

PASSPORT AND WILL

Should any one of us decide upon a quick trip to Toronto or Vancouver, Juarez or Matamoros, there is an item that we are now required to carry should we wish to return home. That item is a passport.



A required passport is a good idea, especially at this point in time. It provides a means of identification for border authorities, somewhat like a pictured driver's license. Also, authorities can now track an individual, using any number of means to determine location, time, extent and purpose of a visit. Its most obvious purpose is to provide an additional degree of security for the citizens of the United States as well as relieving our Border Patrol of some stress associated with identification. Prior to this time it was important that we carry a passport. It now becomes mandatory.

When it comes to estate planning, a will can be exemplified in much the same fashion. A will is a means of tracking and identifying our assets. It also dictates our wishes upon death. For children with a deceased parent

without knowledge of safety deposit boxes, life insurance policies, savings accounts, banking records, retirement accounts and other information, the process of administrating these assets would become a nightmare.



Though important as they are, still only about 60% of the people over 40 years of age have drafted a will. Unfortunately, it usually seems to take an unexpected death of a family member or friend to force us into the estate-planning mode. This can cause an extensive settlement procedure as well as not having our intentions known and followed.

Each of us should have durable power of attorney, naming someone to manage our affairs should something unexpected happen. We should also have a health care directive which outlines our medical intentions if we are incapacitated. Though not mandatory, it is certainly important that we each have a will.

MATCHING GIFT 2006 / 2007

By this time each of you has received our Matching Gift Appeal for this school year. This 'match' comes to us by way of a generous donor whose sole intent is to 'educate as many children as possible' within our Catholic school system. This is accomplished by keeping our tuition rate at a minimum, thus ensuring that most any parent can give their child a quality education in a small, private, Catholic environment.

Our tuition charge for one high school student is \$1150. Yes, you read that last sentence correctly! The charge that each and every parent receives for having their child at St. Cecilia High School is \$1150. The only thing remaining might be a Lab Fee or two and possibly a transportation charge. That's all folks!

So, how do we do it? How do we charge \$1150 for a product that costs \$4,000? It's an interesting question with no easy answer. Of course there are the numerous fundraising events, the support of our parishes, and the monies that our Endowment and Trust earns monthly. It is also accomplished through the work and time and sacrifice that our parents give, assisting in many ways, most unseen, unscripted and unknown.

But a big chunk of the change comes from you, our alumni and parish families. You are the ones who

recognize the need and value the importance of education, a Catholic education. You believe in our mission and the order in which it is written, "preparing our students to become responsible citizens, life-long learners, Catholic witnesses, finding meaningful purpose in life." These are probably the same goals that have propelled you through your own life.

The Matching Gift is the one way that you can help us financially, especially if you live in an area outside the state of Nebraska. It is also a way to ensure that your gift will count the most as each dollar is doubled through our generous donor. This is how you can help each year. A \$100 bill goes quite a distance when the total tuition is \$1150. It's these kinds of gifts that make it work. If you have yet to do so, please consider a gift of any kind to the STC Matching Gift c/o Development Office, 111 N. Burlington, Hastings, NE 68901. Thank you for each and every consideration.



MEMORIALS

Valentine Beyke . . . \$25	Ann Hogan \$495	Mary Langdan \$25	Ann Theisen \$25
Ruth Deveny \$50	Dale Jorgensen . . \$2595	Fr. Paul Sheehy . . \$1885	Evelyn Uridil \$50
Mary Hemberger . \$600	Martin Kitten . . . \$1055		

ATTENTION

Class of 1999
 "Why is it so hard to change?" Check out the January issue of *Oprah Magazine*, pages 162 and 163.

WIN A 2007 JEEP!



Win a brand new 2007 Jeep Compass 4x2. You can go the distance in this khaki colored Jeep which has lots of toys and gets nearly 30 mpg. \$100 a ticket and limited to 400 tickets. For tickets and more information, contact the STC Alumni Office, Carol Poppe, 111 N. Burlington Avenue, Hastings, NE 68901. (402) 462-6566.



