

## **“GIVING TUESDAY” – NOVEMBER 27, 2018**

### **A DAY TO REMEMBER MATER DEI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) and the widely recognized shopping events of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, “Giving Tuesday” kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. Since its beginning in 2012, “Giving Tuesday” has become a movement that celebrates and supports giving and philanthropy, a day dedicated to service and giving back. The day is meant to harness the potential of social media and enlist the generosity of individuals who wish to make a financial contribution to a charity that they hold close to their hearts.

Last year Mater Dei Catholic High School participated for the second time through its on-line giving portal. In our second attempt we raised \$2,396.00 from 23 donors. Our efforts this year will be to get the word out sooner and wider. You will have the opportunity to donate on that day, particularly, or any day, at either of our websites: [www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org) or [www.materdeialumni.org](http://www.materdeialumni.org), and click the “Donate” button. You will also have the opportunity to choose which of the four funds (or combination of them) to which you desire to contribute.

Remember, your contribution to Mater Dei Catholic High School goes a long way to help in our mission to provide an excellent Catholic secondary education that is affordable, available, and accessible to every student who desires to attend Mater Dei. The cost to educate a student at Mater Dei this year is \$8,730.00, of which the tuition covers only \$5,536.00. Our fund-raising efforts per student are \$1,778.00. We rely upon the generous support and contributions from individuals like you who recognize the priceless treasure Mater Dei has become.

As we look forward to November 27, keep in mind the beautiful motto: “A generous person is enriched through the act of giving.”

## **ADULTING**

**ADULTING** is a concept created by millennials to describe doing grownup things and holding responsibilities, such as a 9-5 job, a mortgage/rent, a car payment, or anything else that makes one think of grownups.

We would like to take adulting a step further and suggest part of adulting is being good stewards of the gifts you have been given. It is our hope that your Mater Dei education can be counted as a very important gift in your life. Along with your parents, Mater Dei helped shape you as a teenager, cultivated the seed of faith, and nurtured your beliefs and values. Now is your time to embrace adulting and support Mater Dei, like the many older alumnus and alumna did before you. Any gift to Mater Dei is appreciated, whether \$10, \$50, \$250, or more. You can make an online gift through our website ([materdeiknights.org](http://materdeiknights.org)) and the alumni channel website ([materdeialumni.org](http://materdeialumni.org)) or through the mail with a remittance envelope. Mater Dei is also planning to have a **VENMO** school account soon, which will make it even easier to make a donation. Thank you in advance for your support!



*Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas Season*



# THE POWER OF POSITIVITY

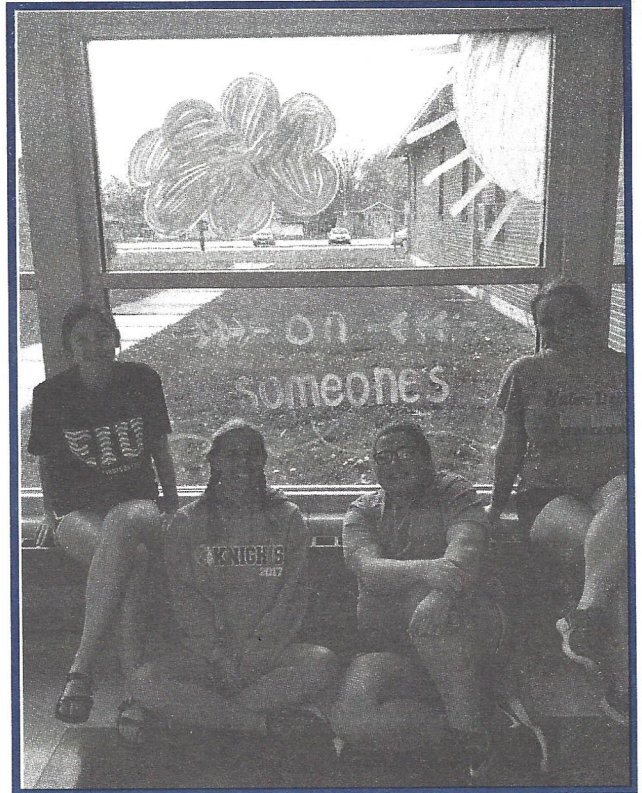
Mater Dei has a new organization this year called POP, which stands for POWER OF POSITIVITY. Its mission states: POP will work to increase POSITIVITY all throughout Mater Dei Catholic High School.

