administration. We enjoyed seeing:

- Michael Sweeney ('85)**
- James D. (Pete) ('65) and Carol ('65) Peterson**
- Joanie Licari Alfano ('82)**
- Julie Nadeau Schifer ('82)**
- Kristi Carlson Watts ('87)**
- Marcial Mendez ('91)**
- Matt Spikings ('00)**
- Michael A. Vercher ('92)**
- Michael Ross ('82)**
- Nick Cvetetic ('71)**
- Rachel Ceasar Barranco ('02) and her daughter Maddie**
- Ryan Jackson ('03) and his new bride, Lauren**
- Ryan Robichaux ('00) and his fiancé Megan Vucovich**
- Tammy Sullivan Tucker ('77) and husband Jimmy**
- Tony Ceasar ('99)**
- Vicki Dickson ('91)**
- Willie Faulkner ('98)**

Everyone is committed for the second annual in Birmingham and hopefully initiating a similar event in South Alabama. Look for event dates on our website: [www.montgomerycatholic.org](http://www.montgomerycatholic.org), face book, and email.

**THREE'S A CHARM!**  
Pray for us  
Remember us in your prayers whether it is an intention or a dedicated prayer.

**Work with us**  
Our students can learn by your experiences. Volunteer in person, email, or on the phone to offer guidance regarding your education and/or profession. We'll match you with students looking to go where you have been.

**Give to us**  
Annual giving is the back bone of a strong organization. Make a place for MCPS in your budget. Ignore the myth that we expect large checks. Our goal is simple – 100% participation. The 2012-2013 gift range was \$25 - \$37,000. Get in the range!

## Alumni Updates

### Class of 1932



*Class of 1932 – Class of 2025*  
The **Jehle** family gathered at the lake home of Bobby and Kay Allen ('63) Hassett for their reunion on June 1, 2013. The children of **Charles, Kathryn, Lawrence, Roy, Mary, Ed, Frances, Jack,** and **Lillian Jehle** planned the event. Mary, Ed, Frances, Jack and Lillian were all graduates of St. Mary of Loretto. 115 family members attended all with Montgomery Catholic roots.

### Class of 1944

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Class of 1944, a framed photograph of Pope Francis is given to the High School for display in the main entry.

**Fr. Bill Folsom** is planning a 70th reunion the summer of 2014. Please contact him with your contact information and that of others with whom you are in touch. Write to Fr. Bill at 1601 Sandstone Court, Montgomery, AL 36117 or call at 334-318-5083.

**Class of 1956 and 1957**  
**George Ann Smart DeVoe ('57)** and **Bob DeVoe ('56)** have moved to Leander, Texas.

### Class of 1970

**Emily J Mastin Seawell** has been living for the past 37 years in Amherst, Virginia.

### Class of 1977

**Tammy Tucker** "My family moved to Birmingham when my husband, Jimmy, accepted a job with BVAA Compass Bank. I am employed as a RN at St. Vincent's NICU. Daughter, Allison is a RN and married to Michael Barkerio. They live in Aurora, Colorado. Daughter, Lauren is currently in Physician Assistant Studies at the University of South Alabama and will graduate August 2013. Daughter, Carrie is a senior at The University of Alabama with a BS in elementary education."

### Class of 1978

**Bruce Alter** is married to Mimi. They have five children.

### Class of 1979

**Fr. James Dean** Fr. James Dean moved to St. Benedict's Abbey in Kansas to discern a monastic vocation in 2009. He recently returned to the Archdiocese to resume his priestly ministry. He is currently the pastor of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Elberta, Alabama.



**Vincent Lombardi**  
"I have worked in radiology at Regional Medical Center in Ocala, Fla. for almost 29 years. I am active in my parish, Blessed Trinity, as an Eucharistic minister for the sick and recently as a Knight of Columbus. I fondly recall my freshman year at Catholic with David Tokarz for religion class and some very nice classmates. I really hated leaving when my dad moved to Opelika. A scripture quote from my yearbook, "...He is the potter and we are the clay..." has stayed with me reminding me that God is always molding us into what he would like us to be if we are open to His grace."



**Elise Schloeder** "I moved from Oregon two years ago with my daughter Vienna, to help my mom. In Corvallis, Oregon, I was a financial advisor. Now I work part time as a realtor in Sahuarita, a working community, and Green Valley, a wonderful retirement/snowbird community. I love the Sonoran desert. It's very beautiful here and great for wildlife watching and spending time outdoors."

**Mike Stanaland** works for USFA as an electrician.

**Geri Whatley Warman** has been married 27 years and has three children, Emily, Kristen, and Leah. Two are at Auburn. WAR EAGLE!

