How Many of the Missing Can You Find?

The following is a list of all St. Matthew’s missing alumni from 1961–1980. The list is organized alphabetically by the year they graduated. You’ll also find some tips for how to go about locating alumni, as well as the stories of a few alumni who’ve taken on the challenge of finding their missing classmates, why they did it and how they went about it. Information can be sent in three ways: email to Alumninews@st-matts.org; use the enclosed envelope, or call the parish center at 651-224-9793.

Note: Married women are listed alphabetically by their baptismal name with their married name in parentheses.

1961
Rosemary Allie
Donald Altendorfer
David Anderson
Richard Auge
Gerald Augst
Dolores Beacom
Dennis Beissel
Mary (Skarda) Briel
Donald Burth
Joseph Burth
John Corrigan
Linda (Hansen) Drude
James Duerscherl
Ellen (Gordon) Eastman
Darlene Fibuch
Diane (Wineman) Gabriel
James Griffin
Roy W. Haas
Donna (Westphal) Haffely
Marjorie (Spinner) Hall
Judith (Kelly) Havig
Karen (Kunzman) Kelly
Elizabeth Keonen
Cheryl A. (Bierbrauer) Lorch
Kathleen McCann
Refugio Mendez
William Michaelsen
John Moonay
Dennis Moore
Barbara (Ashton) O’Connor
Bruce Peterson
Robert Plantenberg
Susan (Zaske) Ramirez
Capt. Edw. Reuter
Howard Rockwood
Susanne Roeller
Thomas Ruberto
Harold Schulte
Sylvester Schwartz
Margharet (Colbert) Schweickert
Mary (Legrid) Soukup
Theresa (Lindeke) Speiker
Judith (Horwath) Stelter
Elizabeth (Hall) Swiderska
Alice (Zamora) Triviski
Lynn (Boettcher) Winter

Edward Benoe
Elizabeth Blissenbach
Sandra Boehmer
John Booton
Dwayne Bronk
Marilyn (Kawakami) Bukrey
Michael Burns
Paul Burth
Barbara Clancy
Patricia Crisman
Michael D
Kathleen Darlow
Diane Delmont
Mary Diedrich
James Gabriel
Patricia Grogan
Stephen Gross
Gary Guldborg
Conrad House
Tina Isaac
James Johns
Richard Jorgensen
Marilyn Kisch
Michael Koller
Linda Korsell
Robert Kukacka
Linda Leko
James Lotzer
Thomas Lundgren
Martin Madsen
Anne Marxer
Jane Meyer
Robert Michaelson
Patricia Monsou
Gary Mosberger
Peter Nasaff
Valerie Neveu
Gerald Nutzman
Jerome Osterman
Mary Jo Pagel
MIKE KOSEL (‘57)
“I saw it as a challenge.”

Mike volunteered to help find people for their 50-year class reunion.

“I thought, somebody’s going to have to do this or it’s going to be a thin crowd. I managed to find about 25 members of our class. I talked to most of them myself. Some of them were really excited about it — many of them came to the reunion. I found out two guys from Florida live right near each other and didn’t even know it. Then there was the gal from California we found by writing to her brother in Wisconsin the week before the reunion. He got the letter to her just in time and she came. Another woman was found the night before the reunion. She was in town visiting her mother so she came too.”

“One guy — he was one of the smartest kid in our class — I was just determined to find him. He couldn’t come to the reunion but he invited me to lunch at his house. He was extremely fascinating. He’d been in charge of Burlington Northern Railroad’s Chicago operation and in his basement he’d built a model of downtown Chicago with all the buildings and rail lines.”

To find people, Mike often used a phone book, “In some cases, I just looked up last names. One time, I found two names that were the same. I called one of the guys and he said, ‘No, it’s not me, but if you find that other guy let me know because he had a bill at Sears and I had to pay it!’” Later, Mike adds, “When I found the right guy, I never brought it up.”
1964
Cheryl Bateman
Diane Bauer
Bernadette Bobick
Marilyn Casalenda
Linda Duerscherl
Carol (Nelson) DuFour
Diane Engen
Carol Haas
Robert Haffely
Michael Lichtenberg
Gregory J. Lorch
Gregory Padelford
Michael Patrick
Richard Patrick
William Peter
Christine (Sanders) Quehl
Rosemarie Rahn
Richard Sellner
Timothy Tabor
Paula (Rude) Verdouw
Edward Viktora
Gail Zaun

