

Reunion 2023

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 9-10

Saturday, September 9

10:00 a.m. Registration in St. Anne’s Building on grounds of Immaculate Conception Church, Fort Smith
12-noon Lunch and general meeting
6:00 p.m. Dinner at Taliano’s Hall

Sunday, September 10

10:00 a.m. Mass in the Monastery Chapel followed by Brunch in the Monastery Dining Room
There will be no organized Friday evening activities and no Silent Auction.
The Reunion Committee has decided there will be no charge for any of the events for Alumnae (graduates and attendees of St. Scholastica Academy). However, there will be a charge for guests as specified below.

REUNION 2023 REGISTRATION FORM

Alumnae attending (no charge):

Luncheon _____ Dinner _____ Mass/Brunch _____

Number of guests attending:

Luncheon (\$15) _____ Dinner (\$25) _____ Mass/Brunch (\$12) _____

Total for Guests: _____

I would like to make a donation _____

Total: _____

First Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Married/Last Name _____ Yr.Graduated/Attended _____

Address: _____

Land Line: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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Mail Registrations to: St. Scholastica Alumnae Association
PO Box 493
Fort Smith, AR 72903

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 23

The ALUMNATOR

St. Scholastica Alumnae Association
P.O. Box 493•Fort Smith, Arkansas 72902

Spring 2023



From the Monastery

February 14, 2023

Dear St. Scholastica Alumnae,

Can you believe we are nearly at the start of another Lenten Season? It seems as though we just finished all activity of Christmas, the annual St. Scholastica Monastery Simply Benedictine Bake Sale (which was a lovely success due to you). In a blink of about 90 days, here we are, having celebrated everything from New Year’s to blessing St. Agatha Bread, Candlemas, and the blessing of throats on the feast of St. Blaise, the Feast of St. Scholastica and even more recently the Super Bowl and today is St. Valentine’s Day. Soon we will enter into Lent with Ash Wednesday followed by the Triduum and the Glory of Easter. No wonder calendars fill up so quickly!

This past year we said goodbye to Sisters Magdalen Stanton, Agatha Knittig and Jo Ann Senko. We rejoice in their joy of eternal life. Life is a series of receiving and releasing; in all that we do, we keep discovering and rediscovering God’s grace and unrelenting love. With so much change in the world, God’s mercy and love never waver, which is such a comfort.

Our lives are in the hand of the master potter who knows well the tide of our every change. If we are blessed to live a long life, we can see how God’s grace is at work in us. There is an ancient Japanese art form for recovering broken shards of a bowl or container, and it is called, Kintsugi. Kintsugi uses a unique tree sap to adhere to that which is separated or fragmented from its original place and dusted in gold, platinum, or silver metal dust to create a new vision for the once-wounded bowl. This beautiful art form of repair takes what seems defeated beyond what was previously known into something so breathtaking that every mar and mark of life is now seen as a vision. This treasure knows no limit of what light, newness, and beauty can shine for a world in need. God knows the design of the golden ribbon that threads every crack and crevice of who we are meant to be.

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Gift Shop

Condolences to Katie Shields, Gift Shop manager, on the death of her mother, Jean Shields, Jan. 24, 2023.

Let’s Keep in Touch

Our Web site:
www.StSchoAlumnae.org

Our Facebook:
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Monastery Gift Shop:
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As we look toward the newness of spring and the beginnings we have yet to encounter, we might want to embrace a new way of listening and understanding, creating Kintsugi.

We may ask ourselves to courageously repair something we have let remain bruised or broken. Out of the change and brokenness, great things can begin. St. Benedict encourages us to live a life of renewal and a trusted turning toward God with hearts in need of him.

