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Dear Alumni & Friends,

As we come to the end of another school year at Central Catholic, I want to congratulate the Class of 2022! They have persevered in an unprecedented time, and their resiliency has positioned them for success in the next chapter of their lives. We are excited to have them join our amazing alumni and hope they always remain connected to CCHS.

I would also like to thank our teachers and staff for their dedication, patience, and flexibility throughout this school year. Central Catholic is truly blessed to have such wonderful people who believe in our mission and work hard every day to help our students succeed.

Since its formation over 100 years ago, Central Catholic has been Central To Faith. Our faith is a part of everything we do at CCHS as we work to form disciples of Christ. This issue of *Scarlet & Gray* is dedicated to that Central To Faith theme, and in our feature story, we take a closer look at the Theology department curriculum and how we partner with our students on their faith journeys.

Also in this issue, we share the story of one of our alumni who is a Franciscan Sister and how she followed her calling to educate others about God at work in the universe and about our responsibility to the environment. We also remember some of our visionary faith leaders who have helped us carry out our mission.

I pray that this summer is enjoyable and rejuvenating for you, and that you are able to take some time to relax with your family and friends. Please know that throughout the summer, Central Catholic will be hard at work as we prepare for the next school year. For the third year in a row, we will welcome a larger freshman class than we had the previous year!

We appreciate your support and your prayers as we continue to be Central To Faith.

In Christ,



Kevin F. Parkins
Head of School



ALUMNI FRANCISCAN SISTERS



Sister Rosine (Diane) Sobczak '60 has a master's degree in biology and found a way to combine her love for science with her ministry. In 1989, she attended a workshop given by Thomas Berry, a cultural historian who stressed human interdependence with the Earth and a greater sense of responsibility when it comes to the ecological and social challenges of our times. That experience led to a realization for Sister Rosine that God was calling her to work for the environment.

She eventually determined that she should carry out her call by educating others about God at work in the universe and about our planet and the environment. As a Franciscan Sister, Sister Rosine founded the Life Lab at Lourdes University in 1990, and it operated until 2012. The program was focused on our ecosystem, teaching close to 6,000 students each year about animals, plants, and insects. The Life Lab also provided teacher education workshops and worked with the University of Toledo to

help students earn credits for their Masters in Education and Environmental Science degrees.

Also in 1990, Sister Rosine and others concerned about sustaining life on Earth founded the Science Alliance for Valuing the Environment (SAVE), an environmental non-profit organization for ecology, spirituality, and sustainability. The organization addresses current local, national, and worldwide environmental issues through programs and lectures. SAVE also provides sponsor judges for the Northwest District Science Day and provides \$500 scholarships for high school seniors going to college.

Teaching others about our connection to nature and our responsibility to the environment is just another step in Sister Rosine's long teaching career, although that wasn't part of her original plan. When she began her studies at Mary Manse College in 1960, she was focused on medical technology. But she transitioned into education and then left for the Convent of the Sisters of St. Francis in Sylvania. Mother Justinian later asked her to try teaching, and she agreed.

Sister Rosine taught at St. Joseph Sylvania for one year, then left to teach in Detroit for a year, and



came back to Toledo and taught for five years at Regina Coeli and two years at Sts. Peter and Paul. She also finished her studies at Mary Manse, graduating in 1969. She went on to teach at Lourdes College/University for 45 years. She was an Associate Professor at Lourdes until 2019, including serving as Division Chair of Natural Math Science from 1983-92, as Biology Department Chair twice, and as the Life Lab Coordinator. She is now Associate Professor Emerita (retired) and still works as the SAVE Coordinator.

During her time as a student at Central Catholic, Sister Rosine was her class valedictorian,

and she was also chosen for the honor of crowning the Blessed Mother during the May Crowning ceremony. She was in the Monogram Club, Chemistry and Math Clubs, Student Council, Young Christian Adults, the Student Spiritual Committee, the Junior Council on World Affairs, and the Spanish Club. Her experiences at Central Catholic helped shape her faith. "Four years of religious education and the presence of sisters and priests helped me keep focus on what was really important in life," she said.

She also took the yearly retreats very seriously.

Every year, Central Catholic sponsored a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Consolation Shrine in Carey, Ohio. One year when Sister Rosine made the pilgrimage, she asked Mary to guide her if she was supposed to be a sister. "I think she did!" she recalled. "CCHS had many orders of sisters teaching there. I visited each convent, and the Sylvania Franciscans were my choice because I had them going back to grade school. They made an impression on me... with their

joyful spirit, their hospitality, their spirituality, etc. I felt comfortable with them."

Sister Rosine celebrated her 50th anniversary of professed religious life in 2015. She credits the Franciscans for her interest in the universe and her desire to help people understand how we are all interconnected and that we need to work together for the sake of Mother Earth.

For more information about SAVE, please visit www.sciencealliancesave.org. 🍀



Sister M. Rita Jane Radecki '57 is celebrating her 60th Jubilee in 2022. She was drawn from an early age to become either a sister or an actress, and at CCHS, she had the lead in *Call Me Madam*. She taught at St. Vincent de Paul for two years before hearing God's call and following the "happy Sylvania Franciscans" into religious life. Sister Rita Jane made her first profession in 1962 and continued teaching grades 1-8. She also worked in religious education and became a certified chaplain. Sister Rita Jane currently provides pastoral care at Rosary Care Center, volunteers her time with the sick, and ministers through music in the choir. 🍀



Sister M. Roselynn Humbert '59 is celebrating her 60th Jubilee this year. Inspired by her Sylvania Franciscan teachers at Central Catholic, as well as a field trip to visit the sisters in Sylvania, Sister Roselynn entered the community after high school and made her first vows in 1962. She was a teacher, youth minister, religious education director, and development worker. Sister Roselynn recently retired as Director of Volunteers for the community and enjoys teaching card-making classes in Sylvania. 🍀

REMEMBERING VISIONARY LEADERS

Throughout Central Catholic's more than 100 years of Catholic education, our leaders have played important roles in carrying out our mission of impacting the lives of young men and women as we create disciples of Christ. Our pastors, presidents, and heads of school have done much more than manage the daily operation of the school. Their leadership and visionary actions have helped make Central Catholic the special place that it is today.

Over the last few years, we have lost three of these leaders who were so influential in the history of our school and in the lives of our students. We take the opportunity here to remember them and thank them for their service to Central Catholic.



Rev. Gregory Hite

March 11, 1955 - October 28, 2021

Reverend Gregory R. Hite passed away on October 28, 2021, at the age of 66. He attended Gesu Elementary School and St. Francis DeSales High School (Class of 1973). He had a bachelor's degree in English and was a graduate of St. Gregory Seminary at Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati. He

studied at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, from which he received a degree in sacred theology in 1980. He completed a licentiate in sacred theology from The Catholic University of America in Washington. In 1991, he received a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Dayton.

In 1981, he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop James R. Hoffman and received his first assignment as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary's Parish in Sandusky, where he was also a full-time religion instructor, department chair, and chaplain to the high school (1981-86). From 1988-94, he was Parochial Vicar and high school principal at St. Wendelin parish in Fostoria. In 1994, he became pastor at St. Mary of the Snows Parish in Mansfield, where he also served as part-time chaplain at Mansfield Correctional Institution - a chaplaincy he continued until 1999.

