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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

STRIVING FOR CHRIST united in mission

hen I begin to consider, after this first year serving as the principal of Lansing Catholic High School, the length and breadth and depth of this amazing community, I am reminded of St. Paul and his affinity for running metaphors. St. Paul's abundant use of running as an example fascinates me because I don't typically think about the early Christians participating in athletics and St. Paul seemed to have failed epically in converting the Greeks of the Areopagus. Nevertheless, these verses on running call to mind the great accomplishments of our community and its members as well as inspire us to continue striving for Christ.

"[S]training forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:13b-14). Lansing Catholic has operated with a clear vision for the future, grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church, striving to serve and form young Catholics in the Diocese of Lansing consistently for the last 50 years and, God willing, for many years to come.

"Run so as to win" (1 Cor 9:24). For the past 50 years, Lansing Catholic has committed itself to excellence in academics, athletics and spiritual formation. Our community has been overwhelmingly blessed by exceptional and generous faculty members, outstanding and committed coaches, and joyful and faith-filled chaplains. Our Class of 2021 graduates reflect the varied accomplishments of so many Lansing Catholic alumni throughout our school's history.

"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith" (2 Tim 4:7). Like St. Paul, we are called to reflect on our progress in the race, to acknowledge strengths and identify areas for improvement. We end each year in celebration of all the good we have achieved through the grace of God and embrace the opportunity to grow and learn from areas where we fell short. Thankfully, we look forward to the gift of another year to continue building upon the great legacy of this school, to grow and deepen our commitment to our mission, trusting in God to lead us to the finish line.

As we join together united in mission and in Truth to embark upon another 50 years of forming young men and women into faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, I invoke an Old Testament verse: "They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar on eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint" (Is 40:31). Let us ignite great hope in the goodness of God, that He will continue to work mighty deeds and pour out abundant graces on all members of the Lansing Catholic community: past, present and future.

Ms. Krystyn Schmerbeck

Principal | Lansing Catholic High School

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"IF I HAVE SEEN FURTHER IT IS BY STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS"

~ SIR ISAAC NEWTON

This is very true as we finished our 51st year at Lansing Catholic. Our students have seen further and gone further due to the giants in their lives - teachers, coaches, and staff. This holds, as well, for Lansing Catholic High School; we stand on the shoulders of our four heritage schools — St. Mary, Resurrection, Gabriels, and O'Rafferty — true giants in their time. As classes have come back for reunions and walked the halls it is great to hear stories and recollections of people like Br. Athanasius, Sr. Jean Margaret, Mr. Booth, SAP, Mr. Schab, Mrs. Corner, Ms. Ryan and many more. We asked a few alumni to share which teachers had an impact on their life. Who was yours?

Frank Roznowski M56

St. Mary Cathedral High School

Sr. Alice Joseph taught Geometry and Trigonometry, two subjects that are difficult to teach and did so in a way that I not only did well, I also enjoyed them. She inspired me to use what I learned to become a draftsman and later an engineer for Oldsmobile. Sr. Alice Joseph was nice and mild-mannered who commanded respect. Students respected her and did not want to disappoint her.



Coach Len Lapka was a great man who taught American History as well as being the baseball and basketball coach. He led the school to a Class C state basketball championship in 1954. In the classroom he was famous for his pop quizzes, especially when it didn't really seem like he had a lesson plan for the day.

Fr. Boyer started a boys choir when I was a sophomore and picked three boys from that grade and from the junior class to sing at funerals the following year. It was a really good experience for me.

Judy Fortino R60

Resurrection High School

Sr. Thomas More, OP (seated on the left) was an example to us all about how to show the world that we were good people. She was not just a great teacher but could throw a football harder than some of the players. When we were out on the playground she would be out there with us playing football or basketball. If you had any problems she would listen to what you had to say and then would try and help. All the kids loved her because she was the best out of all the sisters.

She taught English class and helped us all understand the subject better. I remember when my uncle passed away when we went back to class all my cousins were in there with me besides Pam Palmer. Sr. Thomas More asked



why so many of us were out of class and Pam told her we were all related and we had to babysit for our mothers so they could go to the funeral. She was the first sister I saw to take an interest in our lives as students as well as our parent's lives.

teaching a way of life

Larry Schneider O67O'Rafferty High School



We've been asked to pick one favorite teacher. That's like asking a mother to identify her favorite child! We were blessed with so many outstanding teachers! Some taught just the boys and some taught just the girls. Some were traditional type; some were innovative. Some were our friends; some were mentors.

One, however, stands out among the others for many reasons, not the least of

which is that he has been a part of every class reunion since we graduated — **George Fox**. It is true, George Fox became known nation-wide as Earvin Magic Johnson's high school coach at Lansing Everett!

But he was ours first! We are so proud of that!

Most of us first met him Freshman Year in History class. Some of the boys were walking into his class when our principal went room to room to confirm the rumors flying around school – President John F. Kennedy had died moments earlier in Dallas. Mr. Fox knew how to listen and comfort— as well as teach –and this difficult day has served as a lasting testament to those characteristics.

Some of us were lucky enough to be coached by George, either in football or basketball. The O'Rafferty basketball team reached the State Semifinals in 1967 under his coaching. We lost to Menominee by a bucket. Three of our victories that year came at the expense of our beloved archrival Gabriel's.

Those who have attended our high school reunions, have always been honored to have George and his beautiful wife Theresa join us. He has always been willing to speak to us and impart his life insights with humor and kindness. Running into him at Meijer or St. Gerard or anywhere in Lansing is still a treasured delight. He knows our names and remembers us fondly! He always seems as happy to see us as much as we are to see him!

Elissa (Faggion) Greenburg G64

Gabriels High School

Ursula Klein was a rare breed when she began: a single woman who worked tirelessly as a layperson and in the Church. She was one of a kind and, in so many respects, remained one of a kind throughout her music ministry.