As I close this message to you, I am reminded of a story that involves Sister Macrina Wiederkehr. A few years ago, Sister Macrina was receiving messages of love from others on St. Valentine’s Day. She recalled two other saints who were also honored on February 14th but not known for handing out heart-shaped candy and flowers. She remembered these saints when she was writing to someone we all know and love so well, Father Jerome Kodell, OSB. She sent a heart-shaped card with the following endearment scripted:

Dear Father Jerome, Happy St. Cyril, and Methodius Day. Sister Macrina.

Thank you for all the love, care, and support you bless us with here at St. Scholastica. You are genuinely Benedictine sweethearts to us all on this St. Valentine’s Day and yes, Saint Cyril and St. Methodius Day too.

Affectionately,
Sister Kimberley Rose Prohaska, OSB
St. Scholastica Monastery, Prioress

Father Jerome’s Homily

St. Scholastica Alumnae—April 24, 2022—Divine Mercy Sunday

We are gathered again for a celebration of the alumnae of St. Scholastica Academy — remarkable that the last graduating class was 1968, 54 years ago. Nothing could speak louder of the impact St. Scholastica Academy, the sisters, and the friends you made at that time have made in your lives.

We come together on Divine Mercy Sunday — a wonderful coincidence or providence. Mercy is a great theme of Pope Francis, but also a Benedictine value — how much it is needed in the world. I want to recall a great act of Benedictine mercy. This is about a Benedictine pope, Pius VII, who served at the beginning of the 19th century, a little over 200 years ago.

In 1815, the mother and sisters of Napoleon were running for their lives after the Emperor was deposed and exiled to the Island of St. Helena in the South Atlantic. Everyone connected with him was now in danger.

The Pope of the time Pius VII invited them to Rome and promised them safety under his protection. Some of his advisors were shocked: Napoleon had persecuted Pope Pius, had humiliated him, had had him kidnapped at night and taken in a rough wagon to northern Italy, where the Pope lived in exile and under house arrest for six years. Napoleon tried to get the Pope to make concessions about the Church and the faith, but no matter how much he was mistreated, the Pope patiently held firm. But he was under constant pressure and mistreatment. When Napoleon fell, Pope Pius returned to Rome. The Pope did not seek revenge on Napoleon or his family. He gave protection to Napoleon’s family and wrote a letter to the British government not to be too harsh to the deposed emperor in his remote exile. Napoleon, after all his bullying had this to say: “I have met an old priest who is mor powerful than I. He is full of tolerance and light.”

The name of this way of acting is mercy. As Pope Francis often says, mercy is the first attribute of God, and if we are to imitate God, we must be merciful. This does not mean we have to be soft. Pius VII was not soft. He was firm and unyielding under persecution. He was so strong that he was able to be merciful, like God.

If you know who you are, you are not threatened by how other people are, how they act or how they think. You can welcome them, you can listen to them, you can give them room.

In our world today, many people do not know who they are, and they are threatened by anyone who seems to be different, and by any idea that seems to question what they themselves think. There is not room for the stranger, nor any room for personal growth.

As beneficiaries of the Benedictine tradition, we have the gift of knowing who we are, and can affirm and support other people, as Pope Pius VII did with Napoleon, even if we disagree with what they do or think. That should give us great peace and make us very grateful. And it gives us a gift to share with our needy world.

Alumnae Association Dues Renewal 2023

First Maiden Last Yr/Graduated/Attended

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

Email

Check here if this is a change of address, telephone number or email

Annual Dues \$10 \$

Donation for support of the Sisters at St. Scholastica Monastery \$

Total \$

Please enclose this form with your dues/donation and send to:

ST. SCHOLASTICA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 493

Dues Donations continued

BENITA WOLF ESSLER ’60
LOIS KERSCHEN ’68
LEONA DALTON KENNEDY/CARDENAS ’67
VIRGINIA AHLERT GEORGIE ’63
CHRISTINE FORD ’63
MARY LOU CORROTTO SANDERS ’65
PEG KONERT ’68
MARILYN SCHLAF CARSON ’67
HELEN LISKO HENRY ’60
JEAN ANN BERCHER RODDY ’60
MARY HARDER EASTERLING ’59
JOANN DENNIS CAMPBELL ’62
JUDY WRIGHT ’61
JO ANN KLECK LEHNEN ’57
SANDRA LUX HALL ’65