From 1999-2004, Father Hite was President of Central Catholic High School. During his leadership, he developed the school's Millennium Fund, a campaign to grow the endowment funds in support of tuition assistance and faculty and staff support. His spiritual direction partly inspired three students to enter the seminary and go on to be ordained as priests in the Toledo Diocese - **Rev. Anthony Coci '05** (ordained in 2017), **Rev. Matthew Frisbee '05** (ordained in 2014), and **Rev. Michael Roemmele '02** (ordained in 2011).

Fr. Hite went on to serve as pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish from 2004-2011, and then became pastor of St. Peter's Parish in Mansfield.

During his tenure, he served as local superintendent of the school system and as a member of the College of Consultors to Bishop Daniel E. Thomas.



Fr. Hite with Fr. Matthew Frisbee and Bishop Daniel Thomas

Father Hite loved his priesthood and mentored several seminarians over the years. He was grateful for the opportunity to share his experiences of priesthood with them. He received senior status last July and was in residence at All Saints Parish in Rossford. 🍀

Rev. James E. Steinle

April 18, 1926 - May 23, 2020

Rev. James E. Steinle passed away May 23, 2020 at the age of 94. He was born in Delphos, Ohio. Fr. Steinle entered seminary training for the priesthood at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in Indiana and St. Gregory Seminary in Cincinnati, and he graduated from Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati. He served the Toledo Diocese as an Assistant or Pastor at St. Rose of Lima, Perrysburg; St. Joseph, Tiffin; St. Joseph, Sylvania; St. Paul the Apostle, Norwalk, where he was also the Principal at St. Paul Central Catholic; St. Pius X, Sycamore; Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby; St. Stephen, Attica; St. Aloysius, Republic; St. Joseph, Galion; St. John the Baptist, Delphos; Our

Lady of Mercy, Fayette; Our Lady of Fatima, Lyons and St. Bernard, New Washington.

From 1968 to 1973, Fr. Steinle was principal at Central Catholic High School. Following in the giant footsteps of the beloved Monsignor John Harrington, who was principal at CCHS for 27 years, Fr. Steinle was faced with tuition increases, an aging building, and students who wanted immediate change. His competence, enthusiasm, and dedication led him through these turbulent years.

Fr. Steinle felt students should play a larger role in organizing the school. He instituted a Black Culture Week

and rejuvenated the music program. Athletic teams continued to win championships, with the girls' program coming on especially strong under the direction of **Fran Krompak '58**. The Irish Knight spent time on Cherry Street, wrestling and baseball teams dominated their divisions, and the boys' basketball team earned the number one computer ranking in the state. Fr. Steinle appointed the first lay assistant principal, Richard Beres. Students and teachers worked together, and the family spirit was evident.

Central Catholic created the Reverend James E. Steinle Senior Leadership Award in honor of Fr. Steinle. He was a person who exhibited leadership



by example, as well as by words and programs, often without any formal recognition for himself. The award is given each year at the senior honors assembly and recognizes seniors who have demonstrated strong qualities of leadership and service, also without receiving formal recognition. 🍀



Rev. Martin Donnelly, Class of 1956

August 16, 1938 - January 27, 2019

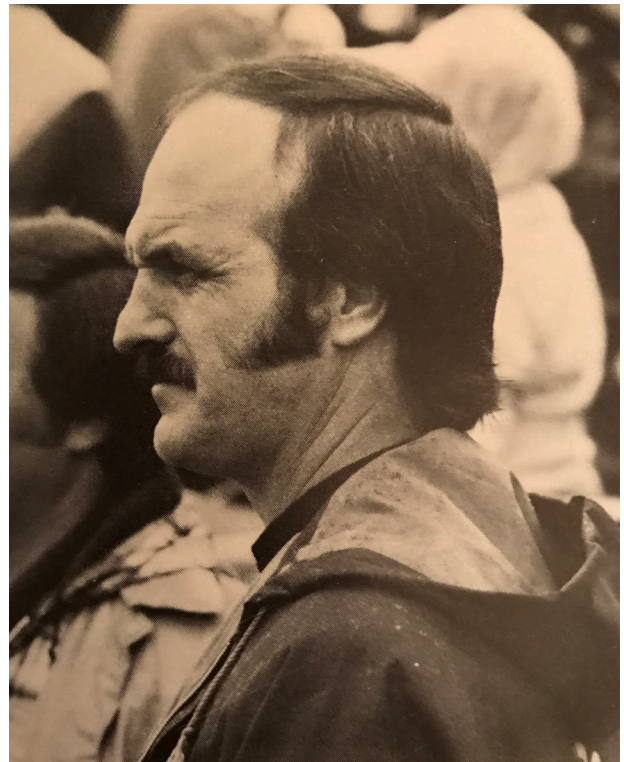
Rev. P. Martin Donnelly '56 passed away January 27, 2019, at the age of 80. He was a priest, pastor, and principal in the Catholic Diocese of Toledo. He had a bachelor's degree from St. Meinrad Seminary College and a master's of education from the University of Notre Dame. He followed his brother into the priesthood and was ordained in 1964. Early assignments were at St. Paul Parish and High School in Norwalk, Ohio, and Lima Central Catholic High School.

His last assignment, from 2005-11, was as pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, of which his parents were founding members. He enjoyed walking in the neighborhood, where he grew up and continued to live in retirement. He spent more than a decade at Central Catholic High School, starting in 1973 as assistant principal, later as principal, and then as pastor and president from 1976-87.

Under Fr. Donnelly, Central

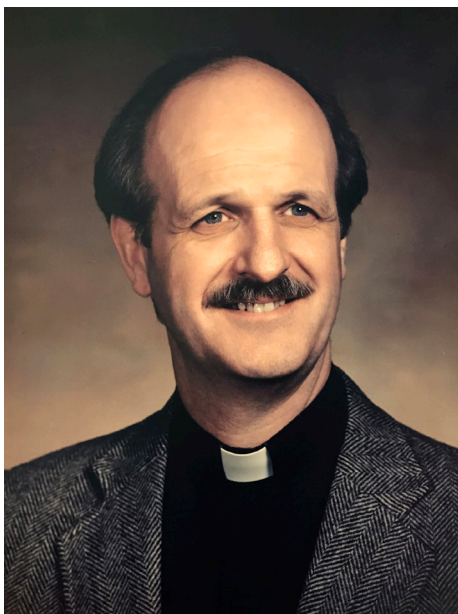
Catholic expanded its recruitment program and increased enrollment; updated the windows, heating, and ventilating systems; renovated the science labs; and continued moving into the technology age with the Catherine A. Schubert Computer room. Fr. Donnelly initiated the parish parent representative program at Central Catholic, began the Burger King tuition assistance program, and revamped the public relations, development, and alumni office. When he was appointed pastor and president, Michael Smith became our first lay principal. Boys' and girls' soccer teams were added to the Irish athletic program, and the football team and girls' basketball team played in their state championships.