High school classes were special to Miss Klein. She enjoyed all ages but especially appreciated the humor, the antics, and the beauty of high school choirs, ensembles, and her "roaming robes" who visited and sang for so many civic and religious groups across the city. While the boys could distract her from the task at hand in class often, she knew how to laugh with them, enjoy their teasing and managed---not only to get them right back to work---but to garner even more respect and love from them. Her operettas, programs, liturgical involvement attracted students across the board.

She was little noted for her behind the scenes encouragement of students with a keen interest in music. It didn't matter if it was voice, orchestra, or keyboard. She provided opportunities and was always quick to praise and congratulate those students who had special musical talents and worked to enhance them.

Miss Klein made students want to be better...not just in music but in their lives.



50TH CELEBRATION

Mary (Sweeney) Gates C97

Lansing Catholic High School

Hub Waite and **Kathy Partlow** both pushed me past what I thought was my best. Each of them set very high expectations for me personally, they saw something in me, and they encouraged me to strive to lead, to work hard, and to be better - to be a better writer and a better player. Their confidence in me compelled me at first to want to do well for them, and eventually I began to own that for myself. At first it was difficult to see or hear their honest feedback (so much red ink on those papers for block class and so many



corrections in softball!) but they both showed me paths to improvement, and as long as I was on board with what needed to be done, they assured me I would not only improve and be better, I could go further than what I would have imagined. While it helped me then, it was after I completed high school classes and then softball in college that I fully realized the impact of these lessons that are still with me today.

Chad Wenzlick C07

Lansing Catholic High School

Fred Diehl had a big influence on my life as a freshman. I came from a small school and I always felt welcome and encouraged in his classroom. You could just tell he loved his students and he loved teaching math. He would go to great lengths to help all of us understand math. He made me want to be



a math teacher, he was that influential to me, the problem was I wasn't as good at math beyond Algebra 1.

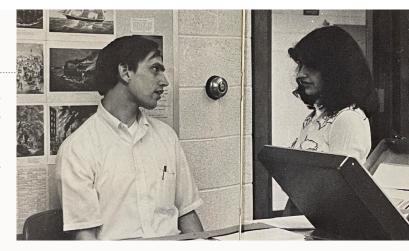
Later on I was in **Pam Neal**'s US Government class. She had that same kind of passion for what she taught and you could tell she was happy teaching every day. She rekindled that calling in me to be a teacher and uncovered that hunger for how things worked in our government and the importance of knowing history to be active and informed citizens. Every day I want to be that kind of teacher.

Lansing Catholic would like to congratulate Hub on his induction to the Greater Lansing Sports Hall of Fame on July 29. Hub's career includes playing men's fast-pitch for 20 years, and coaching football, basketball and softball for over 46 years, including 33 years of softball while at Lansing Catholic. He is a 16 time District Coach of the Year, six time Regional Coach of the Year and six time Lansing State Journal Coach of the Year. Coach Hub was inducted into the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2007.

Tom Lorenz C77

Lansing Catholic High School

The teacher that I liked the most was **Duncan Wyeth**. He was kind not only to me but to everyone. I thought his jokes were funny, but more than that, he treated everyone with understanding and respect. I could tell that he really cared about students, and he was always there when students needed him. He was a special guy, who had Cerebral Palsy; that didn't stop him from doing things, I think it helped him have a Christian attitude with everything which made him a great teacher and role model for us.



Editor's Note: Duncan Wyeth competed in and earned medals at the National & World Cerebral Palsy Games and, in 1988, the Paralympic Games in Seoul, Korea when he was named the Male Athlete of the Year by the US Olympic Committee. For a time he was also the Executive Director of the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns.



Courtney (McCormick) Lewis C06

Lansing Catholic High School

I was fortunate enough to have "block" with Mrs. **Kathy Partlow** during the 2nd/3rd hour time, and it was in this space where I really grew as a student and as a person. Mrs. Partlow knew how to push students without causing them to reach a breaking point. She went above and beyond to foster relationships with her students, and worked to create an environment within her classroom where students could thrive and also develop relationships with one another. From the musical performances created by students to explain US history, to the day she sent me flowers because I got a B+ in geometry and no longer held a 4.0 GPA (geometry is for measuring carpet, history lasts forever!), Mrs. Partlow made learning fun and really placed an emphasis on learning to expand your knowledge and think critically, rather than learning to memorize for a test or a paper. She truly was an excellent educator, but more importantly, she is a phenomenal person!

Renee (McNeil) Fischman C86 Lansing Catholic High School

I only took one class with **Fred Partlow** but he and that morality class really made me think. When he taught he spoke to us as adults and he made sure we applied what we learned to real life so that there was a connection between faith and life, not something we studied and then forgot, or things we had covered years before. Mr. Partlow was intense and got us thinking and talking and made theology come alive.

Ellen Burns was another teacher that didn't talk down to us. Ms. Burns was this wealth of knowledge about history and made it interesting so I wanted to be in her class every day.



Spencer Lebel C14

Lansing Catholic High School

I have many fond memories of sitting in the classroom chairs of Mrs. **Cathy Pike's** English courses. Her classes always seemed to act as a breaking point from the mundane routine that high school education can sometimes slip into during the day-in day-out repetitiveness of it all. Not in Mrs. Pike's classroom, that was always a place where conversation, opinion, debate and creativity reigned free.



The memory in my mind is somewhat silly, but sits well with me. It wasn't a day of any significance, another paper was due (it seems like we turned a new one in every other day). As I remember, Mrs. Pike decided to make the process a little more exciting by engaging our creativity and offering a reward for the "most creative turning in of a paper."