### Class of 1982



**Beth Ann Hyatt Gibson** "We had our 30 year reunion last fall, but only a few of us were able to attend. My husband Ray and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary on February 14, 2013. I still work for State Probation & Parole in Troy, Alabama, for almost 25 years."

### Class of 1985



**Steven M. Barranco, CPA,** to the Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy. Barranco's appointment was made by Governor Robert Bentley and confirmed by the Alabama Senate. As a member of the Board, he will represent Certified Public Accountants and serve a four year term of service.



**Jeff Downes** retired after working for the city of Montgomery for more than 24 years as Deputy Mayor to accept a position as the city manager of Vestavia Hills. "It's with mixed emotions I've done this... anyone that's ever heard me talk knows my love for this city."

### Class of 1986



**Paul Landers**  
"I am still flying as a lead pilot for FLD/KEYW Corp, flying ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance) flights worldwide. I spent 7 months in Africa last year, mainly in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso and Entebbe, Uganda. I am back in

Afghanistan at Mazar-i-Sharif, starting year 6 doing this. Amy (wife) and I have two daughters: Maggie (age 7) and Anna (age 5). Maggie will be in 2nd grade next year and Anna will be in kindergarten. We live in Celina, Texas. I will be back home on December 9, 2013, after another 193 fun filled days in Afghanistan."

### Class of 1988

**Father Den Irwin** is the pastor at St. Martin of Tours parish on the Troy State University campus. He remains busy with all of the many duties of parish life, including spending time with the parish youth and the college kids. The parish is currently undergoing renovations as well as assisting the college to build a Catholic dormitory on the Troy State campus.

### Class of 1989



**Allison (Irwin) Rumore** and her husband Charles live in Birmingham. Charles and his brother Terry run their family business, Southern Armature Works, in downtown Birmingham. The company repairs automotive and industrial starters, alternators, radiators and does A/C work for wholesale and retail customers across the state. Allison stays busy homeschooling their eight children. They are expecting their ninth baby in October.

### Class of 1990

**Charles Ray** is currently enjoying life abroad living in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

### Class of 1991

**Laura Ahaman Timberlake** and her husband Major Joseph William Timberlake welcomed their daughter Rowan Mae on April 15, 2013, in San Antonio, Texas.

### Class of 1992

**Bruce Erhardt** is married to Christine Bourdeaux. Their sons are Ethan, age 13 and Aaron, age 12. Bruce is business partners with Daryl Reginelli of Reginellis Pizzeria since 1996. In 2007 Reginellis was named International Pizzeria of the year by Pizza Today Magazine. Bruce and Daryl were keynote speakers at the International Pizza Expo in Las Vegas



in 2008. In June 2013 Reginellis was named 14th best pizza place in America by the Daily Meal magazine. They have 7 Reginellis in New Orleans, 2 in Baton Rouge, and a franchise in Houston.

**Melanie Pike Nicholls** and her husband Christopher live in Dothan, Alabama, with their three sons Nathan (9), Will (6) and Andrew (3).

**Michael Warren** married **Sarah Taylor** and is living in Denver, Colorado.

**Class of 1993**  
**Karen (Schroering) Glasscock** won the Paragon Award from CVS. This the highest award in CVS for managers. There are seven awarded each year. Her store in Pike Road has been named the best CVS store in Alabama for the past two years. Karen was the only store manager to win the award.



**Chaquetta Thomas Johnson** lives in Alexandria, La. Her accolades are: Bachelor & Master of Science in Nursing-

Vanderbilt University, Master of Public Health - UAB. Board-certified Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, Lulu K Wolf Hassenplug Scholarship, Nightingale Award for DNP students, Vanderbilt University Founder's Medal - School of Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice, and member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Childhood obesity prevention grant, co-chaired health and societal disparities forum. Doctoral work in reproductive health clinic delivery model. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, The Links, Fetal &Infant Mortality Review Board, YWCA of Central LA, and United Way of Central LA.

**Class of 1994**  
**Matt Cazalet** and his wife, Grayson have two sons, Jonathan, five, and Nicholas, one. They live in Daphne, Alabama, where Matt is a deepwater drilling supervisor for Shell Oil Company.



**Anne Platt** graduated with a masters in Elementary School Administration from Furman University (Greenville, SC) in August 2013.



**James and Suzanne (Thrash) Roberson** welcomed their son, Alexander Wright Roberson, born April 23, 2013.



**Kelly Murphy Peoples** and her husband Greg live in Alabaster with their 3 children Lily (5), Reid (3), Ryan (1).



**The Class of 1996** donated a bench to the High School campus courtyard in memory of **Laura Allen** who passed away March 12, 2012. It was dedicated on November 23, 2012, with **Fr. David Carucci**, Pastor of St. Bede the Venerable, presiding and Laura's cousin, **Fr. Den Irwin ('88)**, Pastor of St. Martin of Tours, blessing the bench. Laura's family and close friends were in attendance. The bench was constructed by **Ethan Sawyer ('98)** and **Jeh Vinson ('98)**.

