

CIRCLE OF MERCY MOMENTS

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Dear Alumnae,

As the season of holiday celebrations approaches, I find myself thinking of Thanksgiving traditions that are so dear...watching the Thanksgiving Day Parade with family, young cousins huddled around a small TV, and Grandma's famous signature dessert. Those unique family traditions shape our holidays and memories and are carried on for generations. Just like those cherished family traditions, students and alumnae today look forward to the beloved traditions we remember so fondly. From favorite annual events like Raffle, Golden Guild Induction, and Father Daughter Dance to the impactful core values of a Mercy Education that we alumnae carry with us after graduation, the traditions created and honored at Mother of Mercy, McAuley, and now Mercy McAuley have created lasting memories for generations.

Thank you for building and continuing our traditions and legacy over the years! As Catherine McAuley noted, "Hurrah for foundations, they make the old young and the young merry." Wishing you and your families a very happy season of celebration.

In Mercy,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'm Korn'.

Maura Gettler Korn '08

UPCOMING EVENTS



FALL SOCIAL: WICKS AND WINE

Grab a friend and join us at Mercy McAuley for our fall social, **Wicks and Wine on Thursday, November 6, 2025 from 6:00-7:30 PM!** Alumnae and friends are welcome.

During this fun and creative social, you'll create your own fall candle with step-by-step instruction by candlespice co. owner and Mother of Mercy alumna, Maria Acito Schiering '06, while enjoying an assorted wine tasting hosted by Mother of Mercy alumna, Sam Viox Gagnon '07. All materials are provided, just bring your creativity! Registration cost is \$45/person. Space is limited, register online [HERE](#) today!

MEMORIAL MASS

Alumnae and friends are invited to join us for a special all-school **Memorial Mass on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 10:15 AM.** During Memorial Mass, we honor and remember Mother of Mercy, McAuley, and Mercy McAuley alumnae who have passed away this year. A full list of alumnae condolences can be found [HERE](#).

If you'd like to join us for Memorial Mass, please RVSP by November 19 to alumnae@mercymcauley.org.



GALA GIFT GATHERING PARTY

Let's get together! Alumnae and friends of Mercy McAuley High School are invited to join us for a **Moonlight Gala Gift Gathering Party.** Help us build our entertainment baskets with gifts of top shelf liquor, wine, or items from the [Amazon Wish List](#).

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Marty's Hops and Vines
[RSVP HERE](#)

Can't join us in person but would like to support the Moonlight Gala? Consider making a gift from our [Amazon Wish List](#).

WOLVES WINTER WONDERLAND

Ready to celebrate the holidays? Join us with your little ones this upcoming holiday season at Mercy McAuley's **Wolves Winter Wonderland on Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM!** This festive celebration includes children's activities, pictures with Santa, breakfast, writing letters to Santa, Christmas carols sung, and more.

Registration cost is \$25.00 per family and can be completed online [HERE](#). This event is recommended for children under the age of 10.



ALUMNAE NEWS

The 2025 Mercy McAuley Raffle was an incredible success, and we thank you for your support! This year's theme was "Holidays," and each class channeled their festive spirit with fully decorated hallways and friendly competition. The senior class claimed the victory as the class with the highest ticket sales. Collectively, students raised **\$90,726.25** and each class exceeded over 100% of their class goal! Thank you for your support in another exciting raffle!



Mercy McAuley's American Red Cross Club is sponsoring a blood drive and alumnae, friends, and family are invited to join us at the Mercy McAuley High School on **Friday, November 14, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. Donors must be at least 17 years old to donate, or 16 years old with a signed parent consent form. Please visit [American Red Cross](#) for additional eligibility criteria. Those who give blood will receive a \$10 e-gift card to the merchant of their choice! Appointments can be made online [HERE](#).

Break out the pitch pipe, the **Mother of Mercy Alumnae Chorus** is back in action! Rehearsals for their upcoming Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 16, are currently underway and program coordinator, Mary Beth Ellis Hunter '95, welcomes all interested Mother of Mercy alumnae to join. Learn more about their upcoming Sunday rehearsals at St. Catharine of Sienna Church (Westwood) on their group Facebook page, [MOMAC Mother of Mercy Alumnae Chorus](#).



ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT



That's me in a salt room!



Doesn't a beach getaway sound nice this time of year? It was during a visit to Florida that **MOTHER OF MERCY ALUMNA, KAREN FREDE SCHERER '78**, had that same feeling..."what if we could bring the relaxation and healing of a beach vacation home to Cincinnati?"