MARY K DALMUT NEUMEIER ’57
SUE SIMMONS BABER ’64
SHEILA PERONA CANUP ’59
MARY ROSE SCHROEDER LEHMANN ’64
PATRICIA MOIX ’55
CARMELITA BERGUP (BOMBECK) KARACIC ’55
ANTONIA POST PLUGGE ’47
BARBARA PIRKER GRECO ’58
MARY CHANDLER FERRARO ’49
CATHERINE ROESCH ’64
KATHY HARTMEIER ACOX ’67
DOROTHY OBERSTE CLAY ’62
MARY ROSE SCHROEDER LEHMANN ’64
MARY JOAN SIMMONS LOUTTIT ’47
PAT FOX PENDLETON ’60



Can you still find your graduation ring?

Dues and Donations 2022

DOLORES HARTMAN GANGLUFF ’61
CONSTANCE BARTSCH ECKELHOFF ’46
MARILYN GANGLUFF GUNTHER ’62
DOROTHY HUBER BARTON ’53
BETTY UDOUN PRYOR ’64
ANN COOPER CHILDS ’60
MARTHA SIEBENMORGEN VORSTER ’45
NANCY KLECK DUPIRE ’62
CELESTE AVLOS CORBIN ’64
WILMA WEWERS AHLERT ’54
ROSEMARY WEWERS REITH ’53
MARY CULLIVAN CANTERBURY ’64
RAMONA WILLEMS KEIZER-HORNSEY ’64
ROSEMARY THOMAS WINGFIELD ’61
CARMELITA GILYARD ADAMS ’58
DOLORES RAIBLE STEMPEL ’53
MARGARET ERMAN PRICE ’55
BERNIECE BOCK EVERS ’62
MARY JOAN SIMMONS LOUITTIT ’47
KATHY MOODY BOMBELA ’59
SUZANNE ROBBEN BROWN ’68
CATHY CORROTTO LORENZ ’61
DONNA HOELTING HERRON ’68
CAROL BINZ BLASCHKE ’64
MARY ANN ZEILER GRONWALD ’51
VICTORIA WORDEN WARDLAW ’46
JANIE CORROTTO JOHNSTON ’67
ALICIA AUSTIN ’60
MARTHA JANE BILTLE MAGEE ’58
KAY BENNETT SMITH ’61
HELEN ZEILER WREN ’69
SHARON BECKER MCCULLOUGH ’62-65
CAROLYN ECKART CENSING ’60
LILLIAN GEELS KOHLER ’57
VIOLA HOELTING ’66
KATIE STROBEL SIMMONS ’64
ROSETTA KERN LENSING ’57
JOYCE HOELTING RATCLIFF ’68
MARILYN ADAMS PROKUP ’58
CHRISTINE BORENGASSER WHEELER ’69
JANE ANN ANHALT CALVERT ’59
CAROL BLAUFUSS OBERLE ’67
MARY CATHERINE BAUER SCHLUTER-
MAN ’43
KAY WRIGHT DUMESNIL ’54
TERESA LAYES ROOS ’55
TRENNA POST KREMERS ’59
JANE ADAMS BRUMMEL ’69
ELSIE HOELTING ’58
LINDA GRAMLICH BATCHELER ’58
JOANIE GLENN STAVIG ’64
BERNICE ARDEMAGNI MCCAULEY ’56
MARGIE KERSHEN JOYCE ’64
ANN WEITERER BELL ’46
ROSELYN ECKART LAYES ’61