**Robyn Yancey Focke** is married to John (Jack) Kenneth Focke II. They have 2 children, Hannah Maddox Focke (born May 21, 2010) and John William Focke, III (born April 30, 2012). They own a veterinarian clinic, where Robyn is the sole veterinarian.

**Mary Pat (Wade) Sikes**, husband, Michael, and big brother, Patrick welcomed their baby girl, Kathryn Anne on July 9, 2013.

**Class of 2000**  
**Ryan Patrick Robichaux** and **Meagan Vucovich** were married May 11, 2013.

**Class Of 2001**  
**Mary Clarke** received her Master's Degree of Science in Nursing from the University of South Alabama in 2013, completed the Emergency Nurse Practitioner tract, is a board certified Family Nurse Practitioner, and will sit for the Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner board. "My success ... is directly related to the outstanding education I received during my years at Montgomery Catholic, and I am forever grateful for the love, support, and knowledge gained through their teachers and staff."

**Class of 2002**  
**Bethany Spikings Alford** "I am married to Josh Alford, and we just celebrated our 6th wedding anniversary. We have two children, Charlotte Elizabeth Alford born July 22, 2012 and Dax Thompson Alford who is three years old. We moved to our new home in October 2012.



Celebrating the marriage of Michaelyn Nicole Jones and Steven Bryan Adams are **Daniel Hayden ('98)**, **Bryan Adams ('02)**, **Richard Wilt ('02)**, **Donald Hayden ('02)**, and **Joseph Blackwell ('02)**.

**Class of 2004**  
**Maria (Franco) Braswell** "I graduated in December 2012 with my Master of Arts in Teaching from Mercer University in Atlanta. I was recently hired as a 3rd grade teacher. My husband and I also welcomed our first child, Alexander Joshua into the world on April 7, 2013."

**Class of 2006**  
**Laura Marie Barranco** married Shawn Michael Feely on March 9, 2013 at St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church.

**Class of 2007**  
**Kristin Sutton** earned a Bachelors degree from The University of Alabama in 2011 and a Masters degree in Accounting from the University of Notre Dame in 2012. She traveled to Australia in April 2013 and has been working with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) in Chicago for the past year.



**Olivia Veres** graduated with a BRN from Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM). Her father John G. Veres, III, Chancellor AUM (Class of 1972) awarded her diploma. She was the only graduate to also receive a hug!



**Michael Polis** "I am a Clinical Dietitian at Baptist Medical Center South and health coach for nutrition and fitness. I have a Master's Degree in Nutritional Sciences from the University of Alabama. I am active in power lifting and plan to compete at the end of this year. I value the education and guidance I received at

Catholic and I am proud to be a graduate of such a great school."

**Roman Tubner** graduated from Centenary College of Louisiana and the University of Arkansas at Monticello with a BA in Psychology and Masters in Physical Education and Coaching. Currently he is the Graduate Assistant Men's Basketball Coach and/Resident Director for the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

**Class of 2008**  
**Meridith G. Anile** graduated from Troy University with a degree in Sport and Fitness Management, (Summa Cum Laude) with a minor in Exercise Science. Meridith is currently pursuing a doctorate in Physical Therapy at the University of South Alabama.

**Class of 2009**  
**Roscoe Anderson** received a BA in Political Science from The University of Notre Dame (UND). "...I thank family, friends, and teachers who made a significant and positive difference... I was accepted into the Alliance for Catholic Education Service (ACE) through Teaching M.Ed. program at UND...I will teach middle school social studies and science during the next two school years at Our Lady Catholic School in Santa Ana, CA. My ACE teachers played an important role in my learning. I am blessed to be able to give back to others..."

**Elizabeth Bromley** graduated from Mississippi State University May 10, 2013 with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology.



**Alexandra Elizabeth Gilbert** and **Albert James Mayhan, IV** married June 8, 2013.

**Brianna Michelle McClure** and Woods Bradshaw Lisenby married June 29, 2013.



**Class of 2010**  
**Victoria Schmidt Carter** married **Stephen Carter ('71)** May 25, 2012 and currently teaches at the St. Bede Child Development Center.

**Class of 2011**  
**Alicia Ruth Jackson**, a sophomore at Faulkner University, played Nancy in Oliver! the musical at the Faulkner Dinner Theater alongside current MCPS students Matthew and Emily Klinger.



## Homecoming 2013

### Montgomery Catholic Knights vs. Pike County

Friday, October 11, 2013 | Kick Off: 7 p.m.