Detroit Tiger fan, **Terry Tonkin '60**, teams up with St. Louis Cardinal fan, **Mick Brown '60**, at this year's World Series. Mick came away the happier of the two!



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Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame

Fr. Patrick O'Byrne of Plattsmouth, NE was inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2006. Fr. O'Byrne coached at St. Cecilia High School from 1968 to 1977, winning five state and district girls track titles. At Wahoo Neumann from 1978 to 1998 his teams won three state titles in girls Cross Country, two in boys Cross Country and two in girls track. He was USA team manager for the world championships and other international meets.



Picture submitted by Nancy Malone. Back row; **Mary Deveny '71**, Fr. O'Byrne, **Jim Nemitz**, **Nancy Kindig '77 Malone**, **Colleen Kindig '74 Lecher**. Second row; **Doreen Roth '75**, **Mary Hemberger '75 Volkmer**, **Jeanne DeMars '72**, **Patty DeLaet '77 Reisinger**. Front row; **Katie Deveny '74**.



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News from the Alumni Director

Carol Brouillette '64 Poppe

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Here we are at the beginning of a new year with several projects being planned. Please note the dates of the following activities:

Phone-a-thon: Our goal for 2006 was \$35,000. With the response from 455 alumni, 34 friends' and 8 Matching Gift businesses, we received \$38,567. **Thank you!** As a reminder, these funds assist us with our office (25%) and the remaining portion (75%) being placed in the St. Cecilia High School Endowment. This endowment continues to grow and now provides our Hastings Catholic Schools with \$200,000 annually. Phone-a-thon information for 2007 will be mailed by the end of February.

Annual Alumni Basketball & Volleyball Tournament: March 23/24, 2007. If you haven't already put your team together, please start as soon as possible and contact: **Rod Kitten** – (402)-463-6013, **Erin Kissinger** - 402-771-2282 or **Amy Schropp** – (402)-463-9383 for more information. The entry fee is \$25. Sign-in sheets will be available prior to the start of the tournament. The pizza party will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday evening. The fee for spouses and non players will be \$7.50 at the door.

Class of 2007 Senior Breakfast: The last couple of years before graduation, we have invited the senior class for a special breakfast furnished by the Alumni Association. This is our way to welcome them to the STC Alumni Association.

Annual Alumni Golf Tournament – June 22, 2007: We are looking forward to another exciting day of golf. Coffee and rolls will be available at 8 a.m. Scheduled tee time is 9 a.m. Please contact **Kevin Sass** (402) 463-6606 or this office if you plan to attend. Lunch will be served and awards will follow the tournament. Once again, there will be great prizes thanks to our sponsors and local businesses. The reunion will not be held in conjunction with the golf tournament this year. (Keep reading for reunion details.)

The Grand Bag - August 3, 2007: Ladies night out!!! Please keep this date open for the festivities of the Grand Bag live and silent auction to be held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. There will be numerous 'bags' available, with prices from \$10 to ???. If you can label it a bag or a purse, we will probably have one available for your bidding pleasure. Contact **Becky Anderson**, (402)-463-5278, **Karen Jacupke**, (402) 463-4857 or the **Alumni Office** (402)-462-6566 for more information. Last year we received a number of purses from our alumni throughout the US as well as many contributions which were used for this same purpose. We again welcome gifts of this nature. These unique items add to the flavor of this event.

Reunion 2007: This year's Alumni Reunion will be held during the month of September, the weekend of the 21st and 22nd. The Honor Years will be those years ending in 2 & 7.

Your alumni board has been considering the use of September for some time now. This year we thought we would 'give it a go'. The idea behind this move is that school will be in session and school activities can be used as part of the reunion. Though difficult to coordinate the school calendar with reunion planning, we do know that certain events will be taking place and that alumni may wish to participate in a Friday night football game, homecoming proceedings, a tailgate party, classes, school Masses and other events that take place during this particular month. Also, the school itself looks 'alive' with the presence of students.

Golf too will be available for those wishing to play. September is a beautiful time to enjoy the game of golf. The courses are less crowded and the weather is generally comfortable. Those alumni wishing to play will be able to reserve a spot through the Alumni Office.

