

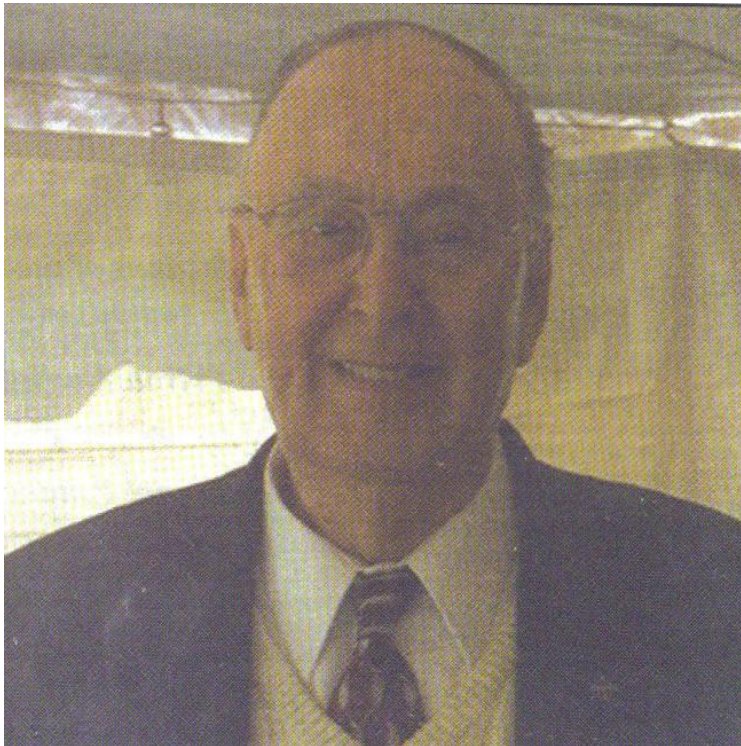
## Farewell Deacon Chuck

The recent passing of Deacon Charles Johnson on February 21<sup>st</sup> saddened us all. He was a parishioner for 60 years and served as Deacon for 27 years. He was the organist for our first church choir for 18 years and then faithfully filled in to play anytime he was needed. He shared his love of Christ and the church with us in his "Deacon's Bench" column in the weekly "The Voice" bulletin.

Many Laker graduates have fond memories of Deacon Chuck. He ministered to us celebrating with us at our weddings and baptizing our infants. He visited our sick and brought comfort to the grieving. He loved to preach and his homilies were special to so many of us, bringing his life experiences as a husband, father, teacher and grandfather to help us all to a better understanding of the Gospel. He loved to teach and for many years volunteered his time in the schools where he worked with students in creative writing projects. He enjoyed interacting with students in both the high and grade schools.

As illness kept him home he continued to minister to friends who would call or drop by to

visit. He continued to write his weekly column and in his final article on the first Sunday of Lent he left us with some profound words. He wrote, ". . . grace is stronger than sin. When we recognize brokenness and failure in our lives, when we find that we have not forgiven or cared for others as we should have, we are reminded that Christ's power is stronger than the power of sin in our lives." His final message concludes, "If the street we are walking on does not lead to God, what is the use of walking that street? What is the use of walking any path that does not lead to the Home we all come from, our Heavenly Home?"



His life was an inspiration to the whole parish community and his impact on many generations of Laker graduates is a testament to the faith-filled example he gave as he journeyed to his Heavenly Home. The Alumni Association offers condolences to his wife Kathy, daughter Nancy, son David and all the Johnson family. Deacon Chuck will be missed by many and his wisdom and insight will continue to inspire us for many years.

*Rest in Peace*

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## COME TO HOMECOMING THIS YEAR!

Mark your calendars now for Homecoming at the OLL campus. This year's events will be held the weekend of October 2nd. You won't want to miss these festivities!

