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CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCARLET & GRAY

**Annual Report** 

# Your Spirit Leads Us Onward





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Dear Alumni and Friends,

"Your spirit leads us onward..."

In the spring issue of the Scarlet & Gray, I wrote about the challenges Central Catholic has faced as a school and as a community throughout our 100-year history. While COVID-19 has certainly been a great challenge, our Irish Family continues to face it together. That line from our Alma Mater really says it all - the spirit of our students, families, alumni, and friends is what keeps us moving forward.

We are very happy to have our students back on campus and learning in person this school year. Of course, things do look a little different around the school, and some of our activities need to be altered to follow social distancing protocols, but we've continued to focus on faith formation and spiritual wellness, first by holding weekly Mass online, and now by providing two Masses each week to accommodate everyone in a responsible way.

I am so proud of our students and families for making many adjustments and of our faculty and staff for their commitment to providing a safe and effective learning environment.

We are also very excited that the freshman class is the largest class on campus at Central Catholic, which tells me that we are heading in the right direction as we move into our next century.

In this issue, you will read stories about some of our alumni in the medical field who have been working on the frontlines during this pandemic. You will also learn about our recent alumni who have been ordained to the priesthood. These stories represent a small fraction of the sacrifices and service to our communities our amazing alumni provide each day.

This issue also contains Central Catholic's annual report of revenue, expenses, and donations for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you, our alumni, friends, and supporters. Despite these trying times, you have kept Central Catholic a charitable priority. We are so grateful to you for your generosity, especially during such a difficult time in our country's history.

Please know that you are in our prayers! We have accomplished a lot in our last 100 years with the blessing and support of our Irish community. The next century looks even brighter!

In Christ,

Kevin F. Parkins Head of School





Greetings in Christ! What a year!

This past year has been a difficult one for all of us. We've been dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, which has affected nearly every aspect of our everyday lives. And we have faced unrest and injustice in our country.



But we continue to move forward in our mission to educate students in the Catholic faith. It's amazing to see the way our students and the Irish community come together to support each other in these difficult times. We are getting through it with grace and grit. But this only works with your generosity, and we are so grateful for you.

Central Catholic is blessed to have amazing alumni and friends. We appreciate everyone who believes in our mission and wants to help us educate the next generation of leaders. Whether you support us financially or through prayer, you are making a difference.

Please know of my prayers for you! Please keep our students, families, faculty, staff, and alumni in your prayers as well.

Our Lady Queen of Victory, pray for us! St. Joseph, our Protector, pray for us!

In Christ through Mary,

Rev. DaviRD. Kilp

Rev. David Kidd Priest Leader

# **Central Catholic Alumni Hear the Call to Priesthood**

In the last 10 years, five graduates from Central Catholic High School have been ordained into the priesthood. We recently interviewed them about their vocation and the role Central Catholic played in their faith formation.

#### Rev. Anthony Coci Class of 2005 Ordained 2017

**Fr. Anthony Coci** attended Christ the King in Toledo. After graduating from Central Catholic in 2005, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in business administration from Loyola University in Chicago and a Master of Divinity from Mount St. Mary's of the West Seminary in Cincinnati. He also received a Master of Arts in Theology from Mount St. Mary's.

Fr. Coci has served at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Delphos, St. Mary Parish, Defiance; Probigua Spanish School, Antigua, Guatemala; Hispanic Migrant Ministry, Fremont; and he worked in Clinical Pastoral Education at Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati.

Fr. Anthony was ordained on May 27, 2017 and was assigned to Saint Mary Parish, Tiffin and Saint Pius X Parish, Sycamore as associate pastor. He was also a faculty member and school chaplain at Calvert High School. In 2019, Fr. Anthony became the pastor of Walbridge, St. Jerome Parish as well as Priest Leader of Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School & Academy.

## When did you know you wanted to become a priest?

"Around the age of 18 I knew I wanted

to become a priest. I wanted a deeper relationship with God, and I wanted to be able to minister to the amazing people in my life."

# What role did Central Catholic play in your faith formation?

"The rigorous curriculum, research, reading, literature, history all played important roles. I remember the block class of English and American History my sophomore year with Charlotte Best and Brian Clark. It really went beyond the basics to help make connections and think about things holistically. If you think about it, American literature and history involve learning about people and the deeper message behind the story. That is similar to Christianity where you learn about the history of Jesus and how your life plays into the story."

#### Was there a particular teacher, administrator, or class at CCHS that was important in your faith journey?

"Central Catholic offered me an amazing education. It's just as rigorous as my grad school experience. The honors classes were intense, but the challenge helped me rise."