This student initiated group is led by officers Rachel Gerdes and Carly Kampwerth, Co-Presidents; Abby Braundmeier and Mya Albers, Co-Vice Presidents; Abby McElhose, Secretary; and Ciara Perkes, Treasurer. The students asked faculty member Mrs. Tammy Carroll to be moderator, and she enthusiastically said yes.

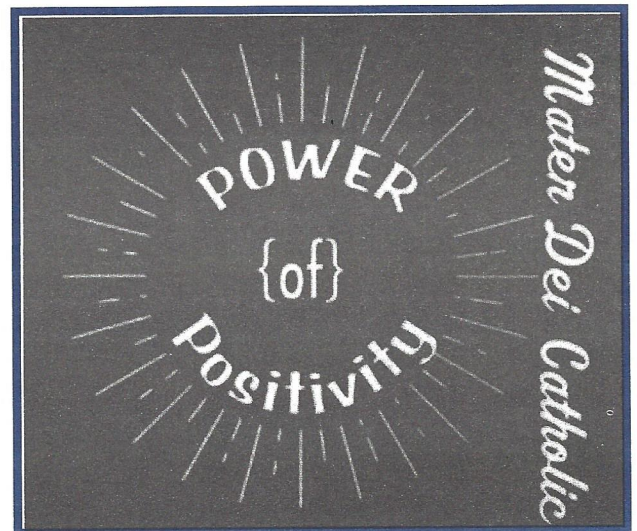
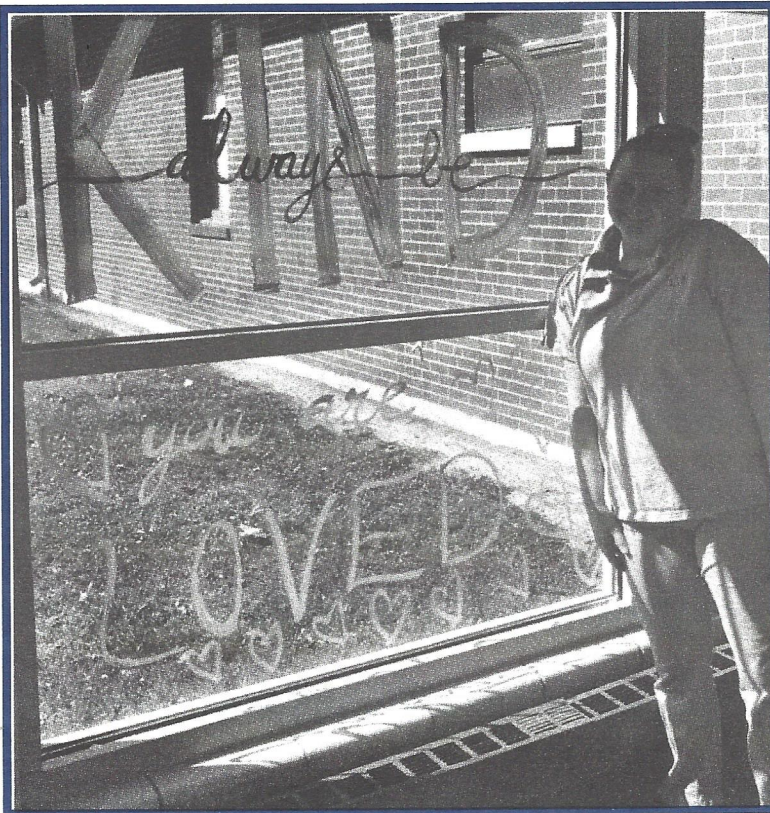
Recognizing the need for organizational goals, the group adopted the following:

- ❖ To help make Mater Dei Catholic High School a happy, safe, and positive place to work, learn, and grow.
- ❖ To help make Mater Dei Catholic High School a friendly and bully-free environment.

