

Bergan Forever

"Let's Do It Together"

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Twenty-one graduate from Archbishop Bergan 100% of graduates plan to attend college in the fall

Archbishop Bergan Catholic School held its graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 15, 2010. The ceremony was held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Fr. James deAnda officiating.

Father deAnda is associate pastor, youth and hispanic minister for St. Patrick's Parish and chaplain for Archbishop Bergan Catholic School.

Class of 2010 members are: Courtney Cook, Ian Eix, Joseph Elsey, Ryan Engel, Jacob Herink, Nicholas Jensen, Kurtis Kammerer, Austin Knupp, Kaden Lassek, Nicholas Lassek, Grant Meiergerd, Nicholas Paulson, Patrick Rasmussen, Jordan Ruskamp, Kari Schmitz, Kyle Thompson, Alexander Vrana, Nicholas Wegner, Thomas Wendt, Tanner Werth and Dereck White

Courtney Cook was valedictorian. Jordan Ruskamp, was salutatorian.

One hundred percent of the class has accepted and will attend college this fall: 71% plan on four-year public colleges, 10% plan on four-year private colleges, 19% plan on two-year community colleges.

Scholarships offered to the graduating class of 2010 include \$239,150 in academic scholarships; \$242,900 in athletic scholarships; Total scholarships offered \$482,050.

More important than what is offered is what the graduates accepted, which includes the following (as of May 13, 2010): \$168,950 academic accepted; \$138,900 athletic accepted; for a total of \$307,850 of accepted scholarships.

"I want to thank the Parish of St. Patrick, parish staff, Archbishop Bergan administration and staff, parents and guardians, grandparents and all others who have contributed to the growth of these fine stu-

dents," said Neil Feser, guidance director.

Bergan School Board members are: Alan Atkinson, Desa Clark, Heather Ekeler, Tom Herink, Steve Hotovy, Thom Mend-

lik, Shannon Morrissey, Jane Rasmussen, Lynne Walz, Beth Wilmes. Ron Beacom is the middle/high school principal. Activities director is Scott Painter.



Graduating Class of 2010

Archbishop Bergan Class of 2010 are, front row, l-r, Jordan Ruskamp, Alex Vrana, Jacob Herink, Kurtis Kammerer, Kyle Thompson, Ian Eix, Kari Schmitz. Middle row, Fr. James de Anda, Joseph Elsey, Ryan Engel, Patrick Rasmussen, Tanner Werth, Nicholas Lassek, Kaden Lassek, Nicolas Wegner. Back row, l-r, Nicholas Paulson, Grant Meiergerd, Thomas Wendt, Courtney Cook, Dereck White, Austin Knupp, Nicholas Jensen.

St. Patrick's Church welcomes Fr. Dave Belt

St. Patrick's Catholic Church welcomed Fr. Dave Belt as senior pastor officially on Thursday, June 24, replacing Rev. Owen Korte.

Twenty-years after ordination, the Emerson native returned to his first assignment. Belt spent his first two years, after ordination, at St. Patrick's before transferring to St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church in the Millard area. He served there for three years as an associate and then in 1995 was named as pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wisner. He also taught religion at West Point Central Catholic High School. At the same time, he went to Wayne State where he later completed his master's degree in education with a focus in secondary school administration. Belt spent the last 10 years in Norfolk, as pastor of Sacred Heart-St. Mary's Parish and president of Norfolk Catholic Schools, where among his many accomplishments; he oversaw the construction of the Sacred Heart School, parish center and new activity center.

Alumni News

Remembering our alumni

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of the deceased alumni and friends of St. Patrick's/Archbishop Bergan Catholic School.

Joan Rice Kracl - died April 9, 2010. Sister of Patrice Rice Legrand, 1952 (deceased), Carol Rice Slupe, 1955, Roger Rice, 1958 (deceased), Charles Rice, 1961 and Tom Rice, 1963.

Leland Nelson died April 13, 2010. Father of Bonnie Nelson Lasho, 1966 and Ted Nelson, 1968.

Mary Ann Morrissey died April 15, 2010. Mother of Deborah Morrissey Shanahan, 1971 and Shannon Morrissey, 1978 (and his wife, Lonni Mohr, 1974). Grandmother of Isaac Morrissey, 2008 and Spencer (currently attending Bergan).