# Who inspired you spiritually? Who do you want to emulate in your vocation?

"Jesus Christ is who we should all emulate. I am drawn toward people who are the most humble, off the beaten path, living their life quietly, like a lot of my daily parishioners who are gentle and quiet. Feeding the ego



actually makes us more lonely. I admire Pope Benedict XVI. He was gentle and treated you like you were the only person in the world to him. I'd like to emulate people with those characteristics."

# What can our alumni do to encourage priestly vocations in their own parishes?

"It's important to live out your faith by going to Mass as a family. Stop comparing your church to other churches and what they have or don't have. Start things at your own parish rather than asking what the church is providing to you. Identify a need in your parish and get involved where the structure may be falling apart a little. See it as a place where you can share your own gifts. We need healthy families to have healthy priests."



#### Rev. Matthew Frisbee Class of 2005 Ordained 2014

Fr. Matthew Frisbee grew up in Perrysburg and Rossford and attended St. Rose and All Saints parishes. After graduating from Central Catholic in 2005, he attended St. Joseph College Seminary in Chicago and later studied at Mount St. Mary Seminary of the West in Cincinnati. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 31, 2014. His pastoral internship as a seminarian was at Divine Mercy Parish in Paulding County. Fr. Matt's first assignment was as associate pastor at St. Mary's, Holy Angels, and Sts. Peter and Paul in Sandusky. He is currently the pastor of Resurrection Parish in Lexington and St. Mary of the Snows in Mansfield.

# When did you know you wanted to be a priest?

"Being a priest wasn't something I expected or anticipated as a child; I had always expected to get married and have a family. When I was young, I moved from wanting to be a farmer to a football/basketball/ baseball player, and then I realized I was pretty limited athletically, so I had to look at other careers and vocations. I went through a phase of wanting to get into politics and be the president; thanks be to God that it was only a phase! During my time at Central Catholic, I was interested in pursuing a career in teaching and coaching, but it was also during my time at CCHS that I began to think about the priesthood. Even though I entered the seminary after graduation, I still was discerning God's plan for my life, so it was after about 3-4 years of life in the seminary that I was certain that I wanted to be a priest and that God was calling me to this vocation."

# What role did Central Catholic play in your faith formation?

"Living out our Catholic faith was of the utmost importance in my family. We went to Mass weekly, prayed regularly together at home, and had gone to grade school at St. Rose in Perrysburg, and my parents saw Central Catholic as a venue for our Catholic education and formation to continue.

"CCHS was a place where I could practice my faith freely and without fear of ridicule; in other words, I could grow into being comfortable with being the man God created me to be. This was tremendous for me in growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Along with that, some of my best friends are the friends I made at CCHS, and we often discussed the big questions about life in general. In addition, the encouragement of other students, teachers, and coaches made discerning the priesthood not as something strange but something normal and welcomed."

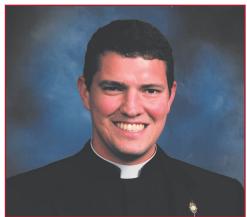
#### Was there a particular teacher, administrator, or class at CCHS that was important in your faith journey?

"God blessed me through the relationships formed with the people of Central Catholic. Through friends, teachers, coaches, and others, God was beginning to reveal His plan for my life as a priest. There were some teachers who mentioned to me that I reminded them of a priest they knew and that I should consider thinking about the priesthood. There were other teachers and coaches who, when they found out I was eventually thinking about the priesthood, were incredibly supportive and encouraging. There were teachers and coaches who simply were inspiring and have helped me to become the man I am today.

"In some way or another, many teachers have helped me grow into deeper friendship with Jesus Christ. It's hard for me to name a single person: the priests, the sisters, and my teachers and coaches all played some role in my faith journey. If forced to name names, Fr. Hite, Fr. Hartigan, Fr. Geiger, Coach Dempsey, Mrs. Huntebrinker, Mrs. Best, Ms. Siferd, and Sr. Berneta were all important, but this list is not exhaustive at all."

# Who inspired you spiritually? Who do you want to emulate in your vocation?

"When I first began discerning the priesthood, Fr. Michael Dandurand, who was the associate pastor at St. Rose at the time, was the person who first encouraged me to think about the priesthood, but he also lived out the faith in such a way that inspired me to follow Christ more closely in general. Conversations with him were the spark for me in the life of faith. Many other priests have inspired me as well. So many parishioners during my time as a priest (in Sandusky and in Mansfield and Lexington) and as a seminarian (in Paulding County



and in New Riegel) have inspired me; their witness of faith has invited me to imitate Christ more closely.

"As for who I want to emulate, this question is much more difficult. The great saints - St. Matthew, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Stephen, St. Augustine, St. John Vianney, and so forth - are models to whom I often look, but God has made each of us to be unique, so I try, with the help of God's grace, to become more fully and more perfectly the man God created me to be."