### Friday, October 1st

6:00 pm Pasta Dinner at St. Joseph's Hall

7:00 pm bonfire, OLL campus

### Saturday, October 2nd

10:00 am Annual Alumni Association Meeting, Parish Center

Ribbon Cutting for the Brick Paver Walk in front of the Schools

1:00 pm Homecoming football game

5:30 pm, Alumni Mass OLL church

Informal Gathering at Overtyme Grill and Tap Room (Dixie Hwy and Floradale)

9:00 pm Crowning of Homecoming King and Queen - OLL High School Gym

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GALA AND  
SILENT AUCTION

“Viva Las Lakers”

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010**

**ST. JOSEPH'S HALL**

**at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church**

**5481 Dixie Highway, Waterford, MI**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM !!!!**



Tickets are \$25 and on sale at the Parish Center and Parish School Office or \$30.00 at the door. **LIGHT FARE DINNER, BEER, WINE AND A WHOLE LOT OF FUN AWAIT YOU WHETHER YOU ARE BIDDING ON ITEMS OR JUST COMING TO ENJOY A NIGHT OUT.**

Alumni and friends, we invite you to participate in this important event through attendance or the donation of gift certificate(s), goods, services, financial contribution or advertising to be used at our auction.

**The proceeds will benefit the education of our students by providing resources that will assist in continuing the integrity of our curriculum which promote academic excellence and enhance social and cultural growth of children in the community – this is an easy way to help your alma mater.**

Note that Our Lady of the Lakes is a recognized 501(c) 3 organization eligible to receive contributions. JUST LOG INTO **www.OLLONLINE.ORG** AND CLICK ON SILENT AUCTION for more information. Or contact Kitty Adler at [kittyadler@yahoo.com](mailto:kittyadler@yahoo.com) if you can assist with this important event.

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## **3rd Annual Hall of Fame Reflection on Tradition, Excellence and Leadership**

The newest tradition at Our Lady of the Lakes – the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Hall of Fame - was a huge success attracting over 175 people to the event held on Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup>. Inducted was a new class of the best in Lakes' storied history. As this year's group was honored, one resounding fact rang loud – that almost all of the schools where these fine members won their historical games are closed – except for . . . Our Lady of the Lakes

The 2010 Hall of Fame class of the Our Lady of the Lakes includes the following:

Gerald “Jake” Methner (Class of 67 )  
Dennis “Denny” McCulloch (Class of 68)  
Michael Webster (Class of 70)  
Joseph Seeterlin (Class of 74)  
David Nuss (Class of 76)  
Michael Smith (Class of 76)  
Patty Robak Oliver (Class of 89)  
1965 Undefeated Football Team  
1966 Undefeated Football Team  
1983 State Champion Softball Team

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Coach Boyd, noted that this deserving group not only had their achievements while at Our Lady of the Lakes, but have gone on to lead successful lives, raise fine families and serve as great role models for all current Lakers. Mentioned by several of this year's recipients were the great friendships, the wonderful families and core values Lakes instilled in them during their years at OLL. Some traveled from as far as Alabama, Florida and Kentucky to return after many years away. As each member was introduced, they were offered a chance to share the memories that helped define, shape or reinforce their character. Stories were told of football practices that continued after dark as dedicated parents surrounded the field with car headlights, trips to and from games that took hours and caused parents and Coach Boyd extra gray hairs due to faulty directions, dedicated parents that sacrificed so much to drive them each day to Lakes as Pontiac Schools went through dramatic changes, athletes that took up golf when they should have just stuck to basketball, team stars riding the bench until they could learn how to listen, Fr. Delaney waiting for his game results and girlfriends that pushed a decorated athlete to make the honor roll.

This event is an opportunity to reconnect the alumni with OLL and preserve the institution that inspired many. Nichole (Allsteadt) Campbell who attended commented: “I had so much fun laughing and talking with everyone. Wonderful stories were shared. It reminded me of how lucky I was to attend this school.” A note following the event said, “It was a terrific experience and it was great to see all the former Lakers and athletes (Jake, Vic Tersigni, Rick St. Louis, Denny McCullough, Doug Springer, Dave Miller, Brian Haskins, Leo LaForge, Mike Ogg, Deb French, Joyce Puddy, Lynn Serra, Anne Serra) and the many, many others that all came to share in the event.” Many reflected on Boyd's comments that “we have all watched friends who have had their high schools close, and even demolished. Catholic schools are all but extinct and consolidation continues. Lakes is still here and continues to be a special place that has stood the test of time.”