Mary Ann Wruble died April 15, 2010. Grandmother of John Pierce, 1990, Mary Pierce Muth, 1995, Brenda Schmitz Brdicko, 1986, Julie Schmitz Kirby, 1989, and Danielle Schmitz Paulson, 1993.

Grace Mahacek died May 13, 2010. Mother of Susan Mahacek Westerholt, 1965. Grandmother of David Westerholt, 1991 and Lisa Westerholt, 1993.

Evelyn Hansen died May 18, 2010. Grandmother of Michael Hansen, 2000 and Christopher Hansen, 2004.

Ralph Cook died May 16, 2010. Grandfather of Darren Cook, 1991 and Julie Cook Eggen, 1993.

Lillian Ostry died May 22, 2010. Sister of Sr. Marie Alice Ostry, ND, who taught religion at Bergan.

Kelleen Chapman died June 1, 2010. Wife of Jerry Chapman, 1975.

John Vance died June 9, 2010. Brother of Patricia Vance Hendrix, 1963 and Sharon Vance Thompson, 1967.

Gwen Laughrey died June 9, 2010. Mother-in-law of T.J. Folkers, teacher/coach at Bergan.

Gary Benjamin, Class of 1971, died June 12, 2010. Brother of Trish Benjamin Nielsen, 1973.

Memorial funds

Memorial funds can be established to Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. For more information contact the St. Patrick's Parish office, 422 E. 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025; or 402-721-6611.

Alumni Tidbits

Mary Jo (Costello) Olmstead, deceased, class of 1952 and Gerald "Ozzie" Olmstead, class of 1951, were the first alumni married who were both St. Patrick's High School alumni. They named their first child Patrick.

Fr. Ron Battiato, class of 1953, was appointed administrator of St. Patrick's Parish on March 9 through June 23, 2010. The appointment was made after Fr. Owen Korte left on a sabbatical and until Fr. Dave Belt arrives at St. Patrick's on June 24.

Lori Rabe Robertson, class of 1977, had two sons graduate from college recently - Andrew from Kansas State, with an architecture degree; and Dan began his residency in ortho surgery this year.

Let your classmates know where and how you are

Are you engaged to be married, recently married, had a child, moved, received a promotion at work or been recognized with a special honor? We want to know about it and so do your fellow classmates.

Email to Bergan Forever newsletter editor Maureen Zavadil - mozav1@gmail.com or berganalumni@yahoo.com

United in Marriage

Rachel Grote and Austin Atwell were married April 10, 2010, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Fremont.

Rachel is a 2004 graduate of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School.

Amy Nicola and Micky Jennings will be married November 6, 2010 at St. John's Church on the Creighton University campus.

Amy graduated in 2004 from Archbishop Bergan Catholic School.

To Submit News/Photos

please send to:

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Alumni Office, 422 E. 4th Street
Fremont, NE 68025

Mark Your Calendar

Bergan Alumni & Friends Party!

Saturday, July 10, 2010

St. Patrick's Auditorium
4th & Union

6:00 p.m. - midnight • \$10
(Includes dinner, music...)

Food available throughout
the evening - Cash bar

Honored classes will be: 1955, 1960,
1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985,
1990, 1995, 2000, 2005

More details available
on page 3 of this issue and
at berganknights.org

Alumni Reunion

St. Patrick's/Archbishop Bergan High School Alumni to gather

The following St. Patrick's/Archbishop Bergan Catholic School alumni classes will host reunion activities:

All School Alumni and Friends Reunion

The Alumni & Friends Reunion will be held Saturday, July 10. The schedule is as follows:

Elementary school building tours at 4 p.m.; 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick's Church, to honor deceased members of honored classes; food will be served from 6 p.m.-midnight at St. Patrick's Auditorium; entertainment, also at the St. Patrick's Auditorium, will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude at midnight; tour of the Bergan Middle/High School building will be held at 8 p.m.

Class pictures will be taken of honored classes. Yearbooks and trophies will be on display.

Class of 1960

The class of 1960 will meet Friday, July 9 at 5 p.m. at J's Steakhouse and Wine Bar for cocktails and reminiscing. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Class contact: Joan Cuda, 3735 Cornhusker Dr., Omaha, NE 68124; 402-393-1068 or cell 402-212-1655.