1965
Samuel Achman
Lawrence Adams
Sylvia (Santos) Aguirre
Steven Alfveby
Linda Allie
Robert Angolo
Beverly Bachel
Barbara Bellows
Patrick Berg
Mary Bitterman
Don Bossart
Gary Brown
Barbara Burns
Joseph Cardenas
Robert Cruz

James Diederich
Stephen Duerscherl
Mary Ehrenberg
Alfred Einberger
Judith Engen
Linda Frame
Mary Frank
Jeffrey Gebhardt
Virginia Greene
David Gross
Gail Gutzmer
Eleanor Handwerk
Jeffrey Heutmaker
Gary Hinze
Deborah (Boullt) Kaminski
Elaine (Haberkorn) Kraker
Cavan Lasch
Lenny Lingolfelt
Gregory Lothenbach
Susan Maher
Shanna McCann
Kevin McMonigal
Susan Meyer
Jean Michalski
Theresa (Thompson) Miller
Janice (Hawkes) Mrozinski
Mary Ann Nasseff
Stephen Petersen
Jane Pirkle
James Plantenberg
Richard Potzman
Sandra Reiland
Dennis Ring
Mark Roeller
Michael Santori

Patrick Schmidt
Steve Schueeller
Pat Scott
Kathleen Seidl
Michael Shanley
Gerald Stahnke
Donna Thellen
Daniel Triviski
Mark Troje
Mary Wanger
Kathleen Ward
Jane Wazlawik
John Wenker
Denise Wessel
James Wilmes
Petra Zarate
Jeanne Zimmerman

1966
Richard Adams
John Aguirre
Elizabeth Argo
Wendy Bachel
Richard Bandholz
Doris Barnes
Robert Behan
Marianne Benoe
Patricia Bredeooff
Denise Brown
Charles Chalika
Catherine Clancy
Thomas Cruz
Gregory Dalton
Joann Danmeier
Deborah Duerscherl
Mary Jo Fibuch

Lucy (Maloney) Francis
Raymond Gangl
Sharon Gebhardt
Deborah Genin
Sharon Gonsoir
Mary Jean Haas
Janet Heutmaker
Mary Ann Hinze
Frank Jack
Amelia Joseph
Jeffrey Kelzer
Diane Kisch
Dorothy Kolb
Rita E. Kosel
Daniel Lancette
Michael Leahy
Kathleen Lothenbach
Margaret Maher
John Millan
Susan Mishler
Michael Moszer
KATHY CHAPDELAINE (’64)

“There are so many people who know each other.”

Kathy, along with Donna Duffy McCarthy helped organize a 45th Class Reunion last Spring as part of Reunion Sunday. They set up a website to help organize the event.

“We had been to our high school reunion (Humboldt) in the fall and decided we should do it for our grade school class. We went thru the list of missing alumni and put together a letter that said we were looking for these people. We asked if anyone had names and addresses. We found at least half of them that way. It was a very good response.”

“We did it in such a short period of time. We started in January and had the reunion in May. We were so excited we found everybody. The response was so great. The farthest someone came was from Las Vegas.”

“The website is very easy to do. We put all the information about the reunion on the website and people could email their addresses. There are so many people who know each other. With email and the internet — stuff like this is getting easier.”
1969
Angela Adams
Karolyn Anderson
Vicki Argo
Benjamin Bagley
Diane Bateman
Richard Bauer
William Bengston
Carleen Berg
Judith (Cocchiarella) Blissenbach
Constance Bossart
Patricia Brysky
Michael Casalenda
Patricia Cassidy
Mary Cruz
Sue Dalton
James Del Vecchio
Nancy Deustermann
Robert Fischbach
Diane Grant
Michael Gubash
Jim Hafiz
Barbara Hager
Valorie Huey
Matthew Isaac
Douglas Kaiser
Beverly Kelzer
Patricia (Meyer) Kolb
David Krull
Vincent Langevin
Tony Larson
Jim Letourneau
Thomas Maher
Thomas Millan
Jeanine Moe
Virginia Morin
Lynn Nehring
Margaret O’Brien
Linda Piringer
Debra Prokop
Denise Roering
Laura (Lafaver) Rowan
David Scherbel
Laureen Sieber
Steven Tabor
Mary Todorova
Robert Tonda
Mary Vasterling
Mike Vesely
1970
Diana Bagley
Gregory Bauer
Stephen Blaschka
Pamela Bredehoft
Harvey Buchite
Gregory Burg
Roseanne (Arnold) Cardenas
Catherine Cunningham
Janice Dwuznik
Christopher Exley
James Exley
Mark Fischbach
Barbara Fretschel
Kathleen Giesel
Sandra Gonsoir
Catherine Gubash
Jeanne (Bann) Haas
Mary Jo Hager
James Halligan
Deborah Hayes
Laureen Heininger
Patricia Isaac
Timothy Jack
Jeffrey Jenniges
Rebecca (Peterson) Kaess
Ted Lancette
Nicholas Lardani
Thomas Leahy
Ed LeClair
Joseph Letourneau
William McElmury
Kathleen McInnis
Scott Norton
Leonard Noyola
Rosa Noyola
Anna Odegaard