POP does not meet regularly, but those involved love thinking of ways to add positivity to their school culture, and want to model positive leadership and inspire positive attitudes and behaviors in their peers.



POP officers are (left to right) Ciara Perkes, Treasurer; Mya Albers, Co-Vice President with Abby Braundmeier (not pictured); Abby McElhose, Secretary; and Rachel Gerdes, Co-President with Carly Kampwerth (not pictured). The group decorated several windows down the main hall with inspirational quotes, including "Be the light on someone's cloudy day!"



(Left) POP member Rachel Gerdes helped decorate windows with "Always be Kind" and "You are Loved."



# THE MATER DEI FOUNDATION

The Mater Dei Foundation was organized to promote Catholic education at Mater Dei through financial support. Contributions to the Foundation are invested and earnings on investments are distributed annually to Mater Dei Catholic High School. The Foundation is a Corporation organized within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Corporation is managed by a ten-member Board of Directors which meets quarterly. Each member serves a six-year term. The Board attempts to maintain geographical representation. Members of the Foundation are all persons who have contributed to the Foundation through the Mater Dei annual fund drive during the previous year. An annual meeting is held in August for those members.

The Foundation's assets and the day-to-day administrative issues associated with those assets are managed by an investment committee consisting of at least two directors. The committee follows guidelines set forth in the Mater Dei Foundation investment policy.

A gift to the Mater Dei Foundation is an investment in the future. It is truly a "gift that keeps giving." Your contribution is invested. Only earnings on the investments are distributed to Mater Dei Catholic High School, preserving the capital.

Contributions to the Mater Dei Foundation can be made in several ways:

- ❖ Through the Mater Dei annual fund drive by marking the appropriate box on the fund drive remittance envelope
- ❖ Through memorials, as requested by families upon the death of a loved one
- ❖ Through estate planning: wills, bequests, gift annuities, life insurance, charitable trusts
- ❖ Through an outright contribution anytime
- ❖ Through gifts of stock which are sold and the proceeds invested

Please contact Dennis Litteken, Principal, ([dlitteken@materdeiknights.org](mailto:dlitteken@materdeiknights.org)) or Fr. Chuck Tuttle, Director of the Office of Institutional Advancement, ([ctuttle@materdeiknights.org](mailto:ctuttle@materdeiknights.org)) if you would like to make a gift to the Mater Dei Foundation.

**Since its inception in 1988, the Mater Dei Foundation has distributed over \$2,400,000 to Mater Dei Catholic High School through earnings on investments.**

*Thank you*  
for your  
generosity!



# MAKING A PLANNED GIFT TO MATER DEI

## SHARING IN THE MISSION: TODAY AND INTO TOMORROW

### *What are Planned Gifts?*

The techniques of charitable gift planning include both revocable and irrevocable arrangements, gifts available for use at the time they are given and gifts that may not be available until a future date, and split-interest gifts intended to balance financial, personal, and charitable objectives. These techniques are called “planned gifts.”

Planned gift, deferred gift, estate gift are different names for a way to manage your affairs, plan for the future, and make a gift to Mater Dei Catholic High School, Breese, Illinois. Planned gifts are a variety of charitable giving methods that allow you to express your personal values by integrating your charitable, family, and financial goals. Making a planned charitable gift usually requires the assistance of a knowledgeable advisor such as an attorney, financial planner, or CPA to help structure the gift. Donors should seek charitable gift planning advice from professionals with integrity, expertise, and experience in law, investments, property, tax, and charitable transfers in order to assure both the technical merits of the transfer and the philanthropic quality of the gift.

