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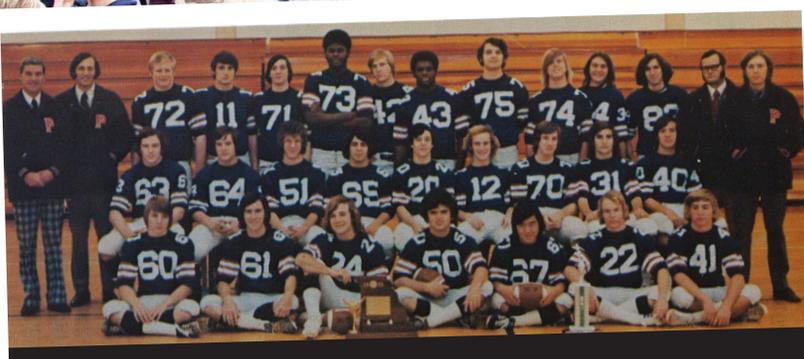
Young Men Making A Difference



Abbot Gregory Mohrman '76 and Father Cuthbert Elliott '02 invite all Priory alumni, current students and families to attend Homecoming on **Saturday, Oct. 26.**

Tailgate BBQ provided by the Priory Alumni Board at 11:30 a.m.

Cheer on Priory's varsity football team as we take on the St. Dominic Crusaders at 1 p.m.



1973 Missouri Class AA State Champions

The following classes will be honored for their milestone reunions with Mass and a cocktail reception on Friday, Oct. 25. Individual class reunions will occur on Saturday, Oct. 26.

**Classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014**

Specific class reunion information will be mailed out, or for more information visit: [www.priory.org/Homecoming](http://www.priory.org/Homecoming)

Please contact Ann Bender, Associate Director of Alumni Relations, with any questions at [abender@priory.org](mailto:abender@priory.org) or 314.434.3690 ext. 326



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On the cover: Last spring, Priory students (L to R) Devin Kancherla '21, Clayton Salvatori '19, Anthony Dixon '21 and Peter Welz '21 served dinners at the St. Augustine meal program in Wellston, Missouri. For several years, Priory students have been a monthly presence at St. Augustine.

## FROM THE HEADMASTER



In the spring, I received an initial report from the team of professional educators who visited Priory last year as part of our every-seven-year reaccreditation process through the Independent Schools Association of the United States (ISACS).

The visiting team offered a number of commendations and recommendations in its report. One commendation noted our community's hospitality, "not only to members of the ISACS visiting team through warm, open, and genuine hearts, but also observed in the love the faculty and students have for their school and for one another." Members of the team stressed to me that they had never used the word "love" in an official assessment of a school before.

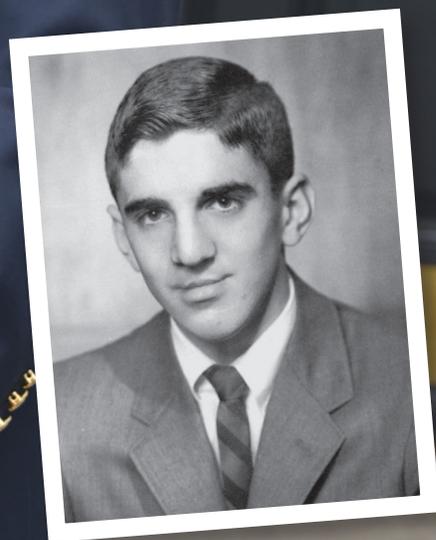
I was gratified to read the visiting team's remarks, but not surprised. As an alumnus and now as Headmaster, I see so many Priory students, alumni, faculty and friends who exemplify our school's values as followers of Christ. From dedicating time to prayer, *lectio divina* and the sacraments to serving persons in need in St. Louis and beyond with loving hearts, the members of our Priory community continue to edify and inspire all of us.

You will find several such "servant leaders" profiled in this issue of *Priory Magazine*. It is my fervent wish that their stories will inspire you to consider new ways in which you, too, might answer the Lord's call to renew your devotion to him through prayer and service. Remember the words of the Apostle: "For he that would love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile; let him turn away from evil and do right; let him seek peace and pursue it" (1 Peter 3:10-11).

Friends, this is my prayer for you—now and always.

In Christ,

Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B.  
Headmaster



Judge Thomas Frawley, pictured outside the Switzer House, and (inset) in his 1965 yearbook photo.

## FEATURE STORY

# Living a Life of Service in the Courtroom and the Community

**T**he Honorable Thomas Frawley, a member of Priory's Class of 1965, has always done things a little differently. When his family moved to St. Louis from New York in 1963, Frawley was entering his junior year of high school. His father was a physician who was joining the staff of Saint Louis University Medical School. The teenage Frawley was coming to Priory fresh from military school.

"Military school wasn't harsh enough so my parents decided to send me to the Benedictines," Frawley jokes.

His lighthearted approach to challenges has served him well throughout his life and career as a lawyer and then circuit court judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit (City of St. Louis).

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For Frawley's first day at school at Priory, his father made him wear a coat and tie, even though he had been told he could wear a white shirt and khaki pants. "That's when I met my new classmate, Bill Casey," Frawley recalls. "He said 'Hey, new kid, lose the tie.' It's hard to come in the middle of high school but everyone was good to me. There was a lot of collegiality."

### The Impact of Lifelong Friendships

Frawley has cultivated many lifelong friendships. Father Timothy Horner, O.S.B., Priory's first headmaster and one of Saint Louis Abbey's founding monks, was one of those. "Father Timothy was in my life forever," Frawley says. "He buried my mom, my dad and my brother, and showed up when I received awards and when I was sworn in as a judge."

He counts Father Timothy as one of three of the most instrumental people in his life. The others are his dad and a lawyer, Courtney Shands, who was a mentor early in his career.

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### A Passion for Caring for Kids

Frawley almost took another path in life. As the oldest son of a doctor, he considered following in his father's footsteps and started in pre-med at Hamilton College in upstate New York. Soon realizing medicine wasn't his calling, he changed his major to political science and went to the University of Missouri-Columbia for law school.

After graduation, he worked for a small law firm. By 1984, he had started his own law practice in domestic relations with a law school classmate.

He soon earned the respect of lawyers and judges across St. Louis and was appointed a circuit court judge by Gov. John Ashcroft in 1991. "I decided I wanted to make a difference as a judge," he says. "In 2000, I joined the juvenile division, which was

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Judge Frawley and his youngest daughter, Melissa, on ice at Enterprise Center celebrating the Blues Stanley Cup victory.



the best decision I ever made. I was blessed with a great staff and we changed how business was done in the city."

Frawley pushed to have more frequent hearings for children in foster care. When former Missouri House Speaker Catherine Hanaway learned about the effort, she had it legislated statewide. "That allowed us to better keep people on the straight and narrow," Frawley says. "Our policy is now implemented statewide. They said we couldn't do it and we did."

Frawley received state and national recognition for restructuring his court to resolve cases more aggressively and reduce the number of foster children in the system. During his career, he received more than a dozen awards recognizing his work with juveniles.

Frawley is passionate when he talks about his work. "You meet some incredible people and children who deal with so much," he says. "Foster care parents are doing God's work."

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### Guiding By Example

He knows that firsthand. As licensed foster parents, Frawley and his wife, Ann, cared for six children, ages 2-7, at one time. The couple fostered a number of children over the years and stay in touch with several of them.

The Frawleys also adopted three children they had fostered. Today, the couple is raising two of their grandchildren.

Frawley has had a profound impact on many lives through his personal and professional life.

Through all his career accomplishments, he is most proud of his juvenile court work. "I've been happy to have done good work in helping kids find permanency," he says. "I cared and the kids knew I cared."

Kids were his favorite part of his work. "They're the best. When kids' lives are shambles, they can still smile and be engaging. Lives are not perfect. But you protect the kids as best you can. A vital part of being a juvenile judge is letting them know that life is going to be ok."

### Giving Back in Honor of Other Givers

Frawley's work complemented his commitment to a life of service. "The structure for service was created in military school and then Priory," Frawley says. "And my dad expected it. He said you can't just be a taker, you have to be a giver. You're obligated to give back. It's part

Judge Frawley and several of his classmates from Priory's Class of 1965 attended Xanadu 2019. From left: Paul Schroeder, Judge Frawley, Bart Margiotta, Rick Meyer and Bob Merenda.



## Judge Frawley's Favorite Memories

of who you are. My dad also said after graduation you must give back to your school and the world—it's not an option."

His father's words resonated and Frawley has been "giving back" since after college. One area he supports is the Father Timothy Horner Endowed Scholarship Fund at Priory. "That's a complete no-brainer," Frawley says. "For the man who did so much for me, of course I would give back to a scholarship in his name. Father Timothy was an incredible force in my life. He was always there. If I needed anything he would have done it. On campus, he always knew my name from the beginning."

Another prominent figure at Priory who rarely forgot a name was Father Paul Kidner, O.S.B.

"At Xanadu, Father Paul came up to me and said 'Hi Tom,'" Frawley says. "He remembered me from all those years ago. Rumor has it that Father Paul still has all our calculus grades memorized. Father Paul and Father Timothy were instrumental to the solid foundation I received at Priory."

Since Frawley retired in 2017, he hasn't sat still—except for his long lunches with friends. He plays golf frequently and coaches girls basketball at Bishop DuBourg High School. His commitment to helping children remains in retirement as he volunteers on state and national committees related to delinquent youth.

After the class of 1965's 50th class reunion, a group of classmates living in the St. Louis area started getting together once a month for lunch. "It was wonderful to reconnect," Frawley says. "Lots of good things come from the Priory events. Each of my classmates is part of me and who I have become." **P**

"My favorite memory was when we beat Chaminade in basketball. Coach Marty McCabe figured out the Chaminade press and Frank Kenney kept passing me the ball, which allowed me to score 24 points."

"Kevin Kline, the actor, was one of my classmates. He was a funny, unassuming guy who would make clever, witty observations in class. In our Sixth Form Room, Kevin actually did the same dance that ended up being in the kitchen scene in Kevin's movie, 'The Big Chill.'"

