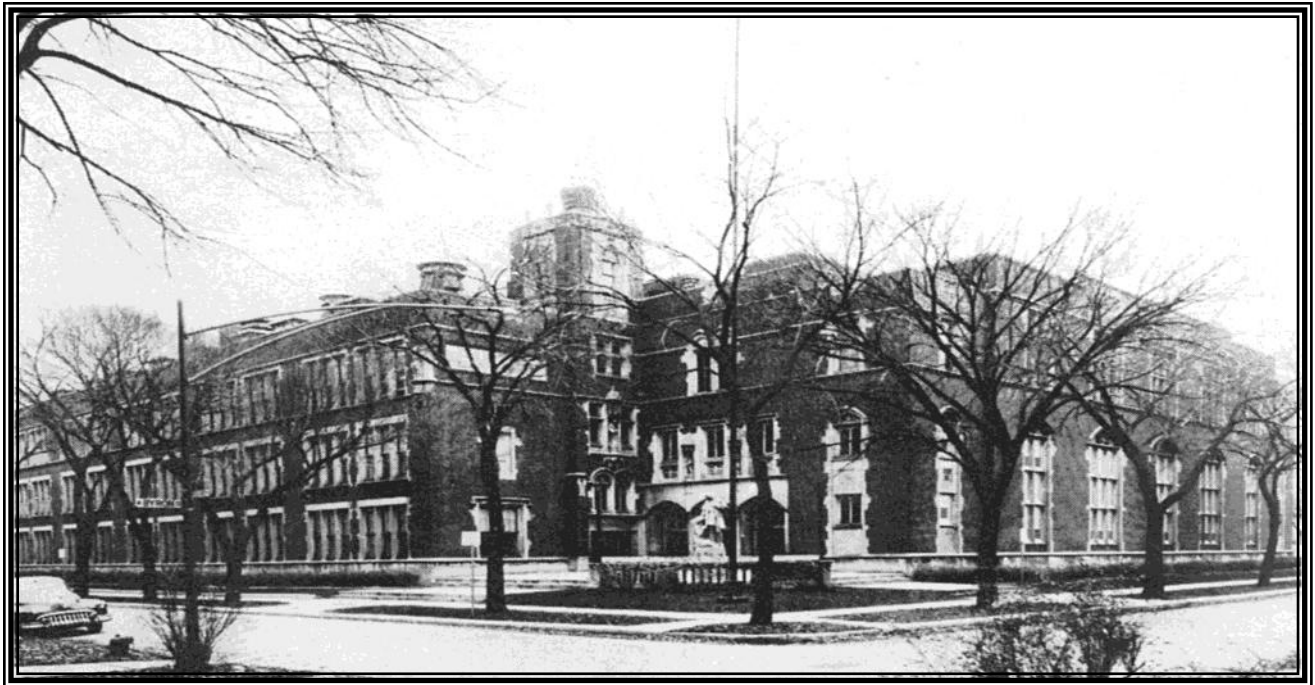


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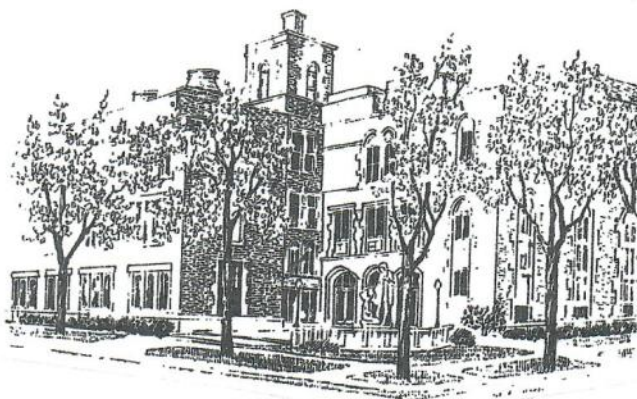


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OCTOBER 19, 2025



**CELEBRATING
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The History of Alvernia High School—Celebrating 100 Years

In September, 1924, Alvernia (named after the holy mountain of Alverno), opened her doors to 125 students. Of this number, some were beginning freshmen; some were sophomores transferring from other schools. Some were registered for a two-year commercial course, and some were bent on remaining for four years. This last group was the future charter class which graduated in 1928 with 47 students.