# What can our alumni do to encourage priestly vocations in their own parishes?

"God has a plan for everyone's life, whether that is as a priest, a sister, a married person; God has made each of us with specific temperaments, dispositions, talents, and gifts, which can help us discern where God is pointing us in this life. Jesus said 'I came that you may have life and have it more abundantly,' (John 10:10). God wants what is best for each one of us.

"I think the most important thing alumni can do is to encourage young people to search and seek out the truth and God's plan for their lives. It's in God's plan that we all find abundant life. Additionally, I think it's good to include priests and religious sisters/ nuns when talking to children about future careers/vocations. When we talk about being a doctor, nurse, teacher, engineer, and so on, include being a priest or nun. Most importantly, pray, pray, and pray for vocations! Jesus said, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, so ask the master of harvest to send forth laborers for the harvest,' (Matthew 9:37-38)."





#### Rev. Kevin Moebius Class of 1999 Ordained 2020

**Fr. Kevin Moebius** is the most recent CCHS graduate to enter the priesthood. He was ordained June 27, 2020. He attended Most Blessed Sacrament, and after graduating from Central Catholic, he went on to the University of Toledo and the University of Michigan, where he earned an engineering degree in 2006.

He began a career in naval architecture and marine engineering, but on a work-related trip to Spain, he clearly heard the call to the priesthood. He sought spiritual guidance and spent several more years in discernment before enrolling in Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati in 2012. There he earned three master's degrees. He went on to serve in several parishes as a seminarian. He is now parochial vicar at St. Peter Parish in Mansfield.

# When did you know you wanted to become a priest?

"When I was very young, God was moving my heart to become a priest. From the very moment we are born, God is calling us to our own personal vocations. However, for many reasons, we frequently do not listen to that constant call. It was really during my visit to Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal that my heart truly responded to that call. Upon looking back, I can now see how God had been calling me all along, through early childhood visits to the perpetual adoration chapel and a curiosity into the life of a family priest."

## What role did Central Catholic play in your faith formation?

"Although I attended a Cathoilic school

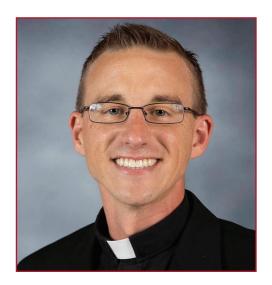
for both elementary and high school, I did not grow up in a family that attended Mass every Sunday. Any exposure I had to Mass came through the Catholic school I attended. Without my parents making that sacrifice to send me to a Catholic school, I would never have had the exposure to the spiritual life that I did at Central Catholic. Because of the desire God placed in my heart for more, I joined the spiritual life committee, becoming even more active in planning the Mass that I had come to know and love."

#### Was there a particular teacher, administrator, or class at CCHS that was important in your faith journey?

"Msgr. Billian played a very important role in my faith journey at Central Catholic. My last year was also Msgr. Billian's last year at Central Catholic, after serving many years as President of the school. I'll never forget it: that year I had asked Alli Lees out to the prom in front of the entire school during our senior skit when I said, 'Alli Lees, will you go to prom with me?' Well, for Msgr. Billian's surprise going-away assembly in the front gym, I did a similar thing! However, this time I said, 'Msgr. Billian, will you leave Central Catholic with me?' God is so funny, because Msgr. Billian then went on to be pastor of my home parish, Most Blessed Sacrament, where I was then a seminarian in formation. So, our paths were reunited, and we have since shared many many memories together. God is so good!"

# Who inspired you spiritually? Who do you want to emulate in your vocation?

"I've been a big fan of St. Ignatius of Loyola since reading his spiritual autobiography and spending two years discerning with the Jesuits in their Novitiate. Spiritually, nothing has touched my heart more than a prayer he made popular called The Suscipe. The prayer was written as a way to prepare



and dispose one's soul to rid oneself of all disordered attachments. The prayer ends, 'Give me your love and your grace, that is enough for me.' Just awesome and a good daily reminder for me."

# What can our alumni do to encourage priestly vocations in their own parishes?

"I would encourage our alumni to pray for priestly vocations. The Diocesan prayer written by Bishop Daniel Thomas is a great way to encourage all vocations in the parishes. We are quick to encourage just priestly vocations, but really, a priestly vocation comes from asking God, 'Heavenly Father, what is your will and true vocation for me, as your son/daughter?' Oh, he will tell you. If it's a vocation to the priesthood, great. If it's a call to marriage, wonderful. The most important thing is that it's God's will for us! Not enough people ask that simple question of the God that created them!"





#### Rev. Michael Roemmele Class of 2002 Ordained 2011

**Fr. Roemmele** attended the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, and he was ordained by Bishop Leonard Blair in Toledo in 2011. He served in parishes in Tiffin, Sycamore, and Sandusky, and also served at Calvert Catholic Schools and South Central Catholic School. He is now the pastor of St. Joseph and St. Ann parishes in Fremont, as well as Bishop Hoffman Catholic Schools.