"As a senior, I was proud to be named a monitor to supervise younger classes. It was a big honor for the new guy on the block."

"None of us knew what our class EPE stood for but I was thrilled to get the highest grade in it. Only recently did I learn it stood for Elementary Politics and Economics. The class was taught by Father Colomba and included Kevin Kline and Bill Casey. Bill was as funny as Kevin. With 34 boys, that class was a laugh riot most of the time."

Priory's Greg L'Hommedieu '19 competes with his teammate in a game of bocce at a Special Olympics event at the Italia-America Bocce Club on the Hill in St. Louis.



## FEATURE STORY

# Teaching and Demonstrating the Importance of Serving Others

“**I**f we wish to dwell in the tent of this kingdom, we will never arrive unless we run there by doing good deeds.” —Prologue to the Rule of St. Benedict

At the Circle of Concern food pantry Thanksgiving basket pickup a few years ago, a family walked through the line to pick up their box of food for the holiday. When they got to the end, they were offered their choice of a turkey or a ham.

“The mom cried,” Circle staff member Juliet Holden recalls. “The dad was incredulous. You could see it all, right there on his face. Who knew what a difference having an option would make?”

That option was made possible by the combined efforts of four Priory Advisory groups, which raised more than \$1,200 together that holiday season to purchase 40 hams and 25 turkeys to donate to the organization.

Of the many ways a Priory student is formed during his six years in the school, one of the most important is instilling in him a sense of his duty to the people around him in his community.

“These are nice, caring, thoughtful kids,” Priory community service coordinator Carrie Lane says. “They just need the right inspiration, and they’ll always step up.”

### Service is a Priority

Beyond students’ service requirement—40 hours each year for juniors and seniors, with at least half of the hours directly working with the less fortunate—Priory offers courses for juniors and seniors that have community service at their core. Juniors take a unit on Catholic social teaching in

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their Theology sequence, and seniors can choose a Theology elective called “The Church and the Poor” that takes weekly field trips to local social service agencies. In addition, Priory’s new chaplaincy team (profiled in “On Campus,” page 26) will replace the sophomore retreat with a day of service for the first time this year.

“A major goal for the chaplaincy team moving forward is to really focus on community service, and to foster these connections the boys have with each other and with the community,” Lane says. “It’s part of our Benedictine, Catholic identity. And the more we talk about it, the more it’s at the forefront of their minds.”

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Priory seniors and the St. Louis Roadies soccer team at the Christmas Classic in December.

To that end, programs like Tutoria (which brings together students from all six grade levels for prayer, fun and fellowship), retreats at Camp Ondessonk and the Advisory system help develop meaningful relationships between older and younger students and offer opportunities for service projects outside of the required hours. It's not uncommon to have an announcement at a Monday morning Student Council assembly about a service opportunity where a student or faculty member invites others to join.

### Leaving Their Comfort Zone

The school also offers opportunities for monthly service trips to the St. Augustine Catholic Church hot meal program in Wellston, Missouri, and annual participation in Special Olympics competitions.

"I've been fortunate enough to get involved with the St. Augustine (program), and at the end of every month a group of Priory faculty and students go there to serve a hot meal," says Michael Nickolai '03, the Director of the High School at Priory. "It's very rewarding to see our students leave their comfort zone and serve those in need."

"It's challenging to take that first step outside of your comfort zone, but each subsequent step is a little easier. Some students go back month after month and develop real relationships with the people they meet."

Those personal connections are a big reason for the inspiration in Priory students' service orientation, Lane theorizes. "Our students hear from staff members at service agencies, and from each other, about meaningful work that inspires them, and the personal connections that are made from it," she says. "It's easier to put yourself in someone else's shoes when you've met them and worked with them in person, and you have the satisfaction of seeing the look on their face and getting a hug from them when you're done. You might never fully understand their experience, but at least you have a better idea of it."

At Circle of Concern, the Priory students' efforts made an impression. "It was great to have the boys on-site that day," Holden says. "Having them there let them see the impact they were helping to make, and added great energy as we were setting up."

It's a sentiment that Lane hears all the time. "People are amazed at how great our kids are—at how hard they work and how willing they are to help," she says. "I've never had anyone complain, but I've had a lot of people ask, 'Can we get more Priory volunteers?'" **P**



Students volunteer at the World Food Day St. Louis event last fall.

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Priory students and faculty join for a photo with Father Bob at Father Bob's Outreach in December.

## More school- and faculty-sponsored service events:

**World Food Day:** In November, Priory students participate in World Food Day St. Louis, an annual food-packaging event to help feed hungry people living locally and abroad. They pack boxes with more than 350,000 meals that will be distributed to organizations in our area and in Tanzania.

**Father Bob's Outreach:** In December, students and faculty volunteer with Father Bob's Outreach at St. Augustine Parish in north St. Louis. The Outreach puts together more than 3,000 “Christmas Baskets”—boxes of food for the holiday season—to distribute to families in need.

**St. Louis Roadies:** In what has become a Christmas tradition, Priory hosts the annual Christmas Classic game, with several Priory seniors taking on the St. Louis Roadies, a street soccer club sponsored by Peter & Paul Community Services. The team was formed more than 10 years ago for men and women in St. Louis who are homeless, formerly homeless or newly arrived to America as political refugees and/or immigrants. Following last year's game, Priory presented the Roadies with a gift of more than \$900—money collected by Priory students during a dress-down day.

**Fathers' Club Father and Son Service Day:** The Fathers' Club recently held its fourth annual Service Day at Most Holy Trinity Parish and School. Attendees filled a large dumpster with lots of big items from inside the buildings and more than 40 bags of trash and yard waste from outside. “The group of young men and fathers was great,” event chairman Jody O'Sullivan '78 reported. “Everyone had a great attitude and we accomplished a lot, very efficiently.”

**Join Hands ESL:** “The mission of Join Hands ESL is to empower the people of East St Louis, to walk in solidarity with those we serve, showing love and compassion to those in need, affirming and reflecting the beauty and potential of each individual.” Coordinated by Priory Humanities teacher John Mohrmann, Priory students have been paired as big brothers for children in the Join Hands program.

**AIM High:** For more than 20 years, Priory has been a host site for AIM High St. Louis, a tuition-free personal and academic enrichment program for motivated middle school students, most of whom come from challenging circumstances or environments. Many Priory students serve as teaching assistants during the five-week summer program.

Priory senior Brennan Spellman and Victoria  
Becky Believing at a school in Uganda.



## FEATURE STORY

# Students Open Their Hearts to Advocate for Others and Serve Those in Need

Consistent with the message they are hearing in the classroom, Priory students have branched out and identified ways they can help people on campus, in St. Louis, and around the world.

### Fighting Malaria on a Global Level

One high school freshman is working to fight a disease with a global footprint. It sounds like a Herculean endeavor, but it makes sense when you find out what piqued Dawson Haskell's interest in malaria: "My dad told me the deadliest animal in the world is a mosquito, and I was surprised that such a small animal could have such a big impact."

Haskell was working on a project for his sixth grade class to make a TED Talk-style presentation about an issue of his choosing. He already had an interest in infectious diseases, and picked malaria as his focus. As part of his research, he spoke with a representative from Nothing But Nets, a United Nations Foundation campaign to raise awareness, funds, and voices to fight the disease. Since then, he's joined Nothing But Nets as a member of its Champions Council.

Now, for two years in a row, Haskell has attended the Nothing But Nets Campaign Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. This year, he gave a presentation and led a training session at the event entitled, "Using Your (Net)work: Engaging Your Businesses and Civic Groups," alongside the U.N. Foundation Campaign Coordinator and the U.N. Foundation Partnerships Officer.



In 2018, as a seventh grader, Dawson Haskell spoke at the United Nations Foundation's Nothing But Nets Campaign Leadership Summit. He did so again as an eighth grader.

"I presented and answered questions from a student's perspective about involvement in global health issues, my experience with Nothing But Nets, and my Dress Down Day at Priory to fundraise and raise awareness for Nothing But Nets and World Malaria Day," Haskell says. While in D.C., he also attended visits to Congressional offices on Capitol Hill, including that of Priory alumni parent and Missouri Rep. Ann Wagner.

What's next? Haskell says he's interested in starting a club at Priory to join the campaign, with the possibility of more students attending the leadership summit in the future.

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Priory eighth grader Ethan Foss at the JDRF Ride to Cure Diabetes in Death Valley National Park last year.

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### A Personal Connection

Last October, then-seventh grader Ethan Foss, who has diabetes, participated in the JDRF Ride to Cure Diabetes in Death Valley National Park. He rode 73 miles in 90+ degree temperatures, and—combined with the efforts of his parents, uncle and a family friend—raised nearly \$20,000 for diabetes research through JDRF. He was the youngest rider at the event and earned the coveted Best Young Rider award.

Foss’s classmate, Priory eighth grader Jack Jung, also has diabetes. He realized the impact he could make by sharing his experiences when he met a girl at his prior school who was scared about her recent diabetes diagnosis. He was able to speak to her and her class about what diabetes is, and how he’s able to manage it. After that, he expressed interest in continuing to do so, and his parents reached out to see what could be arranged.



Eighth grader Jack Jung makes a presentation about diabetes to students at Kennerly Elementary as part of Lindbergh Schools Ability Awareness Day.

In March, Jung gave presentations to three third and fourth grade classes at Kennerly Elementary as part of Lindbergh Schools Ability Awareness Day, again focusing on his own diabetes experiences and management. Then, in April, he was invited to speak to Insulet Corporation at the company’s Innovation Center in San Diego. Insulet makes the Omnipod insulin pump that Jung uses, and he had the opportunity to talk with the team who created it—60+ researchers, developers, and staff. He spoke about his own experiences, answered questions from the group, and got an inside look at the next generation of pump technology the company is working on today.

### Supporting Man’s Best Friend

“Community service teaches volunteers life lessons and skills they are certainly going to use in the future,” says Priory senior Luke Granberg. “Many of our Theology classes have been focused around charity, and I think these classes have pushed me and my classmates to find joy in volunteering and helping others.”