It was, then, a day of great rejoicing when the school was dedicated on **May 3, 1925**. The celebration began with a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Mundelein, followed by a breakfast for all the students. Dinner was served for approximately 1,200 persons. In the afternoon a matinee of “**Midsummer Night’s Dream**”, directed by Louella Canterbury and performed by all 125 students, charmed the visitors.

In the Fall of 1925, the girls returned, this time, 235 in number. Each year a greater number of applicants sought admittance until, in 1929, after all available space was occupied, more than fifty students were turned away. Despite the prevailing depression, 1931 found Alvernia with a capacity enrollment of 675 students. No longer able to continue the two-year specialized commercial course, the administration terminated it permanently by the end of the year 1930, for lack of room. Alvernia then joined the ranks of four-year institutions, offering college preparatory courses such as history, science, language, mathematics, with secretarial studies as an elective, along with courses in religion, fine arts, household arts, and physical education. Music originally was taught at the adjacent Alvernia Conservatory of Music. The Conservatory also used the Alvernia High School auditorium and its organ, installed in 1923 at a cost of \$10,000.00.

When we realized that Alvernia was dedicated in 1925, 100 years ago, we all agreed that we should celebrate that milestone anniversary. Sister Barbara Kraemer provided us with the very interesting information in the above paragraphs. As proud graduates of Alvernia High School, let’s gather together on Sunday, **October 19, 2025** and celebrate this anniversary together!

The Classes of 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975 are celebrating their reunions at the luncheon. Some will be celebrating both the 18th and 19th.

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2025 CLASS REUNIONS



Class of 1950— 75th Reunion— No Information at this time. **Class Rep:** Kathy Duggan 847-698-3564

Class of 1955— 70th Reunion— *Celebrating Tuesday, Sept 23, 2025. See full details on Page 5.*

Class Rep: Pat Feeney Kimberley, 773-889-8985, rkimberley@prodigy.net

Class of 1960— 65th Reunion— *Celebrating at the 31st Annual Alvernia Alumnae Luncheon on October 19, 2025. See Page 5.*

Class Reps: Rita Kouba Drake 773-286-1174, ritadrake@icloud.com Jane Wyzgoski Kunath, jkunath@astound.net

Class of 1965— 60th Reunion— *Celebrating October 18 & 19, 2025. Class Rep:* Janet Borghesi Starr, 847-895-8129, jbstarr@astound.net . See Page 5

Class of 1970— 55th Reunion— *Celebrating October 18 & 19, 2025. Class Rep:* Judy Fidkowski, 773-844-3764, Judyfidkowski@gmail.com. See Page 5

Class of 1975— 50th Reunion— *Celebrating October 18 & 19, 2025. Class Rep:* Kathy Bunce, alverniahs75@gmail.com. See Page 5.

Class of 1980— 45th Reunion— No Information at this time.

Class Rep: Andrea Sullivan Jervier 773-732-9838, ajervier007@yahoo.com

Class of 1985— 40th Reunion— No Information at this time.

Class Rep: Barbara Mannion McDonagh 773-281-8527 bgrmcd@comcast.net



Class of 1990— 35th Reunion— No Information at this time.

Class Rep: Kim Howard Houk, 630-671-9097, kimhouk@gmail.com.



Reunion Class and Group Photography - 2025 Luncheon

Reunion Class and Group Photos at the 2025 Luncheon will again be handled by Tom Killoran Photography.

Panoramic reunion class photos will be scheduled between 12:10 p.m.—12:50 p.m. Non-reunion classes or small groups, i.e. BFFS, clubs, families, etc., photos will be scheduled between 1:10-1:30p.m.

Email Barbara Annoreno, oneronna@comcast.net if you would like to schedule a time for your class.

Payment can be made with cash, check or credit card. **All photos are printed on site and available the same day.**

An Urgent Message from our Finance Director

Every time I open an envelope that contains a check for a donation to the School Sisters, my heart skips a little happy beat. Over the years, you the Alvernia Alums, have over and over shown your amazing generosity. In addition to the checks payable to the Sisters, you have donated to the 'raffle basket' fund, sponsored our Sisters to attend the luncheon, bought Alvernia swag and purchased raffle tickets in the hopes of going home with a treasure. And, many of you have faithfully paid your annual dues. But.....not all of you.