Class of 1980

A social will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, July 9 with a dinner to follow at 7 p.m., for the alumni of the class of 1980 and their

guests, at the Woodcliff Restaurant, rural Fremont.

Those attending may order off the menu and there will be a cash bar.

Contact Kris Love with your reservation by July 2 at krisl@lovesignco.com or 402-371-4674.

The class will also host a golf outing Saturday, July 10 at 10 a.m. at the Fremont Golf Club (tentatively). Contact Scott Macaluso by July 2 for your reservation at smacaluso@neb.rr.com or 402-720-5481.

The class will tour Bergan's new elementary facility at 4 p.m.; and the Alumni and Friends party on Saturday July 10.

A class picnic will be held Sunday, July 11 at 1 p.m. at Tim and Kori Krause's, 980 County Road W (Woodcliff) Lot S-1157, Fremont, NE 68025. BYOB and a side dish. Kids are welcome. Contact Tim at timothydkrause@yahoo.com or 402-212-6767 if you need directions.

Renee Hagmann has created a Facebook page called Fremont Bergan Class of 1980. She will post information about the reunion and classmates. Don't hesitate to write on the wall.

Class of 1985

The Archbishop Bergan class of 1985 will gather for its 25th anniversary reunion July 9-10, 2010.

Schedule of events (tentative): Friday, July 9 - Hotel check-in at 3 p.m.; Welcome

Back Party at 7 p.m. at the Outpost Grille and Steakhouse in the Clarion Inn; live music in the class of 1985's party room, 9 p.m.-midnight.

Saturday, July 10 - Family luncheon at Godfather's Pizza at 11 a.m. (\$6 adults, \$3 children); 4 p.m. - Tour new Bergan Elementary; 5:30 p.m. Mass for Honor Classes and families; 6:30 p.m. class picture after Mass.

Saturday, July 10 (variety of choices) - Honor Class banquet, 6 p.m.- midnight at St. Patrick's Auditorium; Tour of Bergan High School, 8 p.m.; John C. Fremont Days beer garden, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., downtown.

Sunday, July 11 - Mother and Daughter Breakfast, Village Inn at 11 a.m.

For more information contact Kristin Olson Kudrna, kudrna@esu4.org

Class of 1990

The class of 1990 will meet Friday, July 9 at the Backporch Lounge at Woodcliff, rural Fremont. Welcome and cocktails, 6 p.m.; dinner at 7:30 p.m. (broasted chicken or prime rib); entertainment at 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 10, Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church; Alumni and Friends Reunion Party (St. Pat's Auditorium), 6 p.m.-midnight.

Please RSVP by July 5 to Kim Moore Dieckmann: kimdieckmann@yahoo.com

Class of 2000

The class of 2000 will gather at Sheri Smith's parent's home (Gene and Peg Stefensmeier) in Fremont on Saturday, July 10 from 4-7 p.m.

The class has also started a Facebook page. Class contact Jennifer Archer.

Deceased members of honored classes to be remembered

The following alumni will be remembered at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, July 10: The Class of 1955 deceased members are: Robert Beckius, Delores Hanson Growcock, Clarence Jonas and Marvin Mares.

The Class of 1960 deceased members are: Virginia LeClair Brainard and Regina Co-day Kleekamp.

The Class of 1965 deceased members are: Dr. Patricia Kent, Gene Twehous, LaNora Martinez Kirchmann, Mary Kay Smith Kaup and Michael Neal.

The Class of 1970 deceased members are: Nicki Olson Page, Steve Beeghley, Jeff Greser and Tom Mooney

The Class of 1975 deceased members are: Daniel Hunke and Ricky Beiermann.

The Class of 1980 deceased members are: Susan Liester and Patricia Karmann McCabe.

The Class of 1985 deceased members are: Jim Bergmanis and Sean Rock.