Planned gifts can be made with cash, but many planned gifts are made by donating assets such as stocks, real estate, art pieces, or business interests – the possibilities are endless, considering all types of real and personal property and tangible and intangible assets. Planned gifts can provide valuable tax benefits and/or lifetime income for you and your spouse or other loved one. The most frequently made planned gifts are bequests to charities, made through your Will. Other popular planned gifts include charitable trusts and charitable gift annuities.

### *Why should I make a “Planned Gift”?*

Many people want to make charitable gifts but need to do so in a way that helps meet their other personal, family, or financial needs. Planned gifts give you options for making your charitable gifts in ways that may allow you to:

- ❖ Make a larger charitable gift than you thought possible
- ❖ Increase your current income
- ❖ Plan for the financial needs of a spouse or loved one
- ❖ Provide inheritances for your heirs at a reduced tax cost
- ❖ Reduce your income tax and/or avoid capital gains tax
- ❖ Diversify your investment portfolio
- ❖ Receive income from your personal residence or farm
- ❖ Plan for the transfer of your business
- ❖ Leave a charitable legacy for future generations

The planned gift component of the Mater Dei Advancement Office is under the direct supervision of the Mater Dei Foundation Board. Advising the board will be a committee which is made up of members of the Foundation board, friends of Mater Dei, and a member of the administration of Mater Dei Catholic High School. The purpose of the committee will be to identify and cultivate prospective benefactors of Mater Dei. Each member will be responsible for personal contacts with those individuals or families that the committee has identified as possible benefactors of Mater Dei.

The committee will organize and sponsor community service workshops, which will consist of seminars on Wills and Probate, and Trust and Estate Tax information. It is the intent of the committee to provide an attorney for any legal information that will be requested. The committee will also provide handouts and written documentation of the proper procedures of planned gift giving.

Have you included Mater Dei Catholic High School in your estate planning? Remember: Where there's a Will there's a way!



## ATTENTION FANS OF MATER DEI KEGLERS (BOWLERS)

Mater Dei Bowling coach, Jeff Johnson, and Athletic Director, Ron Schadeegg, would like to share updated bowling schedules for the 2018-2019 Bowling Knights, replacing the schedules shown on the large poster board sports schedules and the small compact sports schedules.

### Mater Dei Girls Bowling 2018-19

Wed. 11/28 ... Althoff..... Away  
 Thu. 11/29 ... Dupo..... Away  
 Tue. 12/4 .... Cahokia..... Home  
 Wed. 12/5 .... Columbia ... Away  
 Thu. 12/6 .... Freeburg ..... Away  
 Tue. 12/11 ... Cahokia ..... Away  
 Wed. 12/12 ... Columbia .. Home  
 Thu. 12/13 ... Dupo ..... Home  
 Mon. 12/17 ... Wesclin..... Home  
 Tue. 12/18 ... Gibault ..... Away  
 Mon. 1/7 ..... Lebanon ..... Home  
 Tue. 1/8 ..... Gibault ..... Home  
 Thu. 1/9 ..... Althoff..... Home  
 Tue. 1/15 .... Lebanon ..... Away  
 Wed. 1/16 .... Freeburg ..... Home  
 Wed. 1/23 .... Wesclin..... Away  
 Sat. 2/2 ..... Regionals.... TBA  
 Sat. 2/9 ..... Sectionals.... TBA  
 Fri./Sat. 15/16 State Rockford

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 Sat. 1/12 .... Regionals.. TBA  
 Sat. 1/19 .... Sectionals.. TBA  
 Fri./Sat. 25/26 State O'Fallon



## CLASS REUNIONS 2019

Two classes have already announced their reunion dates for 2019:

❖ The Class of 1969 will celebrate its 50th class reunion on September, 14, 2019.  
 Contact person is Jane Zurliene, 618-594-4141.

❖ The Class of 1979 will celebrate its 40th class reunion on October 5, 2019, at Buxton's in Beckemeyer, IL.