Never backing down from an opportunity to score a Jolly Rancher, I collected some friends - I distinctly remember Joey McKerr and Grace Larkin (and a few others) joining forces with me, and we put together a plan.

When our time came to turn in the paper, we turned Nena's "99 Red Balloons" to full blast on an iPad and performed a synchronized dance to the melodic intro of the timeliness anti-war song. It was a blast, everyone was giggling and even Mrs. Pike had to exert an effort to hold back her laughter.

When all papers were turned in, our group was rewarded with Jolly Ranchers, which tasted like sweet victory. Mrs. Pike never ran out of ways to entertain and engage her students, she pulled creativity out of us when we thought there was nothing left to give. She introduced us to entire worlds, and taught us how to understand and interpret those worlds, and our feelings and reactions to the words and stories we read.

Mrs. Pike's class is one of the greatest education experiences of my life, and sometimes when I close my eyes, I know that I can always revisit that classroom and those memories. For that, I will always be grateful to Mrs. Pike.

TIMELINE









Msg. John H. Gabriels High School, undated photo

Msgr. John W. O'Rafferty High School, 1964

Gabriels & O'Rafferty combine to become Lansing Catholic Central in 1970.

Principal Nora Wade stands next to Vice President Bush during his brief stop to Lansing Catholic Central in 1988.

Merger of Gabriels & O'Rafferty to Form Lansing Catholic Central, Grades 7-12



1977

Unipac System Dropped

Junior High Returns to Grade Schools



198



1985

1995

The First Fr. Mac Dinner



Father Mac Dinner, 1985

Annual Mission Trip Partnership With



Awarded Blue Ribbon School Honor

Principal Jim Miner accepting the

1988 Visit By Vice President George H. Bush

Diocesan Priest Assigned Again As Chaplain

1999

2000 **Lansing Catholic Begins Kairos**

Montgomery, AL Begins

Retreats For Students

LCHS Cross Logo Introduced

2004

2004 Work-A-Thon Begins, A Day Dedicated

to Serving the Community

Major Classroom Renovations Take Place

2005

2006 Current Cougar **Logo Unveiled**



Name Changed to Lansing Catholic High **School From Lansing Catholic Central** 2007

2013 **President-Principal Governance Model Adopted**

Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist Join the Staff 2014

2015

Auditorium, Music Suite Renovations

2016

St. John Paul the Great Chapel Constructed

& CAP Center Built

201

Cougar Stadium Completed

Father Mac Fields Constructed

2018

House System Adopted

NEW ALUMNI BOARD

In the mid-1980's we had an active Alumni Association. It is time to reactivate that!

This is a great opportunity to rekindle relationships, to be involved in something meaningful (the mission of Lansing Catholic), and to support our Catholic high school as needed. This year, the pandemic has made it clear that we need to stay connected with one another.

That doesn't just happen magically. We are looking for a core group of people -- roughly at least one person from every decade of Lansing Catholic and at least one person from each of our amazing heritage schools: St. Mary's, Resurrection, Gabriels, & O'Rafferty -- to become part of an

Alumni Board. This group will meet a few times each year to reinvigorate our Alumni Association and to create fun ways to build connections with our alumni.

It is not necessary for you to live in the greater-Lansing area either; we are happy to have people remote in to keep people engaged.

If you are interested, or know of someone who would be perfect for this, please contact Doug Moore by email at doug.moore@lansingcatholic.org, by phone at 517-267-2153, or by completing the Alumni Board Nomination Form at:lansingcatholic.org/alumni-and-friends/alumni-news-reunions.

Thank You!

FAREWELL TO THESE FACULTY & STAFF MEMBERS

In June we gathered as a faculty and staff to honor our colleagues who are moving on to the next chapter of their lives. We are grateful for their time with us and we pray that God will continue to bless their lives in the days and years ahead.

- Sr. Mary André, American Literature Teacher
- Cecilia Draminski, Administrative Assistant & Registrar
- **Sr. Mary Elizabeth**, Chemistry & Physics Teacher
- Fr. Paul Erickson, Chaplain
- Dan Kohler, Honors & AP Chemistry Teacher
- Larry McDonald, Food Service
- **Jean Morgan**, Development
- Liz O'Neill, British Literature Teacher
- Cathy Pike, World Literature & Speech Teacher*
- Kathy Ryan, Honors Brit Lit & AP English Teacher*
- Brian Wolcott, Athletic Director

*Retired prior to the start of 2020-2021 school but we did not have an opportunity to acknowledge them collectively as a staff.

SAVE THE DATES



Homecoming Friday Night at Cougar Stad

Friday Night at Cougar Stadium September 24, 2021



CougarFest

Adults Only at Cougar Stadium September 25, 2021



Corks + Cuisine

Our Premier Fundraising Event January 29, 2022



Fr. Mac Dinner

Dinner and Keynote Speaker
May 2, 2022



Work-A-Thon

Our Community Day of Service May 6, 2022



Cougar Classic Golf Outing Annual Golf Outing in East Lansing

June 17, 2022

KEN HINTZE NAMED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND BRIAN WOLCOTT CELEBRATES HIS RETIREMENT

PASSING THE TORCH: Long time educator and coach for the Diocese of Lansing school system, and Athletic Director of Lansing Catholic High School, Brian Wolcott, announced his retirement this year. Wolcott has been an integral part of Lansing Catholic for the last 6 years. Often admired for his hard work, commitment and dedication, Brian will be remembered for all of his contributions to our community. Wolcott will be greatly missed and filing his shoes will be a challenge.

However, his successor is certainly up to the task. Ken Hintze who has over 6 years of experience working alongside Brian Wolcott has experienced the intricacies of running a multifaceted athletic department. He brings a wholehearted commitment as the new Athletic Director to serving the students, families, and staff at Lansing Catholic as a disciple of Jesus Christ.