Your dues support the Association's operating expenses and, most importantly, the printing and mailing of the newsletter. Those expenses have gone up significantly. For the first time in 2024, we did not collect enough dues to cover the mailing of both newsletters. We do have reserve funds, but those will not last long.

We know you give a lot and for that we are eternally grateful. By sending in your annual dues of \$25.00, we can continue sending the newsletter. If we don't receive enough dues we will have to consider changes to the newsletter distribution.

So many of you have told us much you enjoy our 'newsy' publications. Please help us keep it going.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Pat Grimes, Finance Director



2025 CLASS REUNIONS

Don't Miss Out

Class of 1955—70th Anniversary

The Class of 1955 will hold its 70th reunion on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 starting with a Mass at Mary Seat of Wisdom, 920 Granville Avenue, Park Ridge, IL. Mass begins at **8:40 am**. After Mass we will proceed to Cucina Biagio, 7319 W. Lawrence, Harwood Heights, for our luncheon from 11-3pm. We will order off the menu and have individual checks. However, you must let me know you will be attending.

Questions—Contact Pat Feeney Kimberley 773-889-8985

Class of 1960—65th Anniversary

The Class of 1960 will celebrate our 65th Anniversary (whew!) at the 31st Annual Luncheon on **October 19, 2025**. Cathy Biedron Eckart has offered to bring some memorabilia to help us reminisce those long ago years at Alvernia! We were unable to celebrate our 60th due to the Covid shut-down so let's do it big this time! Mark your calendar and send in your reservation and dues. *The years do pass quickly, so let's get together on October 19th for an enjoyable afternoon.*

Class Reps: Rita Kouba Drake, 773-286-1174, ritadrake@icloud.com, Jane Wyzgoski Kunath, jkunath@astound.net

Class of 1965—60th Anniversary

Let's Celebrate!!

Greetings to the Class of '65 graduates who are interested in celebrating our 60th anniversary for the whole weekend of October 18-19! Saturday will be at the Marriott Lincolnshire and the centerpiece is the play, ***Catch Me If You Can*** at 4pm. With responses to our email inquiry divided between lunch or dinner, our never-ending reunion group is considering doing both! We will have time to gather for lunch in our Alvernia Suite at the resort at noon prior to the play. (Light fare at a small price.) We'll have memorabilia on display for fun. After the play those who wish can gather for dinner at the resort's Embers restaurant, with individual pay as you go.

The next morning we will celebrate 10 AM Mass at St. Thomas of Villanova, Palatine, as our own Joan Zaehler Entwistle is a flutist in the music ministry. It's on the way to our Annual Luncheon at the Cotillion, also in Palatine. **Luncheon Reservation form is in this newsletter on page 15.**

Our events at the Marriott will be emailed separately to you, so if you are reading this and did not get the first email, please contact **granacki@aol.com**. Be alert to future emails and deadlines for lunch/suite, play, and dinner options. We have reduced costs to address concerns and look forward to spending time with all of our classmates who are able. We are keenly aware of how times have changed since our 50th reunion and the 55th which was cancelled due to Covid. **Don't Miss Out!** **Class Rep: Janet Borghesi Starr 847-895-8129, jbstarr@astound.net**

Class of 1970—55th Anniversary

We should have celebrated our 50th in 2020, but Covid had other ideas. So come on in for our "50th +5". We have a dedicated committee just for you!! We are planning and planning, and HOPING to get a tour of the old building the day before, waiting to hear from the current principal of Disney Magnet 2.

If you are coming from our of town, there are many hotels near The Cotillion. A few to check out:

Hilton Garden Inn, Hoffman Estates, 1-847-277-7889
DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago Schaumburg, 1-847-605-9222.
You can use any Hilton points with these locations.

Comfort Inn Schaumburg, 1300 E. Higgins Road, Schaumburg 1-888-726-0746

Any updates will be posted on the Alvernia HS Chicago Alumnae Facebook page or call or email me **Judy Fidkowski, judyfidkowski@gmail.com 773-844-3764**

COME ONE, COME ALL!! We'd love a big turnout for our 50+5.