This event is still in the planning stages but for those who do decide to attend, you will have a much better chance to see firsthand the product that you are supporting. Registration forms will be available in our next printing of the 'Blue Hawk Connection'.

BIRTHS



Emma Grace Schultes was born February 7, 2006 to **Michael & Michelle Schultes '99**.

Delaney Kirby was born May 5, 2006 to **Michael & Michele Lyons '85** Kirby.

Claire Crowley was born May 28, 2006 to **Mike & Wendy Crowley '89**.

Madeline Rose McChesney was born July 7, 2006 to **Jeff & Jennifer McChesney '94**.

Jack Uridil was born August 15, 2006 to **Chris & Amy Uridil '95**, grandson to **Creighton Uridil '64**.

Cayden Bryan Drumeler was born August 26, 2006 to **David & Jaime Dworak '94** Drumeler, grandson to **Harry & Pat Schneider '71** Dworak.

Kaleb Patrick Wahlmeier was born September 4, 2006 to **Chris & Amy Wahlmeier '98**.

Maddox Lee Wagoner was born September 13, 2006 to **Jason & Jaci Bolte '96** Wagoner.

Leo Frisch was born September 12, 2006 to **Holger & Kristen Atchity '89** Fretsch, grandson to **Mike & Dianne DeMars '65** Atchity.

Evan Reiber was born September 12, 2006 to **Tom and Theresa Kober '01** Reiber.

Paxton Lawrence Sorensen was born October 10, 2006 to **Ryan & Michelle Brouillette '97** Sorensen, grandson to **Larry & Ethel Brouillette '57** and great grandson to **Leo & Doris Brouillette '37**.

Tristan James Brouillette was born October 15, 2006 to **Mark & Rachel Brouillette '94**, grandson to **Larry & Ethel Brouillette '57** and great grandson to **Leo & Doris Brouillette '37**.

Rocco Therriault Cerasoli was born January 7, 2007 to **Anthony & Sara DeMars '89** Cerasoli, grandson to **Roy & Gay DeMars '62**.

WEDDINGS

Amanda Reining '99 to Joshua Fraiser, August 5, 2006.

Monica Walsh '71 to Robert Hong, August 26, 2006.

Suzanne Dessenberger '96 to Trevor Hall, October 7, 2006.

Rebecca Forsman '73 to Timothy Janning, October 8, 2006.

Leah Lespreance '99 to **Tyler Tesmer '99**, October 14, 2006.

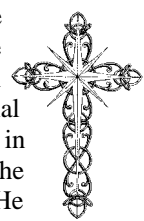
Mike Mangers '99 to Erica Wilder, October 21, 2006.

Lisa Menke '00 to Daniel Krull, October 28, 2006.

Krista Russell '03 to Adam Heiden, December 16, 2006.



ALUMNI DEATHS



Dowayne Laporte '49 passed to eternal life August 26, 2006 in Santa Fe, NM. Services were at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Pojaoque, NM. Burial was in Santa Fe National Cemetery. Dowayne was born July 5, 1931 in Bladen, NE. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he entered St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee. He was ordained a Catholic Priest in 1963 serving in the Diocese of Lincoln for nine years. He later married and he and his wife, Colleen moved to El Rancho, NM in 1989. There he served as Director of Religious Education for Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by four sisters including **Lyvonne Laporte '43** Spretty. Dowayne is survived by his wife; one brother and two sisters.

Mary Bonahoom Renken '71 passed to eternal life November 10, 2006 in Mount Pleasant, SC. Memorial services were at J. Henry Stuhr Inc., Mount Pleasant Chapel. Mary was born April 16, 1953 in Hastings, NE. She graduated from St. Mary's College in Omaha with a Master's Degree in psychology and counseling. She was a homemaker. Mary is survived by her son, William Renken and daughter, Rachael Renken of Mt. Pleasant, SC; brothers, Robert Bonahoom of San Francisco, CA, **Phillip '66** of Beatrice, NE, Jim of Hastings, NE and **Richard '70** of Cottage Grove, MN.