After his time at CCHS, Fr. Donnelly was named pastor of two central Toledo parishes, St. Ann and St. Teresa. He oversaw the joining of the congregations - along with St. Benedict the Moor - to create St. Martin de Porres Parish, in the cathedral-style building created for St. Ann. He loved the multicultural diversity of this new parish. He had also led the



Central City Ministries of Toledo, a coalition of urban parishes and schools.

Central Catholic awards the Revs. Robert & Martin Donnelly Christian Discipleship Award in honor of Fr. Marty Donnelly and his brother, the **Very Reverend Robert Donnelly '49**. Both Bishop and Father Donnelly devoted themselves to the ongoing formation of young people into Christian Disciples as well as many Ecumenical efforts. The Donnelly Christian Discipleship Award is presented to students who exemplify the life of a Disciple of Jesus Christ - seeking to know, love, and serve God and our neighbor. 🍀





CENTRAL TO FAITH

Our Catholic identity is woven into everything we do at Central Catholic. Nowhere is this more evident than in the academic curriculum of the theology department. Theology is the mother of all disciplines and is, therefore, an integral component of the intellectual formation of all Central Catholic students. The theology curriculum at Central Catholic is an implementation of the Diocese of Toledo Course of Study for High School Theology based on the Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework developed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

All Central Catholic students are required to take four years of theology. In Theology 1, students gain a general knowledge and appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and are introduced to the mystery of Jesus Christ. For students who are not Catholic or have not had a Catholic education, Central Catholic offers the First Year Catholic Experience. This class covers the regular Theology 1 curriculum, after beginning with a brief introduction to Catholic beliefs, attitudes, and practices.

“This is something that a lot of non-Catholic families are excited

about,” said Rachael Hunyor, theology department chair. “Parents worry about their child taking a theology class with no prior background. Our goal was to set up all of our students for success in theology. It is taught by a faculty member who previously worked in youth ministry.”

During their sophomore year, CCHS students explore the redemptive work of Jesus Christ and learn more about the Church and the seven Sacraments. Theology 3 covers moral concepts and precepts, including an extensive review of Pope John Paul II’s teaching on Theology of the Body. Students also look at the vocations of married life, priestly life, and consecrated life, and how Christ calls us to live.

Theology 4 consists of Diocesan electives about Catholic social teaching with an emphasis on the care for the poor and vulnerable in society, and Ecumenism and Apologetics in which students explore how the Catholic Church relates to non-Catholic Christians as well as other religions of the world. Theology 2, 3, and 4 courses are also offered at the honors level, which requires a teacher recommendation based on a strong

foundation in English, reading, and writing. The honors students go deeper into the material, and more is expected in their assessments.

Juniors and seniors have the opportunity to take two on-campus theology courses during the school day through Lourdes University. They are the honors-level classes, Adventures in Grace: Discovering the Christian Faith in the Literature of C.S. Lewis, Flannery O’Connor, and Fyodor Dostoevsky; and How Catholic Art Saved the Faith, which are currently being taught by Central Catholic’s Priest Leader, Fr. David Kidd.

Our theology classes are academically rigorous, with a focus on critical thinking, writing, and understanding the tenets of our faith, while intentionally integrating personal spirituality through prayer, reflection, and time in our beautiful Christ the King Chapel each week. Theology teachers bring experience from master’s degrees in campus ministry and the collegiate study of philosophy.

Students have opportunities to take field trips to enhance their classroom learning. Last November, the junior class went to

the Ohio Theater to see a one-man play about the life and trials of Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first black American priest in the U.S. Every class experiences an off-campus retreat during the year, including the senior Kairos retreat, which is overnight over multiple days.

Every teacher starts class with prayer, and teachers in all subjects incorporate our Catholic identity and our faith into classes outside the theology department. "It's not unusual to hear our psychology teacher pondering the intricacies of God's creation in how He made the human brain, or for ecology class to discuss the social teaching of care for creation and the environment, or for the American Literature class to contemplate the motifs of religion in *The Grapes of Wrath*," said Morgan Delp, Dean of Academics. "Teachers of every content area also engage students in service in their classrooms, such as by writing letters to veterans in history class or participating in a food security simulation in biology class."

"We regularly integrate technology into our theology classes," added Hunyor. "We try to use things that will be relatable and engaging to the students when teaching concepts. For example,

when teaching a unit on the 5th commandment, I had my students come up with a concept for a video game that would show respect for life. Projects will often involve podcasts or videos or integrate programs such as Word Art.

"The goal is for our students to be able to transfer the teaching of the Church to real life. To show that they have mastered concepts, we will frequently integrate film, literature, and music, and ask the students to make connections from the content. I just finished a unit on the 4th Commandment, and as a closing activity the students viewed the movie *Cinderella Man* and wrote a paper making connections between the content and the movie. It is so beautiful to see them light up when they can make the connections!"

Our theology department consists of people who know the faith and live the faith. Our teachers serve the Church and world through ministry positions at their parishes, serving on advisory councils to their pastors, and running service projects at local parishes and the greater community. Central Catholic hopes to teach our students about the faith, and motivate them to go out and live what they have been taught! 🍀



Priest Leader Father David Kidd led his "How Catholic Art Saved the Faith" class at Lourdes University on a tour at Toledo Art Museum & ran into the Dominican Sisters of Mary of the Holy Eucharist in Ann Arbor.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Rooted in the Catholic tradition, Campus Ministry at Central Catholic High School accompanies all students, faculty, staff, board members, parents, and alumni on their faith journeys by providing opportunities for faith formation and spiritual wellness. These opportunities fall into the categories of pray, rest, serve, and grow.

PRAY

Daily prayer, Mass, confession, Adoration, and other opportunities to deepen prayer life.

REST

All students participate in a retreat each year with their classmates. Each retreat follows a theme and builds upon previous retreat experiences.

The freshmen retreat theme is:
Who Am I? Who is CCHS?

The sophomore retreat theme is:
Who Is My Community?

The junior retreat theme is:
Living with Purpose

And the seniors attend the Kairos retreat, which means "God's Time."

SERVE

All Central Catholic students are required to complete hours in direct service, leadership, and/or justice awareness and advocacy. They can complete their service in the classroom with teachers, on the court or field with coaches, in small mentorship groups, and inside or outside of school.

- Freshmen - 10 hours
- Sophomores - 15 hours
- Juniors - 20 hours
- Seniors - 25 hours

GROW

Participation in the Spiritual Commission student leadership team, which leads others in the areas of prayer, rest, serve and grow

Faculty and staff small faith sharing groups during Advent and Lent
Student small faith-sharing groups

The Priest Leader and the Campus Minister regularly leading student theology classes

Leadership development in worship by serving as lectors, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, and in music ministry

Opportunities for spiritual direction.



