

URSULINE ACADEMY

Alumni Newsletter



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for Alumni and Friends of Ursuline Academy in Springfield, Illinois

"My last word to you... is that you live in harmony, united together, all of one heart and will. Be bound to one another by the bond of charity, esteeming each other, helping each other, bearing with each other in Jesus Christ."
~St. Angela Merici

2009 Alumni Directory Now Published

Helping the Ursuline Academy Family Stay Together

Throughout 2008, the Ursuline Academy Foundation worked with Harris Connect out of Virginia to publish an updated alumni directory. The last such directory was published by the Academy in 2001.

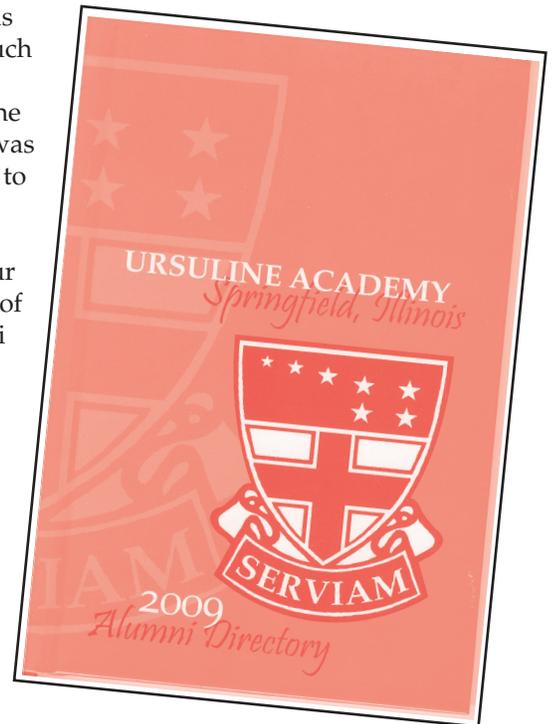
The directory project began with the list of approximately 2,500 alumni the Foundation inherited at the time of the Academy's closure. This database was combined with the data from the 2001 directory and every effort was made to identify class years, maiden names and missing alumni.

As with any project, mistakes do happen. We have heard from alumni who were inadvertently omitted from the directory, and for this we offer our sincere apologies. That said, we now have a much more accurate database of nearly 5,000 alumni and will be able to better communicate with the alumni community. However, we need your help.

If you have changes or corrections to the directory, or you were omitted, please contact us and make sure we have your correct information!!! You can mail us the form on page 8 of the newsletter or email us at alumni@uafoundation.us.

Also, take a moment to look at your address on the back page. Above your name, you will see two numbers -- the first is a record number which you can use to help us identify your database entry faster when making changes. The second is your class year. If you see "XXXX" in that space, it means that we do not have your class year on file. and you should contact us with the correct information!

Our thanks to everyone who responded to the directory project. We look forward to helping you stay in touch with your alumni community!



36th Annual Chicken Dinner Scenes



Anthony Kohtrus assists with a drive-thru order at the 36th Annual Chicken Dinner. See more scenes from the dinner on page 4.

More great updates inside!

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The Ursuline Academy Foundation has been established as a not for profit foundation with a mission to preserve the heritage of Ursuline Academy and to perpetuate Catholic education consistent with the values of Roman Catholicism and the ideals of the Ursuline Sisters.

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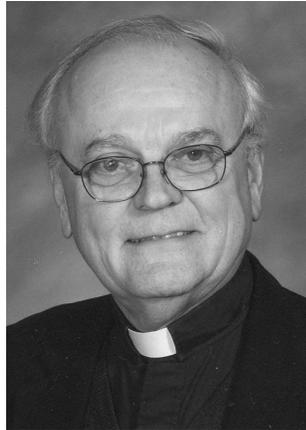
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From the Desk Of...



**Rev. Msgr. John R. Ossola
President, Ursuline Academy Foundation**

Our last class of students who attended Ursuline Academy are nearing the end of their senior year! It's hard to believe that time has moved so quickly! Fortunately, we have been able to continue many Ursuline traditions and keep the spirit of UA alive!

