



Wolftracks Magazine



Saint Paul's Christmas Luminaries
 Thursday, December 6, 2020
 Aerial photo taken by Michael Silvestri '21



On the Cover



Our cover artist for December is senior Michael Silvestri. In his own words, Michael writes:

I try to be a Renaissance man as much as possible. I've been in the Marching Wolves ever since 8th grade as well as the Jazz Wolves. I also had the fortune of joining an extracurricular band called "Brasshearts Brass Band" who have played upwards of 60 performances since its inception about 3 years ago. Currently, I am working on starting up a small business based around handmade carpentry called Oaklawn Artisans, as my father and grandfather are both skilled carpenters on the side, and I wish to continue the tradition. One of the jobs I am currently working on is providing the construction of hives for Saint Paul's beekeeping club. In terms of college, I'm debating between attending Loyola University and studying business, and attending LSU and studying mechanical engineering. My drive stems from the desire to do the ordinary extraordinarily well, so much so that I chose St. Benilde as my confirmation saint.

Alumni News

Alumni and friends of Saint Paul's,

On COVID , On (Hurricane) Delta , On rainstorm, On Blitzen, the tourney was still held and the golfers were a pitchin'. Sorry, I could not resist in this final note of 2020.

Many thanks to all who supported and attended our Joseph A. Champagne, Jr. / Gene Bennett Memorial Golf tournament which was originally scheduled for Friday, October 4 and which was ultimately held on December 4 at Tchefuncta Country Club. Throughout the process for both dates, the enthusiasm, cooperation and retention were truly appreciated and contributed to a highly successful outing – additional coverage later in this edition.

I wish you a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I hope and trust that the Grace and Peace of our Lord has filled your homes during this Season of Advent.

As we bid farewell to an adventurous 2020, we are now able to set our sights on the well anticipated Crawfish Cook-Off and Reunion Weekend. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 17, 2021, pending the parameters set forth by governing authorities. Further information will be conveyed and planning executed as appropriate, but in the meanwhile, this gives us a framework from which to build.

If I may ever be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at aln@stpauls.com or 985-892-3200 ext 1971.

Saint Paul's Forevermore!!

Al Nastasi '91



On Saturday, December 19, under their own accord and in the Spirit of Brotherhood, the Gray Wolves continued their Annual Christmas celebration at Zea's in Covington. Composed mostly of alumni from the class years of the mid to late 50's and 60's, the Gray Wolves perennially exemplify Wolf Pride. Special thanks to Paul Cashio '60 for the organizational efforts with the event. List of alumni attendees included: Joe Bruno '56, and Frank Fouchi '56, Paul Cashio '60, Jens Madsen '60, and EJ Gusman '67.



At left, Mrs. Louise Steadman, wife of the late Don Steadman '67, Janet and EJ Gusman '67, Jens Madsen '60, and Joe Bruno '56.

Matthew Crumhorn '99 - on Friday, November, 27, Matthew and his wife, Michelle, welcomed their daughter, Claire Michael Crumhorn, into the world.



Rise Up O Men of God

[Mr. Reggie Fielding](#), son of Eddie Fielding '66

[Mr. Mike Carambat](#), brother of faculty member John Carambat

[Mrs. Florence Treadway](#), mother of Billy '70 and Rich 75 Treadway

[Dr. Gerald Keller](#), father of Chris '78, John '80, Daniel '85, Scott '87, Roger '89,

and Greg '97 Keller and father-in-law of Byron Birotte '84;

grandfather of Trip '07, Sam '08, Charles '10, Tim '11,

Ryan '15, Ruston '17, Joey '20, and Jack '23 Keller and

Jon '05 and Jeremy '13 Walkenford

[Mr. John LeTard](#), father-in-law of Mr. Eddie Heap '82 and

grandfather of faculty member Robert Heap '12

[Mr. Marvin Thorne](#), father of Jonathan Thorne '93

[Mrs. Linda Mattingly](#), mother of Steven '02, Michael '07,

and Paul Mattingly '11

[Mr. Leo Hemelt, Sr.](#), grandfather of Ryan '96 and Stephen '98 Hemelt

[Mrs. Stephanie Fuqua Barbier](#), grandmother of Aidan Brown '21

[Mrs. Marie Silvestri](#), grandmother of Michael Silvestri '21

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace! Amen!*





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WINNERS

Low Gross

1st Place- Herb Flood,
TC Ford, Laef Lowther,
& Reid Uzee
2nd Place- James Bland,
Reiss Plauche, Sean
Michael Rider, & Chase
Schumacher