Central Catholic graduates residing in the Tampa/St. Pete's area gathered in February in Madeira Beach for an afternoon of fun and fellowship! They met with CCHS Head of School, Kevin Parkins, and Priest Leader, Fr. David Kidd, to hear about all the great things happening at their alma mater today. Thank you to **Bobbie Schroeder '62** for organizing the event! 🍀

CORRECTION

In the Fall 2021 *Scarlet & Gray*, we included an item about CCHS physics teacher, Mr. Fisher, who inspired the name of Central Catholic's yearbook, the *Centripetal*. We regret that Mr. Fisher's name was listed incorrectly. His name was Valentine Fisher, and according to the 1965 yearbook, Mr. Valentine Fisher served as a teacher at Central Catholic for 38 years. 🍀

1950s

Fran Krompak '58 was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in April. She was a pioneer for girls' basketball across the state, opening the door for other women to coach in northwest Ohio. She had a 140-25 record as the first female coach at Central Catholic, including eight Toledo City League titles, two sectional titles, two district championships, one regional championship, and one state final four appearance during her tenure from 1969-80. She also coached tennis, volleyball, and cheerleading at CCHS and served as a guidance counselor, working for a total of 42 years at her alma mater. In 1987, Fran was the first woman to be inducted into the Central Catholic Athletic Hall of Fame. She is also a member of the City League Hall of Fame, the Birmingham Hall of Fame, and the District 7 Basketball Hall of Fame. 🍀



Ericka Haney and Fran Krompak

1960s



The Class of 1962 gathered at Harpoon Harry's in Punta Gorda, Florida for a recent reunion. 🍀



Kenneth C. Martis '63 is a Professor Emeritus of Geography at West Virginia University. He attended the University of Toledo, San Diego State University, and served two years as a United States Army Military Police Officer. He received his PhD in Geography from the University of Michigan in 1976 and is the author or co-author of nine award-winning books on American elections and the United States Congress. The latest, *Atlas of the 2020 Elections*, is now available from Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. The Atlas explains the results of the 2020 elections with a series of unique maps using the illustrative power of cartography and the relevance of history and political geography. 🍀



The Class of 1961 held its Christmas luncheon at Incorvia's Bene Italiano. Attending were Diane Beach, Corinne Kobylak, Joyce Vest, Mike and Sue Alt, Ken and Arlene Kipker, Bob Moore, Bill and Ruth Flynn, Joan Keller, Dan Saad, Mary Pat and Bob Perlinski, and Kathy and Roger Sund. Thank you to Bob Moore for the Christmas spirit decorations, and a big thank you to all that contributed to Mom's House. The class held its St. Patrick's Day lunch at the Reynolds Garden Cafe and everyone got their green on! 🍀



Rick Kaifas '66 was inducted into the Toledo City League Athletic Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Citizen for his outstanding contributions and achievement in officiating basketball for 22 years. Rick worked the City League championships in both boys' and girls' basketball 16 different times! 🍀



Fr. Frank Speier '67, Pastor of St. Catherine and St. Clement Parishes in Toledo, celebrated Mass with our student body in the CCHS Sullivan Center in February. He shared a powerful message about believing in God, carrying out those beliefs in your daily life, and treating all people with love and kindness. 🍀

1970s



Tom Hojnacki '75 was ordained as a Permanent Deacon on September 18, 2021 for the Diocese of Toledo. Tom was assigned to St. Jerome Parish in Walbridge, Ohio. 🍀

These Irish graduates have remained friends since their days at CCHS, and they have been traveling to different cities to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The group consists of **Chris (Justen) Wieck '71, Deb Carcus '72, Vicki Kelley '72, Sue (Barchick) Eisel '72, Jean (Lawrence) Cullinan '72, Jeanne (Kime) Hall '72, Mary (Dunn) Mizer '72, Pat (Babka) Spear '72, Kathye Kelley '73, and Julie (Justen) Forrester '74.** 🍀

ST. PATTY'S DAY

2000 - Baltimore
 2001 - San Diego
 2002 - Savannah
 2003 - Vegas
 2004 - Chicago
 2005 - Savannah
 2006 - Key West
 2007 - New York (busted)
 2008 - San Antonio
 2009 - St. Louis
 2010 - Del Rey Beach
 2011 - San Antonio
 2012 - Boston
 2013 - Hot Springs
 2014 - Philadelphia
 2015 - Hollywood
 2016 - Cleveland
 2017 - Denver
 2018 - Cincinnati
 2019 - Kansas City
 2020 - New York City



1980s

John Bishop '84 was honored as the recipient of the 2022 CYO Basketball Paul Johnson Adult Contributor Award for his outstanding contribution and service to the CYO basketball program. While in high school and college, John worked for CYO by officiating basketball games and serving as a gym supervisor at his home parish of St. Patrick of Heatherdowns. John started coaching CYO high school basketball teams in the CYO program when he was 21 years old. He then took a break from actively coaching until his oldest child, Andrew, started playing, and he has coached multiple sports every year since then, many times



coaching multiple teams in the same season. John and his wife, Ann (who died in February 2020), have five children - **Andrew '18, Brett '20, Kevin '21, Bucky** (CCHS junior), and **Lauren** (future Irish). In addition to coaching his own children, John has coached teams on which he has no child.

John and the entire Bishop family were honored during halftime of a St. Pat's invitational tournament in March, and it was announced that the St. Patrick of Heatherdowns gym court will be named the "Bishop Family Court." 🍀

1990s

Candice (McGee) Harrison '93 became the first Black president of the Press Club of Toledo in February. The Press Club promotes the advancement of ethical journalism, invites a closer look at issues shaping journalism today, and fosters fellowship among journalists and newsmakers in business, politics, education, and the civic sector. Candice is the Corporate Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for SSOE Group and is the owner of Synergy Engagement, a strategic communications, public relations, and engagement firm. Candice graduated from the University of Toledo and earned a master's degree from Spring Arbor



University. She is the recipient of the 20 Under 40 Leadership award and a Top Community Voices Award from the United

Way. She and her husband, Brandon, live in Toledo and have two children, Tre (22) and Brooklynn (13). 🍀



Allison (Materni) Armstrong '97 was named Chief of the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department in January. Chief Armstrong is the FIRST woman to serve as Toledo's fire chief. She was originally appointed to the department in July 2000. Her promotion to Lieutenant came in 2010, to Captain in 2011, and to Battalion Chief in September 2019. Chief Armstrong earned her E.M.T.-Paramedic Certification in 2008. She holds an Associate Degree in Nursing from Owens Community College, a Bachelor of Nursing from Mercy College, and a Master of Health Informatics from the University of Cincinnati. She is also a State of Ohio Certified Fire Safety Inspector. Chief Armstrong is a member of the federally deployable Ohio-1

Disaster Medical Assistance Team, which provides medical treatment to those affected by disasters. Chief Armstrong most recently served as the Battalion Chief of the EMS Bureau. "I am excited to be a mentor to young girls and women that are interested in a career in public safety or the fire service," she said. "Specifically because I think that it helps when they see somebody like them in those positions." Chief Armstrong is married to **Michael Armstrong** '83, a retired member of the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department who served 33 years, and they have one son. 🍀



Boe Washington '97 is the founder of Athlete Depot, a performance training sports academy in Cypress, Texas (near Houston). Boe was a football player and member of the track and field team at CCHS before attending St. Joseph's College and Hampton University. He has a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and a master's in educational administration. Boe also runs the non-profit Uncle C.H.U.C. - Committed to Helping Underprivileged Children, a mentor and teaching program. ♣