Alumni and their families are invited to "Under the Tent" Barbeque and good times from 5:30 p.m. until halftime begins. RSVP now: [alingalls@montgomerycatholic.org](mailto:alingalls@montgomerycatholic.org) PS ...and don't forget, if we don't have your address and email, we don't know how to invite you. Be a Knight in Shining Armor...**STAY IN TOUCH!**





In the 30+ years she served as the cafeteria manager, Dolly Barranco greeted all who came in contact with her with a warm smile. And if this lady legend of Catholic High could have been with us for her 100th birthday this year, the crowd to wish her well would be out the door.

Today Miss Dolly's memory is etched in the school activity center named for her as the Dolly Barranco Center (DBC). She continues to flash that warm smile and twinkling eyes to each of us as we pass through the DBC for meetings, Mass, lunch, breaks, and a host of other events.

Miss Dolly was a gentle spirit yet had a watchful eye. In a heartbeat she would call you out for misbehavior or give a warning that she would have to call your mother if you were dating the wrong person. If you looked troubled,

# Hello,Dolly! (And Happy 100th!)

she always had time to listen and offer advice, often accompanied by a free meal.

The faculty received special treatment, hiding out in the pantry while she fed them goodies. The students working in the kitchen were allowed extra helpings of food, and if you didn't participate in the lunch program she tried to entice you with one of her homemade peanut butter cookies. Everyone looked forward to her annual Thanksgiving meal for all the students, staff and faculty where the turkey, dressing, and all the fixin's were made from scratch.

Her personal life was admirable serving as a role model for so many families. She lived life well in a way that no one can replicate. The mother of five children lost her baby daughter, Carolyn at the age of 9 months and her beloved husband, Nap at the age of 47. The family had moved to Montgomery only a year before her husband died, with her oldest son Nap Jr., recently graduated from high school, and her three other sons, Carl, Bill and David. A wise priest, Fr. McArdle, told her to wait a year before making a decision

about a contemplated move back to Birmingham where she had always lived. We all know the rest of the story which makes everyone in the Montgomery community quite proud.

The family fondly recalls gathering at her house each Sunday evening for a meal or “family” as it became known, a tradition that continues today with her sons. There were First Communion cakes for each grandchild and final driving instructions when they turned 16, accompanied by a Sacred Heart Badge.

Miss Dolly had a quick wit and sense of humor. Her wisdom, counseling and insight were constantly sought by both family and friends. People often called and asked her to pray for them as if she had a “direct line.” Every Sunday she would ask “have you been to Mass” no matter your age.

Her faith, lived by example, endures among us all, unveiling the goodness of the Lord through submission of all our life moments.

Pray for us, Miss Dolly.

## Honoring a Special Veteran

**Mr. Vollenweider**, a Korean War veteran, was beautifully honored by his family, Holy Spirit students, and military officers on November 16, 2012, in conjunction with Veteran's Day. The occasion was the dedication of a flag pole contributed in his memory by his daughter, **Bonnie McClure ('76)**, her husband, Bobby, and their family.

Many remember Bonnie as administrative assistant at Queen of Mercy School and MCPS Middle School, and know her currently as assistant to Anne Ceasar, President. Her history as alum coupled with three children; also alumni ignited her spirit to honor her father's memory with a gift commemorating his love of country.

First time Holy Spirit students eagerly awaited the dedication. At 7:50 a.m. the day began as usual, with student lead prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Respectfully the students stood and peered up towards the new flag pole and American flag on the front lawn, where they previously pledged to a small hand held flag. The new flag was presented and raised by Mr. Vollenweider's son-in-law, **Mr. Bobby McClure** and his grandson **Mr. Bryan McClure ('98)**, along with **Lt. Col. William Walski**. The MCPS Marching Band played the Star Spangled Banner while **Lt. Col. William Walski** and



Members of the Vollenweider's family in attendance included his wife, Mrs. Betty Vollenweider; daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie ('76) and Bobby McClure; grandchildren, Bryan ('98) and Melanie McClure, Brittany ('03) and Josh Bradley with their daughter, Ella; Brianna McClure ('09) Lisenby and husband Woods.

**Col. David Cool** saluted. His daughter, **Bonnie McClure ('76)**, concluded the ceremony sharing fond memories of her father and the joy he would have experienced with the honor.

The American flag was a gift from **Col. and Mrs. David Cool** who have two children at MCPS, Courtney in 10th grade and Cameryn in 4th grade. **Mrs. Michelle Cool** teaches at the Holy Spirit school.

Mr. Vollenweider and his wife, Betty, met in New Orleans and married in 1957. Their children are **Bonnie McClure ('76)**, **Raymond Vollenweider, Jr. ('80)**, and **Tina Stojak ('88)**. He served in the USAF four years during the Korean War. Afterwards he went to work in the Army National Guard in Montgomery where he retired after 30 years.