TONI BLOECHL ’72
“For me, it’s about reconnecting.”

Toni is just getting started on planning a reunion for her class next fall. She’ll be doing it all long distance.

“I live in Santa Cruz, California. I’ve been here for 36 years. I’m the youngest of five — all of us went through St. Matt’s. My dad is Virgil Bloechl, he’s 88-years old and graduated in ’37. He was the fire captain at Station #6. He retired at 52 (due to job related injuries.) My three older brothers were out in California already so we moved too. I was 15 when we moved — it was pretty traumatic. My life was really disrupted.”

“I put together a reunion in the ’90’s. We met at Cherokee Park and had about 10-12 people come. It was an interesting cross section who showed up, the class brain, the class trouble maker — it was fun seeing how people had changed.”

When the newsletter asked people to submit their memories about the church fire, Toni shared hers, “When I wrote about the fire, a classmate saw my name and wrote to me. We’ve been corresponding. I figure if a few of us can put our heads together, we can really get things going.”

Toni points out that when she organized the reunion in the ’90’s, it was without the aid of computers. The strategy this time combines old-fashioned legwork with modern day social networking. “There were 90 kids in our class and we probably have 25 names. We’re using Facebook. When we find somebody we find out who they might know and get a chain going. One guy (who’s helping) works for an insurance company — he seems to have a way of finding people.”

They’re planning the event for next October, which will make it the 38th anniversary — not a year everyone celebrates, but Toni doesn’t mind, “For me personally, it’s about reconnecting. I’ve always been a person who doesn’t like to lose people. It goes back to how and when I left Minnesota. It’s important to reconnect with my roots.”

Check Your High School Alumni List
High schools have a much better track record for staying in touch with their graduates. Check with the person who’s keeping track of your h.s. classmates and see if any missing St. Matt’s alumni are listed.
1970, continued
Stephen Paquette
Thomas Plantenburg
Patrice Quehl
Paul Ramirez
Elizabeth Reicher
Mark Santori
Theresa (Grovum) Schadegg
Beverly Schaefer
Michael Schaefer
Susan Scherbel
Ellen Schwartz
Michael Scornovacco
Pamela Sieber
Barbara Simones
Bruce Smith
James Stuhlman
Richard Thul
Mary Vondrasek
Kathleen Wallner
Kathryn Weisman
Mary Ann Wessel
Barbara Wilberg

1971
Raymond Achman
George Altendorfer
Robert Auge
Deborah Bach
James Benoe
Joan Berg
Deborah Birch
Connie Blaschka
Paul Boehmer
Paul Bredehoft
Denise Burg
Sheila Cassidy
Stella Castillo
Patricia Chapdelaine
Patricia Clancy
Shannon Conlin
Janice (Tribbett) Cooper
Tom Cybyske
Linda Diederich
Mary Lou Giesel
Patricia Halligan
Donald Heppleman
Michael Hossalla
Arlene Letendre
Kathy Marx
Kenneth Meyer
Judy Michaelsen
Ann Moser
Michael Nieman
John Noyola
Mark Ohmann
Ted Page
Julianne Palacio
Paul Paquette
Thomas Patton
Laura Peltier
Deborah Prow
Katherine Reicher
Pam (Verdeja) Roering
Kim (Emerson) Rowan
Glen Schlichte
Greg Schmidt
David Schmitt
Wallace Sieber
Carolyn Smith
Kathleen (Sarageno) Smith
Greg Stein
Madonna Tackaberry
Mary Thomas
Suzanne Todora
James Wanger
Joanne Waschek
Cynthia Westbrook
Donna Wilberg
Jane Zimmerman