Ericka Haney '98 was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in April. Ericka is the girls' basketball head coach at Central Catholic. She led the Lady Irish program to the state tournament semifinals as a player in 1998. Ericka served as Director of Player Development at the Ohio State University before returning to her alma mater. At Central Catholic, she was named First Team All-State twice, and was named Honorable Mention All-American by *USA Today* and *Street & Smith's*. Her 1,353 career points and 1,124 career rebounds are both school records. She also led the Lady Irish

volleyball team to its first state tournament appearance and was named an All-American in track. Her 100-meter hurdle time of 13.8 seconds ranked fifth in the nation, and she set school records in the 100, 200, and the 400-meter dashes. She played college basketball under coach Muffet McGraw at the University of Notre Dame, helping the program win its first national championship in 2001. She was drafted by the WNBA's Detroit Shock in 2002 and briefly played professionally in Sweden later that year. She was inducted into the Central Catholic High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008. ♣

2000s

Mallory (Strall) Jesko '06 was inducted into the Toledo City Athletic League Hall of Fame on November 1. She was a three-sport standout at Central Catholic, competing in volleyball, basketball, and softball for the Fighting Irish. The 2005 CCHS Homecoming Queen was selected All-City in volleyball and softball as a senior, as well as All-Academic in all three sports. Following graduation, Mallory played volleyball at the University of Toledo, earning varsity letters in 2008 and 2009. ♣





Alisha Wielfaert '01 published her first book *Little Failures: Learning to Build our Resilience through Everyday Setbacks, Challenges, and Obstacles* in May through New Degree Press. For more information about the book and how to purchase it, please visit www.yokeandabundance.com/littlefailures. 🍀

Jermain Pettis '00 was the keynote speaker at the 30th annual Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast on January 15. During his speech, Jermain credited Central Catholic High



School with his success. Dr. King was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and over the last three decades, the local Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter has provided nearly \$200,000 in scholarships to area young men at the breakfast. Jermain was the recipient of this scholarship in 2000 and went on to graduate from the Ohio State University College of Business in 2004. Jermain has worked in the banking business for 21 years and was recently named the Senior Vice President of Community Development and Lending for the Georgia Banking Company. Jermain lives in Atlanta, Georgia with his 4-year-old daughter Ryann. 🍀

2010s



In January, **Sydni Harmon '13** began working as the college and career advisor at Central Catholic High School. She works with college and career bound students by guiding them through the application process, communicating with colleges and universities, organizing college and career fairs, and working with students and parents on post-graduation plans. Sydni earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Denison University and a master's degree in education-student affairs from Iowa State

University. "It is such an honor to be back at Central Catholic to help prepare students as they look forward to their next steps in life," she said. "Central Catholic played a major role in shaping me into who I am today, and I am grateful to be able to give back to this school by helping guide and mentor students from so many different backgrounds. It's a great feeling to be in a career field I am passionate about, and to be serving students in a very positive and uplifting community such as Central Catholic." 🍀



Max Boyle '14 will open the kickoff concert for the Dana LPGA Open on August 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Huntington Center. He will be followed by northwest Ohio sibling trio Girl Named Tom. Max competed on NBC's *The Voice* in 2019, and Girl Named Tom won the top prize on the show last December. All proceeds from the concert will be distributed among 19 Toledo-area children's charities. Tickets are on sale at Ticketmaster and GirlNamedTom.com. 🍀



worked in development and construction project management roles over the last four years. **Tim Pedro '74** is the Oregon Economic Development Foundation board president. 🍀

Alec Thompson '16 has joined the Oregon Economic Development Foundation as the executive director. In this role, Alec will be responsible for the development, recommendation, and implementation of policies, programs, and procedures which lead toward the accomplishment of goals and objectives associated with economic health and vitality of the area. Alec graduated from the University of Toledo construction engineering technology program and has



Benjamin "Obi" Ogbonna '17 is in his last semester at the University of Toledo, majoring in bioengineering with a minor in chemistry and concentration in pre-med. After he graduates, he will be working in a prestigious research role at GE Healthcare before going to medical school. 🍀



Congratulations to **Simone Green '19** for becoming the first student-athlete in the history of the University of Findlay women's track and field program to eclipse the 12-meter mark in the triple jump! A junior at UF, Simone reached a distance of 12.02m (39' 5.25") at the Findlay Alumni Classic on January 29, shattering the previous mark of 11.98m, a record which had stood since 1994. Simone's jump also set a new Great Midwest Athletic Conference record, breaking her own mark of 11.83m set earlier this season. Simone, who captured a league title in the long jump in the spring of 2021, now owns the top three jumps in G-MAC history. 🍀

Halli Toland '13 Appears in Spielberg's *West Side Story*

Halli Toland '13 appears as a Jet Girl named Sweden in the Steven Spielberg adaptation of the musical *West Side Story*. She is a dancer in the "Dance at the Gym" scene of the movie. "It's one dance number in the film, but I still feel blessed to be a small part of it," Halli said.

Halli majored in musical theater at the University of Michigan. After graduation, she moved to New York and went directly to performing on Broadway, appearing in *Carousel*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and *Cats*.

When Halli was a student at Central Catholic, she played a crow in *The Wizard of Oz*, and had lead roles in *Pajama Game* and *Anything Goes*. She has visited the school several times to talk to current students because she is very grateful to CCHS and says she would never have made it to where she is today without the experiences she had in high school.

She spoke with Central Catholic's Glee Club students after filming *West Side Story* in Brooklyn. She told them about the process of auditioning for roles, explained a variety of theater terms, and gave advice about theater protocols, rehearsing, and choosing the best path to follow your interests and have success.

During rehearsal for *Carousel* on Broadway in 2018, Halli and the other dancers in that show were invited by their choreographer to try out some choreography for a new show. They did not realize that their choreographer, Justin Peck, was working for Steven Spielberg and

that the show was *West Side Story*.

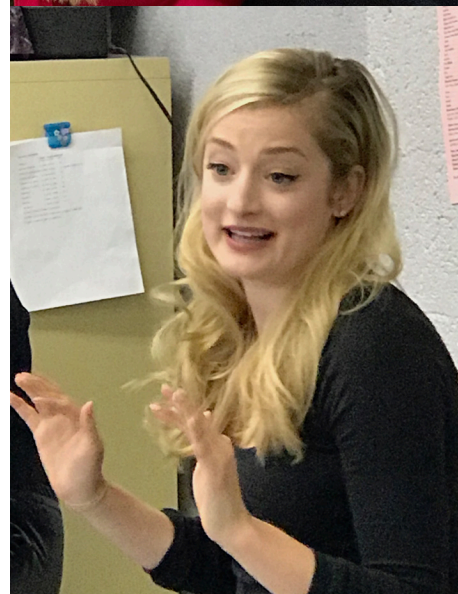
After that "audition," Halli was one of the dancers chosen for the film, and she said working with Steven Spielberg was cool, fun, and very educational. "I was able to interact with Spielberg when the other dancers and I filmed a take, and he would invite us to watch a playback of the scene so we could see how everything worked," she explained. "He was kind and I learned so much from him. I couldn't believe I was able to spend time with such a legend."

Going forward, Halli would like to continue doing television, film, and Broadway; teaching; and volunteering at children's hospitals, doing music therapy with patients. She is also willing to return to Central Catholic whenever she is able.