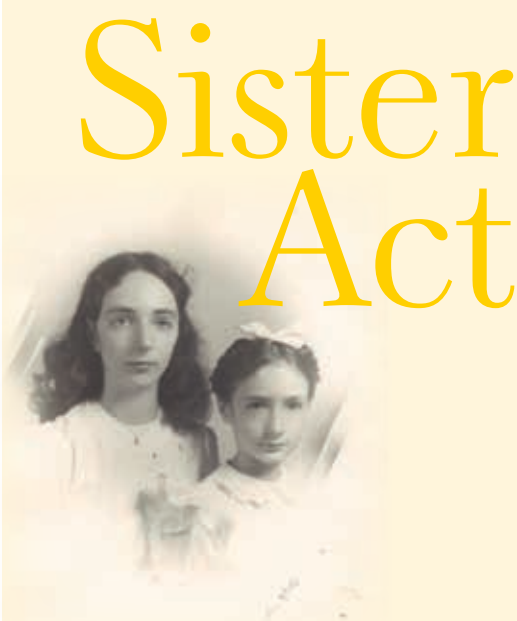
Bonnie recalls her father emphatically telling his children, “You live in the

best country in the world and you must never forget it!” Consistent with that belief he gained assurance from the American Legion that an American flag would be provided as needed to Queen of Mercy School. Her father loved the beat of patriotic music throughout his life. In later years that passion was motivational for him to stay disciplined with his physical therapy.

Receiving this generous gift accentuates the humble gratitude we have for the McClures. In this case and in so many more alumni provide strategic needs for the school. We are indebted to the ongoing dedication of altruistic Catholic Knights.

Last year presented several surprise and memorable generosityes. In the spring we received an unexpected gift from Dee and Sandra Miles as an incentive to encourage giving through Torch Bearers. During the Street Party, the names of all donors were emptied into a barrel and three names were drawn to receive \$250, \$750, and \$1500 respectively, courtesy of the Miles family.

The grand prize went to an unsuspecting couple, **Fredric and Sara Alecia McManus ('50) Harris** who had recently made a contribution to Torch Bearers. It was a Publishers Clearing House moment



Jean Louise McManus ('46) and Sara Alecia McManus ('50) Harris.

making the phone call. After profuse thanks and bewildered excitement we said our goodbye with a promise of, “The check's in the mail!” It was never sent.

The next morning Alecia called to say that she and her husband decided to make their gain a gift back to the school in honor of Alecia's sister, **Jean Louise McManus ('46)**. As a student at St. Mary's Sisters of Loretto, Jean enjoyed participating in school plays and later became fluent in French. As an adult she adored being the aunt of Alecia's children. Alecia recalls her sister's lifelong struggles which she faced with faith and courage and is grateful for this opportunity to memorialize Jean who passed away December 23, 2004.

We will always remember the gifts from the Miles and the Harris families. They are the essence of our mission and a model for all Knights.



# CLASS REUNIONS

Please keep us in mind when you are planning a reunion. We are happy to share contact information, provide forms for classmates to update our records, or schedule a school tour. Just let us know!



## Class of 1962

The Montgomery Catholic High Class of 1962 held its 50th Reunion on October 5-6, 2012 in Montgomery, Alabama. The Reunion started with a gathering at Marguerite Smart Anderson's house on Friday and proceeded to a fish fry held at the home of Don and Betty Hutchinson in Montgomery. The group gathered to attend Mass at St. Peter's Catholic Church with Father Driscoll, also a graduate of Catholic High. After Mass a sit down dinner was held in the Church hall that had been beautifully decorated in the school colors. A good time was had by all.

## Class of 1977

The Class of 1977 held its 35th Reunion on October 5-6, 2012. The kickoff for the party was the Montgomery Catholic Homecoming game vs. Geneva Friday night, followed by an after party 'til the wee hours at the Sturbridge Commons Club House. Saturday evening the class celebrated Mass at the Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Chapel where they remembered the classmates who are



**Class of 1962:** Group picture: Back row: Don Hutchinson, Susie DuFresne Stallworth, Marguerite Smart Anderson, 2nd Row: Phil Graves, John Lueken, Ralph Chritzburg, Carla Poole Hodge, Donna Pagluso Clubb, Frank Richardson Danny Brantley, Carolyn Keene Long, Raymond Shulstad, Front Row: Dennis Drake, Suzanne Caldwell Bell, Sandy Karker Wohl, Patty Allen Ferguson, Doug Marshall (not Pictured Deannie Clark Allen & Jim Jehle.