OTHER DEATHS

Anthony 'Tony' Day passed to eternal life September 6, 2006 in Grand Island, NE. Survivors include daughter **Andrea Day '70** of Quincy, MA; sons, **Douglas '67** of Memphis, TN and **Jerry '70** of Wesley Chapel, FL; three stepdaughters; two stepsons; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Memorials may be sent to St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island, NE.

Dale Jorgensen passed to eternal life September 12, 2006 in Hastings from complications of West Nile virus. Services were at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Fr. Michael Houlihan officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Dale is survived by his wife Virginia; sons, **Michael '68** of Fayetteville, GA, **James '71** of Oklahoma City, OK and **Byron '81** of Hastings; one brother and one sister. Memorial may be directed to: Dale Jorgensen Memorial • c/o HCS Development Office • 111 N Burlington Avenue • Hastings, NE 68901.

Martin Kitten passed to eternal life September 12, 2006 in Hastings. Survivors include his wife Caroline; sons, **Jim '60** of Grand Island, NE, **Larry '61** of Hastings and **Allan '71** of Ankeny, IA; daughters **Sharon '63** Roggenkamp of Grand

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Bob Jurgensmeier '90 is one of 40 entrepreneurs, executives and professional men and women under the age of 40 who received this award in 2006. Bob works for Lincoln Benefit Life Insurance in Lincoln and is senior vice president and actuary. He supervises a three-person team in the area of product development. Bob is married to **Sarah Horton '91** and they have four children.

Dale Brule '39 passed to eternal life December 2, 2006. Services were held at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Fr. Michael Houlihan officiating. Dale was born March 23, 1919 in Grover, CO. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in 75th Infantry Division from 1941-46. He was Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks, Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus, a member of the Board of Directors for Goodwill, past President of the Hastings Catholic Schools Home School Association and served as President of the Catholic School Board. He was a member of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives). Dale was preceded in death by his wife **Adelaide Deiringer '36** Brule and one sister **Elaine Brule '38** Pearson. Survivors include: sons, **Tim Brule '61** of Lincoln, NE, **Richard Brule '65** and Michael Brule; daughters, **Jeanmarie '68** Catala of New York, NY and **Michelle '67** Gibson of Decatur, GA; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Memorials may be directed to: St. Michael's School • c/o HCS Development Office • 111 N. Burlington Avenue • Hastings, NE 68901

Shirley Cronin '53 Horton passed to eternal life January 8, 2007 in Omaha, NE. Services were held at St. Thomas More Church. Shirley married Joseph Horton in 1958 then moved to Omaha. Joseph preceded her in death. Survivors include: daughters Beth Horton, Pam Flott, Mary Jo Rendels; sons Brian and Tom; 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild; and one brother, **Joe Cronin '54** of Lakewood, CO. Memorials may be given to St. Thomas More Educational Fund.

Island, NE and **Marilyn '67** Barry of San Jose, CA. Memorials may be directed to: St. Michael's Catholic School • c/o HCS Development Office • 111 N Burlington Avenue • Hastings, NE 68901

Ann Hogan passed to eternal life November 22, 2006 in Billings, MT. A Memorial Mass was held at St. Cecilia Catholic Church with Fr. Larry Gyhra officiating. Burial was in Holy Family Cemetery near Heartwell, NE. Ann was born in Heartwell NE. After graduating from Heartwell High School, she attended Kearney State Teachers College in Kearney NE. She started her teaching career in a one room country school-house southeast of Heartwell, called the Cozy Nest. She married Vincent Hogan in 1941, he preceded her in death. Ann taught school in the Hastings area for 40 years and retired from teaching after several years with the Hastings Catholic School. Survivors include: daughter, **Veronica Hogan '65** Valvo of Valencia, CA; sons, **Kelly '69**, **Steve '70** of Fountain Hills, AZ, **Tim '75** of Buena Vista, CO, **Tom '77** of Powder Springs, GA and Jack Hogan of Billings, MT. Memorials may be directed to: Hastings Catholic Schools • c/o HCS Development Office • 111 N Burlington Avenue • Hastings, NE 68901.



Chuck Elley '80 Nebraska State Trooper of Scottsbluff, NE was named Employee of the Year because of his efforts to fight drug use throughout the state. Chuck is a 20 year veteran and operates in State Patrol Troop E.