# When did you know you wanted to become a priest?

"I thought I wanted to be a priest as a kid when I served at Christ the King Parish because I loved it so much. I would even play Mass with my cousins and friends at home. Other possible callings began to take over as I grew up. But the possibility of being a priest came back to me when I was a student at Central Catholic. As a junior and senior, a lot of friends, faculty, and staff began to ask me if the priesthood was something I would consider. They were all so encouraging. After that, the rest is history."

# What role did Central Catholic play in your faith formation?

"While at Central I was able to encounter

Jesus in the rich spiritual life program offered at CCHS. Everything from my experience with the Spiritual Commission, retreats, and Christianity in Action all encouraged, strengthened, and enriched my faith. Central Catholic has always been known to develop the WHOLE person, but I felt that this aspect of my life was especially fostered and cared for during my four years of high school."

#### Was there a particular teacher, administrator, or class at CCHS that was important in your faith journey?

"There were many influential teachers and administrators that were vital in my faith journey! Two people really stand out in my mind: Fr. Greg Hite and Mrs. Michelle Morgan. Both of these individuals were great examples of living out their particular vocation, both were very encouraging of my vocation discernment, and both continued to support me after graduation during my time in seminary."

# Who inspired you spiritually? Who do you want to emulate in your vocation?

"The answer is simple, Jesus - the source of all goodness and joy."

# What can our alumni do to encourage priestly vocations in their own parishes?

"The first and most important thing is to pray! When I arrived at my current assignment in Fremont, I made a promise



to Mother Mary that I would pray for an increase in vocations at every Mass I was able to celebrate. We all have the responsibility to pray that our young people find their Godgiven vocation, especially those who God is calling to serve His Church as a priest or religious. Second, we all know and have all seen that young person who loves the Lord and loves to serve others and just might have that special vocation to the priesthood or religious life - we are all called to encourage them. It may not be the easiest conversation or topic to bring up, but if it's God's will, He will use your words to raise up another worker for His vineyard."





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#### Rev. Scott Woods Class of 1999 Ordained 2015

**Fr. Woods** has bachelor's degrees in education and history from the University of Toledo, a master's in pastoral studies from Loyola University Chicago, and a master's of divinity in Catholic philosophical studies from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Indiana. He was ordained by Bishop Daniel Thomas on May 30, 2015 and was assigned as parochial vicar (associate pastor) at Saint Michael the Archangel Parish in Findlay. In 2018, Fr. Woods became pastor of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish in Gibsonburg and Saint Mary Parish in Millersville, where he is currently serving.

# When did you know you wanted to become a priest?

"I had some awareness as early as age four. The feeling grew stronger throughout my teenage years, and was especially affirmed while I served as a campus minister at the University of Toledo following my time as an undergrad."

# What role did Central Catholic play in your faith formation?

"CCHS was critical to my faith formation! My involvement in the Spiritual Commission - which included setting up for and serving at school Masses, planning retreats, and leading daily prayer - as well as thoughtful theology courses, inspiring priests, encouraging teachers, and great friends all helped lead me to this vocation of service."

#### Was there a particular teacher, administrator, or class at CCHS that was important in your faith journey?

"Fr. (now Msgr.) Michael Billian was and remains a role model. I mean, after all, I dressed up like him and impersonated him in front of the entire CCHS community twice my senior year, and you know what they say about imitation and flattery!

# Who inspired you spiritually? Who do you want to emulate in your vocation?

"One of my greatest mentors is Fr. James Bacik, who is also a CCHS alumnus [Class of 1954]. He was my pastor while I was a UT student, and then he became my boss when he hired me as pastoral associate following my graduation from UT. Fr. Bacik is one of the greatest pastors I've ever known. He does everything with such love for others, always in pursuit of what's good for them, and he is so deeply grounded in the spiritual life. I hope I can be the half the priest he is."

# What can our alumni do to encourage priestly vocations in their own parishes?

"First, I would ask my fellow Irish alumni to encourage priestly vocations in their



nuclear families before they do so in their parish families. Often, parents have hopes for their children, which includes their own hope for grandchildren. Therefore, we sometimes encourage other people's children to consider priesthood and religious life instead of our own. I am an only child, and I know my parents - especially my dear mom - wanted grandchildren so badly, though they cooperated with God's grace and encouraged me to pursue what seemed to be an invitation from God for my life. I hope my fellow alumni can be as selfless for the good of the people of God, which is one of the hallmarks of CCHS - namely, charity."