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CLASS REUNIONS

Don't Miss Out!

Class of 1975—50th Anniversary

There we were minding our own business and suddenly 1975 was 50 years ago. It is the Class of 1975's turn to celebrate our 50th Reunion! We will be celebrating the weekend of October 18 and 19, 2025. Plans include a get together on Saturday night, October 18, in the Palatine area and continue with the annual luncheon the next day, Sunday, October 19, at The Cotillion in Palatine. Please reach out to Teresa M Jackson, Alice Doloughy Morley or me through Facebook or Messenger if you have any suggestions about places to meet up on Saturday, October 18.

Now is the time to start looking through the high school memorabilia you might have to bring to the celebration on Sunday, October 19. Dig out your diploma, uniforms, year books, class ring, text books, sweaters, gym suits, etc. Scan pictures from high school to post to our class Facebook page. Teresa Jackson had an original idea. Teresa suggested having our class picture taken with our diplomas.

Please pass along this information to anyone who was part of our class that does not receive the alumnae newsletter or are not part of our class Facebook group (Alvernia HS Class of '75 (NW Side Chicago)).The link to our group is [Alvernia HS Class of '75 \(NW Side Chicago\)](#).

If anyone needs to contact me, the best way is to send a message through Messenger or email alverniahs75@gmail.com.

Class of 1974 Celebrates 50th Reunion



We did it and don't we look good! It was a great afternoon of reconnecting and reminiscing. Everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves. Our class made a generous donation of \$230.00 to the SSSF. Looking forward to the 2025 luncheon, when I am hoping even more classmates will attend. **Sue Valent Nowiszewski, Class Rep.**

Other comments: "I thought the reunion luncheon was nicely done. It was great to see my classmates that attended, especially after 50 years! We haven't changed a bit! I even won the beautiful basket I was hoping for. A very fun time." **Denise Battaglia**

"Sheila and I thoroughly enjoyed the reunion, our first, and plan on attending from now on." **Sue Bresnahan and Sheila Bresnahan McGovern**



Invitation to: **Class of 1958—85th Birthday Party Celebration**

Date: **Wednesday, September 24, 2025**

Time: **11:00 a.m.**

Location: **Cucina Biagio, 7319 W. Lawrence Ave, Harwood Heights, IL**

You may order from their luncheon menu and have individual checks. No monies needed prior to the luncheon. Restaurant does need a "head count" to prepare banquet room. To reserve contact Class rep at: MaryKMerkle@gmail.com or 708-457-1483. No hard copy invitations will be sent.

RSVP by Friday, September 19, 2025.



Class of 1966

60 years ago in September of 1965, we have just entered "The Hallowed Halls" of Alvernia as Seniors 'And We Own This Place'. Well not really, however we have worked hard to get to this time in life.

So many things to think about and plan for our last year at Alvernia. Did we decide what we want to do after graduation in 1966? Are we ready to make that decision or do we need more time? If you have made that decision, what do you want to be when you "finally grow up"? By now, 60 years later, we have learned that every day is still a day of growing up. Please consider attending the Annual Alvernia Luncheon on **Sunday October 19, 2025**, which would be our 59th. CONSIDER it a warm-up to celebrating our **60th Reunion in 2026**. PLEASE send in the \$25 dues for the great *Alvernia Alive* as instructed in the newsletter.

In order for us to keep in contact with you, please update any changes in address, phone number or email. Form in this newsletter on page 12. And of course, keep me up to date too. Address below. If you are on Facebook and have not joined our Alvernia Class '66, we would love for you to join us. It is called Alvernia Class '66.

Susan Mindak Ellinger '66ers Class Rep., 6116 N. Nettleton Ave. Chicago, IL 60631 Cell 773-469-3015
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Mary Long, Class of 1979

Alvernia gave me many gifts that helped me navigate life, and at the top of the list is the friendship of "the girls". This is dedicated to Annette, Betsy, Cathy, Cindy, Ellas, Joanie, Kathy, Kim, Laurie, Nancy, Nora, Patsy, Paula, Rose and Terri. Thank you for **fifty years** of friendship, support and laughter. I love you all.



