

The

ST. WENCESLAUS



REDHAWKS

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of ST. WENCESLAUS HIGH SCHOOL

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

JULY, 2015

REUNION 2015
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015

Reunion 2015 is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2015. The St. Wenceslaus school alumni will be guests at the **10:30 AM Mass in St. Wenceslaus Church** which will serve as the Alumni Reunion Mass. **We hope to see you there.**

A reception in Chihak Hall for the alumni, spouses and friends will follow the Mass. Kolaches, coffee and orange juice will be served. A lottery will again be held to be eligible to purchase the delicious St. Monica's Circle kolaches. The cost of the kolaches will be \$5.00 per half dozen. Cherry, apricot, prune and poppy seed kolaches will be available.

Donation boxes will be located on the serving counter. Your donations are necessary for the continued operation of the St. Wenceslaus Alumni Association. They are used for the publication and distribution of this newsletter (REDHAWK), sending cards of condolence to family members of alumni who die, and to cover expenses related to the Reunion setup and cleanup. Your generosity is welcome and needed and very appreciated.

Alumni will be recruited to assist with the Reunion in capacities such as ushers, lector, Eucharistic ministers and with the reception itself.

ALL SCHOOL REUNION 2014

Reunion 2014 was held on Sunday, October 19, 2014. The Alumni were guests at the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Wenceslaus parish. The lector was **Bonnie (Harmon) May (grade school alumna)**. **Pat (Ruzicka) Beer (1954)** was the organist for the choir. Other alumni served as ushers and Eucharistic Ministers.

After the Mass, graduates, spouses and alumni friends went to Chihak Hall for the reunion reception. There were 75 people who signed in for the reception. We had alumni and family members attending from as far away as California, Illinois, Colorado, Florida and Wisconsin. Five Iowa towns outside of Linn County were also represented.

Mary (Drahozal) Sanborn (1956) was the greeter and handled the guest book and name tags. **Rose (Vlasek) Miller (1955)** was in charge of the kolach lottery. **Bob Kazimour (1953)** was Master of Ceremonies and introduced the classes in attendance. **Bob Drahozal (1952), Treasurer,** gave a financial report.

A special recognition and our gracious thanks to **Joan Sebetka (1955)** who again organized the Mass and the Reunion. And a special thanks to **Barbara (Zeman) Himes (1957), Joann Harlan (Regis 1965) and Jean Zobl** for their help catering and doing kitchen work.

Dave Martin, Parish Administrator, provided an update on the current state of St. Wenceslaus parish_

ALUMNI NEWS ITEMS

DEPARTED FROM US

We offer our sympathies and condolences to the spouse, families and relatives of these deceased alumni:

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| Cecilia (Taylor) Navratil | (1934) wife of Jerome Navratil (1932) and sister of Richard Taylor (1941) both deceased |
| Maxine (Koutnik) Pinch | (1935) |
| Walter Votroubek | (1938) |
| Patricia (Bauer) Jennings | (1944) |
| Darlene (Kudrna) Barton | (1946) |
| Rose Marie (Krizek) Matus | (1948) sister of Grace (Krizek) Kuhn (1950) deceased |
| Rose Marie (Dryml) Burke | (1948) sister of John Dryml (1958) deceased |
| Paul Soukup | (1950) husband of Rosemary (Hansen) Soukup (1954) brother of Albert Soukup (1948) and brother of Mary Ann (Soukup) Pisarik (1946) , and David Soukup (1956) both deceased |
| Frank Sopousek | (1950) brother of Milton Sopousek (1948) deceased |
| Agnes (Zach) Hartmann | (1953) |
| Carl Spilman | (1953) |
| Shirley (Koppess) White | (1953) sister of Janet (Koppess) Glessner (1954) |

We also offer our sympathies and condolences to:

- Diane (Grishaber) Svoboda (Regis Grad)** the death of her mother, **Genevieve Grishaber**, who was also the sister of **Edward Sterenchuk (1946)**, **Lilyan (Majewski) Salvesson (1933)** and **Elizabeth (Majewski) Weland (1940)** all deceased
- Donna (Yilek) Heaston (1956)** on the death of her sister, **Patricia Yilek (Regis 1960)**.
- Lucille (Bousek) Wittenmeyer (1940)** on the death of her brother, **Richard Bousek**. He was also the brother of **Joseph Bousek (1944)** deceased.
- Shirley (Sattler) Hopkins (1955)** on the death of her son, **John Hopkins Joseph Tresnak (1953)**, **George Tresnak (1955)**, **Lawrence Tresnak (1957)** and **Barbara (Tresnak) Ruzicka (1958)** on the death of their brother, **Louis Tresnak**
- Phyllis Keagan (1957)** on the death of her sister, **Teresa Keagan**