Don't miss the 2011 Hall of Fame Induction that will now be officially held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in February. Mark you calendar for Saturday February 5, 2011 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame. The Distinguished Alumni recipients will be introduced again to round out the recognition of honored Alumni.

Respectfully Submitted by Kitty Adler

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## Honorary Alumni George and Geneva Goeddeke

The OLL Alumni Association is pleased to name George and Geneva Goeddeke to our list of Honorary Alumni. For over 26 years they have donated their time and talent to support our Parish and Schools. George has been active in the OLL Boosters and both he and his wife Geneva have been instrumental in implementing the wonderful tradition of the Lakes Oktoberfest. They were in on the beginning of the Booster concessions at the Renaissance Festival which have been a tremendous support to our athletic department over the years.

The Goeddeke family moved to the White Lake area in 1978. One of the attractions to the area was the Parish and Grade School at St. Patrick's. George and Geneva were graduates of St. David's in Detroit and they knew they wanted a Catholic education for their children as well. As their oldest son, George, was nearing high school they explored their options and were soon convinced that Lakes was their school community of choice. "We had two parishes from that time on, with some students attending St. Pat's and some at Lakes," George recalled. Their sons, George

'88 and Vincent '90, both played football and the Goeddekes became active in the Booster's. George also volunteered on the coaching staff. Daughters Claudine '93 and Rachel '96, both were athletes too and the whole family enjoyed the state softball championship and 2 final four championships that Rachel was a part of.



Back row left to right: Claudine, Rachael, George Sr., George Jr. & Paul. In front: Vince and Geneva.

George and Geneva are still active Booster parents at Lakes, now with their "Bonus" child, Paul, who will graduate in 2011! "We've enjoyed working with the Lakes community," George states. "It's a great Catholic School. Lakes has a real sense of family with the schools and church community working together for the benefit of all. We felt our children received a great

education and an opportunity to participate in sports, all in a Catholic family environment." He explained and concluded, "We've worked with so many talented good people, like our pastors, and Rick Kuegler, Carl Uberti and Kathy Lewis. We've received much more than we've given."

It is with gratitude for all you have done and continue to do at our parish and schools that we name you both as Honorary Alumni.



We are now on LinkedIn. Join the Our Lady of the Lakes Group at [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com). Our Lady of the Lakes has over 2,500 alumni across the globe. The ties to this strong community can continue today both personally and professionally. Remember it's not always what you know; it's who you know that can help you succeed in life. Utilize this group as a professional link to many others that share common ground.

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## Dates to Remember

<b>April 5</b>	Alumni Meeting Everyone Welcome 7:00 pm Parish Center
<b>April 24</b>	OLL Silent Auction 6:30 pm St. Joseph's Parish Hall
<b>June 7</b>	Alumni Meeting Everyone Welcome 7:00 pm Parish Center
<b>August</b>	Come help collate the newsletter Call the Parish Center for details
<b>Oct 1/2</b>	Homecoming Weekend See above for details
<b>November</b>	Annual Tuition Gift Drive Begins
<b>December 13</b>	Alumni Meeting 7:30 pm Parish Center
<b>Feb. 5</b>	High School Hall of Fame Dinner Dance

## Patrick J. Wolfe

### Distinguished Alumnus Nominations

The Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Please send nominations to the OLL Alumni Association by June 30th.

***Something new this year will be an additional ceremony to recognize our Distinguished Alums at the Hall of Fame dinner on Feb. 5, 2011.***

On the OLL high school website is a form to fill out for nominating someone for the Distinguished Alumnus award. It helps with guidelines for nominating someone. Check it out!