Just a Group of Girls

Just a group of girls... walking through high school doors for the first time, knees knocking, eyes wide, embracing the life that was just beginning. Is anyone sitting here? Can I sit with you? What's your homeroom? ***Just a group of girls***... growing, learning, laughing over lunch and chatting about boys, rolling up our skirts and sneaking smokes in the bathroom stalls. Can I borrow your lip gloss? I got my driver's license! Where's the party this weekend? ***Just a group of girls***...I'm engaged! I'm getting married! I met my life partner! I'm having a baby! Talking, laughing, stressing over colicky babies and messy houses, worrying about paying the mortgage, wondering if we'll ever sleep through the night again. ***Just a group of girls***...gathering as their birds leave the nest. Can you believe the cost of college tuition these days?! My son's getting married! My daughter got her first job! My house feels so empty!

Just a group of girls...my husband is cheating on me, I have cancer, I'm getting a divorce, my mom is sick, my dad has dementia.

Just a group of girls... Are you having hot flashes? I feel like I'm being boiled from the inside! Try St. John's Wort! I'm going to be a grandma! When are you retiring?

Just a group of girls...sharing and reminiscing, crying until tears turned into laughter. There was always so much laughter, maybe that was the key?

Just a group of girls...gathering together to remember how fierce we were when the world was our oyster, when our boobs faced east before they fell south, and we could shimmy into our skintight jeans, reminding ourselves that those wild young women still live within us, and when we forget, we remind each other, because for each other, we were never just a group of girls. We have always been...so much more than that.

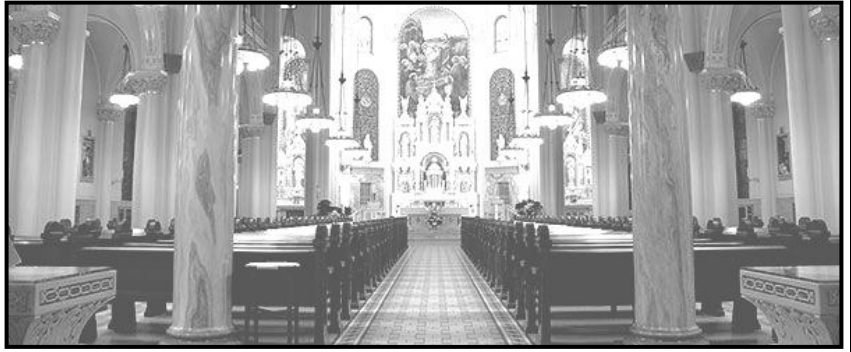
[This group has been friends for 50 years and every fall for the past 20 years they have rented a house in Wisconsin for the weekend, laughing and sharing their lives with each other.]

Experience the Beauty of St. Joseph Chapel

The School Sisters of St. Francis invite you to visit St. Joseph Chapel, a Milwaukee landmark, to experience its beauty following an extensive restoration.

The remarkable vision of our foundresses of a chapel in our Milwaukee motherhouse to glorify God, delight the senses, inspire the imagination, and energize the faith was fully realized on March 19, 1917, when St. Joseph Chapel was dedicated.

Since its dedication our community has been entrusted with this sacred treasure, and our sisters all feel a deep sense of responsibility to be capable stewards in preserving and enhancing its safety, integrity, and beauty. Therefore, this past year virtually every inch of the chapel has been repaired, cleaned, repainted, and beautified in some way, from the tile on the floors to the plaster at the top of the ceiling – and everything in between. The skilled craftspeople of Daprato Rigali Studios have done a truly masterful job, helping to ensure that the chapel remains a beloved worship space for all to enjoy. We celebrate that dedicated work, as well as the generosity of the many people who made this restoration possible. The outpouring of enthusiastic support has been an answer to many prayers.



We invite you to visit St. Joseph Chapel [1501 South Layton Boulevard, Milwaukee, WI 53215]. Schedule an individual or group tour by contacting S. Joann Riesterer (414-585-8530; jriesterer@sssf.org). Worship with us on weekdays and Sundays. Enjoy concerts, religious services, and programs. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.sssf.org>

All are welcome!