After graduating from Detroit Catholic Central, Ken continued his education at Michigan State University where he earned a bachelor of science degree in Athletic Training. Post college, he became Head Athletic Trainer at Lansing Catholic High School. In addition to Athletic Trainer, Ken took on a more significant role in supporting the athletic director, before permanently transitioning to the Assistant Athletic Director role in 2019. Ken lives in Lansing with his dog Tito, attends Church of the Resurrection in Lansing and will be married this October to Lauren Rabine, the Lansing Catholic Student Services Coordinator.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS AT COUGAR STADIUM

BRINGING FUTURE, PRESENT AND PAST COUGARS TOGETHER

Join us this fall on Friday nights in Cougar Stadium and enjoy the game, the marching band and all the fun that comes with being together as a community!

September 10 at 7pm vs Lansing Sexton High School September 24 at 7pm vs Ionia High School Homecoming October 1 at 7pm vs Portland High School October 15 at 7pm vs Fowlerville High School

Cougars Playing in College

Congratulations to the following seniors of 2021 on playing athletics at the next level. We wish you all the best!

Melissa Beachnau, Volleyball at Aquinas College

DJ Ferguson, Basketball at Heidelberg University

Will Gruber, Football at Hillsdale

Jake Maloney, Football at Hillsdale

Brendan Melling, Lacrosse at Hope

Joey Mooney, Lacrosse at Hope

Madeline O'Farrell, Soccer at Eastern Michigan

Jacob Smith, Lacrosse at Essex Community College (MD)

Noel Spence, Track and Field at Michigan State University



Lansing Catholic is excited to announce the beginning of Club 360, a new take on fundraising that will benefit all of our teams starting fall of 2021.

The Lansing Catholic High School Club 360 is a program whose purpose is to produce an environment that inspires student/ athletes, coaches, parents, and the community to collectively create a positive and spirited atmosphere for all athletic programs consistent with the educational philosophy of the school. Donate \$360 to your favorite sport(s) and enjoy the benefits!

BENEFITS FOR 360 MEMBERS:

- All Sports Family Pass (2 adults plus all kids) \$200 value
- Free Junior Cougar programs
- 1 complimentary Club 360 swag item
- Access to sport-specific social media page for behind the scenes content including: Hype Videos, Coaching Newsletter, Post-game Interviews
- Name recognition at the venue and in the sports program
- Additional sport-specific offerings to be determined

Visit lansingcatholic.org/club360 or contact Ken Hintze at ken.hintze@lansingcatholic.org or 517-267-2113 for more details.

FROM OUR STUDENTS



MARY

"The best thing is to be able to learn in an environment where I can express my faith and also be surrounded by good people."

ELLIANA

"The more time I spend here, the more I grow closer to my friends, new friends, and even teachers. Rodzinka is a great opportunity to become close to different grades of students, and immerse yourself into the different groups of people you will meet."

SOPHIA

"I love Lansing Catholic High School because everyone knows each other, it is challenging academically, and the teachers are great at their jobs and at getting to know students."

HASSAN

"The best thing about LCHS is the teachers. The teachers here are some of the best teachers in the area and can make challenging concepts more understandable. They also care for the students and understand how busy some of them are. They are also always there for assistance."

VIOLET

"I love the community at Lansing Catholic High School. Through the clubs, sports teams, and house system, LCHS creates a tight knit and healthy body of students that can depend on and truly trust one another."







MIRANDA

"I love Lansing Catholic High School because it not only helps me grow physically, mentally, and socially, but unlike other high schools, it helps me grow spiritually. It helps me strengthen my relationship with God, excel in my education, and to meet new people whose friendships will last forever. It also provides amazing teachers who care for their students and all the other staff. It is a welcoming environment and a beautiful community that always pushes people in it to grow and for the community to grow itself."

NIC

"It's a great community I love how you know everyone and you feel close. It's a good way to meet people like at social events. I love the people that come to the school. The teachers are amazing and help me so much. I loved having my brother here. I love going to practice with a team."

CLASS OF 2021



We are proud of our newest Lansing Catholic alumni, the Class of 2021! This class includes 115 outstanding young people who have excelled spiritually, intellectually and socially during their four years here. This class represents 18 different parishes and 21 different middle schools. They have completed 11,181 hours of service. With 34 ambassadors and 55 National Honor Society members, this class poured out extra hours of service in tutoring and event service as well. In terms of athletics, these students have witnessed or helped our school to win 27 league championships, six district championships, six regional championships as well as one state runner-up placement for Girls Golf this year and two state championships - girls cross country in 2017 and football in 2019.

CLASS OF 2021 COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES:

Albion College
Aquinas College
Ave Maria University
Belmont University
Butler University
Central Michigan University
Colorado State University

Colorado State University
Columbia College (Chicago)
Cornerstone University

Cornerstone University

DePaul University

Eastern Michigan University

École Supérieure d'Art du Nord-Pas de

Calais

Elon University

Ferris State University

Furman University
Gonzaga University

Grand Valley State University

Hampton University (VA)

Harmel Academy Heidelberg University

Hillsdale College

Hope College

nobe college

Indiana University

Kalamazoo College

Kansas State University

Kettering University

Lake Superior State University Lansing Community College

Lawrence Tech

Loyola University of Chicago

Miami University

Michigan State University

Michigan Technological University

MidMichigan College

New York Film Academy (LA)

Olivet College

Northwood University

Purdue University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Saint Mary's College