1972
Michael Bestman
Anne Budziszewski
Stephen Cruz
Daniel Duncanson
Mike Eastman
Peter Fischbach
Mary Huxley
Michelle Joseph
Margaret Langevin
David Longbein
Mary (Revoir) Ohmann
Mark Patrick
Roberta Scherbel
Roberta (Young) Scherber
Susan Seaken
Mary Staples
Rose Mary (Charles) Tonda
Michael Uager
Diane Vandenbosch
David Wilberg

1973
Jeff Blaschka
Mary Budziszewski
Jane Bukowski
Rita Clancy
Patrick Cybyske
Debra Dokka
Donna Fischbach
Steve Follmer
Kathy (Schiltz) Hughes
Joseph Karas
Mike Kubiszewski
Steven Lonning
Pamela Mosberger
Ed Palacio
Diane Plantenburg
Timothy Rochon
Anthony Santos
Richard Smith
David Stefaniak
Randy Straus

Interesting stories?
If you’ve got one to share about tracking down your classmates let us know and we’ll include them in the newsletter.
Contact us: alumninews@st-matts.org.
1973, continued

Robert Strauss
Laurie Tackaberry
Teresa Topritzhofer
Philip Vail
Barbara Wessel
John Yanez
Lisa Yanez

1974
George Akin
Steven Andersen
Debra Bagley
Thomas Blaschka
Jeanne M. (Gravem) Brunzel
John Budziszewski
Joseph Buse
Thomas Costello
Jerome Cubus
Laurie Duncanson
Denise Erickson
Anita Follmer
Carl Folsom
Debra Gentle
Laura Gilliland
Christine Gubash
Lisa Haverland
Leonard Heininger
Elizabeth Hernandez
George Hernandez
David Hill
Joyce Jahnke
Teresa Joseph
Harlen Lafontaine
Andrea Lancette
Laurie (Jarvis) Leach
Jeffrey Letourneau
Margaret McNamara
Timothy Meyer
Kathryn Odegard
Jessica Ramirez
Gregory Sanft
Patricia Scherbl
Cary Schmidt
Craig Schmidt
Mark Schwartz
Mary Lou (Lagerstrom) Smith
Maureen Tackaberry
Brenda (Armstrong) Tonda
Anne Tosnys
Roger Verduzco
Catherine Wanger
Nancy Wenker
Cynthia Wenner
Maribeth (Rice) Wilmes

1975
Eve Ackermann
Thomas Adams
Sheila Andersen
Steven Bade
Donna Benolken
Julie Blaschka
Kevin Boehmer
Paul Budziszewski
Mark Burg
Theresa (Maher) Buse
Christine Califano
Mary Clancy
Mark Cruz
Stanley Cunningham
Ann Cybyske
Christopher Delao
Thomas N. Doyle
Mary Jo Fretschel
Edward Fris
Donna Gross
Gilbert Hernandez
Timothy Hughes
Kathleen Hurley
Patrick Jaskowiak
Sandra Joseph
Manfred Krug
Suzanne Kuntze
Denise (Munos) Lerczak
Phillip Mauricio
Bernadette Monsour
John Morgan
Robert Munoz
Michael Ostrowski
Timothy J. Patton
David Poechmann
Robert Potzmann
Patrick Quinlan
Patricia Raines
Ann Renteria
Anthony Renteria
Anita Ruiz
Glorina Saucedo
Joseph St. Sauver
James Staples

Check the Web
The Internet is a powerful tool for finding people, particularly those who’ve moved out of state.
1. Try setting up a website for your class where alumni can easily exchange information.
2. Visit some social networking sites like Facebook, for names of missing classmates.
3. Google Class Reunion and you’ll find a host of free sites designed to help people reconnect. One of them may work for you.
1975, continued

Eva Steinhasuer
Ann Steinhoff
Pamela Swenson
James Tietz
Maureen (Berends) Traylor
Jeffrey Wenker
Colleen Wenzel
Susan Yanez
Gene Ziemann