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## Central Catholic Alumni on the Frontlines of the Pandemic

Central Catholic High School has produced 100 years of graduates who have worked in a great variety of professions in our community, across the country, and throughout the world. It comes as no surprise then that many have been working on the frontlines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here are just a few examples of Central Catholic alumni in the medical field who have been helping others during the pandemic.

#### Catherine Asbury, Class of 2009

Catherine Asbury works as a registered nurse in the surgical ICU at Michigan Medicine, which is at the University of Michigan. Her unit normally takes unstable post-surgical patients, including those who have had liver transplants, patients in kidney failure, and patients with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS). Catherine works closely with the patients, their families, and various other members of the medical team, including physicians, respiratory therapists, physical and occupational therapists, and many more very essential people. "I am blessed to work with tons of incredible people, all for the same goal - to improve our patients' health and well-being," she explained.

In early March, Catherine's unit became a COVID-only ICU. Because of their skill and training with ARDS patients and ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, which supports patients' lungs when the ventilator is not enough), they were quickly designated to take the very, very sick COVID patients, and they accepted transfers from

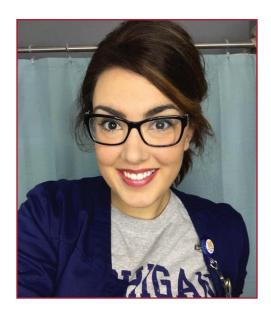


all over the state. Since then, she has cared for only COVID patients, and as the world returns to "normal," they are still very much in the fight against COVID.

"What this meant for me was caring for very, very sick patients over very long days and weeks," said Catherine. "I have never seen patients change so quickly and become so incredibly sick. Over the course of hours, these patients would go from relatively stable to actively fighting for their lives, on ventilators to support their lungs and medications to support their blood pressure. It was, and continues to be, emotionally taxing.

"Because of the restrictions in place, families of the patients were not allowed in the hospital so these patients were alone, fighting for their lives. We quickly became nurse+: nurse plus family, plus emotional support, plus anything that the patient needed in that moment. My unit was able to purchase several iPhones in hopes to lessen this burden, allowing families to FaceTime with the patients. That brought both good and bad. On a Monday, I held an iPhone over my patient, allowing his daughters to say their goodbyes to their daddy only two days after they lost their mother to COVID. The next day, I held the very same phone for a patient whose breathing tube had just been removed, and he was able to say hi to his dad for the first time in 27 days. The sheer fragility of life became amplified to me, even more than it already was."

Catherine's husband is also a nurse, and he was assigned to work in the makeshift COVID ICU at Toledo Hospital. "To be frank, this was terrifying," she said. "Most of my co-workers effectively moved to Ann Arbor, staying in hotels around the city in order to quarantine themselves from their



families, allowing their spouse to be the primary caregiver as many were home on leave. That wasn't really an option for us, though we discussed it. We have two small children, my daughter, Gabrielle is three, and my son, Dominic, just turned one in April. We discussed the potential of sending the kids to live with our parents, but my husband posed the question, 'Until when? What if this doesn't end?' Leaving my children for a week broke my heart, let alone for months or more.

"So, we made it work. We both took every precaution to not bring the virus home. We changed at work, packaged our scrubs in a plastic bag, then stripped again in our garage and showered the moment we got home. Everything that we had to bring home got disinfected and left in our garage. Since we continue to care for COVID patients, we continue to follow this process. We both worked, and continue to work, a lot of extra hours. These patients are very sick and require more nursing care than the





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'average' patient. We have been very blessed with support. Both of our parents live locally and watch the kids when we work, coming to our house so they can maintain a sense of normalcy in a very abnormal time.

"I mentioned that this time has really highlighted the fragility of human lives, and I think that this feeling is felt throughout the community. I know my husband and I both felt it. We discussed the possibility of one of us getting ill, what our wishes would be - we aren't even 30 yet, already having that conversation as that reality was one we could face shortly. But this also allowed us to live fuller, be more present, more grateful for the life we do have, the blessings we've been given and everything that we have. While it's been a hard time, I've truly tried to find the positives in it all."

Catherine always had an interest in the sciences, and she said Central Catholic fostered that interest. She did not originally think she would attend CCHS, but that completely changed when she visited.

"I remember Mr Torrence, the anatomy



teacher, had his alligators out and Mrs. Bremer, the chemistry teacher, was doing experiments, and Mr. Smith, the biology teacher, was showing off frogs," she recalled. "The school felt alive, with science! That never slowed - every year I loved my science classes, and I was taught by all of those teachers that impressed me from the start. Those teachers, and their passion for their subjects, really fostered a love for science in me - they made it 'cool' to be a nerd. I still love learning new things in my career. From new research breakthroughs, to understanding advanced pathophysiology of disease processes, I still find myself getting excited to learn and understand new things!