[www.ollonline.org/Alumni](http://www.ollonline.org/Alumni)



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## Alumni Updates

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### Class of 1966

Mike Ogg and his wife, Trish, live in Grand Blanc, Michigan. Mike earned his B.S. from Central Michigan University and is a teacher at Lapeer West. Mike has two daughters, Heather (29) and Margaret (25), and a grandson, Gavin (10 months). Over the years, Mike has coached 54 teams in 7 sports. He is currently coaching the Lapeer West Girls Golf Team.

### Class of 1972

Lynne (Serra) Parker was married to her husband, Tom Parker, for 23 years. Sadly, Tom passed away in 2004. Lynne and her husband have 4 children, Gary (OLL '88), Jeff (OLL '90), Amy (Parker) Goy (OLL '00) and Brian (Clarkston HS '02). Lynne is currently the Office Manager of Serra Automotive/Derocher Construction in Grand Blanc.

### Class of 1974

Lance Oakley is divorced and living in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Lance has 4 children; Elizabeth is 21 and a senior at Central Michigan University, Michael is a 2009 graduate of Clarkston High School, and Maria (16) and Erin (14) both attend Clarkston High School.

### Class of 1980

Julie (Savoie) is married to Andrew Woida. Julie and Andrew live in Davisburg, Michigan. Julie is a C.T. Scan Technologist at AROC in Clarkston. She has 3 stepchildren (Jennifer, Andrew, and Eric) and 6 grandchildren (Allison, Jonathan, Jacob, Grace, Sara and Vincent).

### Class of 1981

Richard Galbraith is self employed and lives with his wife, Kathleen, and children Cassandra (12) and Richard James (10) in Oxford, Michigan. Richard has just started a nut company and his products are sold locally.

### Class of 1988

Doug Swenson is married and lives in Chandler, Arizona. He and his wife, Karen, have two children; Makenna is 3 years old and Noelle is 9 months old. Doug is a police officer with the Phoenix Police Department.

Gary Parker graduated from Ferris State University. He and his wife, Kristin, have 2 daughters, Paige - 12 and Megan - 9. Gary is a Manager for Dooge Veneers and lives with his family in Rockford, Michigan.

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### **Class of 1990**

Jeff Parker graduated from Central Michigan University. Jeff married Chris and they have 2 children, Nora Clare - 9 and Reed - 7. Jeff and his family have just moved to Hilton Head, South Carolina, where Jeff is a Project Manager for a development company.

### **Class of 1992**

Janet (Whalen) is married to Andy Alexander. Janet and Andy live in Freeland, Michigan with their two children, Madelyn (6 years old) and Jacob (4 years old). Janet is a college professor at Delta College.

### **Class of 1999**

Christine (Rashid) Torosian and her husband Scott are having baby number 2! He/She will join big brother Noah in May 2010. Congrats!

### **Class of 2000**

Amy (Parker) Goy graduated from Michigan State University and is currently finishing up her degree in Secondary Education from Baker College. Amy married Brandon Goy in March of 2009. Amy, Brandon and Amy's daughter, Meredith (8 and a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at OLL) live in Clarkston and welcomed a baby boy, Thomas, in February. Amy currently works at Chase Bank.

### **Class of 2004**

Alexandra Perrino lives in Clarkston, Michigan. Alex was a scholarship softball player at Oakland University where she played for 4 years; 4 years academic all-conference; all-tournament selection, and a top 10 member in 5 different statistical categories. In 2008, as a senior, she captained the offensive and defensive team through the season's campaign. Alex graduated from Oakland University in 2008 (with honors) where she earned her B.S. in Health Science with an emphasis in Health/Wellness/Injury Prevention. Alex also acquired a post-graduate certification in Complimentary Medicine. She is currently pursuing a M.A. in counseling in Oakland University's graduate program. She currently is single and works at Panda Express in the Great Lakes Mall food kiosk.

### **Class of 2007**

Adam Dickerson is single and is currently attending Central Michigan University.

### **Class of 2009**

Andrew Dickerson is single and is attending Central Michigan University.



## **Paving the Way to the Future One Brick at a Time**

**Memorialize your Laker history and pave the way for the future.** Lakes is offering a fundraising program where you can purchase an engraved brick to be placed in the Walk of Honor in front of the Statue of the Blessed Mary at Our Lady of the Lakes School.