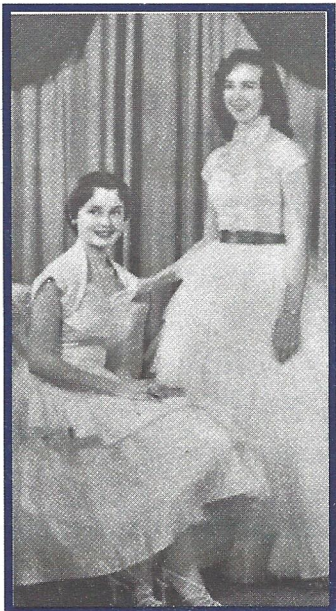
The Class of 1999 reunion committee has been in contact with Mater Dei about its 20th reunion but it is still in the planning stages and no date or venue have been set.

Please contact Ron Schadeegg (rschadeegg@materdeiknights.org) when your class reunion plans are finalized, as he is the school liaison and can help if you have questions or need to schedule reunion events at Mater Dei.



# HOMECOMING THROUGH THE YEARS

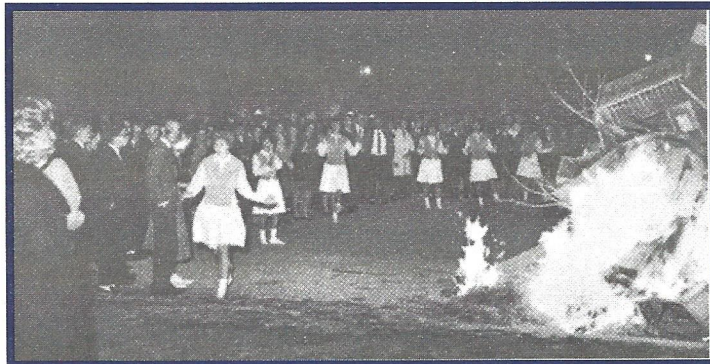
In the first years of Mater Dei, because there was no football program, the Queen was crowned during basketball season, and was dubbed the Basketball Queen. The Unit I (Breese) and Unit II (Carlyle) sites each crowned a queen.



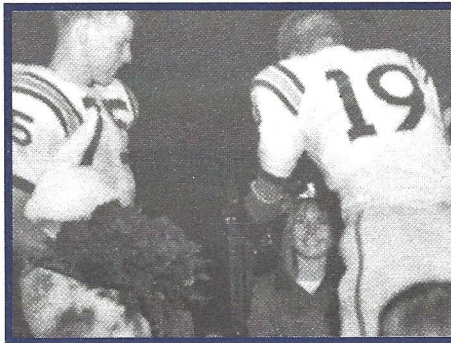
*In the early years, Queens did not have to be seniors, as evidenced in the first school year, 1954-1955, when the student body voted a junior and a sophomore as Co-Queens.*



*Kings were not yet crowned but the Queen had an escort, as did the Ladies on her Court. "Lady Edra of the House of Voss escorted by Sir Howard of the House of Kapp." -1961 yearbook*