"I frequently look back at my time at CCHS and smile. I had a great high school experience that I am forever grateful for. I was on the swim team all four years, and the crew team my senior year. I was also a member of the National Honor Society, student government, and the school newspaper. I loved going to the football games, and the new stadium was built during my time at Central. I also remember when the football team won the state championship my freshman year! CCHS really has a family atmosphere - it's truly the high school experience I pray my children have!"

After graduating from Central Catholic, Catherine attended the University of Toledo, where she was a dual major in nursing and psychology. In addition to her current work, she is pursuing a master's degree in nursing at the University of Michigan to become an adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner.



#### Cherie (Bennett) Byrd, Class of 1996

**Cherie Byrd** obtained her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Toledo and MCO, and she currently works in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center. Early during the pandemic, the unit became the ICU that cared for all the critically ill COVID-19 patients. "I was scared to care for these patients initially, especially as we watched the horrors that were being portrayed on TV in Italy and New York," she recalled.

Her unit became even more diligent with hand washing and hand sanitizer, as well as isolation gear. They started changing their clothes and shoes before they left work, or they'd strip down in their garages and went right to the shower before hugging or kissing their kids and significant others. Some in her unit stayed at hotels or in RVs in their yards to avoid exposing their families to the illness.

"I have not seen my grandchildren or my mom since I started caring for COVID patients because I could not live with myself if I exposed them and made them sick," she said. "Taking our temperatures and monitoring ourselves for symptoms every day before work has become a requirement.

"We pioneered a project that let us place all IV pumps and poles outside of patient rooms, which allowed us to limit our exposure to this new virus. We started placing these extremely sick patients on their bellies for what we affectionately call 'tummy time' to help them get



oxygen to their lungs and allow them to heal. We started many of these patients on continuous dialysis because this virus also attacks the kidneys, making them shut down. I have worked in the Medical ICU for 19 years now, and these patients are handsdown the sickest patients I have ever worked with.

"What I will always remember about this

pandemic, however, is the outpouring of support from the community. We had supply drives in which the community donated gloves and masks for us to use at the bedside in case the hospital ran out. We were showered with food and other gifts each day for a solid month or more. Many of the restaurants that donated to us were shut down at the time and they had no idea when they would be able to have income again, but they still supported us. Artists painted murals on the walls outside the hospital supporting healthcare workers. We started using tablets to allow family members to see their loved ones and communicate with them because the hospital was and still is shut down to visitors. It was amazing to be called a hero because we were all just doing our jobs, trying to help patients get back home."

#### Nick Oblizajek, Class of 2007

Nick Oblizajek is a gastroenterology (GI) fellow at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He generally sees patients with issues of the esophagus, stomach, small bowel, colon, pancreas, liver, and bile ducts. He splits time between the inpatient and outpatient settings, working with liver transplant candidates and posttransplant patients, those with inflammatory bowel disease, and various malignancies. He also performs procedures like esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) and colonoscopy to determine what is causing particular symptoms in a patient's GI tract.

Although COVID-19 most commonly presents with respiratory symptoms, including cough and shortness of breath, as well as fever, digestive symptoms can also



occur in these patients, with or without respiratory symptoms. This is where Nick comes in. He has been working with patients who have GI manifestations related to COVID-19, such as acute nausea/ vomiting, elevated liver enzymes, diarrhea, etc.

"I have taken care of young patients in their 20s and 30s who have been admitted from the emergency department with new onset intractable nausea/vomiting potentially causing dehydration from COVID-19, which thankfully got better over time, or patients presenting with sudden onset diarrhea as their only symptom," Nick explained. "Also, there are a subset of patients with COVID-19 who will have elevations, sometimes significant, in their liver enzyme testing as part of their presentation, which we have seen in the hospital setting."

The pandemic has significantly affected the way Nick and other medical professionals treat patients. One way that really stands out to Nick is how he communicates with and cares for his patients. "The masks/ PPE take away some of the 'human contact' that was implicit previously in the patientphysician relationship," he said. "The PPE can be frightening for some patients, and certainly limits some of the body language and facial expressions involved in empathy. The experience has helped me to learn other methods for comforting patients, and made me focus on word choice more carefully so that I can effectively communicate and be clear that my patients will still receive excellent care in these trying times. I try to

smile with my eyes a lot more so that at least some of the previous facial expressions that I relied on can still be used effectively.

"The experience of being a healthcare worker during the COVID-19 era has been both stressful and enlightening. Initially, because of the novelty of COVID-19, we were still learning about the disease, its transmission from person to person, and its potential impact on our communities. I was somewhat fearful initially of going to work and potentially being exposed and then bringing that exposure back home to my wife and children - Addie (4) and Lydia (9 months). We have been taking measures such as disinfecting my personal items as well as disrobing and taking a shower before coming into contact with my family after each work day. There have been a few instances where I've been notified of potential exposures from known cases (either coworkers or patients who tested positive after I have come into contact with them) and so I have spent time away from my family self-quarantining for a week or so at a time, which has been challenging and mentally taxing for both me and the children."

