



OLW Alumni Newsletter September 2017

A Good Start to the School Year

Sixty three years ago the first students walked through the doors of OLW to start a new school year. It was a group of about 300; this year, over 420 started on August 23. We enjoyed seeing the students taking pictures in front our Growing with God sign.

So far this year, the first Cotillion class occurred and plans are underway for the Wildcat Prowl; both are great September traditions.



The elementary school classrooms were painted and are now bright and fresh.



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You're invited to these events

Grandparents/Families Day
Thurs, October 12, starting with 8:30am Mass

OLW Student Choir Performance
Thurs, October 19, 7pm in the gym

All-Saints Mass with 5th grade saints
Wed, November 1, 10:00am

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Alumni Updates

Susan Murphy, class of 1960, lives in Wonder Lake, IL and wrote in to tell us that she used to work at Follett Software Company, but retired about seven years ago. In the 1990's she worked for UNO-VEN Company who co-owned the Lemont Refinery. She worked with classmate Maureen Crossin and they used to reminisce about the good old times. She tells us, "OLW gave me a wonderful background of faith-based education."

Angie Rocca Dahl, class of 1965, lives in Winnetka, IL and enjoyed seeing a picture of the Class of 1961 in the April newsletter. She noted that her brother, **Peter Rocca**, was in that class. He is a Holy Cross priest at Notre Dame and stayed in touch with Sr. Estelle for many, many years!

Judy Bunescu Walsvik, class of 1973, remembers well her 8th grade trip to Washington, DC. "I was honored to be chosen (with another classmate) by our principal to place the wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier." She lives in Monoma, WI.

Carol Campbell Lavrisa, class of 1974, was excited to receive the summer newsletter asking for updates and she emailed wedding pictures from 1987 (which we share at the end of the newsletter) - the Church looks the same. She and husband Mark live in Spring Grove, IL. They have three grown children, the middle of whom lives in Spring Grove as well. Their oldest lives in Iowa, but is hoping to move to Colorado, which is where their youngest child resides. Carol works for Ricoh as a Deal Governance Manager, working on contracts for their largest customer accounts. She's been at Ricoh for 16 years and prior to that worked for Motorola running their print organization for Motorola University. She and Mark are looking forward to retirement and plan to buy an RV and travel the US. Carol also passed along some information on her four younger siblings.

Kathryn Bunescu Klement, class of 1975, lives in WI and is a Research Analyst for the State of Wisconsin, Division of Public Health. She has "great memories from the father/son sports nights that the girls eventually were included in. Also, great memories from our graduation trip to Washington DC."

Cheryl Campbell Olles, class of 1975, lives in Wayne, NJ.

Daniel Campbell, class of 1976, lives in Santa Monica, CA.

Catherine Campbell Foerster, class of 1981, lives in Fort Mill, SC.

Lori Ann Ancona-Oyen, class of 1983, was married at OLW church by Father Thomas Baima in 1992. She lives on the north side of Arlington Heights with her husband and their two daughters.

Patricia Church Podlasek, class of 1983, went to Drake University after Arlington High School. She lives outside Kansas City and is an artist and creative director. "My teachers at OLW encouraged the artist in me that blossomed when I was in high school and college. That has stayed with me all of my life."

Anthony Struck, class of 1984, graduated from Louisiana State University after attending St. Viator High School. He now lives in PA.

Brian Hare, class of 1998, was inducted into the St. Viator Athletic Hall of Fame earlier this month.

Lindsey Peters, class of 2005, went to St. Viator, Loyola University and UT Austin. She tells us, "I have such good memories of my time at Wayside. I still sing Miss Cavers's song about measurement conversions to help me with cooking ('8 fluid oz equals one cup...')! Wayside feels like family. It taught me the importance of hard work, kindness, and being of service. After graduating from the University of Texas at Austin with my Masters in Social Work, I now serve adults struggling with substance abuse as a social worker in Los Angeles, California."

Thank you for keeping in touch and sending us your updates. We'll share more in an upcoming newsletter.

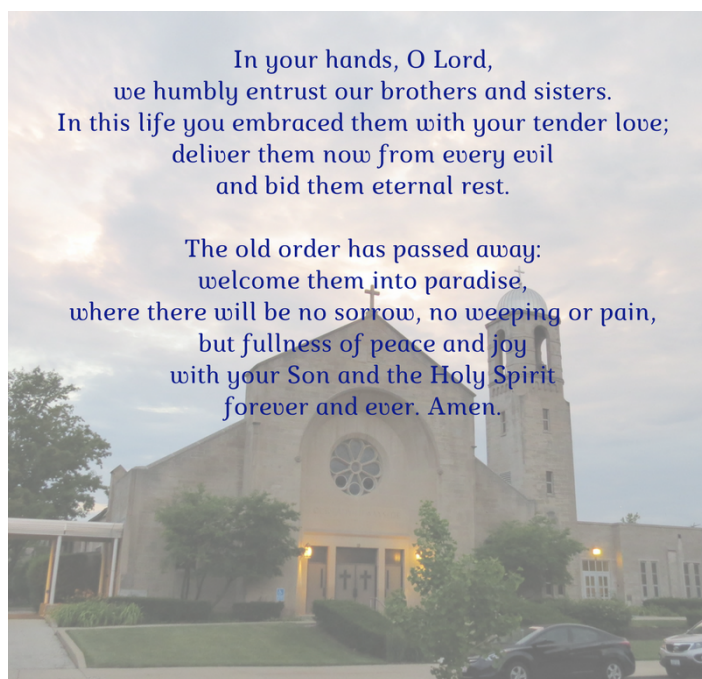
Sad Passings

We've been informed of the deaths of some of our alumni. We offer a prayer for all these members of our community and their families.

Nancy Peifer Stevens, class of 1973, tragically had two siblings pass away this year:
James Peifer, class of 1969, and *Mara Peifer Wisniewski*, class of 1972.

Patricia Schwars Ziel, class of 1958, passed away in 2015. Her daughter told us, "She would often tell me stories of walking to your school with her friends. She had a wonderful knack for stories of her early years. I miss hearing them even now as an adult."

Carol Campbell Lavrisa, class of 1974, said that her brother, *Joseph Campbell*, class of 1978, is deceased.



Planning a Reunion?

If you are planning a reunion or want to plan one, please contact Danielle Kenney at dkenney@olwschool.org. Perhaps you would like to celebrate mass or meet with family and friends. We can reserve pews for you at Church or serve as a meeting spot. We can also provide private tours and to show you what's the same and what's new.

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Pictures from Carol Campbell Lavrisa at her 1987 wedding at OLW church.