During his sophomore year at Priory, Granberg saw a need in the city’s canine community. He started an organization called Rags for Rescues, which collects blankets for Stray Rescue of St. Louis, a no-kill animal shelter.

“I’ve always been an animal lover, so I thought this was a good way to help a lot of the strays in St. Louis,” he says. “And because it only requires an old blanket or rag, pretty much everyone is able to contribute.”

## Friendly Competition

In 2017, then-senior Matthew Spellman '18 sponsored a dress-down day for the Zozu Project, an organization started by his cousin that works to lift communities in Africa out of extreme poverty by partnering with African leaders to provide family-focused hope, education and economic opportunity. Not to be outdone ("I wanted to raise more"), his brother Brennan—now a Priory senior—sponsored another dress-down day last school year. Between the two days, they raised more than \$1,700 for the organization.

The Zozu Project ("Zozu" means thrive in Lugbara, the local tribal language) runs the Solid Rock Christian School in Arua, Uganda, where students receive a quality education and leadership training, and their families receive a wide variety of supports. The school also serves as a hub for service to the surrounding community as well, hosting a medical clinic and providing clean water. The Zozu Project also has a sponsorship program to benefit individual students directly. The Spellmans have sponsored a student named Victoria Becky Believing for four years.



Senior Brennan Spellman served at a Christian school in Uganda in June.

## More information

### Nothing But Nets

[www.nothingbutnets.net](http://www.nothingbutnets.net)

### JDRF

[www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org)

### Rags for Rescues

[www.strayrescue.org/ragsforrescues](http://www.strayrescue.org/ragsforrescues)

### The Zozu Project

[www.zozuproject.org](http://www.zozuproject.org)

### Belize Children's Project

[www.thebelizechildrensproject.webs.com](http://www.thebelizechildrensproject.webs.com)

### International Institute of St. Louis

[www.iistl.org](http://www.iistl.org)

Spellman traveled to Uganda with his family in June, and got to meet Victoria and spend time in the school. "I worked in the Solid Rock Christian School in Arua for six days," he says. "I helped with multiple tasks, such as helping the children with their English. I also helped pump water in one of the new wells.

"The children and people there were so friendly, waving when we would drive by or giving a warm Ugandan hug. I grew close to multiple children and even visited a few of the students' homes. It helped me to understand how lucky we Americans really are."

## From Service to Thesis

During the summer of 2018, Greg L'Hommedieu '19 traveled to Belize with his father, Dr. Coles L'Hommedieu, for a service opportunity with the Belize Children's Project. The Project is a joint venture between the local Rotary Clubs and the Shriners Hospital for Children-St. Louis.

Through the program, mobile medical clinics are offered throughout the country of Belize. For children that need more comprehensive care, including surgeries, the program connects them with funding to travel to St. Louis and host families to stay with while they receive care at Shriners.

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**Greg L'Hommedieu '19 made a documentary about his service trip to Belize as his senior thesis.**

L'Hommedieu helped set up and operate the clinics, and took photos and video of his experience on the trip. He turned the material into a 23-minute documentary for his senior thesis project.

### **Welcoming the Newest St. Louisans**

At the annual Festival of Nations in Tower Grove Park every August, you'll find Priory students walking around with clipboards taking surveys or helping to collect recycling items. This is part of the work of Bridges to America, an organization started in the fall of 2016 by then-junior Sohan Kancherla '18.

"I founded Bridges to America with a dual mission," Kancherla said. "First, to support immigrants and refugees assimilating into our communities and American society; and second, to increase awareness at Priory regarding local immigration issues."

To achieve these goals, the group is partnered with the International Institute of St. Louis. In addition to working at the Festival, they've organized food, clothing, and general fundraising drives for the International Institute, and members also have volunteered as teacher's aides at the Institute's citizenship and English classes. They've helped to organize apartments for incoming refugees, so that they feel welcome when they arrive at their new homes.

In the fall of 2017, the International Institute sent two guest speakers to Priory to speak to students about the process refugees go through to get to St. Louis, and the services the Institute provides them when they arrive. And last spring, Bridges to America partnered with Priory's Cooking Club to provide food for an International Institute potluck for newly arrived immigrants and refugees.

"The potluck was an amazing opportunity for members of the Priory community to share some food with and interact with immigrants and refugees from countries like Eritrea, Thailand, and Ukraine," Kancherla says. "We talked to many refugees and new immigrants about their transitions to the U.S. and their experiences with American society." **P**



**Members of Bridges to America and the Priory Cooking Club at a potluck for new St. Louisans at the International Institute.**



## Dear Members of the Abbey Family,

As you might imagine, it has taken some time for me to adjust to the role of abbot for the monastic community of Saint Louis Abbey. The last 15 months have been a bit of a whirlwind.

And yet, there is a sense of peace I feel when I step back from the challenges and day-to-day tasks, and reflect on the profound impact that this Abbey—and its outstanding school and thriving parish—have had, and continues to have, on so many people.

I recently came across a short pamphlet that Father Columba Cary-Elwes, O.S.B., one of our community's three founding monks, wrote in 1956—the year Saint Louis Priory School was established. In it, he wrote that one of the monastic community's aims is "to provide for the Saint Louis area and beyond the authentic Benedictine life."

He continued: "[H]ere, we believe in the authentic Benedictine ethos: prayer in common, living together, contemplation and work, hard work." He eloquently described Priory as "a place ... where youths destined for life in the world will learn to be there apostles of Christ, by their example, their words, their actions."

Our monastic community has been doing much reflecting lately on how we might ever more effectively live the "authentic Benedictine ethos" that Father Columba describes. Each day, we strive to do better, and we ask your prayers for us as we move forward in our efforts.

Of course, the success of Saint Louis Abbey and its ministries is not only about the monks—it is also about those dedicated lay men and women who generously collaborate with us in our work. We offer our grateful thanks to all those who live and share our unique Benedictine spirit of prayer, hospitality, humility, and conversion of heart.

May God bless you and your families.

Yours sincerely in the Lord,

*Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B.*

Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76

## After Studies in Spain, Brother Athanasius Ordained to the Priesthood

Brother Athanasius Soto, O.S.B., became Father Athanasius Soto, O.S.B., as he was ordained to the priesthood on Aug. 24 by St. Louis Archbishop Robert Carlson.

Before his ordination, Brother Athanasius spent most of the last four years studying theology at the University of Navarra in Pamplona, Spain.

“This time abroad has been very fruitful for me at every level of my being,” then-Brother Athanasius wrote prior to his priesthood ordination. “While much differed from monastic life here in St. Louis, there was also much continuity as I lived in an all-male community whose ages spanned from 18 to 72 and which also ate lunch and dinner together every day.”

“On an intellectual level,” he wrote, “I was deeply affected by the deep integration of intellectual knowledge and personal piety. In almost all my professors I witnessed

how their intellectual formation had benefited their spiritual life and also how their spiritual life in turn fostered their intellectual development.”

He continued: “On a spiritual level, I feel like I have internalized the monastic framework that formed me during my first five years as a monk here in St. Louis. For example, while I was walking the Camino de Santiago in May and June I set up a regular schedule despite all the daily changes in circumstance where I prayed vigils before starting to walk, lauds when I had my first big rest, sext with my midday tea, the rosary during my last stretch of walking, vespers after taking a shower, and compline before charging my tablet (my 5-year-old tablet has served as my breviary during my entire time in Spain.)”

Then-Brother Athanasius noted his time in Pamplona not only prepared him for the priesthood, but also “helped me to grow in both the natural and supernatural virtues



Then-Brother Athanasius Soto, O.S.B., center, at his final meal in Spain with the two Spanish nursing students with whom he lived for four years while studying theology at the University of Navarra.

so I may live in fuller communion with my monastic brethren and to be a better pastoral help to the Abbey family.”

Congratulations to Father Athanasius!



## Father Dominic Completes Monastic Formators Program

From March until June, Father Dominic Lenk, O.S.B., participated in a unique program for monastic men and women from around the world.

The Monastic Formators' Program, or MFP, is open to monks and nuns who follow the Rule of St. Benedict and "designed to meet the needs of those working in the field of monastic formation, or are preparing to do so in the future," according to the MFP website.

The MFP has three aims—to provide a deeper appreciation of the monastic tradition and its values; to reflect on how those in monastic formation communicate that tradition with love and enthusiasm; and to deal with questions of discernment as well as human and spiritual development.

Over the course of the three-month program, Father Dominic lived in Rome and Assisi in Italy. He participated in lectures on a range of topics related to the monastic tradition and formation today; group reflection and discussions that shared experiences, insights and expertise; excursions and visits to

monasteries and historic Christian sites; and community living with people from different countries and cultural backgrounds, with a regular framework of prayer.

"We have gained so much through MFP in not only knowledge but also in being provided with a wealth of resources to live this way of life," Father Dominic says. "And it is in living this way of life we are able to hand on to those whom God sends to us the richness of the great legacy of monasticism."

In his new role as leader of monastic formation at Saint Louis Abbey, Father Dominic hopes to convey his renewed understanding of what he calls one constant: "That constant being that the monastic life has to be lived for it to be effective."

"Saint Benedict's Rule is not simply a list of dos and don'ts," he continues. "It is a way of life that is lived out for those who choose to follow his teachings ... By accompanying those novices as they seek God, may I continue my own journey—my own search for God—in becoming the monk that God intends me to be."



Father Dominic in Assisi atop the Rocca Maggiore overlooking the Basilica of San Francesco, which houses the tomb of Saint Francis.



Pope Francis greeting Father Dominic and the thousands of other pilgrims in Saint Peter's Square who participated in the Palm Sunday Mass on April 14.



Designer Kiku Obata, daughter of architect Gyo Obata.

## Abbey Church Featured in Local PBS Program

With the abbot's permission, the Nine Network of Public Media (KETC Channel 9 in St. Louis) used a drone to shoot video footage inside the iconic Abbey Church for a program on Mid-Century Modern architecture that will air on the station in November.

From the Nine Network: "A new special explores the history of Mid-Century Modern architecture in St. Louis. World-famous local architects and designers like Richard Henmi, Ralph Fournier and Kiku Obata (daughter of Gyo Obata) provide insight and perspective on their work—and how the modern style reflected the changing identity of our country."