**Classes of 1978 - 1980:** (from left to right using maiden names): Front row: Kelly Lynch, Lori Lynch, Sally Hodges; 2nd Row: Brigitte Davis, Coach Arban, Mr. Frye, Mr. Alsabrook, Andy Taylor; 3rd Row: Phillip Nadeau, Richard Dean, Laura Bona, Mike Castanza, Teresa Long, Danielle Rowe, Andy Ortega, Marti Gisler, Linda Belsterling, Karen Belsterling; 4th Row: John Lonza, Kevin Newmeyer, Ronda Beesley, Jimbo Law, Jennifer Sadie, Larry Montali, Doreen Lynch, Julie Hardin, Paul Pappanastos, Tom Rogers, Bonnie Montali, Randal Beesley, Mike Wellington

no longer with us: Janet Bowman, Reate Davis and Mike Robinson. After Mass they headed over to Wynlakes Country Club for dinner. Special guests were Coach Arban and Mr. Frye. The weekend party happened with the help of a great planning group including Brian Belsterling, Mary Dismukes, Michelle Rowe, Liz Sadie Sutton, Judie Rogers Tokairin and Mike Wolke. Everyone had a blast and will look forward to getting together again and again!

## Class of 1978, 1979, and 1980

The classes of 1978, 1979 and 1980 rejoined the weekend of June 7-8, in Montgomery, Alabama. The reunion began on Friday night with a meet and greet, followed by a catered dinner on Saturday. Approximately 66 people attended the two day event. On Saturday evening the graduates were joined by former teachers: Barbara Garrett, Bernie Frye, Joe Arban, and Hugh Alsabrook. Graduates from as far away as California, Colorado, Virginia, Georgia, Florida, and Mississippi attended the event. The 1979 and 1980 classes, known as the "We don't care what year it is, we are having a reunion," are already planning the next gathering.

## Class of 1993

The class of 1993 got together for its 20 year reunion in Montgomery the weekend of June 21-23. We started the weekend in downtown Montgomery by grabbing some dinner at Jalapenos in Alley Station. We then continued the night at The Exchange located at the Renaissance Hotel. Saturday morning some of the class as well as their families enjoyed a tour of Catholic High. Saturday night, the class gathered for dinner at John and Colleen Reardon's home. Between Friday and Saturday night, 20 classmates were able to attend part or all of the festivities. A good time was had by all and we look forward to the next time we can get together.

**Class of 1993:** (Standing L to R) John Reardon, Ruth Hamiton-Picou, Colleen Murphy-Reardon, Karen Schroering-Glasscock, Kathleen Cavan-Lea, Kristin Cavan-Eiswirth, Don Hodges, Dakara Huffman, Daniel Veres, Amanda Moureau, Shayle Moss-McIntosh, Rob Culver, Ken Martin (Kneeling L to R) Valerie Downes, Chaquetta Thomas, Andrea Frankle, Jeff Naccari, Adam Fink.



## Zacchaeus (Jericho) Ann Power ('61)

In following the news of the papal election, I came across an old article on Cardinal Bergoglio which mentioned a homily he had given in 2002 on May 25th, an Argentine national holiday held on the anniversary of the country's First National Government which was celebrated originally in 1810 following the May Revolution.

At the Te Deum the "...cardinal asked the people of Argentina to do as Zacchaeus had done in the Gospel. Here was a sinister loan shark. But taking account of his moral lowliness, he climbed up into a sycamore tree, to see Jesus and let himself be seen and converted by Him." \*

I believe that this is the same message Pope Francis would wish to send to the world today. It is a message from a man who, in humility, walks in the steps of Jesus and, in doing so, energizes a world weary of secular values.

I had been idling my life away  
Just so. I had been.  
Anxious to see what magnetized the crowd,  
I bit my nail to the quick.  
The sycamore's branches sprouted overhead.  
I could not reach to climb.  
Then someone, noticing,  
hoisted me shoulder high;  
I pulled myself up,  
sat there surveying the crowd.  
No matter that I was spectacle.  
No one even noticed.

I had been idling my life away  
His gaze fastened on my poverty,  
its jagged edge dividing my life from what it was.  
Green leaves burnished into gold beside me  
like the shekels I had assiduously collected.

Transfixion.  
Snared like some startled prey,  
simultaneously I felt capture and deliverance;  
my hopes pinioned,  
entwined with expectations unexpected.

I knew the answer to the riddle.  
Had not time to ask the question;  
had not even considered the question.  
The invitation, urgent, personal,  
and I was on the path, answering.  
Seeking to justify myself,  
I suddenly found conviction,  
humiliation, illumination.

Tonight sleep will not come.  
I watch the salmon stars struggling against night's dark current  
and remember the long ago.

I think of the sycamore,  
prized by Egyptians for its smoothness,  
felled, carved, and painted to house mummified flesh for a journey to the everlasting.

I think of the sycamore,  
which could have been for me a similar casket, encasement in the shrouds of self-absorption,  
a journey with the same ending as beginning, yet which became salvation's instrument.