"Central Catholic means the world to me," she said. "It's been one of my favorite places on the planet since the day my older sister, **Nikki Toland '08**, enrolled. Nothing beats the spirit and the heart of that school. It taught me so much as a human being and gave me so many leadership opportunities, especially creative ones. Mrs. Barrow, my Glee Club teacher, was one person who really encouraged me to go to college for musical theater and pursue this as a career. I am so grateful to her. I had so many opportunities to perform at CCHS, in addition to a great education that helped me obtain academic scholarships. I made lasting friendships and I cherish every memory I have." 🍀



Photo courtesy of the Toledo Blade.





Gary Thompson, Chair of Central Catholic's Board of Directors, recently received the Mary Jo Hanover Award, a national award from the Industrial Asset Management Council (IAMC). The award honors economic developers for outstanding service to IAMC, contributions to the industry, and exemplary character. IAMC is an industrial and manufacturing real estate

trade association that offers professional development and networking for its members. Gary is Executive Vice President and Northwest Ohio Director of Regional Growth Partnership - JobsOhio. His father and his three sons are CCHS graduates or current students - **Jerry Thompson '60, Alec Thompson '16, Owen Thompson '21** (Salutatorian), and **Evan Thompson '23**. 🍀

CCHS Yearbooks and Memorabilia Wanted

If you have any of your old Central Catholic yearbooks that you no longer want, or if a family member or friend has passed away and you don't know what to do with their CCHS yearbooks, we would be happy to take them off your hands.

If you have any other Central Catholic memorabilia, such as athletic or musical programs, photographs, school newspapers, etc. that you do not want to hold onto, please do not throw them away! We would appreciate it if you donated them back to Central Catholic High School.

Please contact Alumni Coordinator, **Jim Olsen**, at jolsen@centralcatholic.org or 419-266-4422 for more information. Thank you! 🍀



Axe Inducted into Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame

At the boys' basketball state championship semifinals in Dayton, Ohio on March 18, **Bill Axe** was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame for lifetime achievement in basketball coaching. Bill worked at Central Catholic from 1978 to 2014, serving as an English teacher, head boys' basketball coach (1978-1992), assistant principal and athletic director (26 years). He is currently supervising student teachers for BGSU. Bill is pictured here with his wife, Kim, and their son, **Caleb Axe '11**. Their other son, BJ, was working at the WNIT and cheering on the Rockets when the presentation was made. 🍀



UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS



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The Office of Institutional Advancement can help with your reunion plans. Please contact **Jim Olsen** at jolsen@centralcatholic.org or call **(419) 266-4422** for reunion updates and planning assistance.

The following classes have their reunions coming up this year:

- 1957** August 12, 2022 - Picnic at Olander Park
- 1962** September 16, 2022 - Tailgate Party and Football Game at CCHS
September 17 - Reunion Celebration
September 18 - Breakfast and Tour at Central Catholic
- 1966** September 29, 2022 - Afternoon Luncheon
September 30 - Golf Outing, Tailgate Party, After-Game Gathering at Dirty Bird
October 1 - Reunion at Pinnacle
- 1971** September 16, 2022 - Tailgate
September 17 - Reunion at Brandywine Country Club
- 1972** August 26, 2022
- 1977** July 23, 2022 - Reunion at Brandywine Country Club
- 2002** June 25, 2022 - Tour of Central Catholic, River Cruise, Reunion at Maumee Bay Brewing Co.
- TBD** 1959, 1960, 1982, 1992, 2012



Class of 1961 Donation

Several members of the Class of 1961 toured Central Catholic on April 27. They visited classrooms, the main office, the gym, Christ the King Chapel, the Moon Room, and Gallagher Stadium. They even enjoyed lunch in the cafeteria.

At the end of their tour, they presented a class gift to Central Catholic in the amount of \$905. This is the letter they wrote that accompanied their gift:

Photo courtesy of Clement Cybulski, Class of '61. Pictured are class representatives on the tour (L to R): Clement Cybulski, Corrine Kobylak, Ruth Browning, Mike Alt, and tour guide Jim Olsen, CCHS Alumni Coordinator.

"Dear Central Catholic High School Administration, Faculty, and Staff,

We, the Class of 1961, want you to know that we have never and will never forget you. You continue to live in our minds, bodies, and hearts. That is the reason for us being here today. We want to take a walk back in time through the halls, classrooms, the cafeteria, and our beloved chapel. We will be reliving the four years we were here for our high school education.

You have given each of us the gift of how to live our lives through our faith and education. We obviously enjoyed our time here at Central Catholic, not only the subjects we learned, but the friends we made, the pep rallies, sports events, musicals, and the various clubs. All these things made up the great education you gave us.

We are here today, not only for our tour of Central Catholic, but also to show our appreciation for all you gave to us, the Central Catholic Class of 1961.

Please accept our gift to you in the amount of \$905.00.

Again, the Class of 1961 thanks you."

GIVING SPOTLIGHT

Barbara (Krall) Mayer 1950 & Dr. James Mayer 1949



In December, Central Catholic received a letter from **Barbara (Krall) Mayer '50** and her husband, **Dr. James Mayer '49**, along with a \$200 donation to the Annual Fund. In the letter, Barbara indicated that she felt the need to give back to Central Catholic High School for helping her decide on her career and giving her a great start to her success. She gave us permission to share her letter here:

“In June of 1946, I graduated from St. Louis grade school. I thought I was headed to Waite High School just a few blocks from our home. My mom and dad with six children felt they could not afford Central at \$50 a year. That is when Fr. Ignatius Kelly (pastor of St. Louis) and Fr.

Harrington (principal of Central) thought I should go to Central Catholic. At that time, I was studying voice and thought I was a good prospect for the Glee Club. They offered me a \$200 scholarship for four years. Of course I was thrilled, excited, and accepted the offer!

“I was fortunate enough my sophomore year to get the sub-lead in *The Firefly*, my junior year the lead in *The Chimes of Normandy*, and my senior year, the part of Sylvia, in *Sweethearts*. I feel the need to thank Central Catholic again, and at least pay back the \$200. In today’s world, that would pay back about two days of school! But it gave me a chance to decide on a career to pursue.

“In 1952, morning TV opened up for viewing.

Until then, it didn’t go on the air until noon. I spent over five years with WSPD TV Channel 13 in Toledo, from 1952 to August of 1956. In 1956, I was married to James Mayer, a Centralite from 1949, who was a student at OSU dental school. I spent two years at WBNS TV, singing and doing commercial work.

“Thank you Central Catholic for giving me a great start, doing what I loved!”

When we contacted Barbara about sharing her letter, she explained that even though it has been many years since her Central Catholic experience, she never forgot how much it meant to her. She always planned to pay back what she was given, and hopefully make a difference to a student today.

Many of our students rely on scholarships and tuition assistance to attend Central Catholic to experience the outstanding Catholic education that would otherwise be out of their financial reach. If you are interested in impacting our future leaders, please

consider a gift to Central Catholic High School.

There are many ways that you can contribute. You can donate through the secure online giving page of our website at centralcatholic.org/support if you’d like to give to our Annual Fund or make a memorial gift.