# IN MEMORIAM



## January 1-June 30, 2019

Gary Budke, parishioner

Joe Cyr, father of School Counselor Becky Materniak and grandfather of Joe Cyr '21

Ilya Dolce, nephew of Father Linus Dolce, O.S.B.

Mary Enkelmann, grandmother of Jim Molloy '11

Larry Fiedler, parishioner

Bob and Mary Heaney, parents of Kevin Heaney '95

Joy Horn, parishioner

Nancy "Gail" Jordan, grandmother of David Freitag '07 (deceased) and Michael Freitag '21

Sally Ann Jungclaus, grandmother of Domenick Palmer '19 and Danny Palmer '22

Chris Karushis, grandmother of Marc Dunbar '12 and Bryan Dunbar '15

Ann Key, mother of John Key '72 and grandmother of Jeffrey Bebee '14

John Manganaro, a member of the class of 1966 and father of John Manganaro '98

John Marquitz Jr., father of Jay Marquitz '88

Betty Marting, mother of former faculty member Mark Marting

John Materniak, son of School Counselor Becky Materniak

Patrick McGreary, grandfather of Patrick Lindmark '13 and Harry Lindmark '17

Don McKay, father of Tim McKay '96

Ken Mihill, father of Chris Mihill '83

Dolores Mohrman, grandmother of Ray Mohrman '94 and Stephen Mohrman '01

Alfred "Bo" Naunheim, Confrater, husband of Confrater Suzanne Naunheim (deceased), father of Alfred "Bob" Naunheim '69 (deceased), Keith Naunheim '70 and David Naunheim '73, grandfather of Theodore Naunheim '01 and Geoff Naunheim '05

Myrna Newby, grandmother of Human Resources Coordinator Kate Cerame

Tom Niemann, father of Ken Niemann '83, Tom Niemann '84 and Jim Niemann '86, and grandfather of Tom Niemann '14

Steven Niemeyer, father of Robert Niemeyer '23

Myron Noble, grandfather of Jake Drysdale '16

Elizabeth Notter, grandmother of John Notter '10

Jacqueline O'Connell, mother of faculty member Kevin O'Connell

Mark Orlando, father of faculty member Justin Orlando '99

Derek Payne, father of David Payne '78

Amalia Maria Ramirez, grandmother of Associate Headmaster Dr. Jared Rashford, and great-grandmother of Stephen Rashford '19, Michael Rashford '21 and James Rashford '25

Lawrence Sumner, father of Cartan Sumner '83 and Paul Sumner '85, and grandfather of Cartan Sumner '17 and Peter Sumner '22

Timothy Thornton, father of Patrick Thornton '02

Angela Walters, grandmother of Brendan Putnam '08

Dr. James Willibrand, father of Dr. Steve Willibrand '76 (deceased) and grandfather of Tyler Willibrand '09

## Parish's St. Vincent de Paul Conference: "First Responders" to Neighbors in Need

As volunteers with St. Anselm Parish's St. Vincent de Paul conference, R.B. Clark and Edie Varley describe a Vincentian's role as a "first responder" to their neighbors in need. Their work acts as a model for how the Body of Christ is meant to operate: sharing strength among the parts of the Body so that the eye can guide the foot, the foot can support the body, and the hands can reach for new heights. The three Vincentian pillars of Service, Spirituality, and Fellowship form the bedrock for all the work they do.

### Service

St. Anselm Parish's conference is one of the busiest in the St. Louis Archdiocese, and often partners with nearby parishes such as Holy Name of Jesus and Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. Some parishes receive up to 100 calls per week for assistance, many from families with young children.

"Everyone has a different reason why they're in that position," Clark says, adding that many families are "just one auto repair away from not being able to pay the rent."

Each weekend, the group goes out on home visits to deliver groceries to a mother without a working vehicle; to cover rent for someone out of work due to injury; or to coordinate resources for a family displaced by a house fire, acting as the hands and feet of Christ in boots-on-the-ground action.

### Spirituality

With every encounter, Vincentians recognize that they and their neighbor share equal dignity in God's eyes, and that

a few simple plot twists could easily reverse their current roles.

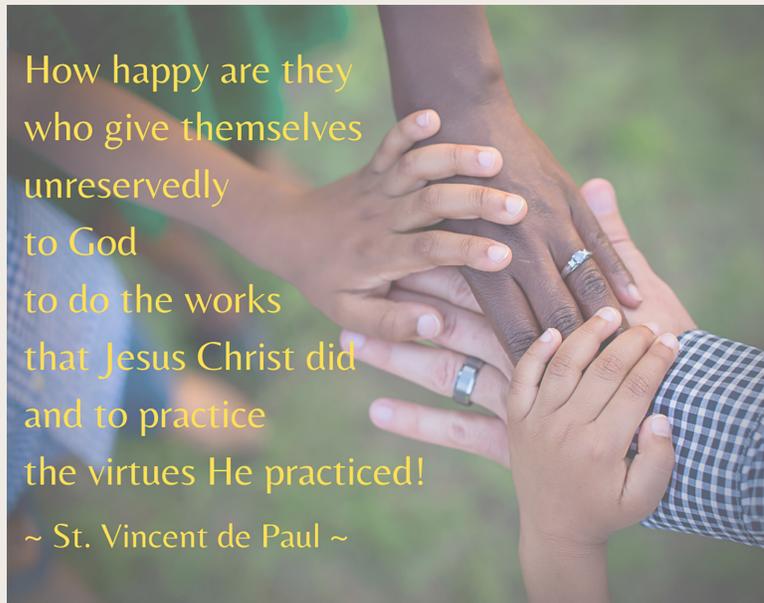
To simply sit and talk with people, and especially to listen, is every bit as important a blessing as the bedframe or groceries they brought that day. Varley and Clark both agree that this is the most crucial—and the most rewarding—aspect of their work with SVdP.

"If they get half as much out of [the visit] as I do, I'll have done my job, because I get a tremendous amount from it," Clark says.

### Fellowship

Although the goal is to help people through an immediate crisis, Vincentians don't go out there "just to blow them a kiss and move on," Varley clarifies. Along with material assistance, Vincentians provide each person with a listing of local resources for everything from housing to counseling to affordable glasses. Many of these resources came from neighbors in need who brought them to SVdP's attention, who in turn will pass them on to the next neighbor.

This interconnection echoes out into the wider St. Anselm parish community as well, as Birthright refers young mothers in need to SVdP's attention; the Pins &



How happy are they  
who give themselves  
unreservedly  
to God  
to do the works  
that Jesus Christ did  
and to practice  
the virtues He practiced!  
~ St. Vincent de Paul ~

Needles members craft handmade bags to deliver toys to each child on home visits; and Priory students team up with experienced Vincentians to make Saturday visits, earning service hours.

St. Anselm Parish's SVdP welcomes anyone to stop by for a Saturday meeting, or to ride along with a pair of Vincentians on a call. The only qualification Varley looks for is anyone who wants to "deepen their spiritual relationship with God and have a blast with other servants of God!" No experience or commitment is needed, just a willingness to look for Jesus in the eyes of your neighbor.

Learn more at [svdpstlouis.org](http://svdpstlouis.org) and [stanselmstl.org](http://stanselmstl.org), or contact R.B. Clark at 314.594.8253.



Saint Louis Priory School's Class of 2019.

## Graduation 2019

In May, Priory graduated its 60th class of seniors—67 young men who have received outstanding preparation for an exceptional life.

Following a Mass celebrated by Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76, with a homily from Headmaster Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02, an Abbey Church full of family and friends witnessed Priory's newest graduates receiving their hand-lettered diplomas.

Class Mentor and alumnus Steve Oslica '05 offered words of welcome and congratulations, followed by senior **Louis Rolwes**, who delivered the valedictorian address. Rolwes is attending the United States Naval Academy. **Preston Antes** also addressed those in attendance, before receiving the Claude I. Bakewell Jr. '61 Memorial Award, which recognizes contributions a graduating senior has made to the school through ability, character, leadership and service.

The members of the 2019 graduating class, which included eight National Merit Semifinalists, were accepted to 108 colleges and universities and are attending 44 different institutions.



Priory Headmaster Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02, delivers his homily during the Graduation Mass.



Class of 2019 graduates begin to celebrate after receiving their Priory diplomas.

For a complete list of student award winners for 2018-19, visit [priory.org/awards](http://priory.org/awards).

## Matriculation List

The members of Priory's Class of 2019 are attending these colleges and universities:

Arizona State University (2)  
 Boston College  
 Boston University  
 Bradley University  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 Georgetown University  
 High Point University (2)  
 Indiana University at Bloomington (3)  
 Iowa State University  
 Kenyon College  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 Marian University (2)  
 Maryville University (2)  
 Miami University, Oxford (3)  
 Missouri University of Science and Technology  
 Nova Southeastern University  
 The Ohio State University  
 Rhodes College  
 Rice University  
 Rockhurst University  
 Saint Louis University (3)  
 Santa Clara University  
 Syracuse University  
 Texas Christian University (2)  
 United States Naval Academy  
 University of California, Davis  
 University of Chicago  
 University of Colorado at Boulder  
 University of Dallas (2)  
 University of Dayton  
 University of Denver (3)  
 University of Evansville  
 University of Florida  
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2)  
 University of Mississippi  
 University of Missouri-Columbia (2)  
 University of Notre Dame (4)  
 The University of Oklahoma  
 University of San Diego  
 University of Southern California (2)  
 University of Tulsa (4)  
 University of Wisconsin, Madison  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Wake Forest University

## Faculty Members Honored by Students

As the 2018-19 school year drew to a close, Priory seniors and Junior School students publicly recognized a number of faculty members for their important contributions to the Priory community.