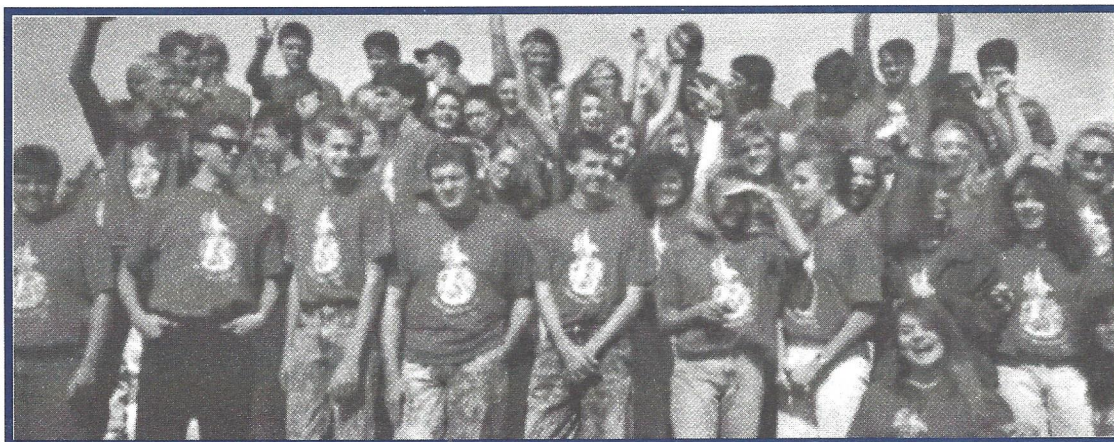


*In the early to mid-1960's, the bonfire was a prelude to the dance that launched another basketball season. -1964 yearbook*

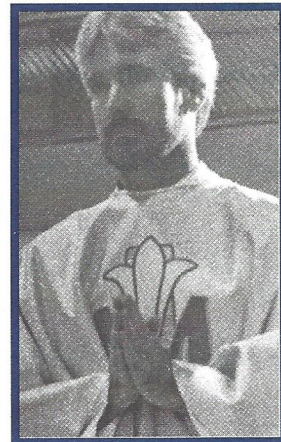


*In the 1967-1968 school year, with the advent of the Mater Dei football program, MD began crowning a Football Homecoming Queen. This also was the first year that the Mater Dei Homecoming Parade began its long running tradition.*

Throughout the decades of the 1970's, 1980's, and 1990's, Homecoming became a weeklong celebration that included the parade and class float competition, Mass, costume day, class-color t-shirts, the coronation, bonfire, class games (tug-of-war, foot races, balloon toss, etc.), the football game, and the dance, which closed out Homecoming Week.



*Seniors getting pumped up for the Class Games in the fall of 1991.*



*Fr. Chuck celebrating the Homecoming Mass - 1987 yearbook*





*In the 2002-2003 school year, the Class Games were replaced by the Lip Sync competition, which was then broadened to include Talent in the early 2010's.  
~2005 yearbook*

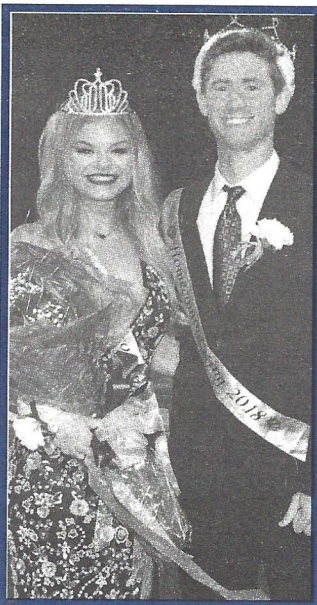


*A favorite time during Homecoming Week is when the band gathers in the 5th wing and begins to play the Fight Song as it moves down the main hall, picking up students in each wing and leading the fired-up student body to the gym for the Lip Sync and Talent Contest. ~2008 yearbook*

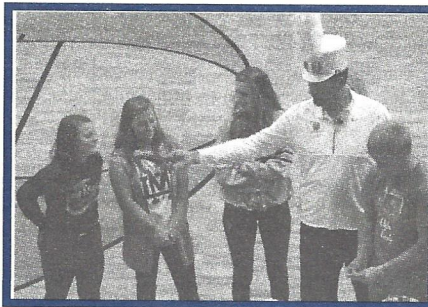


*In 2008, to exemplify the spirit of alumni "coming home," Mater Dei began the tradition of honoring its Golden Knights (those alumni whose graduation year was 50 years ago or longer) at halftime of the Homecoming football game. ~2011 yearbook*