St. Louis University

Texas Christian University

University of Alabama

University of Arizona

University of Cincinnati

University of Dayton

University of Detroit Mercy

University of Illinois

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

University of Nebraska

University of Tennessee

Virginia Tech

Western Michigan University



SUMMA CUM LAUDE

GPA 3.9 — 4.0

Ryan Alexander Bennett Mia Rose Brown William David Castle Clare Elizabeth Clement Quinn Michael Dartt Brady Allen DeSmyter Anne Claire Dudley Megan Nicole Fischette Nathan Jeffrey Gmazel Emily Rene Grand Paul Andrew Gulock Stuart Daniel Hamilton Katherine Mary Heeder Nicole Juliane Hufnagel Madison Michele Kepros Jordan Daniel Kohler Ellie Grace Kooney Quinn Thomas Kuhnert Isabel Jasmine Lara Michael Alexander LeTarte Mary Elizabeth Long Sophia Rose Matias

Stephen James McCarthy Say Meh Brendan Shove Melling Nicholas Anthony Migaldi Isabel Grace Migan Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio Mumby Sutter Antonio Muzzatti Madeline Grace O'Farrell Megan Rae Pham

Connor Michael Prokop

John Everett Saxton Katelyn Christine Schroeder Sophia Maddison St. Marie Gabriel William Starr Shannon Georgia Stevens Christina Lynn Thieu Rachel Józefa Warnke Eleanor Murphy Washburn Sabrina Margaret Yousif

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

GPA 3.75 — 3.89

Bronson Matthew Abbott
Kathryn Eileen Bartold
Melissa Mary Beachnau
Kevin Thomas Biergans
Lucas Samuel Boehlert Somohano
Olivia Ingrid Brodin
Carter LeRoy Chain
Matthew David DeLuca
Maximilian Stanley Flaga
William Augustine Gruber

Cora Marie Haddad Samuel Zelley Jacobs Joseph Robert Mooney Addison Marie Puck Noel Michael Spence Samuel Ricardo Subrizi Anson Than Audrey Bernice Wichtoski

CUM LAUDE

GPA 3.5 — 3.74

Andrea Elizabeth Endres Thomas Casey Gianiodis Andrew Louis Hicks Nicklaus Patrick Jurkovic Jacob Patrick Maloney Robert Nickolas Nakfoor Kristina Elizabeth Rathbun Anthony Jose Rived James Bruce Scrimger Dominic Emmett St. Germain



DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

THEOLOGY — Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio Mumby SCIENCE — Sabrina Margaret Yousif SOCIAL STUDIES — Carter LeRoy Chain MATHEMATICS — Katherine Mary Heeder ENGLISH — Katherine Mary Heeder FRENCH — Christina Lynn Thieu SPANISH — Katherine Mary Heeder, Madeline Grace O'Farrell LATIN — Audrey Bernice Wichtoski

BAND — Isabel Jasmine Lara

ART — Ellie Grace Kooney

SPECIAL RECOGNITION & SCHOLARSHIPS

ST. GIANNA MOLLA SCHOLARSHIP — Kathryn Eileen Bartold URSULA KLEIN AWARD — Olivia Ingrid Brodin JOHN PHILIP SOUSA BAND AWARD — William David Castle TECHNOLOGY TRUST AWARD — Katelyn Christine Schroeder SERVICE DISTINCTION AWARDS — Olivia Ingrid Brodin, Clare Elizabeth Clement, Say Meh, Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio Mumby, Justin Rukundo, Katelyn Christine Schroeder, Eleanor Murphy Washburn, Sabrina Margaret Yousif

SPECIAL AWARDS

 ${\it ROB\ HECKSEL\ SERVICE\ AWARD-Eleanor\ Murphy\ Washburn,} \\ {\it Kathryn\ Eileen\ Bartold}$

ALONSO COLLAR OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC YOUTH AWARD — Noel Michael Spence

CHUCK VORCE SPIRIT AWARD — Thomas Casey Gianiodis, Alyjah Makenzie Montemayor, Sabrina Margaret Yousif PRINCIPAL'S AWARD — Janek Kyle Arthur Levandowski

FATHER WEBER EXCELLENCE AWARD

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OFFICERS

John Everett Saxton — President Sophia Maddison St. Marie — Vice President Ellie Grace Kooney — Secretary Paul Andrew Gulock — Treasurer Olivia Ingrid Brodin — Parliamentarian Quinn Thomas Kuhnert — Historian

NOTES



Jessica (Holberg) Eisma C08 received her Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from Purdue University and is currently Assistant Professor of Water Resources Engineering at the University of Texas at Arlington. She also spent time in 2020 as a visiting researcher at the Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands. She lives in Texas with her husband, R.J. and son, Isaiah.



Alexa Hecksel C15 opened a shop called Clean Refillery at 1136 S. Washington Ave. in REO Town, to help other people in the Lansing community live "low waste." Clean Refillery was created to be a springboard to help people live an eco friendly life. Alexa is a graduate of Lansing Community College. Visit www.cleanrefillery.com.



Tripp Gallagher C17 graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a degree in Cyber Operations. He was captain of the Cyber Security Team, recently winning the National Security Agency's Cyber Exercise at Fort Meade. He also won the Dr. J Phillip London Cyber Security Studies Award.

Anthony Stone C17 celebrates a graduation from the United States Naval Academy. Anthony finished his career with a 4.0 GPA, graduating with honors, and won the Class of 1912 Prize, awarded to the graduating midshipman political science major emphasizing the study of the United States government with the highest academic standing.



Ian McDowell C07 was made a Major in the US Air Force on May 9, 2021. Ian currently is a physician at AFMS Hickam 15th Medical group in Hawaii.

Patricia (Starr) Elmo O65 is three times a great-grandmother!

Quentin Abbott C17, was given the Board of Trustees award from Michigan State University for the spring semester. The Board recognizes students for earning a 4.0 GPA at the close of their last semester before graduation. Quentin is a political theory and constitutional democracy major in James Madison College. Abbott is also member of the Honors College.

HAVE NEWS TO SHARE OR MOVED RECENTLY?