OTHER NEWS

Father Louis Trzil (1943) celebrated the 65th Jubilee of his ordination at St. Wenceslaus Church on Sunday, June 21, 2015. Father Mark McGovern, a long time friend who served as an associate when Father Trzil was pastor in Spillville, celebrated the Mass. Father Trzil spoke of his Czech heritage and his personal ties to Cedar Rapids and St. Wenceslaus. Mass was followed by a reception in Chihak Hall with many people taking the opportunity to visit with Father. Father Trzil served St. Wenceslaus Parish as an associate (1955-1960) and as pastor (1977-1983).

Sister Mary Ann Becker (taught at St. Wenceslaus 1953-1955) celebrated her 70th Jubilee as a Sister of Mercy at a Mass on June 12, 2015 followed by a reception at the Sacred Heart Convent where she currently resides. Sister Mary Ann served as a business education teacher, Treasurer for the Sisters, administrative assistant in Fairfax and Colorado, and volunteer at the Catherine McAuley Center and Free Health Clinic in Cedar Rapids. She and other Sisters of Mercy received the Governor's Volunteer Hall of Fame Award in April for contributions to education, health and social service.

Rita (Svoboda) Tomanek (Regis 1960) has about 40 works of art on display in the Cedar Rapids Public Library until September 22, 2015. Rita also assisted her husband, Robert, on his book "Moravia, Gem of the Czech Republic", which has many photographs and a history of the area.

ALUMNI NEWS ITEMS (CONT.)

A LITTLE BIT OF UNKNOWN HISTORY

Maury Ferguson (1930) had asked Rev. August Vojacek if he could attend St. Wenceslaus High School even though he was not a Catholic. Father Vojacek said “yes” and Maury graduated with the Class of 1930. By his request his picture was not included in the class picture. His picture is now hanging in the panel display of class photos in Chihak Hall. Maury is also in a picture of the 1929 St. Wenceslaus football team.

Maury’s story came to light because of letters he wrote while in the military in 1943-1946 with the 376th Engineer Corps. While in the service, Maury corresponded with Sisters of Mercy, Sr. Eleanor, Sr. Norbert and Sr. Ruth at Mt. Mercy College. Sr. Eleanor saved her letters and has since given them to the St. Wenceslaus historical group. The letters were scanned and can be found in the 2015 News section of the St. Wenceslaus Parish web site. A copy can also be checked out from the parish office by appointment.

DONATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Alumni Association extends a big “**THANK YOU**” for donations from:

2014 Reunion anonymous donors

Lillian (Brazda) Kopecky	(1938)	
Lucille (Bousek) Wittenmeyer	(1940)	
Rose Marie (Dryml) Burke	(1948)	
Jean (Bartosh) Koutney	(1949)	
Leo Milota	(1950)	
Rose (Gallo) Kladivo	(1952)	
Catherine (Drahozal) Sheka	(1953)	
Agnes (Zach) Hartmann	(1953)	
Rosemary (Hansen) Soukup	(1954)	In memory of her husband, Paul Soukup (1950)
Pat (Ruzicka) Beer	(1954)	
Rose Marie (Vlasek) Miller	(1955)	
Joan Sebetka	(1955)	
Donna (Yilek) Heaston	(1956)	
Ralph Snitil	(1956)	
Janice (Svoboda) Wessell	(1957)	
Karen (Janoczek) Sasek	(Regis 1960)	

SPECIAL NOTES

The Sisters of Mercy are celebrating 140 years of serving Cedar Rapids and beyond. Three Sisters from Independence and four from Davenport arrived in Cedar Rapids in 1875 to open St. Joseph Academy. They then opened hospitals in Anamosa, Cedar Rapids, and Oelwein in Iowa as well as one in Kalispell, Montana. They opened the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in 1904. In 1924 they started Mount Mercy Academy, later to evolve into a junior college, then Mt. Mercy College and now Mt. Mercy University. They also worked in six schools in Cedar Rapids, two in Marion and 16 in other Iowa locations. We best know them as servicing the educational needs of the St. Wenceslaus schools. Our congratulations to all the good Mercy Sisters and thanks especially to those, living or deceased, who served at St. Wenceslaus.

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www.stwenceslauscr.com

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