JOANITA VONDER HEIDE ROPER ’62
ANNE HORNING ELLISON JOHNSTON ’59
LUCY VOGELPOHL TAUSINGER ’60
JANE STROBEL DUGAN ’67
JANETTE HILTON DAHLEM ’64
SHIRLEY WILLIAMS JONES ’55
MARILYN SAX BOYD ’62
SISSI ANHALT BENNETT ’61
ESTELLA POST CONATSER ’49
LINDA ECKART STARLING ’68
PAT HASLER O’HAGAN ’59
CAROLYN HOFRICHTER CLARK ’62
CHARLOTTE ECKART TENCLEVE ’64
PAMELA YOTHER SHARUM ’61
JOAN KNOEDEL RODEMANN ’68
RITA GOLWAS SELF ’64
EMILY GEELS SOLLER ’64
DEBBIE WEWERS BENTLEY ’64
DOROTHY WORNER SULLIVAN ’60
JEAN BECKER HOLMAN ’63
MARY ANNE ELSKEN BURFORD ’57
PHYLLIS WEWERS DALMUT ’57
GERTRUDE POST VAUGHT ’49
SUSAN BALTZ SCHMITZ ’65
JEANETTE BESCHONER KELLY ’61
MARY JANE MILLER PATTERSON ’55
ROSEMARY WEITERER LIDDICAOTT ’49
CYNTHIA ZAKES PITTS ’53
ROSEMARY AHLERT LELEMSIS ’53
MARY ELLEN FURSTENBERG ’55
SUZIE STROBEL SCHNEIDER ’68
BETTYE BERCHER FRANZ ’58
MONA ZANG WOOTEN ’66
ANNETTE HAASER FLUSCHE ’65-’68
MARY F FRANCIE CLIFTON GOTTSPONER
’61
PATRICIA HENSEN LUCY ’62
CAROLYN GANGLUFF GADBERRY ’62
MARY ADAMS ’67-’68
IRENE RINKE JONES ’61
SHIRLEY SENKO ’60
DONNA SHAW SUTTON ’68
PAULA HAVEY BRADFIELD ’60
CINDY BRADNEY SHAW ’67
JEANNE ROWLETT NOLTE ’48
VICKIE TIMMERMAN ROSS ’65
JOANNA ZIMMER WARDEIN ’63
MARTHA/MARTI NETZER VERFURTH ’55
GENEVIEVE EHEMANN LEMLEY ’50
JANE EMHOFF GLIDEWELL ’62-’65
ADRIANNE MORSANI GRAHAM ’59
MARJORIE ELBERT GRIPKA ’61
THERESA GEELS KLEIN ’57
MARY RISSE DEVANEY ’63
BARBARA WARE MCCONNELL ’60

SUSAN BORENGASSER GAMBLE ’68
MARY KOENIGSEDER ZIMMER ’63
MARY GEELS KOENIGSEDER ’55
BERNICE BERGUP ’52
PATRICIA SHRIVER WILLEMS ’65
MARGARET DEUSTER ’63
GERALDINE WHITE MCFARLAND ’43
SARAH ELSKEN COCHRANE ’62
HELEN DUERR HAYS ’56
BETTY LISKU MASINGALE ’64
MARTHA GREUEL FISHER ’60
RITA WITT COOK ’65
PAT CASEY WANSLOW ’65
JUDY KELLER ’67
KITTY SCHWARTZ HUG ’56
MARY WITT TETREAULT ’55
MARY HENSEN AHLERT ’60
ANN PIPER GIVENS ’53
SHARON HENDERSON WILKIN ’68
MARGARET FRANZ ’60
THERESA WEWERS BOEKHOLDER ’56
JUDY CLOTFELTER WILHELM ’68
BETTY DUERR POST ’50
BETTY SCHWARTZ KREUTZER ’53
BARBARA HUG ANHALT ’59
KATHLEEN KELLER ’62
MARILYN ROFKAHR ZEILER ’60
THERESA BOCK CARLE ’62
JANE BERRY SANDERS ’61
LONA GEELS SEITER ’53
PATRICIA FITZGIBBON HABBERSTAD ’66-
’67
HERMINA POST FALCK ’54
DORIS GEELS KOCH ’60
FAYE ANN KERSHEN ’55
SUSIE COOPER KOENIGSEDER ’61
CATHERINE NEIHOUSE MCVAY ’50
HELEN LIEWER KUTIL ’64
MARY JO SANDER PARTNEY ’62
JO ELLA SIMMONS NEWBURY ’65
KAREN (JUDY) HARDER GUINEY ’61
SUSAN ROACH REED ’66
PATRICIA WEWERS REID ’62
JANE KENNEDY KRONE ’60
MARY ANN HUG GEELS ’61
BONNIE RANDELL DIFENDORF ’67
ALICIA MINDEN ’67
MARTHA GREUEL FISHER ’60
ROSEMARY GREUEL PLUNKETT-STITH ’61
ROZELLA ZEILER LASATER ’60
MARY KENNEDY BURNS ’64
MARY LEDING HEISS ’58
CARLEEN SHELBY FALLEUR ’63
EDNA DEAN HOWARD ’65
MARY DENNIS EDWARDS ’57