Send us an update by filling out the form at: www.bit.ly/AlumProfile. Let others know what great things are happening in your life. We want to celebrate our alumni!



Perry Costello C77 will be inducted in the Greater Lansing Sports Hall of Fame on July 29. He is a 1981 graduate from the Harry Wendelstedt Umpire School. Perry's umpire career included Division I Basketball, 2008 Olympics, 1999 Pan-American Games in Winnepeg, 28 NCAA Regional, 19 Super Regionals, 8 College World Series, 29 Division I Conference Tournaments.

numerous collegiate baseball conferences, Dominican Winter Leagues and as a professional umpire from 1981-1991 for the following leagues: Pioneer-South Atlantic, Carolina, Southern, Eastern, International-American Association-MAB Spring Training.



Dave DeMarco C77 will be inducted in the Greater Lansing Sports Hall of Fame on July 29. Dave was a starter in varsity baseball and earned two varsity letters while attending Lansing Catholic. He also started in the 1976 Diamond Classic Championship vs. Waverly. Dave is the creator and host of the "Mad Dog in the Morning" live radio sports talk show on The

Game 730 AM WVFN since 2006. He has logged in over 200 live two-hour radio shows both in-station and remote; celebrity guests include Dick Butkus, Jim Brown, Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Lou Holtz, Sparky Anderson, Spencer Haywood, Larry Holmes, Donald Trump, Harmon Killebrew, Al Kaline, Marv Levy, and John Wooden. Dave has hosted the MSU parade and "Midnight Madness" at the Breslin Center for MSU basketball. He has been active in fundraising for Lansing Catholic High and St. Vincent's Home for Children over the years.



Josephine Woods C17 announced as Spring Arbor University's "Concept in Action" award winner this year. The faculty bestow this honor on one senior that they believe best embodies the mission of Spring Arbor stating, "we are confident she will be alumna that impacts the kingdom in the way she cares for her students and brings light to the world around her."



Jackson Blair C20 and Daniel Magaway C20 joined forces during the pandemic to begin Superior Clothing Company, sharing their love of Michigan and all of its unique cities, natural wonders, and its hardworking and down to earth culture through the form of clothing. www.superiorclothingcomi.com



Chris Castellani C14 joined the Barstool Sports team in May. In his words, "a dream come true." And it all started in Lansing Catholic's broadcasting class! Follow him on twitter @castellani2014.



Congratulations to **Ann-Marie Earls C06** on being named as one of Michigan Lawyers Weekly "Up & Coming Lawyers" for 2021. Ann-Marie is a partner at MLM&E Insurance Law in Huntington Woods, Michigan and is the youngest - and first female - in the firm's history.



Margaret (Martin) Costigan C72 celebrated her 40th year working at Lansing Catholic in our Food Services department. She is currently the employee with the longest tenure on staff.



Matt Darga C10 graduated from GVSU in 2014 and was married to Elizabeth in 2015. Together they have three kids: Lucy (4), Adelaide(3), Jude(1). They reside Grand Rapids.

PLANNING A CLASS REUNION?

Let our Alumni Relations Office support you in planning your festivities. Contact Doug Moore at 517-267-2153 or doug.moore@lansingcatholic.org. We may have updated contact information about classmates, can offer tours of our current facilities, and check about the possibility of a Class Mass in our St. John Paul the Great Chapel.

REUNIONS

Class of 1960 — Resurrection High School

Celebrating 60+ years! Friday, August 6 at 3:30pm at the Patriarch Park Pavilion in East Lansing with a tour at Lansing Catholic preceding for those interested. Lunch on Saturday, August 7 at 11:30am at Coral Gables. Contact Helen (Sickler) Chynoweth at gma1941@comcast.net or 517-323-9716.

Class of 1961 — St. Mary High School

Tuesday, September 14, at One North Restaurant on West Saginaw in Lansing. Time will be 2:30 to 6:30. Contact Jim Andros with questions 989-350-2666, or email at jdandros@charter.net

Class of 1970 — Gabriels High School

Mark your calendars for the "Gabriels Class of 70 turns 70 Reunion Celebration", Saturday, June 25, 2022. Eagle Eye Banquet Center Log Cabin Room. Including a golf outing earlier that day, and a Friday night meet up. For information, contact Tom Gaskin at 248-554-0799, or tgaskin@mac.com.

Class of 1981 — Lansing Catholic High School

This 40th reunion is scheduled for the weekend of October 15, 2021. Contact either Tim Hermes at 517-512-3169 or msu8E6@ outlook.com or David McCardel at 517-281-2151 or david@ mccardelmgt.com for more details.

Class of 1985 — Lansing Catholic High School

Save the date for Homecoming Weekend, September 24-26, 2021. More details forthcoming. Contact Steve Booth at 904-537-3169.



The **Resurrection/Gabriels** monthly luncheon resumed this June after a long pause due to COVID. They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at noon. Tentatively scheduled at Reno's North (16460 Old US 27, Lansing 48906).

IN MEMORIAM

Patricia Curtice G69
Kay (Eyde) Palinski R49
Jean (Haeck) Tanner R62
Mary Dalton O66
Nan Farhat C80
Judith Robel R55
John McNamara M58
Patrick Gorman R47
Elsie (McKimmy) Alger R50
Mary (Burke) Sheridan R56
Rosana (Cascarelli) Begliutti C71
Roger Fewless R62
Mary Wischmeyer R43
Mary Mapes Moans R49
Deanna (Dusseau) Lorencen M59

James Smallidge O68
Robert Arens R42
Caroline (Cherry) Brown R56
James Howland C74
James Parker R61
Joan (Hufnagel) Trierweiler M49
Catherine (Behl) Endres R61
Thomas Fox C75
William Vogel G70
Jacqueline Buysse M53
Robert Moore R60
Jennifer (Fata) Norman C90
Ellen (DeMarco) Fata R55
Phyllis (Rinehart) Laatsch R50
Margaret (Scavarda) Lounsbury R58

