

# SGAC News

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## Mardi Gras Party

The holidays will be over. The shopping is all done. More cookies and goodies consumed than you promised yourself you'd eat. It is the January blahs.....so now there is something fun to do. And, the added benefit of dancin' off those extra calories!

So, mark your calendars now for the next party. Come visit with friends and dance a little. The essentials follow:

Saturday Evening  
January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
8 till midnight  
St. George Cafeteria

\$10.00 in advance/\$12.00 at the door

The cost of your tickets helps to cover DJ, beer, soda, snacks. For specific questions or to get your tickets, please call Laura (Jones) Marlo ('75) - 636-458-0270.

Bring a can of food! We will be collecting canned goods for St. Vincent DePaul Society - (St. George food pantry).



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### DATES TO NOTE

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> – Next Alumni meeting

Jan 29<sup>th</sup> – Mardi Gras Party – Mark your calendar now!

See inside for more details



## St. George Alumni Club starts fund raiser

The St. George Alumni club introduces a fund raising program with Excel Communications. Excel Communications offers local phone/internet service and cell phones. By trying one of Excel's services, St. George receives up to a 10% commission. You can check out the products and services on their website at [www.excel.com](http://www.excel.com). More information is available by calling Lisa Deiters Ely at 636-861-2210.

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**Pizza Fund Raiser** – Help us raise money and enjoy some pizza! On the first Wednesday of the month, come to Cici's Pizza at 7425 S. Lindbergh (next to Home Depot) from 5-10 p.m. All you can eat pizza for \$3.99. You can also get pasta, salad and desserts. St. George will receive 15% of each receipt dropped in the box for St. George. You can also get pizza to take home \$4.99 for a large.

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***If you know someone who wants this newsletter, please share it and ask them to contact an officer or the editor to be added to the list.***

## And, here's what's been happening...

### TRIVIA NIGHT

St. George Alumni sponsored a trivia night on November 6. Over one hundred "trivialists" competed for the top prize. The categories were quite challenging, with topics such as TV theme songs, sports, St. Louis trivia, and advertising slogans, to name a few. Although everyone competed valiantly, no table could best the Buehler table, which took the top prize with their impressive score. It was especially fitting that the Buehler table prevailed - after all, the matriarch of the Buehler clan was the earliest alumni graduate in attendance, with an impressive graduation year of 1934! Hats off to Vi Buehler and all the Buehler clan. On the other end of the spectrum, the losing table lost with a score of...well, we won't say here, but they did go home with a delicious box of Ding Dongs! In all, the event proved to be another wonderful opportunity for St. George alumni, and everyone else, to get together for some fun and games! We hope to see YOU at our next event!

### IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT YEAR

This story was sent to the editor to share with you. Although the editor cannot credit the appropriate source, it is hoped that source would allow us to share this gracious story.

"My name is Rich Warren. I have been a member of St. George since moving into the neighborhood 13 year ago. My wife, Heidi, and I chose to raise our children in the Catholic faith and wanted to provide them with the best Catholic education we could.

This was possible at St. George until this year. When it became apparent as a parishioner that St. George could no longer afford to offer a day school program, as parents, we had to join the search for another opportunity.

As president of our school board, chairperson for our merger team, and one of the members of the committee charged with making the recommendation to close our school, it was a difficult year. Tough decisions had to be made for the good of the parish and continuing Catholic education in the south county area.

The blessing of the school opportunity at St. Dominic's came into view at that time.

Our prayers had been answered. While God had answered our prayers to keep St. George open with a 'no', He had opened another opportunity for us to strengthen another community by our own addition. A resounding 'YES' to our prayers, but in HIS WAY!

I continue to see this as a great blessing as my two children, seventh-grader Nick and fourth-grader Becky, joined the ranks of the school children of St.