3rd Place- Jay Ackal,
Brandon Bowling, Ryan
Schimpf, & Zach Strief

Low Net

1st Place- Collin Eley,
Max Ferran, Justin
Greenleaf, & Kyle Miller
2nd Place- Jeremy Judice,
Kelly McHugh, Mike
McLachlan, & Brett
Sczepanski
3rd Place- Kent
Amacker, Erik Germany,
Mike Rodasta, & Corey
Theriot

Longest Drive-Hole 18
Kris Kerr

Closest to the Hole - #1
Mike Herbert

Closest to the Hole - #8
Chandler Cleveland

Closest to the Hole - #12
Danny Mott

Closest to the Hole - #15
Paul Davis

Champagne's Chips
Zach Strief

Putting Green
Todd Brasuell & Paysse
McWilliams





First place low gross winner pictured at left are: Reid Uzee '00, Laef Lowther '00, TC Ford, and Herb Flood.



At right, are first place net winners Kyle Miller, Justin Greenleaf '04, Max Ferran, and Collin Eley '03.



Members from the class of 1987 pictured at left L-R include: Reggie McIntyre, Brad Piediscalzo, Danny Mott , and Joey Cannizzaro.



Bruce Alexius '66



Family: Married to Susan Truxillo Alexius, four children, fourteen grandchildren with another on the way

Education: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Masters in Business Administration from Louisiana State University

Occupation: Retired from The Dow Chemical Company serving in many capacities, research, manufacturing, maintenance, technology, safety, Six Sigma, and environmental, last serving as an Environmental Regulatory Manager.

What do you value most about your Saint Paul's education and experience? Saint Paul's provided an excellent college preparatory education. The demands of the study required a work ethic that would carry throughout further education and work life.

Do you have any other family members currently attending or who have attended Saint Paul's? I was the youngest of four to attend Saint Paul's following brothers Paul '61, Jay '61, and Lee '63. Paul and Lee remained in Covington and their sons, Paul '95, Patrick '98, and Steven '98 attended.

Who was your favorite or most impactful teacher? Brother Damian taught English in my junior and senior classes. He was a dynamic teacher that could put you on Shakespeare's stage. His lesson delivery was beyond compare.

What advice would you give to current students or young alumni? Develop a strong work ethic and apply that ethic to your chosen path forward. Cherish love and family. Value the expertise of others and the power of the team (Pack).

Why do you continue to support the Saint Paul's mission? I continue to support Saint Paul's mission for its strong educational and character development.

In what ways do you continue to be involved with Saint Paul's at this phase of your life? In years past, I had done some volunteer work with the Saint Paul's Athletic Association cooking for corporate picnics. Most recently, I headed up the class of 1966 50-year class reunion which continues to provide warm memories. The class responded in an overwhelming fashion to the Annual Jubilarian assembly. The "legendary" assembly was followed by our class sponsoring a classroom renovation in Benilde Hall, annual reunions centered around the Crawfish Boil, and twice monthly breakfasts. I am blessed with a newfound camaraderie with friends I had not seen in 50 years.

Why would you encourage young men to consider attending Saint Paul's? In addition to the high-level education and the work ethic development as mentioned above, a sound moral foundation is set. Personal character is strengthened via a Christian based compassion for fellow man and community.



School News



Keeping alive a longstanding holiday tradition, Saint Paul's School once again was illuminated by hundreds of luminaries set up throughout the school campus on the evening of December 3rd.

The tradition of the luminary celebration was originally brought to Saint Paul's School by the Christian Brothers of Santa Fe, New Mexico, over 40 years ago. The brothers presented the display of lights as a gift to both the school and its neighboring community. In the Catholic church, the purpose of luminaries in Christmas celebrations is to guide the spirit of the Christ child to people's homes. Building on this custom, the brothers chose to celebrate the luminary event on the last night of the fall semester to mark the beginning of the Christmas holiday break for students. The celebration was considered a special send off for students, some of whom had to travel many miles to return home.