Peg (McManus) Cavanaugh M47 Clare (Cordes) Rademacher R55 Mary (Kuhn) York R55 Stephen Vincent R62 Margaret (Smith) O'Connor M61 Joyce (Felice) Thelen M61 Ann (Dalton) Manning R45 Lisa (Duncanson) Fata C82 Rose (Baldino) Calabrase R58

C — Lansing Catholic (Central)

 ${\rm R-Resurrection}$

M — St. Mary

G — Gabriels O — O'Rafferty

WEDDINGS



Mackenzie Mohr C10 married Michael Stolarczyk on Sept. 12, 2020 at St. John Church and Student Center in East Lansing, MI. The wedding party included Mackenzie's sisters Madison Mohr C13 and Grace Mohr C16. Former LCHS chaplain Fr. Gordon Reigle presided and an outdoor reception was held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church and School. The Stolarczyks graduated from Michigan State University and

currently reside in Ann Arbor, Mich., where Mackenzie works in marketing for Eversight—a nonprofit eye bank—and Michael is completing an anesthesiology residency at Michigan Medicine. L to R: Madison, Mackenzie, Michael, Grace.



Alana Curtin C10 and Anthony Gerbs were wed on July 17, 2020 at Holy Name Catholic Church in Nashville, TN. The couple has made their new home in the great city of Nashville.



Paul Heeder C12 and Elizabeth Hillman C12 were married June 12, 2021 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix, Michigan. The couple will reside in Petoskey, Michigan.



Patrick Brennan C03 and Lynne May were married June 5, 2020 at the Church of the Resurrection in Lansing.



On May 22, 2021 Madison Mohr C13 and Dillon Rush C13 were married at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in East Lansing.



Jordan Pearce C07 and Paul Duale were married at the Wilcox Palmer Shah Nature Preserve in Elk Rapids, MI on May 28, 2021. A number of Jordan's LCHS classmates came to celebrate the wedding. The Duale's live in Traverse City, Michigan.



Mary Szombati C10 married Warren Witchell on August 29, 2020 at St Thomas Aguinas in East Lansing. The couple now resides in Lansing.

BIRTHS



Bryce Morgan C13 and his wife, Meghan welcomed their first child, Eleanor Joyce on August 31, 2020. The Morgan family resides in Jackson.



Tyler Morgan C04 and his wife, Angela welcomed Carmella Renee on November 19, 2020. Carmella was happily greeted by her big sister, Evelyn and big brother, Ethan. The Morgan's reside in Troy, Michigan.



Matt and Tara (Bollman) Dubiel **C01** are excited to announce the birth of Theodore James Dubiel. Theodore was born on December 31, 2020.



Jarrod Becht C05 and his wife welcomed Harrison Jarrod Samuel Becht on December 28, 2020. Congratulations to the Becht family!



Peter Whaley C08 and his wife Brittany welcomed Zelie Kathleen on Friday, June 4, 2021. She joins her big brother John Paul.



Kevin Maloney C03 and wife Dany welcomed their third child and first girl on June 12, 2020. Her name is Cameron Elizabeth Maloney.



Emily (Haan) McCloskey C08 is excited to announce the birth of her daughter, Kennedy Marie McCloskey. Kennedy Joins her older brother Hayden.



Rachel (DeWitt) Hurst C07 and husband, Cutter (currently an English teacher at LCHS), were blessed with their first child, Violet, on March 23, 2021.



Jannine and Will Guyeskey C04 are thrilled that they were able to adopt Theodore McKay earlier this Spring and welcome him to their family. He is an answer to many prayers.



Staffan Boettcher C08 and his wife Julia welcomed Jameson on April 20, 2021.

Zach and Laura (DeWitt) Dubiel C10 celebrated the birth of their second son, Francis James Dubiel on August 4, 2020.

Lansing Catholic High School annually presents several awards to alumni and other community members to recognize their dedication and accomplishments.

TRIPLE A+ AWARD

This award recognizes an alumnus who continued as a student-athlete during their college career. The award presentation is during Homecoming and includes an address to the student body. Criteria to receive the awards includes participation in a minimum of 2 years in an intercollegiate athletic sport, an earned a varsity letter in that sport, completion of a four-year college program and earned a bachelor's degree.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARD

This award recognizes an alumnus who is dedicated to bringing Catholic education to their community and students as an employee of a Catholic school, church, or other religious organization. Presented during Catholic Schools Week, the recipient speaks to the student body about their call to pass on the Faith.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

This honoree receives their award at the annual Fr. Mac Dinner in recognition of their commitment to serving their community, whether Lansing Catholic or elsewhere.

FAITH IN ACTION AWARD

The recipient of this award is dedicated to a life of service and the mission of a disciple of Jesus Christ. This award is presented at the Work-a-Thon kick-off and includes an address to the student body. Active participation in service program during high school and college is a requirement for this award.

HAVE AN ALUMNI TO NOMINATE?

Contact Doug Moore at 517-267-2153 or doug.moore@lansingcatholic.org.

NEW INSPIRATION, NEW EXPERIENCE, NEW LOOK... OUR CAFETERIA TRANSFORMATION

Over the last four years, the highly anticipated Corks + Cuisine event has been the hub for our Lansing Catholic community to gather socially to share fellowship and faith in support of the mission of Lansing Catholic High School. Although the 2021 event didn't look the same due to COVID compliance regulations, the goal always remained true...help make Lansing Catholic High School the best it can be!

During this unique moment in time, the Corks + Cuisine At Home Edition event touched the generous hearts of our community and sparked another successful fundraising effort to raise over \$133,000 in support of the Cafeteria Transformation campaign.