Nick said that his science and math classes at Central Catholic sparked his interest in engineering, leading to a cooperative education experience in knee research and development, which piqued his interest in pursuing a medical career. CCHS also provided him the opportunity to meet his









"sweetheart," **Carolynn Smith '07**. They started dating their sophomore year and have been together ever since, celebrating their seventh wedding anniversary in July.

Nick ended up in Minnesota after earning a BS in bioengineering and his MD from the University of Toledo. For both his residency and fellowship match programs, he ranked Mayo Clinic in Rochester very highly because of their clinical excellence in patient care, research opportunities, and emphasis on education for learners.

After his fellowship ends, Nick plans to pursue a career in academic gastroenterology. He is interested in the studies of how the GI tract functions, and why dysfunction of the GI tract can cause symptoms such as bloating or abdominal pain. "Working in the medical field, particularly pursuing a career path as a physician, is both rigorous and rewarding," he said. "After five years of undergraduate training, four years of medical school, three years of residency, and three years of fellowship training (or 15 years after finishing high school) I will finally be able to practice as a gastroenterologist."

#### Troy Poplowski, Class of 2010

**Troy Poplowski** works in what may be considered the United States' epicenter of COVID-19, New York City. He is a nurse in Interventional Radiology at NYU Langone Health, but he was reassigned to a COVID-19 intensive care unit.

In the ICU, Troy cares for critically ill patients by monitoring their ventilators, life supporting monitors, intravenous drips, lines, and tubes, and positioning them to lay on their front side to bolster their oxygenation. He medicates, sedates, titrates, and sometimes has to medically paralyze the patients.

"It has been an emotional and physical roller coaster," Troy explained. "I experienced many different emotions and feelings over the past few months with several high and low points. I have even, occasionally, gone so far as to question my career decision. However, seeing some of my patients recover after being so critically ill gave me a stronger sense of duty and the renewed confidence to carry on.

"Working in the medical field has never really affected my personal life until now. While my hospital/employer takes precautions seriously and doesn't



compromise on the use of adequate PPE, I continue to worry about the risk of spreading the virus to people who wouldn't be able to fight it. As a result, to protect my loved ones, I refrained from coming back home to Toledo to see my family and friends for months."

Working on the front lines in New York City during all of this has been one of the most memorable experiences of Troy's life. "Already, New Yorkers have provided incredible support to the front line workers," he said. "The city supports us with countless positive messages written on sidewalks or displayed on windows, that we see every day on our commute to and from work. Every night at 7:00 p.m., right at the time of shift change, New Yorkers clapped, shouted, and banged pots and pans out of their windows and off their balconies to express their gratitude and love for the front line workers. Hearing them after a long day of work has given me the chills so many times.

"Many local businesses, larger corporations, and charities, have donated meals or offered discounts to the front line workers. Many people that I had not heard from in a very long time reached out to check on me and send positive messages. Lovely friends from Toledo even sent me care packages and masks early in the crisis, when shortage fears were rampant."

Troy has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from Lourdes University. But he can trace his preparedness for his medical career and for living in New York City back to his days at Central Catholic.

"I have so many great memories from my time at Central Catholic," he recalled. "Things that stick out most to me are the good people who truly wanted the best for everyone. There are so many fantastic teachers who I would love to go back and give a big hug. I specifically think of Sister Linda the most. She would stop her lectures every time we heard sirens outside and say 'and we pray for them' while bowing her head. Living in New York City, I hear sirens very often and I hear Sister Linda in my head every time saying it in hopes that things will be okay for whoever was affected. That has really stuck with me.



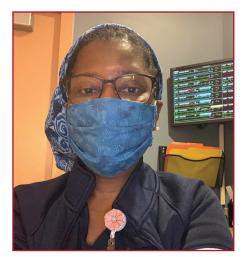
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"The diversity at Central Catholic has always been my favorite part of the school. I was very privileged, and had the option to attend whatever Catholic school in Toledo I wanted. I chose Central Catholic without ever thinking twice about it. I am so grateful for that decision, as it has truly prepared me for my future in living in NYC and being a nurse. Living in NYC means being surrounded by people from all walks of life and from all over the world. To me, it's the most beautiful thing, to be strongly united in our immense diversity. Meeting people with different backgrounds, cultures, beliefs, orientation, or experiences is extremely enriching and important, in order to better understand the world."

Although his work has been difficult recently, Troy would not change his career choice. "There are high risks associated with COVID-19, but I don't believe that I need to sacrifice too much in my day-to-day life in order to do my job effectively. I absolutely love what I do. I am very fortunate to have such a rewarding job where I can help people in need, and make a difference."





