



ST. ROBERT
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ALUMNI NEWS

July, 2016



Fr. John Pulice Jubilee Celebration on June 12, 2016

Fr. John celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood in St. Robert Church at 11 a.m. Mass. A reception followed in Reilly Hall (MPR). Revs. Dennis Dirx, Andrew Linn '00, and Joseph Coerber, a seminary classmate of Fr. John and former St. Robert Associate Pastor (1972-76), concelebrated Mass with Fr. John. Former Pastor, Fr. Richard Cerpich (1980-1992), was present at the reception. The celebration began with an organ prelude by Mark Konewko, former Director of Music and Liturgy. Present and former St. Robert choir members sang, with Joseph Gallo, Mary Jorgensen and Brian O'Toole performing vocal solos. Fr. John's friends participated as liturgical ministers, and his family, many friends, and past and present parishioners attended the reception. Fr. John was touched by the turnout and St. Robert School appreciates the many gifts made to the School in his honor. *(Photo credit: Kate Jurgens – Pax Photo)*

EXEMPLARY RECOGNITION

We are proud to announce that St. Robert School is one of a select few that has received recognition from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for meeting rigorous standards of exemplary practice. The Exemplary Recognition Program, based on the *National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools*, is a process for identifying schools implementing defined best practices at a highly effective level. St. Robert School received exemplary recognition for both of the categories in which it applied: Academic Excellence and Technology Integration.

St. Robert Run/Walk on August 25

Save the date for the St. Robert Pretzel Run/Walk on Thursday, August 25, starting at the Estabrook Park Beer Garden. Start time is 6:30 pm. Watch for more details on the St. Robert Facebook Page.



Andrew Linn '00

On May 21, Andrew Linn was ordained at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. On Sunday, May 22, he celebrated his first Mass at St. Robert, his home parish. Revs. Dennis Dirx – Pastor, Peter Patrick Kimani – Associate Pastor, **William Johnson, S.J. '69**, and **Douglas Leonhardt, S.J. '52** – priest sons of the parish, John Pulice – former Pastor, Michael Erwin and Kevin McManaman – former Associate Pastors, and many other priests concelebrated. The choir, directed by former St. Robert Director of Music and Liturgy, Mark Konewko, was composed of Linn siblings, cousins and friends. A reception followed in the School gym. Fr. Andrew Linn has been assigned as associate pastor to St. Monica/St. Eugene Parishes. *(Photo credit: Kate Jurgens – Pax Photo)*

Mark Gehring '78

The Ken Hendricks Memorial "Seize the Day" Award was presented to Mark at the 2016 Entrepreneurs' Conference. Gehring is a biomedical engineer and software developer who has founded and grown medical imaging and digital health companies. He is co-founder and chief strategy officer of HealthMyne, a Madison company that provides analytics for medical images in cancer care. He previously co-founded Propeller Health, maker of a digital system for people with chronic respiratory disease, and UltraVisual Medical Systems, a radiology imaging system maker. (Gallagher, Kathleen. "Gehring Seizes the Award" *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. 24 May 2016.)



Isabel "Izzy" Ritchie '01

Izzy performed with her Toronto-based band, The Strumbellas, at The Rave/Eagles Club in Milwaukee on June 19, 2016. Their most recent album, "Hope", was recently released and is available on iTunes. The Strumbellas will perform at Lollapalooza in Chicago on July 30, 2016.

Our goal is to send this newsletter quarterly via email. To save costs, we will U. S. mail only once a year to alumni. To receive the newsletter quarterly, please make sure Lisa Lesjak (llesjak@strobert.org) has your email address!