If you’d like to set up a scholarship, please contact me, Eric Stockard, at (419) 255-2280, ext. 1057 or email estockard@centralcatholic.org. I can also help you donate to a specific Central Catholic program or department, make a planned gift, or include Central Catholic in your will.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity. Please know that you are in our prayers, and we are grateful for your partnership in our important mission. 🍀



By Eric Stockard '75, Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Scholarship Gala is a Great Success

The total is in from Central Catholic's 30th annual scholarship gala, *Monte Carlo Night*, on March 19 at the Pinnacle in Maumee. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our event. Your generosity helped us raise **\$375,000** for the student scholarship fund!

We appreciate the hands-on dedication of our honorary chairs, **Andrew Grombacher '87** and **Lynn (Speweik) Grombacher '88**. Thank you as well as to our general chair, **Shelly Seymour '89**, and more than 50 student ambassadors who helped with the event and talked to guests about their experiences at Central Catholic. We are also grateful to the presenting sponsors, the Grombacher Family and Mercy Health, and our additional event sponsors: Bill and Cathy Carroll, Signature Bank, Luken T. Boyle Campaign for Kindness, Perrysburg Auto Mall, Gary and Dawn Thompson, Campbell Mechanical Services, Habitec Security, Jennite Paving &

Sealing, Romanoff Group, Savage & Associates, TDC, The Andersons, William Vaughn Company, Hafner Florist, and Mike and Cindy Holmes.

Guests enjoyed a walk down the red carpet, an elegant dinner, a performance by the Central Catholic Glee Club, gaming tables with raffle prizes, NCAA basketball games and squares, and an online silent auction, which included an emerald and diamond choker necklace valued at \$750, a two-hour cruise on a 75-foot Hatteras, and a Notre Dame football package. A card raffle included 12 bottles of wine from Bob Savage's wine cellar, a pendant from Joseph Licata Jewelers and Alan Miller Jewelers valued at \$750, and a diamond bracelet from J. Foster Jewelers valued at \$699.

The winner of the seven-day, six-night stay for two at the luxurious Makai Club Resort in Kauai, Hawaii was announced at the end of the evening. **Michael Walz '92** of Hampstead, NC was



Michael Walz '92 is ready for his trip to Hawaii!

the big winner of the trip, which includes accommodations and airfare through a Delta Airlines voucher and is valued at more than \$5,000. 🍀



Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts New Members

Central Catholic inducted seven individual members and two teams into its Athletic Hall of Fame on April 4 at Parkway Place in Maumee.

This was the 37th class to be inducted into the CCHS Athletic Hall of Fame. The first inductee was Frank Gilhooley, Class of 1942, in 1981.

This Year's Inductees:

Kyle Burkhardt, 2010	1989 Baseball Team
Brianna Jones, 2009	2009 Girls' Tennis Team
Emma Kertesz, 2008	Citizens Award - Steve Scarbrough, 1984 (Posthumous)
Matt Kregel, 1987	Coach's Award - Jim Welling
David Pickerel, 2009	



NEWS ON CAMPUS

CCHS Joins Catholic High School League

Central Catholic High School joined Notre Dame Academy, St. Francis de Sales, St. John's Jesuit, and St. Ursula Academy as new members of the Detroit-based Catholic High School League (CHSL) on March 22. Membership will begin with the fall sports season of the 2023-24 school year.

The announcement followed months of discussion between the largest Catholic sports league and the five schools, all located within the Diocese of Toledo. The schools each signaled their interest in letters to the CHSL formally requesting membership, and the request was approved by the board of the CHSL.

Beginning in the fall of 2023, student athletes at the Toledo schools will be eligible to compete in CHSL championships in all 30 sports overseen by the league.



Left to Right: CCHS Head of School Kevin Parkins; CHSL Director Vic Michaels; CCHS Athletics Director Greg Dempsey

All five Toledo schools were previously members of the Three Rivers Athletic Conference, which is disbanding next year.

The Catholic High School League is the largest Catholic sports league in the U.S. with 27 private high schools located throughout southeast Michigan and expanding

into northwest Ohio. The addition of the Toledo schools will bring that total to 32 school communities. 🍀



Music Department Presents 93rd Spring Musical!

The Central Catholic music department presented its 93rd spring musical - *Kiss Me, Kate* - at the Valentine Theatre May 6-8. This year's production marked 20 years of performances at the downtown Toledo location. 🍀



Central Catholic Repeats as Best Private School

Central Catholic High School has repeated the honor of being named “Best Private School” in Northwest Ohio in the *Toledo City Paper’s* Best of Toledo 2021. Readers of the *Toledo City Paper* voted for their favorites in categories that

included shops, services, professionals, health and wellness, food, art, media, music, and community. This was the 22nd year the newspaper has been running this contest, and they had hundreds of thousands of votes across 250 categories for 2021.

Central Catholic is honored to have been chosen by the community for this distinction after being voted the “Best Private School” in Northwest Ohio for 2020. The school was also named “Best Private High School” in last year’s inaugural Blade’s Readers’ Choice Awards.

“CCHS is thrilled to be announced as the back-to-back recipient of the ‘Best Private School’ in NW Ohio,” Head of School Kevin Parkins said. “This recognition would not be possible without the amazing work of our faculty, staff, and administration. Each day, they help create a special place on Cherry Street!”

“It is a great honor for Central Catholic to be recognized by *Toledo City Paper* as our region’s Best Private School, especially in back-to-back years,” said Central Catholic Board Chairman, Gary Thompson. “I think the designation is a testament to the work our students, teachers, faculty, and staff do every day toward academic achievement, faith formation, artistic expression, and athletic competition. Central Catholic is a special place on Cherry Street and proud to be a Toledo institution serving the educational needs of our region for over 100 years.” 🍀



Students Receive Award Honoring Mr. Joe Rozanski

Central Catholic juniors **Ty’Waun Clark**, **Ashley Cutcher**, **Kamari Devalt**, and **Shaleah Page** were presented with the Joseph Rozanski Shamrock Shop Award. This award honors Joseph Rozanski, who taught U.S. Government at Central Catholic High School for over 40 years and managed the Shamrock Shop. Joe passed away October 20, 2020.

A group of former Central Catholic employees who worked with Joe created the certificate to celebrate students who demonstrate a positive attitude and

love for Central Catholic High School similar to Joe’s. The criteria for selection include academic success in U.S. Government, a good sense of humor, great self-esteem, a big heart, and a commitment to Central Catholic’s mission. Each student is awarded a \$50 gift certificate to be used at the Shamrock Shop.