Alumni board sought

The development office is seeking interest in re-enacting a Bergan alumni board. If interested in being on an alumni board, please contact Gary Schimidt at: garystpatsbergan@yahoo.com or Maureen Zavadil at: berganalumni@yahoo.com or mozav1@gmail.com

End of the school year wrap up

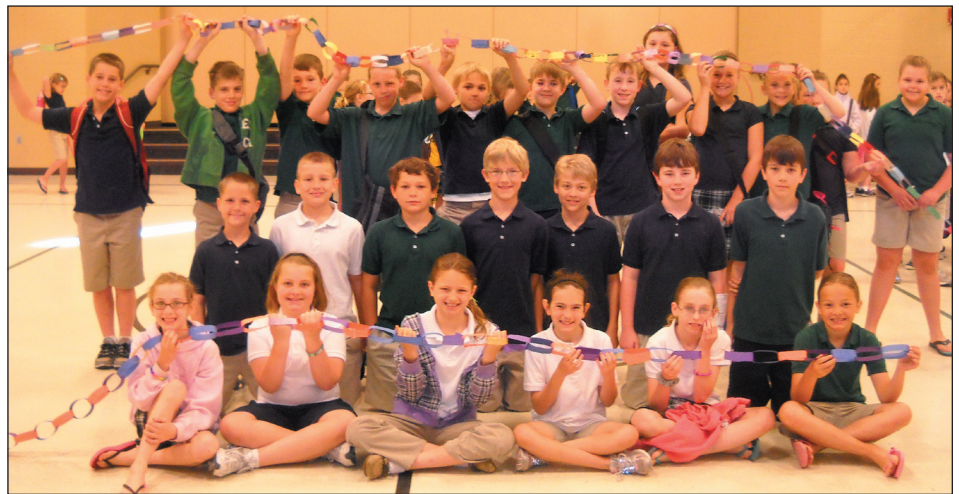
BY KATHERINE GRIFFEN
Elementary Principal

We made it! Our dream of having a brand new beautiful elementary school building has come true.

Can you believe we packed up a whole school and moved it across town in the dead of winter? Only a school and parish as dedicated to Catholic education as we are could pull something like that off!

We are so blessed in so very many ways. I would like to thank you for all your support this year and for the precious gift of educating your child.

Thank you to all of you who have made a difference in this school year due to your generous donations, talents and spiritual support of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. We are grateful for your support. Please stop by the parish and school when you are in the area and see what your support has made possible for our students.



Good Deeds Chain

Pictured above, fourth grade students from Archbishop Bergan Catholic School holding their good deeds chain. The fourth graders had the longest good deeds chain. All Bergan elementary students participated in creating one chain, which made it from the new elementary school of Archbishop Bergan to the St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Mrs. Cook, the elementary guidance counselor, told the students if they did enough good deeds to link the chains from school to the church that she would ride her unicycle and play her accordion at the same time. "I am so proud of our students," said Katherine Griffen, elementary principal. "The fourth grade class had the longest chain, but it took all of our students' good deeds to make our goal. Every good deed made a difference," Griffen added.

Please remember to send in your Phonathon 2010 Pledge/Payment

Pledges can be mailed to: St. Patrick's/Bergan Alumni Office, 422 E. 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025; online giving: www.berganknights.org

Thank you – *May God bless you and your family.*

Still time to register for Bergan, tuition changes made for fall

The School Board and administration of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School has decided to adjust the amount of the tuition increase for the 2010-2011 school year.

For over 50 years, Archbishop Bergan Catholic School has been a committed provider of a private parochial, quality education within the Fremont community. It is through this commitment to our community that we recognize the financial difficulties facing many in these uncertain times. As part of our continuing mission to educate as many students as possible, regardless of socio-economic status, tuition and fees were re-evaluated.

Tuition rates for the 2010-2011 academic year will be: Kindergarten-5th grade parishioner \$2,000; Kindergarten – 5th grade non-parishioner \$2,300; 6th grade parishioner \$2,600; 6th grade non-parishioner \$2,900; 7th-8th grade parishioner \$3,000; 7th-8th grade non-parishioner \$3,400; 9th-12th grade parishioner \$3,400; 9th-12th grade non-parishioner \$3,800; Family maximum parishioner \$7,250; family maximum non-parishioner \$8,750.

A down payment of \$100 is required at registration for each student enrolling at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School for the first time.

Cost to educate a child attending Bergan is \$6,466 this year.

Parishioners - When making your Sunday donation, please be mindful of the difference between the costs to educate your child/children and the amount you are being asked to pay in tuition.