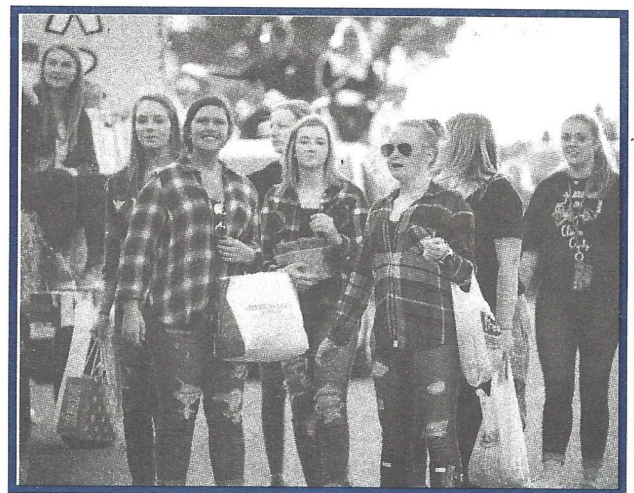
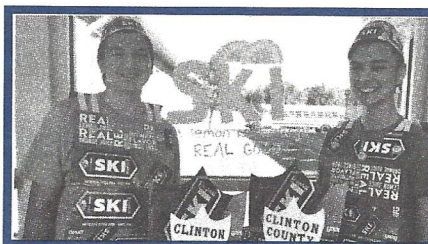
## Homecoming 2018 – "A Knight In Clinton County"



*Queen Reagan Abert and King Justin Fritch.*



*Senior Caleb Horstmann (right) performs card tricks for the winning act in the Talent and Lip Sync Contest.*



*Top: Senior girls participate in the parade with their senior float.  
Left: The Knights of Ski, Mason Schrage and Kyle Kalmer.*

# GO KNIGHTS!



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## PRAYERS FOR ALUMNI WHO HAVE PASSED

The most sobering task of the Mater Dei Alumni Office is tracking those alumni who have recently passed away. Beginning with this issue of the VITA, we will list those alumni who we have lost in the past months (in this issue, since August 2017) and honor their memories. The Alumni Office asks that if anyone knows of an alumnus or alumna who has recently passed away, especially those loved ones who were not living in the area or who we may have missed, to please email Mater Dei at [knights@materdeiknights.org](mailto:knights@materdeiknights.org) and provide us with the information.

Mater Dei prays for our deceased alumni at all our school masses.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

1956 – Dolores “Dee” (Wuebbles) Ottensmeier	1965 – Thomas Ketterer	1973 – James Schurman
1957 – Nancy (Etter) Alexander	1965 – Richard L. Ottensmeier	1974 – Bruce Archer
1958 – Eileen (Schulte) Henkel	1965 – Ronald Singler	1974 – Susan (Holtkamp) Ayers
1959 – Josephine “Jo Agnes” (Kampwerth) Beckemeyer	1966 – James Vaughan	1976 – Patricia (Arentsen) Bugger
1959 – Jeanette “Jenny” (Holtgrave) Dierkes	1967 – John Thoele	1976 – Brian Frankovich, T.F.O.
1959 – Dennis “Red” Mensing	1968 – Robert Vaughan	1978 – Brenda Sackett
1960 – Ruth Ann (Jung) Dole	1969 – Charlotte (Hemker) Timmermann	1980 – Mark Moss
1960 – Mary Beth “Mitzi” (Altepeter) Fischer	1970 – Charles “Charley” Grapperhaus	1980 – John “Ock” Schumacher
1960 – Thomas Molitor	1970 – John V. Ratermann	1981 – Geralynn “Lynn” (Fonke) Robben
1961 – Barbara (Becker) Krebs	1971 – Daniel Hoerschler	1984 – Rita (Deiters) Duncan
1961 – Henry “Boots” Kreke	1971 – Rodger Kalmer	1988 – Trevor Hubbard
1961 – Frank Kuhl	1971 – Jerome E. Korte	1992 – Gary V. Huels
1962 – Maureen “Mar” (Hoh) Hilmes	1972 – Rosann (Huelsmann) Gebke	1997 – Charmain Vasquez-Drew
1964 – Fred J. Santel, Sr.	1972 – Marvin Hollenkamp	1998 – Jennifer “Jenny” Becker
	1973 – Eileen (Hollenkamp) Boeckmann	2001 – Scott J. Albers
	1973 – Elaine Klostermann	2004 – Nathan Jatcko