Opening By the Sea Salt Therapy wasn't just a business decision, it was personal. Karen's husband suffers from asthma and noticed how much better he felt following that time spent by the ocean. After countless hours

of research, Karen and her husband learned that they could bring those healing benefits home with them. It was in the noticeable effects of the first salt therapy session alone that they knew they needed to bring this resource to the west side community. It was Karen's passion to help others improve their quality of life that drove her inspiration to open By the Sea. This centuries-old practice provides

healing for the mind, body, and spirit by absorbing finely ground, medical grade salt through the air.

It is that holistic approach to healing that drives Karen's passion for salt therapy. "It is a wonderful thing to help people every day and to see the difference in how people walk in versus how they walk out- relaxed, smiling, and breathing easier!" Karen's hope to bring a beach getaway to Cincinnati was not only welcomed but has inspired others. Karen and her sister, Lisa Frede Thamann (Mother of Mercy '84), just celebrated the opening of a Salt & Soul Wellness in West Chester. When "one hour in the salt room is like two days at the beach," who wouldn't enjoy that little getaway as Jack Frost makes his appearance in town!

ALUMNAE UPDATES

Providing our students with a Mercy McAuley education is not possible without the support of our generous community. Because tuition only covers a portion of the student experience, the **MERCY McAULEY FUND** helps bridge the gap ensuring that these experiences are possible. Gifts support every aspect of student life from enriched classroom resources and technology upgrades to extracurricular programs and tuition assistance. Support the Mercy McAuley Fund this year with a gift to the Mercy McAuley Fund! Gifts can be made online [HERE](#).

Did You Know? As an Ohio taxpayer, you can claim a dollar-for-dollar nonrefundable tax credit on your state income tax if you make a qualified donation to Mercy McAuley through the **SCHOOL GRANTING ORGANIZATION** (SGO). You can learn more [HERE](#)!

FIND CATHERINE! Congratulations to the October Find Catherine winner, **JUDY MOELLER HONKOMP**, MOTHER of MERCY '58! Each month, Catherine will find a new hiding place on our website! As you explore alumnae news and updates, keep an eye out for her. Should you find her, take a moment to click her image and fill out the form for our monthly prize drawing!

Our Heartfelt Sympathy

Please remember the family and friends of the following alumnae in your prayers.



Meghan Behr
Mercy McAuley 2022
October 25, 2025



Sue Gau Barrett
Mother of Mercy 1969
October 21, 2025



Jane Blank Katenkamp
Mother of Mercy 1956
October 1, 2025



Judith Hoffrogge Imsicke
Mother of Mercy 1960
October 25, 2025



Nancy Brazel Klosterman
Mother of Mercy 1955
October 14, 2025



Elizabeth Huth
Mother of Mercy 1948
October 30, 2025



Tina Clift Shibiya
Mother of Mercy 1974
October 6, 2025



Janice Jones Armstrong
Mother of Mercy 1967
October 17, 2025



Joan Cluxton
McAuley 1966
October 4, 2025



Rose Lalosh Girten
Mother of Mercy 1966
October 1, 2025



Katherine Dunn
McAuley 1975
October 19, 2025



Marian Krismer Stubenrauch
Mother of Mercy 1954
October 5, 2025



Linda Frey
McAuley 1970
October 9, 2025



Janice Trippel Linman
Mother of Mercy 1968
October 9, 2025

A list of alumnae who have passed this year can be found online [here](#).

CLASS REUNIONS

Is your class gathering in the next few weeks? Check out the upcoming reunion announcements below. Additional details can be found by clicking the "Upcoming Reunions" button.



CLASS OF 2010 - November 15 | 5:00 PM

Save the date, it's time to celebrate your 15th reunion! An email with event details was sent last month. Don't forget to RSVP! Learn more online [HERE](#).

Upcoming Reunions

Are your classmates already in conversation about celebrating a milestone reunion?

Be sure to share your reunion details with our Alumnae Engagement Office at alumnae@mercymcauley.org or 513-681-1800 x.1149 so we can help spread the word.

QUICK LINKS:

Information Update

Alumnae Owned Businesses

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---PENCIL IT IN...

DECEMBER 8

All-School Mass

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

10:15 AM

DECEMBER 12

Art Show &
Christmas Concert

6:00-9:00 PM



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