Last year, the UA Foundation sponsored Kairos XXI. 15 students met for three days with 10 leaders at Nazerene Acres just south of Rochester to experience the unique time together called "Kairos" It was first of all an opportunity for reunion of students who attend various high schools. But more importantly, it was a time to share faith and to encourage each other in the core values of God, faith and church we all

shared at UA.

In July, we had a reunion of Kairos alums at the K of C on Lake Springfield. Again, it was a great opportunity for students to renew friendships and build on their Faith.

We also are very happy to have awarded 12 scholarships to students who are pursuing a Faith-based high school education or attending a Catholic grad school in Springfield. One student from each of the 7 elementary Catholic schools in Springfield was awarded \$500 to help in their education along with five former UA students who continued their secondary education in a faith-based setting.

Thank you, as always for your continued support of the Ursuline Academy Foundation. Together, we will keep the Ursuline spirit alive.

**Derrick Jones ('96) and Beth (Marx) Mayfield ('82)
Alumni Newsletter Editors**

This newsletter has been a long time coming. Thank you for your patience! As always, we've done our best to include as much news and information as possible to help you keep in touch with the Ursuline alumni family.

If you have information you'd like included in the next *Alumni Newsletter*, or if you need to update your contact information, send us an email at alumni@uafoundation.us or you can use the form on page 8.

Speaking of updates, on pages 8-9, you'll find life updates from your classmates and see who got married, or who had a baby.

We also want to draw your attention to pages 5-7 of this newsletter. Normally, you would receive a separate mailing from the Foundation and the Knights of Columbus regarding the annual Chicken Dinner. This year, we've included all of the information you need to buy tickets, purchase an ad, or volunteer. Please pay special attention to these pages and help us make this the best Chicken Dinner yet!

We need to extend a special "thank you" to all who made a contribution using the envelope enclosed in the last newsletter. Your generosity paid for the cost to print the newsletter. To print and mail the newsletter costs approximately \$2,500. Once again, we have included an envelope in the Alumni Newsletter. Because all of the Ursuline Academy Foundation operating funds are reliant on our alumni community, we hope that you will consider making a donation to help us offset the costs of this issue.

If you are interested in underwriting the Alumni Newsletter, email us at info@uafoundation.us



UA Foundation Scholarships

Preserving the Tradition of Academic Excellence for the Next Generation

As the new academic year began in earnest, the Ursuline Academy Foundation announced that twelve students each received a \$500 scholarship to continue their faith-based education. Five of the recipients are displaced Ursuline Academy students who are in their senior year at Lutheran High School. The other recipients are students at seven of Springfield's Catholic elementary schools.

"We are proud of these students and their accomplishments," said Msgr. John Ossola, president of the Ursuline Academy Foundation. **"One of the central goals of the Ursuline Academy Foundation is to continue the tradition of academic excellence instilled in the community by the Ursuline Sisters. We hope these scholarships will keep that tradition alive and well."**

As part of its primary mission, the Foundation established a scholarship fund beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year to assist former Ursuline students displaced by the Academy's closure as well as students enrolled in one of the city's Catholic elementary schools. Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, demonstration of community service embodied in the Ursuline motto *Serviam* (I will serve), and financial need.

The Ursuline Academy Foundation Scholarship Fund benefits from private donations as well as proceeds from the annual Chicken Dinner co-sponsored every May with the Knights of Columbus Council #4175. For more information, visit the Foundation's website at www.uafoundation.us.

This year's high school recipients are: **Kellby Gietl, Lauren Acton, Emily Gladden, Laura Mayfield, and Hunter Ansell**. All are displaced Ursuline students attending Lutheran High School. This year's elementary school recipients are: **Zachary Matthew Scott** (Christ the King), **Madie Nelson** (Little Flower), **Christopher Mostaka** (Cathedral), **Alyssa Guinan** (St. Joseph's), **Brett Vicari** (St. Aloysius), **Kaysay Johnson** (Blessed Sacrament), and **Mitch Kerr** (St. Agnes)

Our congratulations go out to all scholarship recipients. And a special thanks go out to the Knights of Columbus Council #4175 for their support and to all alumni who contribute to the UA Foundation scholarship fund and our congratulations go out to all of the scholarship recipients!