1976
Monica Ackerman
Jerry Adams
Perry Altendorfer
Margo Bachel
Ann Bade
Jim Behan
Richard Boldt
Sue Brown
Brian Brunner
Jim Buse
Jim Castor
Karen Costello
Gregory Cubus
Annette Delao
Kurt Erickson
Gary M. Ewald
Leoncio Fernandez
Michele Gabriel
Angela (Neuman) Gangle
Diana Goubash
Juanita Hernandez
Mark Hernandez
Julie Herzog
Timothy Hurley
Stephanie (Norton) Langer
Mary Leacy
Robert McHolland
Dennis McNaughton
Thomas Medina
Vickie Meisinger
Joseph Mooney
Joseph Morin
William O’Donnell
Margaret O’Neill
Patti Ohmann
Connie Pelacio
Aaron Ramirez
Peter Renteria
Timothy Rogers
Shawn Schmidt
Walter Schoumaker
Lori Singer
Cindy Staggs
Cynthia Staggs
John Steinhauser
Mark Stellmach
Thomas Tonda
Bruce Uhler
Paul Wenner
Kathy Willmes
Elizabeth Wolf
Elvira Yanez

1977
Dan Brunzel
Anthony Bukowski
Tom Buse
Annie Delgado
John Deutsch
Timothy Garcia
Susan (Hendrickson) Hernandez
Lisa Hughes
Michelle Jahke
Kim Jenniges
Kelly Josephs
Lori Justice
John Klein
Kathy Kubiszewski
Pam Lerczak
Geraldine Lopez
John Marson
Colleen McHolland
Mona Mendoza
Jackie Meyer
Mike Montour
Robin Moser
Tim Osborne
Mary E. (Korby) Patton
Sheryl Pederson
Tony Pirkle
Karen Potzmann
Lydia Rangel
Patricia Renteria
Dave Schoumaker
Scott Schwartz
Sharon Sisson
Randy Smith
Rob Steinhoff
Mike Sura
Mark Sward
Gina Torres
Pat (Kinderman) Tosney
Norman Vail
Gordon Wanger
Scott Weisman

1978
Michael W. Abbott
Bruce G. Alfveby
Mary Ellen (Jeffers) Ambrose
Kathleen Jean Benedict

Katherine M. (Pamperin) Brengman
Alan M. Brunner
Thomas M. Burth
Susan A. Califano
Mark S. Damon
Thomas P. Deutsch
Jose Manuel Garcia
Matthew G. Gubash
Stephen M. Hernandez
Patricia L. Hurley
Julie A. Karels
Catherine Langevin
Robert Leach
Ann M. Leahy
Kimberley A. Lerczak
Jane E. McNamara
Mark G. Meyers
Anthony J. Michalek
Robert L. Montour
Marie Therese Nasseff
Ann T. Nehring
James M. Ohmann
Matthew J. Ohmann
Jane F. Opine
Christopher D. Pirkle
Laura Ann Rangel
Michael F. Renteria
Vicky Rodriguez

NANCY RIEHLE BURKE (’59)

“Much more fun than I expected.”

Nancy attended a 50th anniversary gathering of her class at Reunion Sunday last May.

“It was great. Everybody was warm and friendly and talking to each other. Who would think that a Sunday brunch would be such fun? It was just lovely!”

To track down missing people, Nancy says they used high school lists, “I furnished the names of people who went to OLP.”

“I had not seen most of these people since I left St. Matthew’s in ’59.” Even so, she was able identify almost all 100 classmates in their 8th grade class photo. As for recognizing her fellow alumni 50 years later, “Most of us needed the name tags to identify each other — I know I did and I think people were looking at mine.”
Even though students graduate and many leave the area to further their education... St. Matthew’s remains a kind of “home.”

FR. STEVE ADRIAN

KAREN ROBINETTE THOMPSON (‘59)

“Just Be Persistent”

“Our graduates went to several different high schools. If the high school had a reunion, we started there.”

“We sent a letter out to people and we got a response from that – friends who kept in touch, relatives from the parish. The hardest part is finding women (because of the name changes.) In those cases, we try to find someone in the family.”

“For me, it was more fun finding people and talking with them. When you do talk with people, you find out what they’ve accomplished is phenomenal. We share common values and experiences. We share stories that over the years have become legends.”

“Everyone has succeeded and has a lot to be proud of, and it goes back to our roots, going to Catholic School.”