Sister Deborah Fumagalli, President

Sister Barbara Kraemer, Director of Chapel Ministry [barbarak@sssf.org; 847-791-9747]

Congratulations to our School Sisters of St. Francis Jubilarians celebrating special anniversaries this year:

75 years—Sister Kate Brenner, Moderator

75 years—Sister Bernardin Deutsch '49

70 years—Sister Johanna Treml, Food Service

40 years—Sister Mary Ann Meyer, Faculty

***** SNIPPETS AND MORE.....

Fran Novello Aiello '50, Elk Grove, IL "Just a note of appreciation to you and all the others who keep the association alive and thriving."

Jean Schneider Whitsell '52, East Alton, IL "Thank you for all your volunteer work to keep our organization going."

Janet Beck Belton '59, Brookfield, WI "Thanks to one and all of you dear ladies for keeping 'the spirit' of Alvernia alive for all of the alums. I certainly appreciate all the time and effort you spend on this."

Nancy Rychtarczyk Stasiak '65, Mt Prospect, IL "As always thanks again for all the time and effort put in keeping Alvernia alive."

Connie Kolssak Evans '56, Mooresville, NC - A number of years ago we featured an article by Connie of her very active life, living in many parts of the country due to her husband's occupation as a food scientist with Pillsbury. She was inspired by Sister Vitalis and communicated with her until Sister passed away in 2010. "She taught me to hold in my stomach, try something new, do my best, and trust God." Sister was a role model to Connie and so she as well as two of her daughters worked with children in their careers.



Connie did fundraising/volunteering for Habitat for Humanity for 17 years. She cooked at a Soup Kitchen and was involved with many more school groups, support groups, political activist groups, church ministries. She has led a very fulfilling life in serving others. She and her husband traveled to 42 countries. Jim read a book "*Die Broke*" which encouraged readers to leave memories not money. Thus they took each of their eight grandchildren somewhere in the world. Due to health issues, Connie now a widow, can no longer drive or volunteer so instead she writes her daily blog and communicates with family and friends across the U.S. *Stronger together* is one of the hundreds of quotes she collects. DAT is another treasure: *Direction, Attitude, and Tenacity*.

Renee Kujawski Bauernfeind '70, Sturgeon Bay, WI, "Thank you for handling this year after year! Hoping to get there in October."

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
DECEASED**

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Janice Rapp Burton '43
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Patricia Moxley Patterson '48
Hildegard Freimuth Theisen '49
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Elizabeth Furlan Servatius '52
Marianne Krzysik Kapolnek '52
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Carol Ann Pike Burgeson '53
Rita Wirtz Curran '53
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Mary Bieze '81

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Please send information about deceased alumnae and family to **Barbara Annoreno, oneronna@comcast.net** Include class year and maiden name, if applicable, and also any siblings that graduated from Alvernia with maiden name, married name and class year. Thank you!

CORRECTIONS

Donation in memory of **Patricia Kubistal '55** was made by her sister Carol Kubistal **Aiken '63**.

Patricia Kubistal '55 received all her degrees from **Northwestern University**.

Class Donation of \$230.00 was made by The Reunion **Class of 1974**—not 1973 as listed in donations.

Please accept our sincere apologies for any errors in this publication.

MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

In Memory of their Mother, **Rita Wirtz Curran '53**, a donation of \$100.00 by Robert, Thomas and David Curran

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In **HONOR of Sister Kate Brenner** and in Memory of **Sister Sandra Smithson (Maria Crucis)**, a donation of \$100.00 by Alberta Matulis '60

In Memory of my husband, **Cliff**, a donation of \$100.00 by Mary Lou Grimes Riddlebarger '63

In Memory of **Matthew Truskoski**, a donation of \$25.00 by Vikki Mecca Truskoski '63

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In Memory of my sister, **Pat Azzaline Wharry '63**, a donation of \$100.00 by Linda Azzaline Emiley '66

In Memory of **Sister Vitalis**, a donation of \$50.00 by Virginia Dever Kersey '66

In Memory of **Michael and Marian Parise** and **Joan Stroner**, a donation of \$100.00 by Michelle Parise Spanos '66

In Memory of her husband, **Edward Zygowitz**, a donation of \$200.00 by Susan Bataska Zygowitz '69

In Memory of **Shantharaj Samuel, MD**, a donation of \$100.00 by Kathy Swallow Samuel '70

In Memory of my sister, **Mary Kay Thomas Flynn '72** a donation of \$200.00 by Margaret Walsh.