Staying in touch with your Alumni Community

Have you moved? Got married? New baby? Let us know...stay in touch using the form on page 8 or email alumni@uafoundation.us

Your UA Foundation Leadership

UA Foundation Board Elections; Alumni Association Selects New Officers

Last May, the Ursuline Academy Foundation board held elections for expired terms. Msgr. John Ossola, Derrick Jones ('96), and Susan (Jones) Gallagher ('75) were re-elected to serve two-year terms. The board also voted to re-elect all current officers for 2009-2010.

Additionally, the Alumni Association chose officers for 2009-2010. Lisa Sabo ('82) was chosen president with Lois (Shaughnessy) Jirgal ('51) assuming the position of vice-president. Angie Meneghetti ('82) and Beth Mayfield ('82) continue their respective roles as secretary and treasurer. Our special thanks go to outgoing president Lynda (Bucci) Snodsmith ('68) for her years of service and leadership as president of the Alumni Association.

Members of the board of directors and officers of the Alumni Association give freely of their time to serve the entire Ursuline community. Thank you to all who serve!



The 2009-2010 UA Foundation Board of Directors (L-R): Msgr. John Ossola, Barb Burris ('72), Beth (Marx) Mayfield ('82), Susan (Jones) Gallagher ('75), Sr. Madonna O'Hara, OSU ('55), Tony DelGiorno ('96), Sr. Elisa Ryan, OSU, Derrick Jones, ('96)



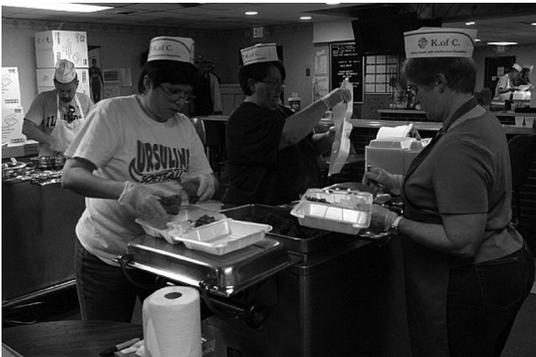
Scenes from the 36th Annual Chicken Dinner



Dave Danner sells 50/50 tickets to drive-thru patrons.



Working hard in the kitchen to prepare carry-out meals.



Volunteers dished out over 3,800 meals throughout the course of the day.



Rita Mehlick prepares carry-out dishes while Sheila Walk (back) delivers them.



This chicken doesn't bread itself! Cindy Carrick helps!



Vikki Warren & Norma Jean Capranica work on the dining room serving line.



Green Bean King Mark Senger.



Bob Zaffiri and crew fry up chicken.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus #4175
and all of the volunteers who helped make this year's
Chicken Dinner a success!!
Please see the special insert for details on the 37th Annual
Chicken Dinner in May 2010!



Kery Noonan Lewis with daughter Katie.





Dear Friend,

The Knights of Columbus, Father Ernest A. Burtle Council #4175 (Springfield's North Council) and the Ursuline Academy Foundation are proud to continue a well loved tradition - the 37th Annual Chicken Dinner. The dinner is scheduled for Sunday, May 2, 2010 on the grounds of the Knights of Columbus at 2801 West Street from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The proceeds from this annual event allow us to continue to sustain Catholic education, offer support to Brother James Court, the Special Olympics and provide financial support to those who have entered the seminary.

We would like to invite you and/or your business to support this year's dinner by purchasing an advertisement in the 37th Annual Chicken Dinner booklet. This booklet will accompany all meals served during the event which totaled more than 3,000 in 2009. The program booklet advertising form is enclosed.

The final date to have your camera-ready advertisement is Friday, April 16th 2010. If emailing your advertisement, please send to gstumpf16@yahoo.com AND patrick.daniels@live.com.

Checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus #4175. Please mail completed form and payment in c/o:

**Greg Stumpf
2113 North 24th Street
Springfield, Illinois 62702**

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus #4175 and the Ursuline Academy Foundation, I would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Patrick Gleason
Chicken Dinner Chairman
Ursuline Academy Class of 1991

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4175 NORTH COUNCIL URSULINE ACADEMY
FOUNDATION

37TH ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER ORDER FORM

PLEASE RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT BY APRIL 16, 2010

Contact Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Daytime Telephone _____ Email _____

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

New Advertiser _____ Past Advertiser/same ad _____ Past Advertiser/new ad _____

Ad Size:

(Base on 8-½ in. x 11-in. book)

Back Cover \$500 _____	Half Page \$75 _____
Inside Cover \$250 _____	Quarter Page \$50 _____
Inside Back Cover \$250 _____	Eighth Page \$40 _____
Full Page \$150 _____	

ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$20 _____ "In Memory of" Name _____

\$20 _____ "Friend of Chicken Dinner" Name _____

\$20 _____ "Alumni" Name _____, Class of _____

CHICKEN DINNER TICKETS

Tickets will be mailed back to you. Children's tickets must be purchased the day of the event.

of tickets _____ @ \$8.00 each

of tickets for resident of Brother James Court _____ @ \$8.00 each

Ticket Total \$ _____

Checks should be made payable to: **Knights of Columbus #4175**

Send form and payment to:

Greg Stumpf • 2113 North 24th Street • Springfield, IL 62702

E-mail advertisements to:

gstumpf16@yahoo.com AND patrick.daniels@live.com





Dear Parents and Students,

We are pleased to announce the 37th Annual Chicken Dinner to be held Sunday, May 2, 2010, carrying on the tradition started by Ursuline Academy thirty-seven years ago.

The Knights of Columbus #4175 in conjunction with the Ursuline Academy Foundation will hold the Chicken Dinner at the Knights of Columbus #4175 located at 2801 West Street, Springfield. Dinners may be enjoyed in our dining room; however carry out and drive thru service will be available.

Once again, all Catholic grade schools in Springfield can benefit from the Chicken Dinner!

One dollar from every adult chicken dinner ticket that you purchase will be given to your grade school.

The more tickets that you and your family, friends and co-workers buy, the more money your school will receive.

If you would like to be a part of this annual event and help your Catholic schools, please see your school office to purchase tickets. Adult tickets are \$8 each. Children's tickets are available for ages 10 and under at the door for \$4. We look forward to seeing you and your family on Sunday, May 2 from 11 am to 7 pm and thank you in advance for your support!

Pat Gleason
37th Annual Chicken
Dinner Chairperson

Beth Mayfield
Treasurer
Ursuline Academy Foundation



Ursuline Academy Class Updates...

Births

Kelly (Brown) Stotlar ('00) and her husband Scott, gave birth to their daughter, Kendall Marie, February 29, 2008. The Stotlars reside in Springfield.

Monica (Esela) Wienke ('96) and husband Chris, have a son, Spencer, born August 22, 2009.

Chris (Pullium) Ecklund ('00) and her husband Andy welcomed their son, Kiernan Oleg, in February of 2007. The Ecklunds reside in McHenry, Illinois.

Shannon (Slingsby) Plowey ('96) and husband Ed welcomed their son Jackson in June.

Kim (Sponsler) Van Pelt ('95) and her husband John welcomed their new baby, Alison Louise on January 1, 2008. As an added bonus, Alison was the first baby of the New Year in Springfield!

Marriages

Courtney Kinsel ('95) married Scott Norris (SHG Class of '95) October 6, 2007. Mr. and Mrs. Norris reside in Springfield.

Jodi Morgan ('95) married Vincent Tabor, in August 2008. Mr. and Mrs. Tabor continue to reside in Springfield.

Susan Slingsby ('98) married John Gerding.

John Stimler (former UA principal) and **Amber Barger** ('00) were married by Msgr. John Ossola in a ceremony at the Cathedral in Springfield on December 17, 2009.

Deaths

Bertha (Gietl) Bernard ('37), passed away at age 88 on December 25th, 2007. Her daughter, Nan Kamaloski wrote that "she often spoke of her school, Ursuline Academy." Please keep Mrs. Bernard's family in your prayers.

Stephen Bolser, former Ursuline faculty member, died March 14, 2009, at St. Mary's Care Center in Madison, Wisconsin, after a battle with brain cancer.

Teresa Mueller, salutatorian of the class of '85, died March 8, 2008. A memorial mass was held by her family in May at St. Joseph's in Springfield.

News of Note

Tony DelGiorno ('96) became a full partner with Rammelkamp-Bradney Law Offices with the new year. Tony also serves as counsel for the UA Foundation. Congratulations Tony!

Help Us Keep in Touch!

