

Sacred Heart School – Roseville, Mich.



Sacred Heart School in Roseville, Mich., opened in 1921 for 130 students in grades one through eight, taught by three IHM Sisters.

The chronicler expressed the pleasure of the sisters when they moved into their new home, making reference to the “cozy, well-furnished little convent,” which they “did not expect to find in the country.” The parish sold that convent building in the spring of 1923, and began planning a new convent for the sisters. The students helped raise the money; the sisters lived at St. Mary, Mount Clemens, and “came down each day to

Roseville to teach.”

Although the school added a ninth grade in 1928, a 10th in 1930, and an 11th in 1931 the bleak financial picture of the Great Depression forced Sacred Heart to offer fewer grades. Grades nine and 10 were eliminated by 1942.



As the economy improved, parents were better able to send their children to Sacred Heart School. Enrollment jumped from 440 in 1932 to almost 600 in 1942.

In 1955, with more than 1,100 students enrolled in grades one through eight, the parish added a ninth grade, with additional high school grades added over the next three years. Because of the burgeoning numbers, Sacred Heart instituted a new policy. Incoming first-graders were accepted only if their parents' Sunday envelope record was at least 80 percent. “Many requests had to be rejected.”

By 1961,* our **Featured Class Year**, enrollment stood at more than 1,700 in grades one through 12. Senior teachers were IHM **Sisters Rosalie** and **Rebecca** and **Mr. James Zimmerman** (who also served as dean of discipline). Mother Mary Clotilde Schrage was principal.



A non-compulsory daily Mass policy was adopted. The school's Little Theatre presented *Harvey* in May. During the June 2 honors convocation, **Howard Graf** received a Future Scientist of America award and **Ann Drouin** earned a Guy Gari Essay Contest scholarship. The 99 members of the senior class graduated June 11.

1971 was a sad year for the people of Sacred Heart. Its beloved pastor, the Rev. Raymond Clancy, died, and the parish made the difficult decision to close the school at the end of the 1970-71 school year because of mounting debt.

Sister Luanne Yocke, IHM, gave the final address to graduates, saying, “Only in eternity will we know the reason why our school had to close.”

*The Class of 1961 will hold a [reunion](#) for classes of 1959-1962 on July 22-24, 2011.

In 1961



The United States broke diplomatic relations with Cuba. The first U.S. astronaut, Navy Cmdr. Alan B. Shepard Jr., rocketed 116.5 miles up in 302-mile trip. A first-class stamp cost four cents.

East Germany erected the Berlin Wall between East and West Berlin to halt the flood of refugees.

In the World Series, the New York Yankees defeated the Cincinnati Reds four games to one. The Boston Celtics were NBA Champs, defeating the St. Louis Hawks in five games. Over in the National Hockey League, it was the Chicago Blackhawks over the Detroit Red Wings in six games to win the Stanley Cup.



Raymond Burr won an Emmy Award for Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Series (Lead) for his role in *Perry Mason*. Barbara Stanwyck, of the *Barbara Stanwyck Show*, received the Emmy for Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Series (Lead). The Outstanding Program Achievement in the Field of Humor award went to the *Jack Benny Show*.

Audrey Hepburn delighted audiences as Holly Golightly in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, but Henry Mancini emerged as the real star. He won two Oscars and four Grammy Awards for the score, which included the hit "Moon River."



Joseph Heller's, *Catch—22*, Henry Miller's *Tropic of Cancer* and J. D. Salinger, *Franny and Zooey* were published.