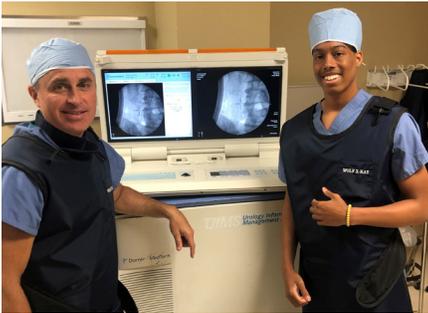
Class of 2019 faculty awards were given to:

- 1 Dr. Andrew Davis, Classroom Teacher of the Year—the second year in a row that Davis has received this honor
- 2 Jake Parent, Coach of the Year
- 3 Steve Oslica '05, Class Mentor
- 4 Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02, Yearbook Dedication honoree

Junior School faculty award recipients included:

- 5 Thomas Carroll, Teacher of the Year
- 6 Ryan Niemann '03, Fine Arts Teacher of the Year
- 7 Carl Givens, Coach of the Year
- 8 Carrie Lane, Trabajadora (Spanish for "Worker") Award

## News Briefs



### New Internship Program A Success

With the generous assistance of alumni and parents, Priory introduced a student internship program over the summer for the school's rising juniors and seniors.

Fifteen students worked for one to eight weeks at eight different locations in a variety of fields—including business, law, medicine and technology.

Here, senior **Tyler Moore** helps Dr. Matthew Spellman—father of **Brennan '20** and **Matthew '18**—size up a kidney stone for a lithotripsy treatment.

Special thanks to all of our alumni and parents who made the internship program possible. If you would be interested in hosting a Priory intern next summer, please contact Ann Bender at [abender@priory.org](mailto:abender@priory.org).



### Priory Theatre Stages Another Great Year

Under the direction of Visual and Performing Arts Chair Ann Redow, Priory's student actors—along with actresses from a number of other schools—put on two great shows in the 2018-19 school year.

The winter musical was "Pippin," with its vibrant songs, costumes and staging. The spring play was the courtroom drama "Inherit the Wind," based on the famous Scopes trial in which a defendant school teacher was accused of violating state law by teaching evolution. Priory's theology and science teachers used the performance of the play as a springboard to discuss the issues the play addressed.

This year's winter musical will be "1776," a lively story based on events surrounding the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Show dates are Feb. 13-16.



### One Senior's Catholic Knowledge Benefits Priory

Thanks to **Anthony Jones '19** winning a multi-school on-air contest that tested students' knowledge of Catholicism on St. Louis' Covenant Network Catholic Radio, Priory was honored with a 30-minute broadcast to profile the school.

Anthony and Priory eighth grader **Drew Limp** were joined by Headmaster Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02, Associate Headmaster Dr. Jared Rashford, and Junior School Director Judy Mohan, all of whom were interviewed during the radio show taping. The program aired on Covenant Network in May.



### Students Skype with Noted Scientist

At the end of last school year, science teacher Brandon McLaughlin's freshman class had the privilege of participating in a Skype video call with world-renowned evolutionary biologist Dr. Neil Shubin from the University of Chicago.

Shubin is the author of two books—"The Universe Within" and "Your Inner Fish"—that focus on his field research and discoveries about human evolution. "Your Inner Fish" also was developed into a PBS documentary series.

### What My Teacher Told Me

Inspired by Raymond Carver

That there is no right answer  
That I should read the question carefully  
That I should do "whatever I think is right"  
That  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$   
That I should stop talking  
That I should raise my hand more  
That I shouldn't stare out the window  
That I should write neater  
That I should not sit next to John  
That  $E = mc^2$   
That I should bring a #2 pencil and a calculator  
to the test  
That I should study for the test days in advance  
That the science lab is due on Monday  
That the math packet is due on Monday  
That the test is on Monday  
That  $\pi = 3.14159...$   
That grades don't determine intelligence  
That the teacher dismisses you, not the bell  
That organization is critical  
That education is the key to success  
That I will need this in the future

### Recognition for Priory Poets

Five Priory students were recognized as winners in the 2019 Wednesday Club of St. Louis Junior Poetry Contest. The Wednesday Club received over 200 submissions, so English teacher John Mohrmann notes it is quite an accomplishment that five of the 10 selected winners were Priory students. Shad Lunda '21 received a First Place award for his poem, "What My Teacher Told Me."



Priory's poetry winners, Shad Lunda '21, Reid Miller '21, Michael Moen '21, Andrew Johnson '19 and Adam Figueras '21.



### Priory Hosts Missouri Court of Appeals

In March, Priory had the honor of hosting a session of the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District.

Students had the opportunity to watch the three-judge panel—Judges Kurt Odenwald, Colleen Dolan and Gary Gaertner—hear oral arguments in two cases. Judge Gaertner is a Priory father of Gary '21 and an alumnus from the class of 1983. After the arguments were completed, the judges took questions from the audience.

Priory is grateful to the court, the attorneys, and everyone involved in helping make this event possible.

### Have You Seen the New Priory Website?

Now more easily readable on mobile devices, the new Priory website at [priory.org](http://priory.org) also gives greater emphasis to what makes Priory a unique and special place. Designed primarily for families considering Priory for their sons, the new [priory.org](http://priory.org) will continue to grow and evolve over time. Be sure to check out the new online calendar and the enhanced Athletics and Arts sections.



### Another Big Year for the RoboRebels

The RoboRebels—a robotics team comprised of students from Priory and Visitation Academy—had another productive year.

Last spring, the team competed at Chaifetz Arena in St. Louis and at an event in Peoria, Illinois. In Peoria, the RoboRebels won the Innovation in Control award.

## News Briefs



### **New Admissions Director Michael Wade**

Priory is pleased to introduce our new Director of Admissions, Michael Wade.

Michael brings a wealth of experience to his new role at Priory. Since 2016, he served as Director of Admissions at St. Joseph's Academy. Before that, he was Director of Admissions and Marketing at

St. Dominic High School in O'Fallon. Earlier in his career, he served as Director of Admissions at Barat Academy and Lindenwood University in St. Charles.

Michael can be reached at [mwade@priory.org](mailto:mwade@priory.org) or 314.434.3690 ext. 151, and he looks forward to connecting with prospective families, current families and alumni as he begins his first academic year at Priory.

### **Grandparents Get a Taste of the Priory Experience**

The biennial Junior School Grandparents' Day was held in April. Thanks to all the grandparents who came to school for Mass and a school visit!



**Father Cuthbert  
Elliott, O.S.B., '02**



**Father Benedict  
Allin, O.S.B.**



**Judy Mohan**



**Mike Nickolai '03**



**Jon-Pierre  
Mitchom**



**Steve Zaegel**

### **Meet the Chaplaincy Team**

This year, Priory Headmaster Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02, has introduced a new "Chaplaincy Team," whose members will coordinate a number of school-supported efforts related to faith and spirituality.

In addition to Father Cuthbert, members of the Chaplaincy Team include:

- Father Benedict Allin, O.S.B.
- Junior School Director Judy Mohan and High School Director Mike Nickolai '03
- Jon-Pierre Mitchom, Priory's Director of Equity and Inclusion
- Theology teacher Steve Zaegel
- Andrew Erker '11, who will continue to moderate the Tutoria program
- Courtney Rockamann, youth minister at St. Anselm Parish, who will coordinate student retreats
- Carrie Lane, assistant to the Junior School Director, who will coordinate student community service efforts and overall chaplaincy logistics

"We created the Chaplaincy Team because spirituality, faith and service are such critically important aspects of how Priory lives its mission," Father Cuthbert says. "Each member of the Chaplaincy Team is tremendously excited to work with our students this school year."



**Andrew Erker '11**



**Courtney  
Rockamann**



**Carrie Lane**

## Exceptional Excellence!

Priory applauds several students for their recent achievements:

- Adam Urish '19 and seniors Carson Brame and Thomas deWolff achieved perfect scores of 36 on the ACT.
- Sophomore Matthew Broder and freshman Evan Hugge achieved perfect scores on the 2019 National Latin Exam. Seniors Carson Brame, Jack McEnerg and Matthew Sinclair were recognized for achieving gold medals for four years in a row on the exam.
- In the State Music Festival, the piano performance of junior Peter Welz earned a gold rating, the highest level of achievement.
- Sophomore Cole Polley competed in both the National History Bee and the U.S. Geography Olympiad.
- Last school year, Priory's Business & Entrepreneurship club became a chapter of the Missouri Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda. Four students entered the annual Future Business Leaders of America competition. Seniors Giuseppe Schifano and Ian Crossey qualified for the regional competition and ultimately both qualified for the National Leadership Conference held in San Antonio in June. Out of over 200 teams, Schifano was the only single-person team to make the top 15 finalists, placing 10th overall in Marketing.
- Junior Drew Scheiner was named a National Winner in the Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society's 2019 International Writing, Photo and Multimedia Contest.
- Juniors Devin Kancherla and Reid Miller participated over the summer in the Missouri Scholars Academy at the University of Missouri. Missouri Scholars Academy is a three-week academic residential program for 330 of Missouri's gifted rising juniors.



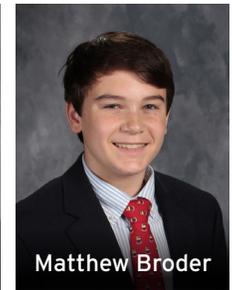
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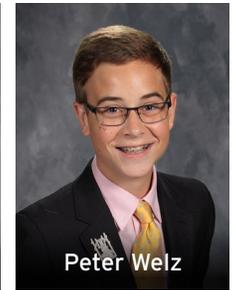
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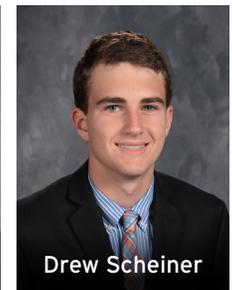
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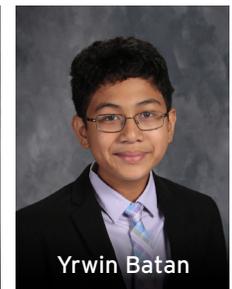
Devin Kancherla



Reid Miller



Sebastian Joseph



Yrwin Batan

- Eighth grader Sebastian Joseph won a scholarship from Delta Air Lines to attend the National Flight Academy (NFA) in Pensacola, Florida, last summer. The NFA is a premier STEM education institution that provides students in grades 7-12 with a fully-immersive, weeklong learning adventure.
- Eighth grader Yrwin Batan was recognized last May as part of the Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) in a ceremony at Drury

University in Springfield, Missouri. Duke TIP identifies seventh graders who perform at the college level on the SAT or ACT. Batan received the highest recognition in Missouri for achieving a perfect score in one ACT subset, and he received a Grand Recognition Medal and a State Recognition Medal for earning a composite ACT score of 33 as a seventh grader. Batan also represented Priory in the State Geography Bee, taking third place.