Record Number

Class Year Info

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Ursuline Graduate 123 Anystreet #925-N Springfield, IL 62704	

By using the information on your address label on the back page, you can help us keep you in touch with your alumni com-

Upcoming Class Reunion?

Please let us know if your class is planning a reunion! We would be happy to post reunion information on the Foundation website and provide mailing address information for you to reach your classmates.

After the reunion, send us a brief summary and pictures for the Alumni Newsletter, along with any contact information updates (emails are very helpful!) to alumni@uafoundation.us or mail them Derrick Jones, 2102 First Street NW, Basement, Washington, DC 20001.

Alumni Information Update

Name: _____

Class: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Record Number: _____

___ change of mailing address

___ change of email address

___ other update (wedding/birth/etc)

Please provide new information:

(For "Other" updates, may we publish in the Alumni Newsletter? ___ Yes ___ No)

Please complete form (please use additional paper if necessary) and return to: Derrick Jones, 2102 First Street NW, Basement, Washington DC, 20001 or email alumni@uafoundation.us

Ursuline Academy Class Updates...

Reunion Scenes



The Class of 1998 gathered in August 2008 for the 10-year reunion. If you've lost touch with the class of '98, email Susan Slingsby Gerding (susan.slingsby@gmail.com) to get back in touch!

Reunions...

We've heard that the classes of 1949, 1979, 1989, and 1999 held reunions in the past year and were happy to provide them with current mailing addresses to get in touch with former classmates. If you have pictures from these reunions, send them to us (alumni@uafoundation.us).

Also, if you're in need of a mailing list for your class, please get in touch with us. We will be happy to share the data we have with you! Once you've updated it, please send us the updates and we will update the master database!

Give the Gift of Ursuline...

As part of the makeover of the Ursuline Academy Foundation website, we have expanded to offer Ursuline Academy gifts through a storefront at CafePress.com. You can access the store by clicking on "UAF Store" on the UA Foundation homepage. Check back often as we continue to expand the gifts and items available. Net proceeds support the work of your Ursuline Academy Foundation.



Of Note: Transcripts

One of the most common inquiries we receive via email is from alumni interested in receiving copies of their high school transcripts. When Benedictine University-Springfield (formerly SCI-Benedictine) assumed control and management of the Academy, they also assumed management all official records of Ursuline Academy for students past and present. If you are in need of your transcript, it is recommended that you contact the Benedictine University-Springfield at (217) 525-1420.

Did You Remember Ursuline Academy in Your Estate Planning?

Did you remember Ursuline Academy in your estate plans (including wills and insurance policies)? If so, you should be aware that when the Academy closed, the beneficiary legally became Benedictine University/Springfield College in Illinois.

Please consider naming the Ursuline Academy Foundation as a beneficiary. Your generosity will help us preserve the tradition and spirit of Ursuline Academy.

For more information, contact Tony DelGiorno at (217) 522-6000 or email tony@rblawyers.net.

Keeping in Touch

Did you know that the Ursulines of the Central Province maintain regular newsletters? *Laurels* and *News Notes* are sent to friends of the Ursuline Sisters and provides regular updates on their activities. If you are not currently receiving the newsletter, email Susan Whelan at swwhelan@osucentral.org. The newsletters and the Sisters' website (www.osucentral.org) are a great way to stay in touch with those women who gave selflessly to provide the education we received at Ursuline Academy.

Preserving Tradition...

Remember that as part of our continuing mission and function, the UA Foundation plans to sponsor retreats, service trips, and other regular activities for students displaced by the closing. If you are interested in assisting with these activities either by pledging time or money to defray the costs, please email us at info@uafoundation.us. Please help us as we continue to help our former students live and preserve the tradition of service of Ursuline Academy.