St. Scholastica Alumnae Association Reunion 2022

On April 23, 2022, morning registration began in the St. Anne’s Building at the Immaculate Conception Church campus. Annette Knittig ’62 and her committee (Dorothy Oberste Clay ’62, Marilyn Sax Boyd ’62 and Wilma Wewers Ahlert ’54) welcomed attendees and the ‘catching up’ began.

The class of ’64 hosted lunch, arranged by Debbie Wewers Bentley ’64 and catered by Golden Corral. Mary Kennedy Burns ’64 provided table decorations and items of memorabilia. We were joined by a number of the Sisters. There is no list of those ’64 Scho Girls who helped with lunch. THANK YOU!!!

Following lunch, while everyone was still assembled, a general meeting was held. Dinner was at 6:00 p.m. at Taliano’s Hall. Our host was Joe Caldarera, son of Dorothy Neihouse Caldarera ’52. There was no formal program.

On Sunday morning, the Sisters welcomed us for Mass and brunch (catered by P.T. Manor and arranged by Virginia Rinke Ricketts ’66). Fr. Jerome Kodell, OSB was the Mass celebrant. During brunch there was a chance to visit with the Sisters who were unable to attend the other reunion events. It was also an excellent opportunity for tours for those who had not been able to see the new monastery.

Attendees were encouraged to offer their ideas about the frequency of future reunions. Many would like to gather as often as possible. All events for this reunion were catered to keep the workload for local ladies to a minimum. This seemed to work well. The “youngest” Alumnae members were attending the Academy in 1968 when it closed. They have celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation and more ... This is a consideration as we look to the future.

Reunion 2023 is scheduled for September 9-10, 2023.

Notes from the General Meeting during Reunion 2022

Jane Berry Sanders ’60 called the roll of classes present and invited the attendees from each class to say their name and where they are from.

Minutes had been published in the ALUMNATOR and copies of a treasurer’s report were available. (Reunion income and expenses are tabulated separately and were incomplete, thus unavailable.)

Sr. Kimberly Prohaska, Prioress, gave a report on the state of the Monastery and entertained questions. Sr. Kimberly thanked the Alumnae Association for their support of the Sisters and their activities. Sr. Madeline Bariola ’54, our liaison with the monastery, was thanked for her support. Sr. Madeline B continues to be in competition with the ‘Energizer bunny.’

A number of ‘Scho girls’ were involved in preparing for the weekend – one who went ‘above and beyond’ in the planning was Virginia Rinke Ricketts ’66. She was responsible for arranging dinner at Taliano’s Hall, having brunch catered at the monastery following Mass, arranging the rental of chairs and tables for brunch and other essential details.