## Athletics

In the 2018-19 school year, Priory's winter and spring sports teams and athletes saw great success.



### Basketball

Basketball brought home first place plaques from both the Lutheran St. Charles Tournament and the Affton Holiday Tournament. The Rebels finished with a 17-8 overall record, and an 8-3 record in Metro League play, which was good for a tie with Lutheran North for the league championship. This is Priory's first league championship in basketball since 1969.



### Baseball

Baseball started the 2019 season by winning the Herculaneum Tournament in March. The team battled through some mid-season injuries, and posted an overall record of 12-11. **Mark Shallenberger '19** received all-league recognition for the third consecutive year, and will play next year at the University of Evansville.



### Hockey

Priory's hockey team had another outstanding year and finished the regular season with a record of 15-4-2. For the second consecutive year, the Rebels qualified for the Challenge Cup at the end of the season. With a victory over Vianney, the Rebels advanced to the second round of the Challenge Cup for the first time in school history.

### Wrestling

Wrestling continued its winning ways and finished first in the Metro League Tournament for the third consecutive year. In the State Championship Tournament,



**Dalton Bingman '20** placed first in the 220 lb. weight class. Bingman becomes Priory's first State Champion in wrestling.

The spring is always a hectic season at Priory with seven different sports, and weather conditions that seem to change on an hourly basis.



### Golf

In 2019, the golf team again brought home the Metro League Tournament championship. After finishing second in the District Tournament, the Rebels placed first in the Sectional Tournament, thereby qualifying for the State Tournament where the team finished in sixth place.



### Lacrosse

Lacrosse turned in another successful season with an overall record of 12-7. The Rebels were involved in many exciting games with three of the losses coming in overtime.



### Tennis

The 2019 tennis team was a young group with no seniors in the top six. While playing well throughout the season, Priory Tennis did not qualify as a team to move on in the State Tournament. However, both doubles teams advanced in the Individual portion of the State Tournament. **Jack McEnery '20** and **Gary Gaertner '21** finished third in the State Championship Tournament, while **Sean Finnie '21** and **John Newell '22** finished in fifth place.



### Track

Track is another sport where the successes came in the form individual accomplishments. **Brody Whalen '21** and **Myles Kee '21**, along with **Ian Crossey '20** all performed well in the District Meet and qualified to compete at the Sectional level.



### Rugby

The rugby team started the season with a hard fought victory at Chaminade. The team played well throughout the season, but a tough loss against Lindbergh kept the Rebels from advancing to the State Tournament.



### Ultimate

Throughout the 2019 season, the Ultimate team was fueled by the memory of a second place finish in the 2018 State Championship. The Rebels completed this year's regular season with a 7-1 record, with the only loss coming to DeSmet, the defending State Champion. The Rebels played with great confidence and determination as they

marched through the State Tournament, and when they reached the championship game, it was no surprise that the opponent was once again the Spartans from DeSmet. In a hard fought, high intensity game, the Rebels defeated the Spartans by the score of 13-10, and joined Priory's list of State Championship teams.

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## Athletics

### PRIORY ATHLETIC HONORS, WINTER/SPRING 2018-19

#### Basketball

Charles D. Ferrick—Metro League  
Player of the Year, All-District

Harrison S. Wilmsen—Second Team  
All-League

Nicholas R. Kurz—Honorable Mention  
All-League

#### Hockey

Christopher J. Friemel—  
Hobey Baker Award

#### Wrestling

Dalton A. Bingman—State Champion,  
First Team All-League

Louis B. Rolwes—First Team All-League,  
All-State

Elliott J. Holdosh—Second Team  
All-League, State Qualifier

Bret L. Wang—First Team All-League

Lucas D. Bagwell—First Team All-League

Adam J. Rolwes—Second Team All-League

Brennan T. Spellman—Honorable Mention  
All-League

#### Baseball

Mark D. Shallenberger—First Team  
All-League Infielder

Nicholas R. Kurz—First Team All-League  
Outfielder

John P. Spellmeyer—First Team  
All-League Outfielder

Ross A. Van Bree—First Team All-League  
Catcher

Christopher J. Friemel—Second Team  
All-League Infielder



Jacob R. Buganski—Second Team  
All-League Outfielder

Samuel K. Juenger—Second Team  
All-League Outfielder

#### Golf

Peter W. Weaver—Metro League Player  
of the Year, All-District, State Qualifier

Gulshan Kodwani—Second Team  
All-League, All-District, State Qualifier

Alex J. Garza—All-District, State Qualifier

William M. Sandifer—State Qualifier

Nicholas M. Seifried—State Qualifier

#### Lacrosse

Carter A. Coleman—First Team All-State,  
First Team All-Conference Attack

Christian A. Wagner—First Team  
All-Conference Defense

T. Murphy Reese—First Team  
All-Conference Defense

Joseph J. Weaver—Second Team  
All-Conference Attack

Anthony D. Leeker—Second Team  
All-Conference Midfield

Bret L. Wang—Second Team  
All-Conference Defense

Ethan C. Hare—Second Team  
All-Conference Goalie

Samuel E. Chalfant—Second Team  
All-Conference Midfield

#### Tennis

Charles (Jack) McEnergy—First Team  
All-League, All-State

Sean W. Finnie—First Team All-League,  
All-State

Gary M. Gaertner—First Team All-League,  
All-State

John R. Newell—Second Team All-League,  
All-State

#### Track

Ian J. Crossey—First Team All-League,  
All-District 110m Hurdles, Second Team  
All-League 300m Hurdles

Myles Kee—First Team All-League,  
All-District 100m

Brody P. Whalen—First Team All-League  
1600m, Honorable Mention All-League,  
All-District 3200m

Jacob R. Mercer—Second Team  
All-League 100m

## Welcome to Priory

In April, Priory hosted an orientation session to welcome this year's class of seventh graders and their parents to campus. Priory Junior School Director Judy Mohan told the young men, "We believe you can thrive here."



### Academics

- Prepare and organize for success
  - Eight classes
  - Athletics
  - Homework
- Think positively!
  - We believe you can thrive here.
  - You will have great teachers, coaches and staff to help you along the way.



Priory Headmaster Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02, delivers his homily during the First Day of School Mass, challenging the Priory community to "set our hearts on fire with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, remembering to speak kindly to one another and to work through our shortfalls and those of our friends and classmates, so that we can build a stronger community."



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"This school year I am most excited about getting to see everybody come back on campus. You can feel the energy this year has brought already on the first day. I can't wait to see what the students will do—I think it is going to be a great year."

—FATHER CUTHBERT '02, HEADMASTER

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## Welcome to Priory

In true Benedictine spirit of Hospitality, the High School Student Council greeted the seventh graders on their first day of school. Continuing the tradition of greeting the new students, the High School STUCO officers handed out new business cards and let them know that "STUCO is YouCO."



What are you most excited about this year?

"Getting to know my classmates better."  
—Thomas de Wolff, Form VI

"Excited for Football."  
—Jacob Willard, Form III

"Definitely excited about the lunch."  
—Drew Limp, Form III

What advice do you have for the new seventh graders?

"Don't procrastinate on your homework. It will help you out a lot."  
—Drew Steinhubl, Form IV

"Don't put too much pressure on yourself."  
—Thomas Johnson, Form V

"Don't be afraid to ask your teachers for help."  
—Henry Weas, Form IV

"Stay organized, make sure you do your homework and work hard."  
—Jake Dimitroff, Form VI

"Get to know your classmates, you have six years here so it is always good to start off on the right foot."  
—Ian Crosse, Form VI/STUCO President





The **Alumni Mothers' Club (AMC)**, led by Fifi Lugo as president, has been very active this year.



Fifi Lugo and Father Laurence



Marty Chapo, Lee Virtel,  
Holly Blumeyer, Diane Schumacker

## Mardi Gras Party

The AMC hosted its second Mardi Gras Party in early March, which Lisa Brnjac and Jill McNeive organized. Guests enjoyed delectable goodies and camaraderie fellowship before embarking on the asceticism of Lent. Peggy Lane and Barbara Donnelly organized a four-part Lenten Series featuring Bishop Robert Barron's "Lenten Gospel Reflections."

## Margarita Party

The AMC capped off a wonderful year with a festive Margarita Party chaired by Celine Kacmarek and Mary Lindmark with the assistance of Janet Ciapciak. The Margarita Party has become the "induction ceremony" for the mothers of recent graduates and is enjoyed by all who partake in the festivities. Father Laurence Kriegshauser, O.S.B. presented outgoing AMC President Fifi Lugo with a small gift in appreciation for her year of service to Priory alumni mothers.

All alumni mothers are invited to join the AMC. The purpose of the AMC is to promote the goals of the Abbey and the school, strengthen the ties with the monastic community, build a deeper spiritual link with the Benedictine tradition as lived by the monks, and create a strong bond among alumni mothers.



## Save the Date

Xanadu 2020 "Rhinestone Rodeo" promises to be a boot stompin' good time! So saddle up and lasso the date, **Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020**. Ways you can participate:

- Donate an item or service (Donation deadline is **Friday, Dec. 6, 2019**).
- Be a sponsor or make a monetary donation.
- Purchase an auction catalog advertisement (Ad deadline is **Friday, Dec. 6, 2019**).

For more information or questions, please contact Mary Rhodes, Assistant Director of Advancement/Special Events, 314.434.3690 ext. 361, [mrhodes@priory.org](mailto:mrhodes@priory.org).





Proud alums and their sons. Left to right, Jack McEnery '91, Jack McEnery '20, Christian Wagner '20 and Matt Wagner '90

### Junior Ring Mass and Reception

Family and friends joined the Priory School community in early April for the Junior Ring Mass. Jennifer Phillips organized a lovely reception for the Juniors and their guests in the High School Commons.