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In Memory of her sister, **Mercedes Luque Rosales**, a donation of \$250.00 by Carmen Luque-Rogales Nelson '77



May 18, 2025



Memorial Mass

**Mary Seat of
Wisdom
Parish**



On a lovely Sunday afternoon we gathered together to pray for our deceased alumnae, faculty, family and friends. Father Ron Kalas blessed us with his presence as presider once again. The beautiful voice of Teresa Scalise, Director of Music, and daughter of Rosann Nedorowski Scalise '70, added so much to the Liturgy. We especially enjoyed the ***Prayer of St. Francis*** composed by Sister Theophane Hytrek, OSF.

Thank you to our faithful volunteers: Sacristan Kathleen Finerty Pater '55 who also handled the arrangements at MSW, Lectors Alberta Matulis '60 and Jackie Brennan '63, Petitions and Reading of Deceased Alumnae, Barbara Annoreno '60, Set up & Hospitality, Mary '65 and Pat Grimes '69, JoAnn Lewandowski '60, Joanne Wydra Kalkirtz '64 and all others who assisted in any way.

Due to the low attendance this Mass will be not be continued. A Memorial Corner will be set up at the luncheon with lists of alumnae deceased in the past year and together we will offer a silent prayer for them at the start of the luncheon.

Additional pictures from our October 13, 2024 Luncheon—Diamonds and Denim!



Class of 1971



Class of 1969



Class of 1970



Class of 1984



School Sisters of St. Francis Donation Form

Please Print

Your Full Name _____ Your Class Year _____

Your Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Please apply my donation to: SSSF Ministries \$ _____ Retirement Fund \$ _____

This donation is "In Honor of" (Live person/s) _____ "Memory of" (Deceased person/s) _____

Full Name of Honored or Memorialized Person/s: _____

Class Year (if Alvernia Alum) _____

Check Payable to School Sisters of St. Francis

Mail to: Alvernia Alumnae Association

c/o Pat Grimes

3260 Rockwell Circle

Mundelein, IL 60060

Have you moved? Are you moving soon? Have you cancelled your Landline and only have a Cell Phone now?

Maybe you changed your email address or your last name? **The Post Office does not forward bulk mail.**

You might know an alum who would like to receive the Newsletter. Please use the form below for any updates.

Fill in the information below (please print) and mail or email to:

Judy Skotzko—jskotzko@outlook.com, 5306 W. Carmen Avenue, Chicago, IL 60630-2224

First Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ Class _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ email _____

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

We can't have a Luncheon without Volunteers!

We are asking for just ONE hour of your time and you can work with a friend!

Set up of Prizes and Décor at 9:15 AM

(8) Door Greeters

Registration, Dues & Donations Table

Raffle Ticket Sellers, Distributors of Raffle Baskets

Clean up and Loading Cars at Conclusion of Luncheon

**Please call or email Joann Lewandowski if you would like to volunteer
or have questions**

708-386-1681/lewjoann@hotmail.com

Celebrating 100 Years of Alvernia!



Reunion classes needing display tables or easels for memorabilia, have any questions, or want to schedule group photographs, please contact **Barbara Annoreno, oneronna@comcast.net** prior to the luncheon.

Questions regarding your reservation should be directed to **Pat Grimes, 847-337-0815, grimes.pat@att.net**.

Everyone attending the luncheon must be registered and wear the name tag issued at the registration table. We cannot accept reservations at the door, nor can we change seating the day of the luncheon.

General raffle and Pot O Gold raffle will be available. NEW General Raffle (15 tickets for \$10.00) will be used and the Pot O Gold will be green tickets (1.00 each and 6/\$10.00) to win \$100.00 cash prizes. We are making sure there are no duplicate ticket numbers as happened last year!

In the lobby you will be able to update your contact information, pay dues or make a donation to the SSSF. Beautiful Memorial Mass Cards will be available for your future use. Donations made when used. There are still available the Silver Tau cross with or without chain and they will be at this location for your purchase as well as "Alvernia" pens with stylus for \$1.00.