Emily Krovance '97 Aviles, received her Nurse Practitioner Cardiology degree from Wright State University. She is working for a cardiology practice in Minneapolis, MN.



the latest...

DEVELOPMENTS

by Roy DeMars



SHELBY GT500

Each year about this time, many of us add up our bills from the Christmas holiday season, lick our wounds from the damage inflicted and make personal pledges to do just a bit better next year. Also, it is usually during this time that we take a real close look at our personal financial lives and check in on our plans to determine if we are still on the right path toward our futures.

Our personal budget is the first item to come under scrutiny. How did we do according to our plan? Did we have any unusual expenses? What were they and will we have them next year? How was our income? Will there be a salary increase? How much did we save and what are we going to do with it?

I recently wrote a short article for our school newspaper, LINKS. The topic chosen addressed personal budgeting. And, since this publication is viewed by many young families, I focused on 'importance' along with a detailed outline. I told them that given a bit of time and study each year, a well-thought out budget will give a family the resources it needs to live a happy, less stressful, financial life.

For those of us with a bit more age, we know that budgets don't come easy. They do require work, study and concentration. They also require spending adjustments, a change of habit and sometimes an absolute denial of self. Budgets teach self-discipline and modera-

tion. However, given time and effort, a good annual 'make-over' in this regard will lead to a good degree of security now and in the future.

Certainly included in our personal budget each year should be an IRA contribution. As young adults it's difficult at times to focus so 'far' into the future. It's easy to procrastinate and 'wait until next year' to begin an IRA or a Savings Account. I know because I've been there.

By the year 1968 I had managed a college degree and a job that paid well by the standards of that time. In spite of a 60 – 70 hour work week, I usually made absolutely sure that every dime had disappeared by the next paycheck. I was a real pro at spending and proud of it. Fortunately, I soon came to my economic senses and realized that if I did not begin saving, I would have nothing to show for my labors.

If ever there was an example of the value of saving, this might be one. In 1968 I began a traditional IRA and made my very first contribution. Also in 1968 I purchased my very first asset. It was a 1968 Shelby Cobra GT500. This automobile came complete with a 428 cu. in. engine, a roll bar, leather interior and a 4-speed transmission. My 'investment' was \$4,400, \$500 under List Price at the time. Last week Carroll Shelby sold his own personal GT500 for \$5.5 M at the Barrett-Jackson Auto Auction held in Phoenix. Unfortunate for me, I sold mine for \$2,500 and my traditional IRA has not kept pace.

PUT YOUR IRA TO GOOD USE

Long before ROTH IRAs were born, many of us began with what now are called Traditional IRAs. Essentially, what Traditional IRAs allowed us to do was contribute a sum to a qualified savings account for the purpose of retirement. The advantage of this being, the contributed sum would be counted as a deduction, thus lessening our tax liability for that particular year. Obviously, another advantage was that you now had a sum set aside for the retirement that earned interest until that time came. An outside advantage came as it really taught us how to 'save' if we had not been doing so.

The only disadvantage, if we can truly call it such, was the fact that taxes are due when withdrawals are made when retirement occurs OR when the participant reaches the age of 70.5. It should come as no shock that Uncle Sam wants his money at some point in time.

Those of us with Traditional IRAs now have a reason to smile somewhat. IF one is 70.5 or older, during the years

2006 and 2007, the Internal Revenue Service will allow us to take withdrawals from our Traditional IRAs for the purpose of a charitable contribution WITHOUT being taxed on the gifted sum.

For example: In 1970 Mary contributed \$1 to her Traditional IRA account. During that time the same \$1 has grown to \$10, doubling roughly every 10 years. Mary now has \$10 in her account. When Mary withdraws \$1 from this account for retirement purposes, she might owe .20 in taxes, netting her .80 cents. Mary may now gift this \$1 to a qualified charity without paying taxes. Her real out-of-pocket 'cost' is a penny while the charity receives the entire \$1. Many of us can now take heart in knowing that we have outlasted Uncle Sam on this one!

Some restrictions apply. Please consult your personal tax advisor.