Annual Report 2008

Ursuline Academy Foundation

Fiscal Year 2008 (January 1, 2008-December 31, 2008)

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES as of December 31, 2008		REVENUE AND EXPENSES	
Net Assets	\$13,801.54	REVENUE	
Liabilities	- 0 -	Contributions	\$27,201.60
Total Net Assets	\$13,801.54	EXPENSES**	
(includes general operating fund and scholarship fund)		Management and General	\$ 1,072.90
		Fundraising Expense	\$11,491.82
		Total	\$12,564.72

***Management and General reflects various filing and bank fees.*

The following people gave generously to the Serviam Society -- the Ursuline Academy Foundation's designation for funds which support the general efforts of the Ursuline Academy Foundation -- during the 2008 calendar year. We are forever indebted to your

St. Ursula Society - \$500 - \$999

Lynda Snodsmith

Mother Woulfe Circle - \$100 - \$499

Derrick Jones
Sandy Pecori
Abbe Delores Williams

Friend - \$50 - \$99

Rita Gallagher
Helen Harbaugh
Ann Havey
Eileen Lofy
Laura Mayfield
Marilyn Schaffner
Sandy Vespa

Contributor - up to \$49

Rita Cour Dineen
Sr. Regina Marie Frommuller, OSU
Sharon Fowler
Grace Garbin
Betty Hardin
Betty Havenar
Helen Knoedler
Elaine Kuhn
JoAnn Lamkin
Elizabeth Lewis
Helen Milito
Dolores Pellman
Sr. Mary Margaret Prenger, OSU
Donna Fulgenzi Putting
Suzanne Rechner
Margaret Reid
Sheila Walk

Please consider a contribution to the Ursuline Academy Foundation using the form on page 11. Your contribution will be used to offset the costs of this newsletter and the UA Foundation website.

All contributions to the Ursuline Academy Foundation are fully deductible for income tax purposes.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who have made contributions to the Ursuline Academy Foundation since we began. Your generosity enables us to maintain contact with our Alumni family and helps keep the spirit of Ursuline Academy alive in our community. Contributions received in the 2009 calendar year will be acknowledged in the next issue of the Alumni Newsletter.



Ursuline Academy Foundation....

Keeping the Ursuline Academy Tradition Alive

The Ursuline Academy Foundation was started originally to assist with raising money to keep Ursuline Academy open. Given the short time frame that was allotted to recruit enough students and raise substantial revenue, our efforts to keep UA open were not successful. However, due to the tremendous support by the Ursuline Academy family and the Springfield community, the Ursuline Academy Foundation Board received its mandate to continue. We invite you to join our efforts.

Some of the UA Foundation's Activities

- ~ scholarship fund for continuing Catholic education
- ~ alumni relations and fellowship
- ~ service trips and other service opportunities to the community
- ~ preservation of the Ursuline Academy educational tradition

Please consider a donation to keep the UA tradition alive!
Simply complete the form below or visit www.uafoundation.us to make a secure online contribution.

I want to support the Ursuline Academy Foundation at the following level:

- Contributor - \$25 Friend - \$50 Mother Woulfe Circle - \$100
 St. Ursula Society - \$500 Merici Circle - \$1,000 Other - \$_____

Name _____ Phone _____

Maiden Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Please return this form, along with your check payable to Ursuline Academy Foundation to:

Ursuline Academy Foundation
P.O. Box 8748
Springfield, Illinois 62791

Donations to the Ursuline Academy Foundation, a 501(c)3 charitable organization, are fully tax-deductible and will be published in the Foundation's annual report.





Ursuline Academy Foundation
P.O. Box 8748
Springfield, Illinois 62791

Address Correction Requested

*Welcome to your Alumni Newsletter!
A look back in time...*



The officers of the class of 1981.

Do you have photos from your days at Ursuline? Please share them with us! Email alumni@uafoundation.us

One More Look: *36th Annual Chicken Dinner*



Christine and Lori Kohlrus preparing carryout.



Taking carry-out orders to hungry people waiting outside.



Jim Fleck and Mark Kremitzki at the fryer.

More great pictures on page 4!



The 36th Annual Chicken Dinner sponsored by the Ursuline Academy Foundation and the Knights of Columbus Council #4175 resulted in another \$5,000 being raised for the UA Foundation Scholarship Fund (see scholarship story, page 3). Our gratitude goes out to the Knights for continuing to partner with the UA Foundation to keep the Ursuline spirit and tradition alive! If you'd like more information on volunteering for next year's dinner, contact Pat Gleason ('91) at pattgleason@yahoo.com. For information on sponsoring the Chicken Dinner, including ad sales and patrons, see the special insert which begins on page 5! And be sure to check out the rest of the pictures on page 4!