

# The Soaring Eagle

St. Joseph Academy and Bishop Hogan Memorial School Alumni Newsletter  
Fall, 2011



## From Our New Pastor - Father Angelo Bartulica

I am excited about being given the opportunity to serve the people of St. Columban Parish. Beginning in July 2010, I have been serving as pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Trenton and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Princeton. Having the opportunity to minister to all three communities makes me feel like a true missionary. I am the fourth of five children born and raised in St. Joseph, Missouri, to Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas Bartulica. Chillicothe is not entirely new to me as I was good friends with the late Msgr. Spiechinger, whom many of you may remember. It is a great honor for me to continue in his footsteps at the parish in which he was first assigned.

## From the Principal's Desk

I am the new principal for Bishop Hogan Memorial School. Brian Murrell is the new Vice-Principal. We would like to invite you to visit BHS anytime and see our wonderful school. Our staff is set for the 2011-2012 school year, and Brian and I are looking forward to progress and growth. One special thing I would like to mention is the Guardian Angel fund for tuition assistance. This program is set up to help needy families with tuition payments. If you would like to help a family through this program, contact the school at 660-646-0705, or you can send a check made out to Bishop Hogan Memorial School and send it to 1114 Trenton Street, Chillicothe, MO 64601. — Donna Saale Saccaro

## Bishop Hogan Mission Statement

Bishop Hogan Preschool and Daycare and Memorial School, a ministry of St. Columban Parish, creates caring, responsible, knowledgeable youth through a strong religious and academic educational curriculum.

## Staff for the 2011 School Year - Beginning Tuesday, August 16, 2011

Pastor - Father Angelo Bartulica

Parish Office Manager - Kim Murrell

Principal and 5&6 grade teacher - Donna (Saale) Saccaro

Vice Principal and 7&8 grade teacher - Brian Murrell

3&4 grade teacher - Denise Toole

1&2 grade teacher - Emily (Gastineau) Constant

Kindergarten teacher - Toby (Saale) Minnis

Roving Teacher - Brenda O'Halloran

Music, Band & Computer teacher - Mary (Gibson) Garr

P.E. teacher and Nurse - Krystle Stover

Preschool and Daycare teacher - Heather Chapman

Librarian - Pat Nichols

Cook - Belinda Bower

Administrative Assistant - Linda (VanDyke) Drummond

Facilities Manager - Craig Myers

Custodian - Joe Darr

Volunteers - Larri Farris and Alice Van Dyke

**School Advisory Board Members** - Kathy (Haney) Carlton, Annette (Posh) Snyder, Kim (Bonderer) Kieffer, David May, Joella Couch, Shawn Skoglund

## The 2011 Dinner Auction - A Big Success

The Bishop Hogan 8th Annual Dinner Auction, *Saddle up Pardner - Happy Trails with Catholic Education* was held on Saturday, April 30, 2011. Considering the economic times, the dinner auction still brought in over \$50,000. A big THANK YOU is extended to Sheila Ealey who coordinated the event and spent countless hours toward its success. Mark your calendar for April 28, 2012, the date for the 2012 dinner auction.



## Fall Festival - Oktoberfest

Plan to attend the Fall Festival on Sunday, October 2, 2011.



## Births

Cole Alan Goad, son of Justin and Melanie (Tate) Goad born on Aug. 10, 2010; Evan James Randolph, son of James and Kristy (Watson) Randolph born on Nov. 27, 2010; Lucan James Ridgley, son of Matthew and Megan (Lowe) Ridgley born March 10, 2011; Colton McKay Jackson, son of Sean and Debbie (Bonderer) Jackson born June 23, 2011

## Weddings

Thomas Frevert and Lindsey Cherne, May 21, 2011; Jeffery Eller and Kristen Jeschke, June 18, 2011; David Mattingly and Emily McCoy, June 25, 2011

## In Memory

William Feeney, April 19, 2011; Donald Garrison, April 27, 2011; Rita Jones, June 9, 2011

## From an Alumni – Mary Mathew

In my household growing up, Catholic education was a given. Attending 1st to 12th grades and even part of my undergraduate time in Catholic school made me a firm advocate of the advantages of attending a Catholic school. When my husband Todd and I were making the decision about moving to Chillicothe in 1996, we would not have made the move unless there was a Catholic school in town.