Your message can pay tribute to a graduate, student, parent, faculty member, alumni, team, coach, organization, company, sponsor, sports championship or team, an event or a loved one that is no longer with us. It can be placed in the walkway that will record our history and give a voice to the memory of "Lakers" of yesterday and today.

This is a great gift idea for anyone involved in the Lakes Community for Christmas, birthday,

anniversary, wedding, graduation, or a special honor.

To get all the information you need and an order form go to the link at [www.ollonline.org](http://www.ollonline.org). 4" X 8" and 8" X 8" bricks are available for \$100 and \$200 respectively. Buy them separately or combine them for a larger message with family and friends.

Proceeds will go directly to the school for support of Catholic Education at Our Lady of Lakes Schools. The Commemorative Walk will be installed in August 2010. Watch for more information on the ribbon cutting! Contact the High School Office at (248) 623-0340 if you have any additional questions.

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The Lady Lakers Varsity Basketball Team has won the Class D State Championship this year at the Breslin Center in East Lansing! Winning our first-ever state championship in school history is a great feeling! We are Very Proud of our team and our school. Congrats Lady Lakers!

## REUNION NEWS

### The Class of 1968 Get Together

Classmates of 1968 – mark your calendars now for a fun gathering in Traverse City, MI the weekend of September 10 – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. It's the year everyone in the class turns 60 years old! Details and hotel information will be coming soon. For more information please contact Marietta (Wall) Harbert at e-mail [mariettaharbert@yahoo.com](mailto:mariettaharbert@yahoo.com)

### The Class of 1975 35 Year Reunion

Plans are well under way and the date has been set! The reunion will be July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. We are still looking for Julie Vivian and Paulette Ashbaugh Adrian. If anyone knows how we can contact them please let us know by e-mailing:

Louise (Nicholas) Vermillion - [vermillion@blclinks.net](mailto:vermillion@blclinks.net) or [vermillion@intouchmi.com](mailto:vermillion@intouchmi.com)  
Louie Ward - [louisbw@yahoo.com](mailto:louisbw@yahoo.com)  
Jerry McDonnell - [jerbearg2@comcast.net](mailto:jerbearg2@comcast.net)

### Class of 1989 20 Year Reunion

On November 27, 2009 the Class of 1989 celebrated with a 20 Year Reunion at the Somerset Inn in Troy. We had a nice turnout with over half of our class in attendance! We had a fine evening of catching up, lots of laughs, great food, and some dancing (which provided more laughs). We had guests from as far as California and as honorable as Harrison Miller! Thanks to all who came out, and hope to see those who couldn't make it soon. Special thanks to Sam Sesti, Chad Osburn, Dave Przygoda, and Rick Kulick who helped organize the event. It was a pleasure to pick up friendships as if time hadn't passed!

Submitted by Rick Kulick

## 2010 – 2011 Tuition Gift Awards

Once again our alumni, parents and friends are so generous! Even in this unfortunate economy we were blessed with many donations and will be able to help so many families. The Alumni Association was able to award \$7,600 to 13 students after a very difficult review of 30 applications.

One family will receive \$1,000 in tuition credit for the next school year in honor of Matt Townsend. Two more families were awarded \$800 each in tuition credit and ten families will receive \$500 towards their tuition.

\$1,000.00 Cassie Stoutenburg  
\$ 800.00 Adam & Ryan Romkema  
\$ 800.00 Mike & Ryan Sullivan  
\$ 500.00 Samantha & Charles Campbell  
\$ 500.00 Jamey Cattran  
\$ 500.00 Madison & Jessica Ebel  
\$ 500.00 Dominic Hendrix  
\$ 500.00 Kyle Johns  
\$ 500.00 Kristina Krupiak  
\$ 500.00 Garrett Page  
\$ 500.00 Kristin Salustro  
\$ 500.00 Devon & Denise Valent  
\$ 500.00 Amanda Wolanin

**Congratulations to all the Awardees and their families this year!**

**Thank you Alums, Family and Friends! We can't do it without you!**

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