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**Down memory lane**

**What were some of your favorite grade school memories?**

*Ringing the recess bell in first grade; those stylis uniforms (with knee socks) science fairs; 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance (Sue Buerck Duerst, '69)*

*Recess time, week before summer vacation and graduation (Fred Dethloff, '69)*

*Swimming party for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Ms. Kohler's 4<sup>th</sup> grade. (Ann Marie Harbaugh Lasky, '69)*

*The St. George picnic (Jim Hoffman, '69)*

*School picnics (the Scrambler!) and a memory of during 4<sup>th</sup> grade geography when we went outside while someone cut open a coconut! Pretty exciting stuff! (Jennifer Intagliata , '69)*

**Do you have a favorite memory you can share with us? If so, click [here](#) and tell us.**

Dominic Savio. They speak about being made welcome by students, teachers, staff and families. Thanks to God and to all of you for that.

Heidi and I have also found the St. Dominic's families very friendly and helpful as we make the adjustment to a new school setting. We all look forward to a great school year, with some challenges, but with more promise of growing the people of God together in the two parishes of St. Dominic Savio and St. George.

Thanks again for this opportunity to offer a few words about our experiences with the merging of our two schools. Let's all work together to make it GREAT FOR OUR KIDS!

--Rich Warren Family, St. George Parish

**AN UPDATE ON THE ST. GEORGE SCHOOL BUILDING**

This year marks the closing of the parish day school at 4974 Heege Road. As of the 2004-2005 school year, the parish school was merged with the St. Dominic Savio day school and located at St. Dominic Savio parish at 7748 Mackenzie Road. St. George parish still maintains school board representation at the new location.

St. George Parish has entered into a one year lease agreement with Edgewood Children's Center as of September 1, 2004 for the use of the Heege Road facility. The parish council anticipates this arrangement to continue, and possibly expand, as one beneficial to St. George Parish and the achievement of Edgewood Children's Center's educational mission.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY'S ST. GEORGE CONFERENCE**

The St. Vincent DePaul Society's St. George Conference is coming up on its one year anniversary as a food pantry operation here at St. George. On February 21, 2004, a food pantry operation was opened to provide food, utility, rent and medication assistance to needy people in the St. George Parish boundaries.

Although the conference has been doing the work of serving Christ's needy for 77 years at St. George parish, the food pantry operation is an effort to provide an inviting and more open-armed approach to providing assistance. Previously, assistance was only initiated by a needy person contacting us by phone, upon which the Society member would schedule a visit by two Vincentians to their home to discuss their needs and assess their situation. We have advertised at our parish and all neighborhood places of worship, regardless of denomination, our hours of operation where people can come by and ask for assistance.

The pantry is located at the northeast corner of the St. George auditorium at 4979 Heege Road and accessible from the parish parking lot. Hours of operation are from 3:00p.m. - 5:00 p.m. every Tuesday and 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. every Saturday.

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**Searching...searching...**

We are looking for all alumni (through 2004) to compile our directory. If anyone has any names, addresses or phone numbers please contact one of the board members below:

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The St. Vincent DePaul Society is a fundamentally spiritual organization; in fact, the primary goal of the society is spiritual development of its members through service to the poor. Obviously, good volunteers are the key to any organization, so if you would like to explore membership in the Society, consider this invitation.

We invite anyone over the age of 18 to attend our meeting at the same location of our pantry on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Hear about the Society's mission and see our pantry operation at the same time!

Donations of food items, paper products, personal hygiene items, or coats can be made to the Society at either of the above listed times at our pantry location, or if preferred, monetary donations can be made through check, payable to "St. Vincent DePaul Society" and mailed to: Marty Deiters, Conference Treasurer, 4743 Hamburg Ave., St. Louis, MO 63123. In the spirit of Vincent, thank you for your interest in the Society.

**The Alumni Board wishes all of you a very blessed and holy Christmas.**

If you are interested in making a charitable tax deductible donation to the Alumni Club, please cut out this section of the newsletter and mail with your donation to:

St. George Alumni  
C/o Sue Magoc  
9153 Coral Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63123

The Alumni are interested in any donations that help support the parish or are donations for our activities. We'd also like to get copies of the newsletter to alumni that do not have email and any donations would help us share our stories.

Yes, I'd like to give \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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