The former employees who donated funds for the award are: Teri Mortemore, Ron Pilatowski, David Schetzle, and Mary Lou Snyder. 🍀

IN MEMORIAM

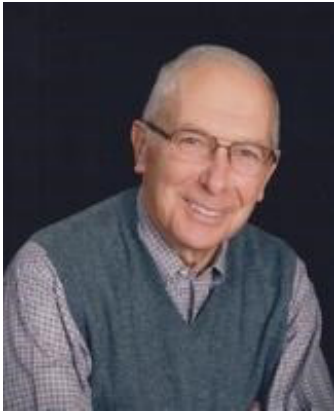
Alumni

Charles J. Kehres '35	Christine (Zawacki) Jarosz '52	Kathleen A. Duffy '59	Mary Anne (Seitz) Nichols '65
Marie (Haas) Brannan '38	Sandra (Dusseau) McGaffey '52	John Pantanella '59	Dr. James Hermann '67
Joseph A. Dollman '38	Peter A. Claus '53	Dennis E. Wales '59	John M. Best, Jr. '68
Raymond J. Szymanski '42	Albert C. Lister '53	Merrily (Grana) Jones '60	Shirley (Helminiak) Bourquin '68
George L. Drewyor '43	Charles A. Sullivan '53	Sandra (Holtgrieve) Matzinger '60	Richard "Rick" Eggers, Jr. '68
Paul B. Hood '45	Margaret "Peggy" Bicanovsky '54	Howard "Corky" Russell '60	Linda (Soldner) Fink '68
James B. Kesting '45	John "Fred" Cassidy '54	Sr. Mary Jon Wagner, OSF '60	Christine (Warner) Held '68
Mary Jane (Gilmore) Delp '46	Robert J. Davis '55	Diana (Linehan) Irwin '61	Joseph W. Wachowiak '68
Joanne C. Moore (Sister Mary Gilbert) '46	Patricia (Koberstein) Jaeger-Herman '55	Sue Straub '61	Thomas R. Nawrocki '69
Mary (Ray) Rossler '46	Thomas H. Newton '55	Joseph J. Czop '62	Michael J. Pawlicki '69
Frank G. Baumgartner '47	William A. Van Horn '55	Rev. Raymond A. Fisher '62	James A. Reichert '69
Rev. Daniel G. Gambet, OSFS '47	Rita (Goetz) Wehrle '55	Diane (Hitchings) Okorowski '62	Karen (Bocian) Bates '70
Patricia (King) Swartz '47	Charlotte (Okonski) Zawodny '55	Kathryn (Timiney) Wager '62	Debra A. Lewandowski '70
Dorothy (Lewandowski) White '47	Marion (Zankl) Boehm '56	John H. Chmielowicz '63	Kenneth Rahm '73
Sister Annette (Jeanette) Langenderfer '48	Donald J. West '56	Theodore "Ted" DeChristopher '63	Christopher V. Kreft '74
Nancy (Filipiak) Myers '48	Donald E. Beutler '57	Maurice "Mickey" Farmer Jr. '63	Lawrence R. Horne '76
John L. "Jack" Binder '50	Mary J. Gospodarek '57	John M. Piotrowski '63	Sharon (Emahiser) Turner '77
Norma (Deimling) Burdette '50	Marguerite (Milka) Czarnecki '58	John J. Ross '63	Sean P. O'Mara '88
Lucy (Ferrara) Raftery '50	Kenneth "Buzz" Fournier '58	Terry L. Kinzel '64	Erin L. Weiner '95
Arline (Karnikowski) Boes '51	Jean (Koberstein) Hohanadel '58	Daniel F. Welch '64	Matthew C. Juette '01
Eugene "Casey" Superczynski '51	Sharon (Zaborowski) Jaworski '59	Marcia (Wojcik) Mullins '65	Deidra A. Lizcano '02
Patrick J. Hendricks '52			Raysean "Ray" Autry '05
			William R. Gergich, Jr. '09

Friends

John R. Algee III	Bruce Douglas	Charles J. Kowalski	Brenda Solon	Charles R. Tooman
Wayne L. Domitio	Dr. Mikell Lynne Hedley	Robert J. Niedzielski, Sr.	Brian J. Thabit	Daniel J. Wagner

IN MEMORIAM



Charles A. Sullivan **Class of 1953** **1935-2021**

Charles A. Sullivan will be remembered for his philanthropic spirit. He and his wife, Jackie, were responsible for the major, lead gift to build the state-of-the-art Sullivan Center at Central Catholic that is used for school Masses and activities, athletic contests, and community events.

What fewer people realize is how much Mr. Sullivan supported Central Catholic students academically. For over 20 years, the Sullivan Scholarship Fund has helped top students to attend Central Catholic High School. Mr. Sullivan created the scholarship in honor of his parents, Arthur and Eleanor Sullivan, as

a way to continue the academic excellence that is a tradition at Central Catholic.

Chuck began his career in the financial sector of Price Waterhouse and quickly rose within its ranks. He President of Seven-Up in Indiana and later served as President of Canada Dry-New England. He was recruited to join American Bakeries and four years later he was made President of all American Bakeries operations.

Chuck later became CEO and then Chairman of Interstate Bakeries Corporation, which he took public. During his tenure, Interstate Bakeries (Wonder Bread and Hostess Cake) was listed on the Fortune 500 and became the largest baking company in the United States.

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; his four sons, two daughters, and two step-sons, and a great-granddaughter.

We would like to thank Mr. Sullivan for his gifts and the opportunities he has provided to the students of Central Catholic High School and to the Irish community. 🍀



Daniel F. Welch **Class of 1964** **1946-2021**

Daniel Welch, a music teacher at Central Catholic High School and assistant band director under his mentor, **Jerry DePrisco '45**, died unexpectedly December 9, 2021 in his South Toledo home at the age of 74.

Dan was a versatile musician and vocalist who performed with big bands and combos across the

region. He also taught in the Toledo Public Schools, was choir director at Waite High School, and directed the Toledo Youth Jazz Ensemble.

Dan played classic rock with the Watermelon Men, polka music with Bob Zielinski and the King's Men, and he played for dances, parties, and events with his own group, the Weekenders. He was president of Local 15-286, the Professional Musicians of Northwest Ohio.

Dan had a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Toledo and master's degrees in music education and automotive engineering. For several years, he was a quality control engineer for an automotive supplier.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters, a sister, and eight grandchildren. 🍀

John R. Algee III *Former Central Catholic Theology Teacher*

Deacon John R. Algee III passed away April 5, 2022 after a long illness. He was a theology teacher at Central Catholic from 1993 to 2004. Two of his sons are CCHS alumni - **John Algee IV '96** (deceased) and **Josh Algee '01**. John leaves behind his wife, Mary Algee, seven children, nine grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. 🍀



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Vision

We envision a community of disciples who are rooted in the Gospel, motivated by a lifelong pursuit of knowledge, and inspired to transform the world.

Mission

Central Catholic High School, a diverse learning community rooted in Catholic tradition, prepares students to excel academically, grow socially, and mature spiritually.

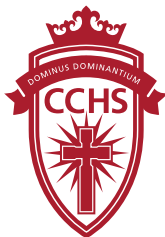
Alma Mater

We love you, Alma Mater,
We always will be true,
With Mary ever guarding
Your doors with mantle blue.
We're thankful for your light so bright
That helps us on our way.
Your spirit leads us onward
With banners red and gray.
We'll cherish you forever
And love you Central High.
All praise to you, our Mother,
We love you, Central High.

Fight Song

Cheer, cheer for old Central High,
Let to the winds her banners will fly,
Send a volley from on high,
Shake down the thunder from the sky.
What though the odds be great or small,
Old Central High will win over all,
While her loyal sons and daughters March on to victory...
Rah! Rah! Rah!





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