As in previous years, the Saint Paul's student council spear-headed this event and organized volunteers to set up the luminary bags and light the candles at dusk. Students and faculty helped to prepare for the celebration by personalizing each luminary bag with the names of loved ones to be remembered in prayer.

Each year the student council selects a "secret" inspirational word which is revealed in Hunter Stadium as part of the luminary display. This year the student council selected the inspirational word "HOPE," fitting for a luminary celebration taking place during a pandemic which has affected so many lives. Reflecting on the significance of this year's word choice, student council president Davis Lagarde stated, "We can all use a bit more hope in our lives . . . hope towards the future."

Despite having to scale down the luminary event this year due to COVID-19, many people drove through campus to enjoy the illuminating holiday display, and thanks to the Mothers' Club, pedestrians observing the lights were treated to hot chocolate and cookies as they strolled through Founder's Circle.

by Jeaneen Schmitt



With pickup trucks loaded, the students are ready to distribute the bags around campus. Pictured at left L-R are: Will Blossman, Scott Woodard, Walker Dubreuil, Evan Greene, and Davis Lagarde.



Peace be with you!



The word "Hope" proved meaningful for the students as the year 2020 comes to a close.

The Founders Oak area is beautifully lit with up lighting, luminaries surrounding the oak tree, and the lit tower of Benilde hall.



Jacob Pichon and Luke Beckendorf load filled luminary bags into pickup trucks.



American College Testing Perfect Scores



Quality
Education

The ACT is a standardized test for high school achievement and college admissions in the United States. The ACT has four sections: English, Reading, Math and Science, as well as an optional 40-minute writing test. The test is scored from 1 to 36, with 36 being perfect, on each test and a composite ACT score, which is an average of these four tests. Competitive universities care more about standardized test scores than grade point average, making high scores even more of a priority.

Saint Paul's School prepares our students for this as it is part of our mission statement to be "a school which functions well, offering strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe and disciplined environment," and the Lasallian Core Principle "quality education."

Because Saint Paul's School is an official ACT testing site, all current seniors had the opportunity to take the ACT exam during the school day on October 6. Congratulations to these six seniors on earning a perfect 36 subject score.



Luke Beckendorf '21
English



Beau Booth '21
Reading



Cooper Cantrelle '21
Math



Wesley Coles '21
Math



Vageli Liokis '21
Reading



Aiden Plauché '21
Science



American College Testing Perfect Scores (continued)

In addition to the previous students with a perfect score on a section of the test, sixty-nine students from all different grade levels have scored 30 or higher on the ACT for the 2020-21 school year. These students include: juniors Aiden Barrios, Brady Bollinger, William Ditta, James Dubreuil, Gage Graham, Andrew Hightower, Zachary Nichols, Michael Olsen, Preston Orgeron, Kason Shaw, Jacob Tomba, Zachary Van Zandt, Marco Vargas, and Daniel Whalen. Fifty-five current seniors scored above a 30 on the ACT this year including: John Aertker, Christian Allison, Maxwell Anderson, Lee Barberito, Rhett Barker, Luke Beckendorf, Thomas Bitterwolf, Beau Booth, Benjamin Broussard, Aidan Brown, Patrick Brown, Cooper Cantrelle, Adam Cazayoux, Wesley Coles, Matthew Collings, Owen Crombie, Nicholas Cusimano, Ryan Daly, Charles Ducombs, Cullen Duval, Lucca Ferrante, Jacob Frolich, Donald Garvey, Patrick Gernon, Evan Greene, Gabriel Gros, Tyler Guice, Grant Harrison, Axel Henderson, Jake Holincheck, Hunter Kergosien, Davis LaGarde, Magnus Laue, Garrett Lauterbach, Vageli Liokis, Samuel Muntan, Caleb Nicotri, Trey Paine, Cole Piazza, Jacob Pichon, Aiden Plauché, Nicholas Reardon, Joel Rodriguez, Charles Sandoz, Mitchell Schruoff, Michael Silvestri, Connor Simon, Spencer Slaton, Michael Slimming, Mitchell Smith, Stergios Sotiropoulos, Brady Talley, Benjamin Torres, Preston Willis, and Thomas Woodard. On Thursday, December 10, these students were treated to a Chick-Fil-A breakfast sponsored by Saint Paul's Renaissance Program.