Dorothy Worner Sullivan ’60 was president for a number of years and continued to be the ‘behind the scenes’ director of activities as she reminded of details needing attention.

Susan Roach Reed ’66 was recognized for her work on the ALUMNATOR, as well as the design of the registration form and the name tags for this year’s reunion.

The last election of officers was held during Reunion 2016. At that time officers were reelected for a three-year term. Reunion 2018 was held a year earlier than originally scheduled so that both the ‘old’ and ‘new’ monasteries could be seen. The future of the ‘old’ was uncertain and the ‘new’ was under construction. Officers had 1 year left on their term.

A review of the lists of past officers and a look at those who are involved in activities with the monastery and the alumnae projects revealed that it was the same people with different roles – or maybe even the same roles – when an election is held or volunteers are recruited.

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Dorothy Sullivan and Barbara Anhalt have agreed to serve as co-chairwomen and the past and present officers have promised their continued support. Those present at the reunion were asked for input/approval of this option rather than election of officers. There were no objections noted. Feedback concerning scheduling of future reunions was invited.

Anniversary years were noted:
Class of '67 – 55 years 4 registered
Class of '62 – 60 years 5 registered
Class of '57 – 65 years 3 registered



Financial Report

ST. SCHOLASTICA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION – 2022

EXPENSES SINCE (AND INCLUDING) LAST ALUMNATOR:	
ALUMNATOR publication/ mailing 2022	1,743.65
Checks	26.28
Reunion Registration Form Mailing	594.10
Reunion 2022	5,377.47
Sr. Pierre’s 100th Birthday Party	708.75
Containers for Sisters prep for Bake Sale	186.73
U.S. Post Office Box #493 for 2023	176.00
INCOME:	
Dues and donations	8,636.12
Reunion fees and donations	4,631.00
Balance on hand	\$30, 678.22



Alumnae Deaths and Jubilarians

Nancy Ann Davis '65	Nov. 21, 2018
Agnes Dahlem Rinke '54	July 15, 2019
Elizabeth Greb Furstenberg '53	Oct. 15, 2020
Shirley Moore Boente '52	May 2, 2021
Helen Engel O’Connell '53	Sep. 13, 2021
Josephine Furstenberg Enzenberger '52	Dec. 23, 2021
Ramona Korkames '60	Jan. 23, 2022
Bernice Furstenberg Grist '46	Jan. 30, 2022
Irma Viale Mejia '61	Feb. 9, 2022
Sister Magdalen Stanton	Feb. 15, 2022
Sister Agatha Knittig '46	Mar. 18, 2022
Lorraine Keller '66	Apr. 5, 2022
Doris Simmons Worden '51	Apr. 10, 2022
Mary Koenigseder Zimmer '63	Apr. 18, 2022
Kay Etzkorn Gaylord '53	Apr. 22, 2022
Agnes Flegel Elser '47	May 20, 2022
Bernice Bartsch Been '52	June 14, 2022
Marilyn Sax Boyd '62	June 23, 2022
Patricia Kenny Gary '63	July 16, 2022
Gertrude Post Vaught '49	July 27, 2022
Sister Maggie Buerghler '55	Aug. 6, 2022
Judy Zimpel '68	Aug. 7, 2022
Leona Neihouse Little '53	Oct. 5, 2022
Rita Beshoner Lorenzo '49	Oct. 21, 2022
Mary Lou Friemel Willmann '49	Oct. 27, 2022
Sister Jo Ann Senko '52	Nov. 2, 2022
Mary Catherine Bauer Schluterman '67	Nov. 16, 2022
Joann Ebbing Sharum '52	Nov. 18, 2022
Josephine Muehlegg Geels '51	Nov. 23, 2022
Mildred Boerner Schneider '49	Jan. 8, 2023
Kathy Meyers Furstenberg '67	Feb. 12, 2023

Jubilarians for 2023

Sister Adrian Wewers '49	75 years
Sister Elise Forst '61	60 years