For further information contact Betty Feldhaus, Finance Officer at (402) 721-6611 ext. 15; parish office, 422 E. 4th St., Fremont, NE 68025.

Development Office

Medallion grave marker special remembrance of alumni Class of 1966 in process of creating endowment

BY GARY SCHMIDT
Planned Giving
Development Officer

Alumni medallion grave markers

We placed alumni medallion grave markers for the second year at the graves of St. Patrick's and Archbishop Bergan deceased alumni buried at Calvary Cemetery during the Memorial Day season.

Several people have commented about how nice they look.

We have a total of 47 deceased alumni buried at the cemetery.

Since last Memorial Day, Mary Jo Nelson Tablazon, class of 1963, and Sean Rock, class of 1985, have taken their places with our Lord and were buried at Calvary Cemetery.

I would like to thank the following who helped place and pick up the markers this year and who have also agreed to do so in future years: Cathy Steel, David Mendlik, Dan Mueller, Carol Kull, Mike Emanuel, and my wife, Carol, (that was the tough one).

The cost of each marker is about \$60. To date we have received \$1,500 in donations toward the approximately \$2,800 cost of the medallions.

The family is not charged for the markers, however, many families and others have made a donation equal to or above the \$60 cost. Thank you! We would appreciate any further help toward this project.

In addition to covering the present cost, we would like to develop an endowment that would take care of the costs of providing for the medallions into the future.

Thank you to those who have made donations to this project.

Living the Faith Campaign

We are very grateful for your support and would very much appreciate any further donations or pledges. Two classes in

the alumni class challenge, which includes parish and non-parish alumni, have reached the \$50,000 necessary to achieve naming rights for a classroom. They are the classes of 1955 and 1977. Congratulations! Let's show our class spirit, any other class want to accept the challenge?

Class of 1966 endowment

Thanks to the initiative of Bill and Judy Pfeifer, the class of 1966 is in the process of creating an endowment for the purpose of Bergan student tuition support.

The Pfeifers have contacted all of their classmates encouraging them to donate and, therefore, make the class of 1966 tuition endowment a reality.

Once established the endowment can continue to accept funding indefinitely, causing it to grow in value.

If the endowment is not created, the funds collected will be applied toward the

current general Bergan Tuition Endowment, and credited to the Class of 1966.

Thank you to the Pfeifers and the class of 1966 for your efforts toward creating a tuition endowment. Good luck!

- Estate planning - A gift that gives forever

Remember Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in your estate planning.

For more information contact
Gary Schmidt at
garystpatbergan@yahoo.com
or 402-721-1846, ext. 17.

I look forward to seeing
many of you at the summer reunion
(my favorite weekend)!

Thank you for your continued
interest and support.

Alumni Giving Results

2010 Phonathon Results

We heard from a total of 337 alums from 57 different classes, as of June 7, 2010.

The Class of 1974 won the honor for the most classmates responding with 16 members.

The Class of 1955 pledged the highest amount in gifts to St. Patrick's/Archbishop Bergan Catholic School with \$1,270.

The 2010 Alumni Phonathon total has reached \$26,559.80 (as of June 22, 2010).

Thank you for your continued generosity and faith in the work done here at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School.

Giving update

An anonymous alumni 2009 phonathon donation in the amount of \$5,000 with a company matching gift was received from a member of the class of 1963. This was in-

advertently omitted from the April Bergan Forever newsletter.

Alumni donations can double with matching gift programs

Many companies provide matching gift programs that multiply their employees' charitable donations.

To obtain a matching gift, contact your employer's human resources department for a form or information about online procedures. Complete the donor/employee portion of the form and send it with your contribution to: Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, Development Office, 422 E. 4th St., Fremont, NE 68025.

The development staff will complete its part of the form and return it to the company to initiate its fulfillment of the match.



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Bergan Booster Club Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 28



at The Pines County Club in Valley

4-Person Scramble • Registration starts at 1 p.m. • Tee-off at 2 p.m.

\$100/player or \$400/team (Limited to 36 teams.)

(Includes 18 holes of golf, cart, prizes, beverages and dinner.)

– Raffles to win free golf at various courses –

Please send entry fee and information to: Archbishop Bergan H.S.
c/o Chris Rainforth/Scott Painter, 545 E. 4th St., Fremont, NE 68025.

Address Corrections

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