Wrestling

After finishing last season as the Division I State Runner-Ups, the Saint Paul's Wrestling team has started off strong in their 2020-2021 campaign. The currently #1 ranked Wolves kicked off the year by downing divisional foes Mandeville High (63-15) and Fontainebleau (69-12). During the Thanksgiving break they hosted the Dale Ketelsen Memorial event, which was turned into a tri-meet this season due to

COVID-19. The Wolves were the victors of the event with a dominant 67-5 victory over Archbishop Rummel High School and a solid 42-22 victory over Division II's top ranked Archbishop Shaw. In the first two weeks of December the Wolves competed against two of the perennial powerhouse programs in Louisiana: Jesuit and Catholic of Baton Rouge. The Wolves showed off the strength of their team with a 48-18 victory over Jesuit and a 61-9 victory over Catholic. With the season at its midpoint, the Wolves hope to finish strong at the State Championships on February 26-27 in Baton Rouge.

*by Matt Pinero
Head Wrestling Coach*



At left, senior Carter Duet runs a chicken wing on his opponent from Jesuit.



At right, junior Jacob Houser works a pinning combination.



Senior Grant Vicknair attempts to pin his opponent from Shaw High School.



Basketball

Over the last five seasons, expectations for Saint Paul's basketball have continued to rise. Coming off a 26-10 campaign in 2019-20, and a trip to the Division I quarterfinals, the Wolves are expected to repeat, if not exceed, that success in 2020-21.

And they are off to a hot start! Eight games into the season, the Wolves are 6-2 - picking up wins over Edna Karr, Parkview Baptist, Archbishop Rummel, Holy Cross, St. Thomas Aquinas and West Jefferson. The only two losses thus far came against perennial state powers Zachary and Bonnabel.

Propelled by an up-tempo offense, hot shooting from deep, and a disruptive defense, the Wolves hope to continue their early success as they enter a tough stretch of holiday tournaments and the start of district play in January.

"With so many returning players from last year's team, we have the potential for a really special season. The players are doing a great job in practice and it's showing in our games so far. We've been able to impose our style of play on our opponents, and the results on the scoreboard have reflected that," said Head Coach Stephen Dale.

The Wolves are led by three returning starters from last season: Benjamin Broussard '21, Evan Seicshnaydre '21, and Zachary Fenn '22, with senior Cameron Darr and a host of juniors rounding out the lineup. Sophomore, Reece Seicshnaydre, will also be a key contributor in his first varsity season.

*by Stephen Dale
Head Basketball Coach*



Benjamin Broussard grabs a rebound.



During the 2019 season, Evan Seicshnaydre is shown as he drives the ball down the court.



Blood Drive

Saint Paul's continued one of their most helpful Advent traditions on Tuesday, December 8th in the Briggs Assembly Center, the annual fall semester blood drive. Early on Tuesday morning, the red and white labeled van arrived transforming the rear corner of Briggs into a makeshift blood donor center. Twenty-six students and faculty members scheduled time to donate. Each pint of blood is separated into components, red blood, plasma, and platelets so one pint can assist three people. Due to the Covid restrictions, many of the usual blood drive locations have had to cancel their fall drives so this donation was of the utmost importance. The need for blood is ever present but always spikes during the holiday time in December and, of course, with the added stress of Covid, blood is in even shorter supply. Students who generously donated included: Rhett Barker, Cager Bloom, William Blossman, Cole Cartier, Kyle Castillo, Adam Cazayoux, Owen Crombie, Carson Cyr, Ryan Daly, Cooper Estrade, Colin Garvey, Kasey Gottschalk, Gabe Gros, Grant Harrison, Zachary Nichols, Austin Peak, Dominic Roy, and Joseph Thompson. Faculty members included: David Arbo, Suzie Duplantier, Andrea Francis, Kelly Hightower, Craig Keteleson, Suzie Slade, and Trevor Watkins. *by Karen Hebert*



Students Adam Cazayoux , above, and Dominic Roy, right, give the gift of life.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Because we know that Jesus Christ is going to come into us today, and we recognize him for what he is, let us prepare for him a dwelling place worthy of him. Let us dispose our hearts to receive him in such a way that he may be pleased to make his home there!

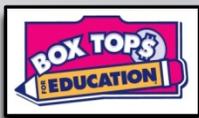
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*The Strength of the
Wolf is the Pack*



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