Being able to spend time at Bishop Hogan over the years volunteering in the classroom, serving on School Board, chaperoning field trips and organizing holiday parties were not only wonderful experiences for me but for our children as well. Todd and I have fond memories coaching 5th -8th grade basketball for our older three children. At Bishop Hogan, each of the players could feel special whether they were a stand-out player or had never played basketball before. Also, the opportunity to be a cheerleader was something the younger girls looked forward to once they reached 5th grade.

Attending a Catholic school provided an environment for our older three children to worship freely; pray easily; participate in Mass as servers, lectors or in the offertory; as well as prepared them in answering faith questions during the sermons at school Masses. I am thankful not only for the faith education provided by Bishop Hogan but for the protection from the secular world. The atmosphere at Bishop Hogan puts positive pressure on the students to make right choices. This helps in laying down a strong faith foundation before entering high school.

Memories unique to attending a Catholic school and parish included the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. for the "March for Life" as well as attending the National Catholic Youth Convention in 2007. Attending Mass with over 20,000 reverent high school youth was a powerful experience. The NCYC was a spiritual retreat in which I was inspired to see the world through God's eyes. It was an opportunity to reaffirm strongly why Catholics stand firm on topics such as abortion, chastity, the sacraments, and being God's hands here on earth.

Memories at Bishop Hogan also included First Communion banners, pet blessings, prayer services, serving as Mass for the first time, school rosaries, and Stations of the Cross including 8th grade Shadow Stations. I look forward to experiencing these memories with our youngest son, James, who will be starting Kindergarten at Bishop Hogan this fall. James has been at Bishop Hogan since he was 7 weeks old and is so excited to now be in the "big school". Looking forward to a great year!

## Congratulations to BHS & Other Winners

- **Rebecca Kerr Steinhoff** received the Outstanding First Year Agriculture Teachers Award from the State Agriculture Teachers Meetings held in Springfield, Missouri in July 2011.
- **Crystal Stedem**, wife of Warren Stedem was named the 2010 Hedrick Medical Center Employee of the year. Crystal and Warren have one son, Hagen.
- Congratulations to all the 2011 4-H and FFA Fair winners that attend Bishop Hogan School. There were many winners in the livestock and 4-H displays. One special winner was **Mackenzie Joanne Barnett** daughter of Brent and Jill Barnett, granddaughter of Pam and David Brobst and great-granddaughter of Bernice Bonderer, who won the 2011 4-H and FFA Princess contest.

## Reunion Video

A 45-minute video of the St. Joseph Academy All-School Reunion is available for just \$20 each. Contact David Martin, 1206 Polk Street, Chillicothe, MO 64601, or call David at 620-341-7937 to order yours while supplies last.

## School Debit Card

Citizens Bank and Trust has partnered with Bishop Hogan School in a fundraising effort through the new Bishop Hogan Debit Card. If you have a checking account or open a new one with the bank, you may order a BH debit card free of charge. Every time you use it at a point of sale, you earn 5 cents for the school. A free card cash program also earns the account holder 1% of each purchase made with the card. Drop by Citizens Bank in downtown Chillicothe and ask for your Bishop Hogan Debit Card today. Or call 660-646-5500.

## Bishop Hogan Website

For the most current news about Bishop Hogan School, visit [www.bishophogan.org](http://www.bishophogan.org). A link to the school's Facebook page is on the website too! The *Soaring Eagle* is available on the website also—click on the Alumni link available. Please share the website address with your friends and family. If you would like to read *The Soaring Eagle* on the website and not receive it by U.S. mail, please contact Jeanne Hinkebein at [bhink@greenhills.net](mailto:bhink@greenhills.net). This allows us to save on postage and handling. If you know of an alumni that is not receiving The Soaring Eagle, contact us and we will be happy to add his/her name to the mailing list. [Note: The parish website is [www.stcolumbanonline.org](http://www.stcolumbanonline.org).]

### The Teacher

I took a piece of living clay  
And gently formed it day by day,  
And molded it with power and art,  
A young child's soft and yielding heart.  
I came again when years were gone,  
It was a man I looked upon,  
He still that early impress bore  
And I could change that form no more.