*******Please use caution at the main entrance steps. We urge those with canes and walkers to use the ramp on the east side of the building for safer and easier access into the banquet hall. We are also planning to have alums at all entrances to assist.**

Tom Killoran Photographers will be taking the group photos with pictures available the same day. See the details on page 4.

We are always grateful for your cash donations towards the purchase of prizes and gift cards for this event. Our goal is to provide tasteful prizes and include gift cards in each one. Thanks to all for your generosity!

Although Alvernia High School closed in 1989, the Alvernia Spirit still carries on in the hearts of our alums. This will be our **31st Annual Luncheon** and very few closed schools continue to have active alumnae associations as ours does. We **do** have something to be proud of and that is why we are celebrating **100 years of Alvernia in 2025!**

As you may have read on page 9 we will no longer have an Annual Memorial Mass. However, we do want to remember our deceased alumnae so there will be a Memorial Corner where the names of those who have passed away in the past year will be displayed and we will pause for prayer before we begin our meal. Thank you to Jackie Brennan '63 for arranging this Memorial.

And, we again remind you that a Luncheon cannot happen without **volunteers**. This year we especially ask some of our "younger" alums to help at the entrance doors. We want to be sure all our guests enter safely. Our hope is to have teams of 2 in hourly shifts at the each of the two entrances. Please take a look at our **Volunteers Needed** article on page 12. We are again in need of a class to deliver the raffle prizes to the table. That worked out so well last year when the **Class of '73** volunteered. **Please contact JoAnn Lewandowski 708-386-1681/lewjoann@hotmail.com if you are able to help.**

A very, very grateful **THANK YOU** to all who have volunteered year after year as well as those who are new volunteers. We really **APPRECIATE** you!

From the Board members to all our Volunteers:

May the Lord Bless and Keep you
May the Lord Shine His Face on you and give you Peace.

CLASS REPS

Our Alumnae Association has a two-fold purpose: to keep the Spirit of Alvernia alive within its members and to raise funds for the Sisters who guided us in our earlier years. A Class Rep helps to accomplish these goals by:

1. Keeping an accurate class list, establishing a network within the class to contact members.
2. Contacting classmates to:
 - a) Gather items for the newsletter.
 - b) Promote enthusiasm and class representation at the various functions.

Class Reps are NOT responsible for organizing reunions.

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Names in **bold** are on Facebook.

The Class Rep Coordinator is Judy Skotzko '71, 5306 W. Carmen Ave., Chicago, IL 60630-2224
(773) 685-3672 jskotzko@outlook.com

Alvernia Alumnae Association

31th Annual Luncheon

Sunday, October 19, 2025

The Cotillion

360 S Creekside Drive, Palatine, IL

Northwest Highway and Route 53

11:30 AM Cocktail Reception - 1:00 PM Lunch

Reservation Deadline: October 10, 2025
Advance Reservations ONLY! No walk-ins.

Mail to:

Alvernia Alumnae Association

C/O PAT GRIMES

3260 ROCKWELL CIRCLE

MUNDELEIN, IL 60060

Please complete ALL fields below:

Last (Married) Name

First

Maiden

Class of: _____ **Phone Number in case we need to reach you:** _____

Email Address: _____ @ _____

		How Many?	Total
Membership Dues for: 2025	\$25.00 per year		\$
Luncheon Tickets:	\$65.00 per person		\$
I am a member of a religious order.	\$55.00 per person		\$
I am a former faculty member.	\$55.00 per person		\$
I would like to sponsor a religious to attend.	\$55.00 per person		\$
I would like to make a monetary donation.			\$
Total			\$

Checks made payable to the **ALVERNIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**

OR

Payments can be made by Zelle to **AlverniaHS@currently.com** – Please complete and mail this form. Mark 'Zelle' on form. Please enter maiden name and class number in the notes in Zelle.

All attendees will be seated with their class. If you are paying for someone other than yourself, please indicate their names and class year.

If you have the following dietary needs please indicate below:

Gluten Free _____ Vegetarian _____ I have an allergy to: _____

**ALVERNIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
C/O SCHOOL SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
P.O. Box 568
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UPCOMING EVENT

Celebrating 100 Years of Alvernia

**31st Annual Alvernia Alumnae Luncheon
October 19, 2025
The Cotillion Banquets
Palatine, IL**