The 2018-19 Mothers' Club Executive Board. Left to right, Beth Blessing, Kelli Mitchell, Stefanie Granberg, Theresa Johnson, Maureen Strasheim and Sara Clark

### Spring Luncheon

In April, current, incoming and alumni mothers enjoyed a beautiful Spring Luncheon at Bellerive Country Club chaired by Janet Slusser and Jennifer O'Keefe. The Priory Music Club provided musical entertainment. Theresa Johnson thanked her Executive Board and committee chairs for a splendid year and introduced the Board for the upcoming year—Beth Blessing, President; Colleen Wasinger, Vice President; Kelli Mitchell, President-Elect; Sara Clark, Recording Secretary; Stefanie Granberg, Volunteer Coordinator; and Kelli Mitchell, Treasurer.



Seniors and their mothers enjoy brunch at Bellerive Country Club.

### Senior Mother and Son Mass and Brunch

In the week preceding Graduation, the seniors and their mothers shared a beautiful spring day beginning with Mass in the Abbey Church and then adjourned to Bellerive Country Club for brunch. Dr. Andrew Davis who was selected as the Classroom Instructor by the senior class shared some inspirational insights with the mothers and their sons.



Anthony and Mary Catherine Leeker



**Fathers' Club** President Mike Todd and the Executive Board provided guidance for the Fathers' Club this year as they continued to increase participation and involvement.



### Senior Father & Son "Finish Line BBQ"

Stormy weather did not dampen the spirits of the senior fathers and sons who came together to celebrate crossing the proverbial Priory finish line with a delicious BBQ dinner.



### Father & Son Day of Service

In early March, a hale and hearty group of fathers and sons helped clean up the interior and exterior of Most Holy Trinity School just north of downtown St. Louis. Everyone had a great attitude and accomplished a lot, very efficiently.



John Mozeliak, Danny Leary '21 and Dan Leary '87



### Father & Son Banquet

Mother Nature forced the cancellation of the January date for the annual Father & Son banquet, so it was moved to April and in a brunch format at the Four Seasons Hotel. Father Cuthbert Elliott '02 celebrated Mass. Cardinals President of Baseball Operations John Mozeliak took the stage as the keynote speaker and two Priory students reflected on their Priory experience—Connor Guthrie shared thoughts on his time as a Form I student and STUCO President, Preston Antes shared his perspectives on Priory as a Form VI student.

## How One Scholarship Changed a Generation

After graduating in 1969 from Priory and heading to Georgetown University, Pat Ferrillo thought his future was in politics. But he quickly realized that field was not for him and changed his major to biology, a path that ultimately led to a career in education.

After Georgetown, Ferrillo graduated from Texas A&M Baylor College of Dentistry and returned to the St. Louis area as an endodontist. Less than a year later, he was balancing his practice with teaching at Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine in Alton.

Ferrillo was on a fast track to success. By age 32, he was named a department chair at the university. Four years later, he was named dean.

Academics have always been a big part of Ferrillo's life. As a first generation Italian from a small town in Connecticut, Ferrillo's father was not wealthy but he was bright. He received a full scholarship to Stanford University and became a dentist. That opportunity laid the foundation for success and set a philanthropic tone for the next generation of his family.

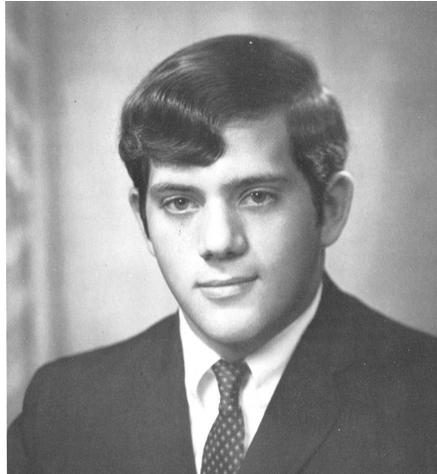
"If not for my dad being able to go to school on scholarship, my family would not be where it is today," Ferrillo says.

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"Priory played an important role in where I am today. Along with my parents, Priory shaped me ethically, morally and professionally."

—PAT FERRILLO

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The 1969 yearbook photo of Pat Ferrillo Jr.

"Education was incredibly important to my family and my dad made sure I could go to Priory. That education gave me a leg up to go elsewhere."

After 16 years as a dean at SIU, Pat was recruited to University of Nevada, Las Vegas to build a dental school from the ground up. A few years later, he was recruited to The University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco as dean where he stayed for nine years before retiring in 2015 and moving to Chicago.

"After 29 years as a dean, it was time to do something different," Ferrillo says. "I don't consider myself retired—this is my third phase of life. I'm engaged in a health consulting firm out of Atlanta and I'm focused on philanthropy. I've been blessed and now it's my turn to pay it forward and give back."

Ferrillo is involved in several nonprofit organizations. At Priory, he has established an endowed scholarship in honor of his parents.

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"My goal is to enable a bright young man whose family can't afford Priory to have the same experience I did and not have to worry about money, just as someone did that for my father," Ferrillo says. "As I reflect back, Priory played an important role in where I am today. Along with my parents, Priory shaped me ethically, morally and professionally."

Ferrillo has also included Priory in his estate plan, which will enhance the endowed scholarship he established.

"Setting that up took no time at all," he says. "It was just a paragraph and the least complex part of setting up my estate plan."

In addition, Ferrillo makes annual gifts to Priory. Because of his background as a

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—PAT FERRILLO

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dean, Ferrillo has a deep understanding of fundraising. "Philanthropy for education is important," he says. "Unrestricted gifts allow Priory to do other things needed for the school that aren't covered in a capital campaign for a building or through scholarships. People often think tuition covers everything, but it doesn't at all."

While Ferrillo considered making anonymous gifts, he wants to encourage giving by example. "I want to spark others to think about philanthropy as a way to pay it forward. Many of us are fortunate to have done well in life and can create a legacy of giving. Through our gifts, young men will benefit from an education at Priory."



Pat Ferrillo Jr. '69 (middle row, fifth from left) as pictured with his Form IV classmates in the 1967 Priory yearbook.

If you are interested in learning more about including the Abbey or School in your estate plan, please reach out to Janice Bailey, Director of Institutional Advancement, at [jbailey@priory.org](mailto:jbailey@priory.org) or 314.434.0783.

## Senior Dinner

The Class of 2019 was officially welcomed into the Priory Alumni family at the Senior Dinner on May 23. The Alumni Board hosted a dinner at the MAC West and presented the Priory alumni pin to the soon-to-be graduates.

Teddy Altepeter '09 served as the guest speaker. He spoke about how the foundation that he received at Priory has helped him in the decade since his graduation, and specifically how he has relied over and over again on the faith, friendships, academic rigor and life management skills that he learned during his time at Priory.



Chris Kerckhoff '68 and Michael Morgenthaler '19



Dan Flynn '06, Iggy Yuan '74, Andrew Mahassek '19, J.P. Spellmeyer '19 and Preston Antes '19 enjoy the Alumni Board's 2019 Senior Dinner.

## Alumni Events



### ABBOT'S RECEPTION IN SEATTLE

Sept. 16, 2019

6-8 p.m.

Seattle Tennis Club

Hosted by Eleanor and Charlie Pollnow '80

Learn more at [www.Priory.org/Seattle](http://www.Priory.org/Seattle)



### ABBOT'S RECEPTION IN NEW YORK CITY

Oct. 15, 2019

6-8 p.m.

The Yale/Dartmouth Club

Learn more at [www.Priory.org/NYC](http://www.Priory.org/NYC)

## Alumni Around Town

Priory's Class of 2019 had six students whose fathers graduated from Priory as well.

Shown here are Bob Shallenberger '88 and Mark '19, Ken Jones '82 and Anthony '19, Dan O'Keefe '87 and Michael '19, Tom Capps '78 and Matthew '19, John Phillips '85 and Colin '19, and Peter Ahlering '82 and Drew '19.



Brandon Wehking '10, Bob Sullivan '08, Ryan Wehking '08, Father Cassian '97, Matt Kent '08, Thommy Messmer '20 and J.D. Sabio '08 celebrate with the Stanley Cup.



Members of the Class of 1976 enjoy an impromptu get-together: Eric Suba, Emmett McAuliffe, Pete Maginot, Abbot Gregory, Mike Molloy, Joel Amant and James Schier.

A Family Tradition—proud Priory parent and alum Ken Jones '82 with his five sons, all Priory alumni:

Max '10, Greg '17, Anthony '19, Vince '11, Andrew '13. Welcome Anthony as the newest alum to your family and ours!

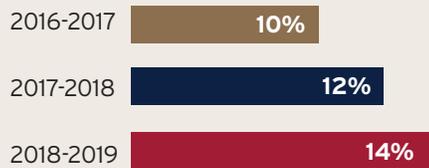


# ALUMNI GIVING

## Thank You!

Thank you to the many alumni who made gifts to Saint Louis Abbey and Saint Louis Priory School—14% of our alumni contributed during the 2018-19 school year.

### Alumni Giving Statistics for the last 3 Fiscal Years



### Summary of Alumni Giving

**368**  
DONORS

**14%**  
PARTICIPATION

## 2018-2019 Alumni Class Giving Percentages

Year	Participation %	Year	Participation %	Year	Participation %
1960	50%	1980	18%	2000	8%
1961	56%	1981	18%	2001	8%
1962	29%	1982	18%	2002	14%
1963	45%	1983	17%	2003	13%
1964	64%	1984	11%	2004	12%
1965	53%	1985	19%	2005	4%
1966	26%	1986	18%	2006	5%
1967	38%	1987	13%	2007	2%
1968	32%	1988	14%	2008	7%
1969	39%	1989	21%	2009	5%
1970	34%	1990	21%	2010	5%
1971	12%	1991	9%	2011	6%
1972	33%	1992	10%	2012	5%
1973	17%	1993	6%	2013	2%
1974	30%	1994	22%	2014	3%
1975	24%	1995	9%	2015	1%
1976	22%	1996	12%	2016	4%
1977	13%	1997	16%	2017	0%
1978	16%	1998	10%	2018	5%
1979	26%	1999	20%		

### Top 10 Classes by Participation

1964	<b>64%</b>	1969	<b>39%</b>
1961	<b>56%</b>	1967	<b>38%</b>
1965	<b>53%</b>	1970	<b>34%</b>
1960	<b>50%</b>	1972	<b>33%</b>
1963	<b>45%</b>	1968	<b>32%</b>

## Matching Gift Companies

Special thanks to the following companies for their generous matching gift programs.