With closed eyes, I recapture that moment which transcended all that went before,  
all that has come after:  
the quiet tenderness and there is no one else there is that instant alone—  
the gaze-given recognition, the silence,  
the hunger-feasting in that moment, the flash-flame, desire.

I had been idling my life away.

\* From "L' espresso" no. 49, November 28 - December 5, 2002, original title: "Bergoglio in Pole Position."





Julie Ann Tatum (‘50)

Julie Ann Tatum, 81, a resident of Montgomery, AL was born on December 17, 1931, and died Tuesday, January 22, 2013. Miss Tatum was retired from the Retirement Systems of Alabama and Jackson Hospital. She is survived by her sister Mary Alice Jones and numerous nieces and nephews.



James Lumpkin, Jr. (‘61)

James H. Lumpkin of Citrus Heights passed away, in comfort, on May 2, 2012, after a short battle with cancer. He was born in Minot, North Dakota, on August 11, 1943, to James and Irene Lumpkin. He spent his young years as a military son, living in many exciting locations. He met the love of his life, Susan Maraman (‘61), as a freshman in high school. James leaves behind his beautiful bride of 49 years, Susan (‘61), daughter Wendy (Troy), cherished granddaughter, Chelsea, adored grandson, Chandler and one great grandson, Gunner, born in 2010. James loved children and had a special connection to those that he came to know through the years.



Thomas Patton (‘52)

On May 31, 2013, Thomas Patton passed away. He was the beloved husband of Betty Patton; devoted father of Joseph T. Patton and his wife Carol M. Patton, and the late Patrick T. Patton; loving grandfather of Kyle Thomas and Katlyn Nicole Patton; dear brother of Mary Brawley, Helen Hadden, Juanita Webb, Carolyn Bradberry, William Patton, and the late Cathy Boartfield.



Helen Frances Azar Boman (‘47)

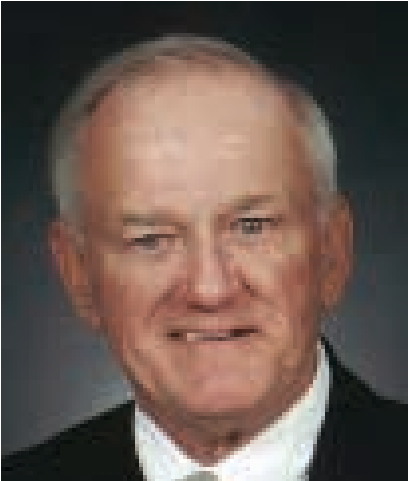
May 20, 1929-January 12, 2012

Helen was born and raised in Montgomery along with her ten brothers and sisters. All of the Azar siblings are graduates of St. Mary's of Loretto, and all five of her children and several grandchildren are graduates of the current Montgomery Catholic High. After graduation Helen followed her dream to help others and graduated from Nursing School in Gadsden, Alabama. Gadsden is where she met her husband Ed. They moved back to Montgomery so she could be the “caretaker” of her ever growing family.

She was born to care for others, and her nursing profession provided the opportunity for her to share her compassion and medical knowledge. Her phone rang at all hours with calls from family and friends needing medical advice, their blood pressure checked, or for her to give them a shot. She was the “best” at giving shots, and most recipients could not tell they had even been stuck!

She was a dedicated supporter of Catholic's seafood draw down fundraiser. She had a list of people that she contacted each year to purchase tickets. She also had a list of businesses that she contacted for contributions to the silent auction. She always looked forward to this yearly event and even was known to win on occasion.

Helen's kitchen door was always open to family, neighbors, and friends. Everything of importance in the Boman household took place around her kitchen table. Meals, conversations, card games and jokes were always plentiful. No matter the occasion there was always room at the table for anyone who came through the door. Her jovial spirit can still be felt at that table, but she is definitely missed every day.



James “Sonny” Raines (‘50)

James Arthur “Jim” Raines died on Friday, February 1, 2013. He is survived by his adoring wife Shirlee; their three children, Liz Woodring, Lee Johnston, and Jim Raines; their families, including five grandchildren; and two half-brothers.

Jim was born on August 26, 1932, in Montgomery, Alabama, the son of James Pat Raines and Olene Wilson Raines. He served in the US Air Force as a medic during the Korean War, and met the love of his life, Shirlee Dover on this return to Montgomery. They married on November 24, 1955. He graduated from Birmingham-Southern College in 1959 and began his lifetime career with the YMCA, working in Montgomery, AL, Albany, GA, San Francisco, CA, New York, NY, Birmingham, AL, and Lynchburg, VA. He retired in 1996 but continued to consult at YMCAs throughout the country.

Jim was engaged in the community through the Lynchburg Sports Club, the Weatherford Chapter of Association of Y Retirees, Mended Hearts, the Lynchburg Community Dialogue on Race and Racism, and Peakland United Methodist Church. His most proud endeavor was the promoter, chief roadie, and booking agent for his family singing group, The Rainedrops.