The Cafeteria Transformation will be completed over the summer and be ready to welcome students for the 2021-22 school year. Some of the changes you can expect include:

- Unique seating arrangements including banquette type groupings, counter height bar and restaurant style lounge seating
- Comfortable dining chairs and resurfaced tables
- Bold window graphics in the seating area
- New paint and color scheme to coordinate with the prior year's Transform our Library initiative

We can't wait to show you this amazing transformation! Follow us on Facebook to keep up with LCHS and information on an open house to check out our new look.

We are extremely grateful for those families and friends who partnered with us in making Corks + Cuisine such a great success again this year. We are thankful for our event sponsors whose leadership was the driving force to move this event forward during such a challenging time and to the Planning Committee and volunteers for their hard work. They are a remarkable team whose dedication is unparalleled.



BIDDING FAREWELL



My dear friends,

It has been such an honor and privilege to serve as the chaplain for Lansing Catholic High School these past 6 years. I am so grateful to God for the blessings and the growth that I have been able to experience and am grateful to all of you for allowing me to share in your lives. I will miss all of you!

As I reflect on my time at LCHS, I am struck by how well the spiritual theme from my first year and the theme from this last year connect.

2015-16: "Do nothing out of selfishness or vainglory, but in humility regard others as more important than yourselves." (Philippians 2:3)

2020-21: "You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God." (Ephesians 2:19)

It is so often the case that our littleness can seemingly "get in the way." Our complete and utter dependence on God can be regarded as a burden or an obstacle to be overcome. But when we recognize and embrace just how small we are before Him, He is able to elevate us into what we never could become on our own. It is only through an authentic humility that an authentic greatness is possible and we become citizens of heaven and heirs to the Kingdom of God.

While I am sad to leave LCHS, I am filled with an incredible sense of hope. I truly believe that this school--this entire Lansing Catholic community--is poised for greatness, by the gift of humility and the holiness that flows through it. It is always and only this deep connection with God that allows us to form students spiritually, intellectually, and socially into faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. This is our mission, and it must not remain something we merely accomplish, but truly become who we are. Together, let us continue pursuing the Lord with courage and faith. Let us listen to His voice and follow where He leads. Let us be ever united in witness to His love and mercy. Let us be hopeful. Let us be patient. Let us be faithful. And let us be humble before Him, not as strangers, but as children of a good Father, brothers and sisters of Christ, and temples where the Holy Spirit abides.

Please know always of my love and prayers and please pray for me as I go to St. Mary Magdalen. And, as always...GO COUGARS!

Yours in Christ.

Fr. Paul Erickson

Chaplain | Lansing Catholic High School 2015-2021



June 4 saw our 16th Work-A-Thon! Grateful for time outside and away from masks, our Cougar community worked at 18 different locations, serving God and neighbors through yard work, clean-up, minor repairs, window washings, and more. We capped this beautiful day off with our final all school Mass and undergrad awards.







COMMITTED TO THE MISSION of forming faithful disciples

s we reflect on 50 years of Lansing Catholic history and 117 years of Catholic education in Lansing, one thing stands out: the people, especially our teachers, make all the difference.

A single great teacher can change a student's life. We've been blessed with excellent Catholic teachers and staff throughout our history, a handful we've been able to highlight in this issue. At a recent coffee chat, one mom shared how her son had severely struggled before arriving at Lansing Catholic. Our teachers and staff altered the trajectory of his life, and he's now working in a career he loves; she couldn't have been more thankful.

This year has provided no greater example of the willingness of our teachers and staff to sacrifice for the greater good of our children. One of the pandemic benefits was a renewed appreciation for the importance of front-line workers and especially our teachers. It's time we start treating our teachers like the heroes they are.

That's why I'm excited to announce our most ambitious Corks + Cuisine event ever! As the first step in a multi-year effort, aligned with our strategic plan, to attract and retain high-caliber teachers, this year's event will fund the construction of a much-needed, centrally located teacher lounge and collaborative workspace. It will give teachers a place to take a break from their classroom, build community with other faculty members, and a space to work in a comfortable setting. Mark your calendars and join us for the next Corks + Cuisine event, January 29, 2022 to support this important endeavor.

We read stories of Silicon Valley companies providing their employees with opulent lunch rooms stocked with incredible organic food. I recently read about several who have added full bars to boost creativity and help coders break mental blocks. These companies recognize that they must provide a space for employees to step away from their office and recharge to perform at their best.

Our teachers, who are charged with one of the most vital roles imaginable, helping to form our children, are usually scrambling from one class to the next. During their lunch break, teachers have 25 minutes to battle students racing to lunch and then wait for a microwave before returning to their classroom to eat. If they want to spend time working together, they have to sit at student desks amidst endless interruptions.

We expect a lot from our teachers and staff. If we want them to form our children effectively, we must give them the ability to take a restful break, build community, and engage with their colleagues. It's time we gave them a space to do so.

As we look back in gratitude for the people that have made Lansing Catholic what it is today, I hope you'll join me in supporting the heroic faculty and staff who continue to serve our students at Lansing Catholic today.

In Christ,

Mr. Dominic locco

President | Lansing Catholic High School

HE WHO PLANTS AND HE WHO WATERS ARE EQUAL, AND EACH SHALL RECEIVE HIS WAGES ACCORDING TO HIS LABOR. FOR WE ARE GOD'S FELLOW WORKERS; YOU ARE GOD'S FIELD, GOD'S BUILDING.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:8-9





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JOIN US FOR OUR 50 YEAR Celebration!





We are excited to announce our 50th Anniversary Celebration will take place alongside our annual Cougarfest this fall. The weekend celebration will include Homecoming Friday night, activities and gatherings for all alumni on Saturday, concluding with our Cougarfest event on Saturday evening. Follow us on social media for future updates and plans!