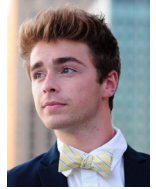


Augie Haas '98

Harry Connick Jr.'s show at the Riverside Theater on May 13, 2016, featured Augie playing lead trumpet. Beginning September 12, Augie will be backing Connick on TV five days a week as the lead trumpet in the house band for "Harry", a daytime talk show. He also plays trumpet in the orchestra for Disney's Broadway musical, "Aladdin"; has four albums bearing his name; wrote a guide book for trumpet and trombone players, and co-founded a jazz-related publishing company. (Levy, Piet. "Trumpeter Haas Returns Home" *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. 13 May 2016.) Augie performed at Riverwest Pizza on July 9 and Summerfest on July 10. Riverwest Pizza (932 E. Wright Street) is owned by Augie's sister, **Andrea Haas '90**.

Kevin Brauer '11

Upties, a company which makes ties and bowties, etc. from old dress shirts, was founded in March, 2015, by Kevin Brauer, and was recently featured in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Kevin was a senior at Dominican High School when the concept for "upcycling" a favorite shirt came to him. Upties is primarily a custom order business. Kevin was assisted in his startup by his aunts **Terri Sankovitz '73** – pattern making and sewing, **Kate Sankovitz Jurgens '80** – photography, and cousin **Charlie Jurgens '07** – logo, packaging and web design. Kevin is currently studying business at Marquette University. (Rumage, Jeff. "Old Shirts Find New Life as Ties" *NOW North Shore*. 12 May 2016.) (Photo credit: Kate Jurgens – Pax Photo)



Amy Darnieder Watzka '98

Amy and her husband, Justin, have renovated, re-imagined and re-opened the Coachman Hotel in South Lake Tahoe. http://www.urbandaddy.com/ntl/travel/37366/Coachman_Hotel_The_Coachman_Does_Nice_Things_to_a_Little_1960s_Motel_National_NTL_Hotel

Congratulations

Teresa Haas Rice '97 and her husband Nick welcomed their first child, Lucia Zoe, on April 19, 2016.

Anne Marie Kloiber Young '98 and her husband Jonathan welcomed their 4th child, Colette, on April 20, 2016. Colette joins siblings Evelyn, Jonathan and Samuel.



Becca Schmidt '05 married Ryan McCann on May 21, 2016, at St. Monica in Whitefish Bay. (at left)

Maria Linn Johnston '06 and her husband, Cooper, welcomed their first child, Thomas Augustine, on May 5, 2016.

Caroline McGuire '07 married Nicholas Kochelek on June 25, 2016 at St. Robert.

Lydia Haasl '12 is valedictorian of the Dominican High School Class of 2016. She will attend Carthage College in the fall.

Christopher Povinelli '12 is valedictorian of the Marquette University High School Class of 2016. He will attend Boston College in the fall.

In Memoriam

Raymond W. Wick '32 - 12/24/15
Robert Edward Dudenhoefer '40 - 5/5/16
William Gohsmann '40 - 2010
Rita Shaughnessy Rohde '40, '41 (9th grade) - 7/4/16
Mary Francis Burns Frisch '41 - 7/4/16
Barbara Bruecker Moser '43 - 4/16
Barbara Hoegger Johnson '43, '44 (9th grade) - 1/6/16
Margaret Gearhard Effinger '44 - 5/20/16
Betty McKillip Vandenberg Rivard '44, '45 (9th grade) - 1/7/16
Elizabeth Stamm Roberts '44 - 5/20/16
Patricia Fetherston Desmond '46 - 5/2/16

Nancy Gallagher Ehmann '46, '47 (9th grade) - 4/20/14
Helen Rosenberger Gross '46 (9th grade)
Michael P. Mehr '47 - 6/29/16
Thomas M. Fera '47, '48 (9th grade) - 5/2/16
Richard Zerkel '48, '49 (9th grade) - 7/5/16
Sophia Judith Waite '51, '52 (9th grade) - 12/15/15
Sr. Susan Staff, SDS '52 - 5/26/16
Steven R. O'Neil '53 - 1/7/15
Richard Boemer '54 - 7/4/16
Charles E. Thompson '58 - 1/2/16
Patricia Davey Struck '66 - 12/20/15



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