Jim loved his Tuesday morning breakfast club, playing golf, bird watching from his back porch, and his favorite of all – witnessing the adult lives of the youths who had been in his Y programs. He was a loving husband, father, granddaddy, brother, and friend. Everyone who met him felt enveloped by his spirit, humanity, and courage.



Raymond Collins, C.M. (‘53)

(Affiliate)

Raymond Collins, of Opelika, was born in Montgomery County, Alabama on July 27, 1934, to the late Thomas and Artie Collins and passed away Wednesday, April 3, 2013. He was 78 years old. Raymond and his family moved to Opelika in 1963. He was a faithful member of St. Mary of the Mission Catholic Church where he served on the Parish Council, Finance Committee, Men's Club, Knights of Columbus, and as al Lay Eucharistic Minister, Usher, and Mass Server. In his love for serving others, he was active in the Lazarus Ministry, Christian Care Ministry, and Community Food Bank. In 2005, Raymond became an Affiliate Member of the Congregation of the Mission. He received a Christ the King Medal in 2009. Also, Raymond was a member of the Opelika Civitan Club. Raymond was retired from Bellsouth after 43 years of service. After retirement, he enjoyed traveling, working in the yard, and spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

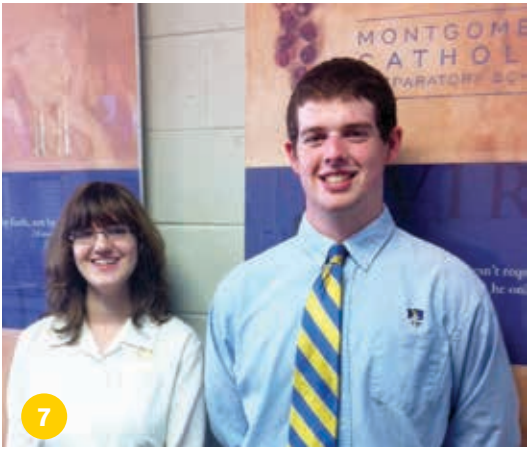
Raymond was preceded in death by his son, Dale Collins and grandson, Daniel Collins. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Betty L. Collins, two sons, Mike Collins and wife Frances and Scott Collins and wife Joselyn, daughter-in-law Teresa Collins, brother, Richard Collins and wife Florence, sister Nancy Coleman, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Milton Winward Conway (‘53)

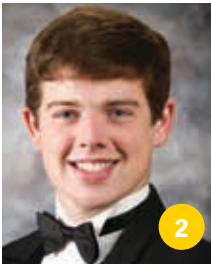
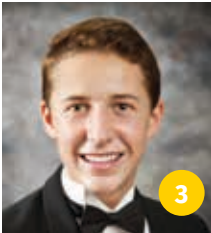
“Milton Conway passed away January 25, 2013. He was known as Spanky by family and friends; he got his nick name from the Little Rascals. He was a member of the Marine Corps and also with the 187th Fighter Wing. He served this country with pride, defended our freedom, and stood for justice. My dad believed in family, he was a faithful husband, and an amazing daddy. My daddy was a diehard Crimson Tide fan. As a little girl I remember watching many football games and listening to him coach from our living room. When my sister and I were little girls we would dance on top of his feet listening to Hank Williams Sr. I have so many wonderful memories of time spent with him fishing, camping, and going to the beach. The pain of his loss is overwhelming but I will forever have memories. I love you, daddy!” Dawn Potts





## Class of 2013 Awards

1. The Class of 2013 is the 138th graduating class of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School.
2. The Class of 2013 Valedictorian is **Zachary Hulcher**; he will attend MIT in the fall.
3. The Class of 2013 Salutatorian **Jarrett Mason** will run track for Millsaps College in the fall.
4. MCPS Leader of the Year **David Norris** is pictured with his mother Teresa Norris.
5. Montgomery Catholic Ideal Graduates for 2013 are **Chad DuBois** and **Shelby Taff**.



**100%** graduates declared a college/university  
62% college graduates received scholarship offers  
Total dollars in scholarship offers: **\$4,302,440**  
Total dollars in accepted scholarships: **\$1,075,612**



### COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES GRADUATES WILL ATTEND IN THE FALL:

Auburn University	Troy University
Auburn University Montgomery	Tuskegee University
Birmingham Southern College	University of Alabama
Carnegie Mellon University	University of Alabama Birmingham
Hampton University	University of Mississippi
Huntingdon College	University of Montevallo
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	University of North Alabama
Millsaps College	University of North Carolina Pembroke
Shelton State Community College	University of South Alabama
Southern Union Sate Community College	University of Oklahoma
Spring Hill College	University of West Florida