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Boeing	Nike	Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign
Chevron	Northwestern Mutual Foundation Matching Gifts Program	



## Class Notes

### 1969

**Tom Cuba '69** recently published a book entitled *"UNExit"* under his pen name, Sebastian Roberts.

### 1981

**Mike Miskovsky '81** is the founder and CEO of Tiveni, a creator of standardized, energy-dense, high-speed-manufacturable, hyper-affordable electric vehicle battery modules and systems. Miskovsky lives and works in Silicon Valley.

### 1990

**Nguyen Violette '90** has been named president of the Asian American Chamber of Commerce of St. Louis.

### 1992

**Brendan Marsden '92** works as a business development manager with Vantage Links in St. Louis.

### 1994

**Kevin Kiley '94** lives in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and is the founder of Career Map, helping professionals achieve better, more fulfilling careers.

**Kevin P. McLaughlin '94** is the executive director of St. Louis operations for Newmark Grubb Zimmer.

### 1997

**Matt Burgdorf '97** wed Cally Graham on June 15 at St. Francis Xavier College Church in St. Louis. The wedding was officiated by Father Cassian Koenemann, O.S.B., '97.



### 2001

**Dan McArdle '01** now lives in Berlin, Germany, and works in Information Technology. McArdle says, "While a long and complicated story (fit for a book) brought me here, a deep love of history and culture makes me stay."

**Kyle Oberle '01** and his wife, Sarah, are enjoying being new parents to August Ann.

### 2002

**Bobby Plunkert '02** lives in St. Louis and works as an attorney at Pitzer Snodgrass P.C.

Emily and **Patrick Thornton '02** had a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, on June 1.



### 2003

**Tim Tryniecki '03** and Annie Heyward were married on Oct. 6, 2018. They live in St. Louis and Tryniecki is an attorney with the MGM Law Firm.

## Alumni Generosity



**Brian Redmond '02** is a monthly donor to the Priory Fund and he doubles his donations with a match from his employer, Chevron. Redmond is pictured here with Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76 at the Priory reception in San Francisco.

*"Ever since I graduated, I have made a point to include Priory in my annual giving plan. My experience at Priory not only shaped the man who I have become personally, but also laid the foundation for my educational and career trajectory. Giving back to Priory is my way of helping others get that experience, either through scholarships or ensuring that Priory can continue to invest in what matters to deliver a quality education for its students."*



Patrick Erker '03 and wife Lauren welcomed a son, Henry, in September 2018.



Abbot Gregory baptized John Cook Strout, the son of Brooke and Mark Strout '03, at the Abbey Church on March 23.

John Brady '03 wed Maggie Donnelly on May 25 in the Abbey Church. They live in St. Louis. Father Finbarr Dowling, O.S.B., officiated the wedding.

## 2004

James Dunnegan '04 works as an equity analyst at Kennedy Capital Management in St. Louis.

## 2008

Anthony Savio '08 married Bridget McLeay in Soderhamn, Sweden, on July 13. Savio is pictured here with his classmates who attended the wedding—Tom Kennedy, Kevin Brady, Joe Stock, Anthony Savio, Nick Faron, Dan O'Neil and Jake Poelker.



## Alumni Generosity

Ryan Huber '06 is a Director with The Marketing Arm in Dallas and in his free time works as a basketball official with the NCAA.

*"Priory continues to be the most generous source of knowledge and stability for me, my brothers and family. I give not just as thanks for my six amazing years within its walls but for the ever-present love and support the community continues to pour out. This place is special. I hope my donation, in some small way, helps keep it just that."*

Alec Moen '08 and his wife, Frannie, welcomed their fourth child on May 20 and named her Rafaella Mercedes (Sadie).

## 2009

Michael Yemm '09 married Emily Hollander on May 18. Abbot Gregory officiated the wedding.

## 2010

Sean Lamb '10 married Katie Frigerio June 15 at St. Francis Xavier College Church in St. Louis. They live in Chicago where Lamb attends Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine.

Luke Schmerold '10 married Jiaqi Liu at the Abbey Church on May 4. Father Michael Brunner, O.S.B., officiated their wedding.

## 2011

Andy Schwartz '11 is living in St. Louis and works as a project engineer with BSI Constructors.

Brett Moen '11 married Amy Tew on May 25 at Holy Infant Parish. The wedding was officiated by Father Francis Hein, O.S.B. The Moens live in St. Louis and Brett works for Boeing. Here are the Moen boys with the bride (L to R): Sean '20, Andrew '16, Amy and Brett '11, Alec '08 and Michael '21.

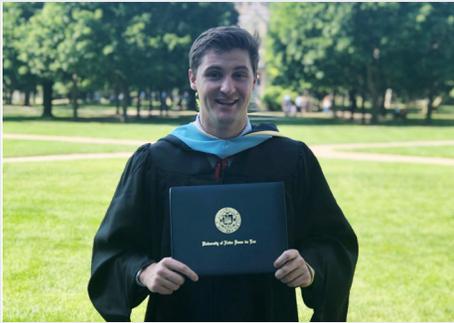




**Jeff Plescia '11** lives in St. Louis and works as a senior site specialist with Thermo Fisher Scientific.

## 2012

**Andrew Rhodes '12** earned his master's in Education from the University of Notre Dame in July. Rhodes taught for two years at St. Elizabeth of Hungary School in Dallas as part of the Alliance of Catholic Education (ACE).



## 2013

**Steve Hanley '13** lives in Plano, Texas, and works as a business analyst with Capital One.

## 2014

**John Austin '14** recently relocated from Houston to St. Petersburg, Florida, where he works as a research associate with Raymond James.

**Fitz Freeman '14** lives in Dallas where he works as a mechanical engineer with Laforge Holcim.

**Patrick Reardon '14** lives in Dallas where he teaches history and Latin at Founders Classical Academy.

## Alumni Generosity

**Joe Wagner '09** lives on Oahu, Hawaii, and is an academic coach at Wheeler Middle School on Schofield Barracks Army Base. He taught classes of students for his first five years. In his current role, Wagner supports the math and science teachers at the school. He helps train and support teachers in the development of effective curriculum, instruction and assessment in science and math across the school.



*"I owe a lot to those Priory teachers! Working in education has helped me come to appreciate even more how fortunate I was to have a Priory education."*

## 2015

**Cole Esparrago '15** now works as an analyst with Accenture in Dallas.

**Nate VonderHaar '15** earned his bachelor's in Business from Georgetown University in May and now works as a consultant for Accenture Federal Services in Arlington, Virginia.

**Grant Dow '15** earned his bachelor's in Business Administration from Southern Methodist University and now works as an associate with Sendoro in Dallas.

## 2018

**Frankie Kostecki '18** is a finalist in the Big Idea Competition at The Turner School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation's Big Idea Competition at Bradley University. Kostecki's Big Idea is called Postal Patrol, a product that eliminates theft of packages delivered to homes and apartments by providing a secure box large enough to hold packages.

Share your good news with us — new job, marriage, baby, degrees conferred, awards, etc. at [www.priory.org/alumni/submit-a-class-note](http://www.priory.org/alumni/submit-a-class-note) or email to [alumni@priory.org](mailto:alumni@priory.org).



# LOOKING BACK



In 1963, the Priory Players staged “The Inspector General,” a satirical play by Russian and Ukrainian dramatist and novelist Nikolai Gogol.

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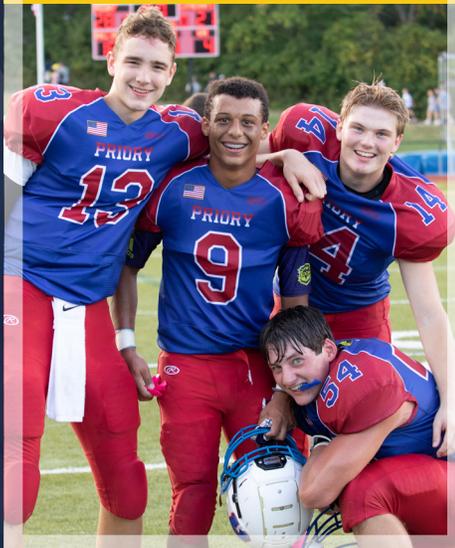
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**ABOUT PRIORY STUDENTS**

9,484 hours of community service completed

31 average ACT score of the class of 2019

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## SAVE THE DATE

### October

Fri., Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m.  
Reunion Mass & Reception

Sat., Oct. 26, 11:30 a.m.  
Homecoming Picnic and Football Game

### November

Sat., Nov. 2, 6:30 p.m.  
Trivia Night

Sun., Nov. 10, 12:30 p.m.  
Priory Open House  
for Prospective Families

Sat., Nov. 30, 8:30 a.m.  
Alumni Interview Workshop

Sat., Nov. 30, 7 p.m.  
Alumni Holiday Reception

### December

Wed., Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m.  
Christmas Boutique

Sat., Dec. 14, 7 p.m.  
Priory Christmas Concert

Sun., Dec. 15, 5 p.m.  
Monks' Open House

### February

Sat., Feb. 8, 6 p.m.  
2020 Xanadu Auction—Rhinestone Rodeo

Thurs.-Sun., Feb. 13-16  
Winter Musical "1776"

Mon., Feb. 24, 7 p.m.  
Cor Jesu/Priory Benefit Concert

### UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS

**Class of 1969**  
50th Reunion  
Friday, Oct. 4, 5 p.m.  
Switzer House

**Saturday, Oct. 5, 6:30 p.m.**  
Old Warson Country Club

**Class of 2014**  
5-year Reunion  
Friday, Dec. 27, 7 p.m.  
Switzer House

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