#### Anitra Stevens, Class of 1993

Anitra Stevens is a charge nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor Hospital. Her unit was a cardiac step-down and cardiac ICU, but it was converted to a COVID-19 unit. As a charge nurse, Anitra is responsible for the care of patients and staff. She assists and mentors her coworkers, staffs the unit, and oversees the unit on the night shift. "It has been difficult because it's hard to see people suffer," she said. "Although we have some knowledge about this virus, there is so much we don't know."

Anitra said she and her co-workers have been afraid that they could bring the virus home to their families, and that she has been pretty isolated from her family during this time. "But this is the work God has called me to do. I trust he will protect me and my family, but it is hard."

During her time at Central Catholic, Anitra was a member of the Gospel Choir. She feels that the teachers were very encouraging, particularly Mrs. Charlotte Best, and that they prepared her well academically to be successful in her career.

Anitra went on to earn her associate's degree in nursing from Washtenaw Community College, a BSN from Chamberlain University, and a BA in human resources from Concordia University.

### **Firefighters & Police Officers**

#### Many CCHS alumni work as firefighters and police officers. How has the pandemic changed the way they work?

#### Dan Desmond, Class of 1982

Dan has been president of the Toledo Firefighters Local 92 since January 2019. He has worked as a firefighter/paramedic for over 30 years. He said the pandemic is forcing them to take more precautions and more risks to save lives. They put not only themselves in harm's way, but they also bring the risk of exposure home to their families. His wife, Terry Desmond, is also a 1982 Central Catholic graduate. She works as a dialysis nurse. Although they are both well-trained for their jobs, they and other frontline workers are not trained for a pandemic and the lack of control it brings to their work environments.

#### Mike Navarre, Class of 1973

Mike worked 34 years for the Toledo Police Department - the last 13 as chief. He became Oregon, Ohio's police chief in 2012. The pandemic has changed his role as police chief, as well as the manner in which his officers respond to calls.

"As a police department, we have had to change the manner in which we respond to calls for service. We attempt to limit our personal interaction by conducting much of our business over the telephone. As the Chief of Police, I must ensure that all of our officers have the proper Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), which includes masks, gowns, gloves, and sanitizer. We have developed contingency plans in the event one or more of our officers gets infected and we need to quarantine large numbers. Most meetings that I have to attend are now being done via zoom or telephone.

"There has not been a large change in the types of calls we respond to. We are now getting some complaints related to large gatherings, people not wearing masks, and people not properly social distancing. I keep the officers safe as best I can through training and ensuring that they are properly equipped. Interaction is limited to only that which is absolutely necessary."

At the time of this interview, none of his officers had tested positive for COVID-19, although they did have family members of officers test positive, requiring the officers to self-quarantine.



HIGH SCHOOL

# Mike Reilly, Class of 1971 - Voice of the Ironman



Only one person has been inducted into the IRONMAN Hall of Fame, the USA Triathlon Hall of Fame, and the Running USA Hall of Champions, and that is **Mike Reilly '71**. Mike is known as the Voice of the IRONMAN because he is the one who gets to say, "You are an IRONMAN!" to everyone who crosses the finish line to complete the grueling endurance event.

After earning a bachelor's degree in special education from the University of Toledo in 1976, Mike planned to teach like his mom (Mary Alice Gstalder '33) and brother (Pat Reilly '59). He and his wife, Rose, moved to San Diego, where she pursued nursing and he taught in the inner city for two years. In San Diego, Mike discovered a very active outdoor lifestyle of running and cycling. He left the teaching profession and opened up several running shoe stores with his brother, Don. He later became a sales representative for Saucony running shoes and worked with Road Runner Sports. He and Rose started RACEPLACE Magazine, which is now run by his son, Andy. He also worked in endurance event sales for Active.com for 15 years.

"I was able to pursue my passion and a healthy lifestyle, and produce income at the same time," he explains. "I didn't realize it at the time but this combination creates an immensely happy life. Triathlon was born and raised in San Diego in the mid 1970s and I fell in love with it. To be able to swim, bike, run, and be a part of a sport at its beginning was a rare opportunity and I took full advantage of it."

#### On Your Mark...

Mike ran his first marathon in 1978 and competed in his first triathlon in 1979. That year, he also began his announcing career. In 1980, he co-directed and announced the first professional triathlon held in San Diego. For 10 years he called the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, which is the most popular marathon series in the world.

Mike continued announcing running and triathlon events in the United States through the 1980s, and he always dreamed of competing in the IRONMAN World Championship in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. "In 1989 I was training for it in earnest, but then I received a call from the race director asking if I would like to be an announcer instead," he recalls. "That for me was like getting called up to the big leagues. It was the pinnacle of the sport and not something you turn down. Besides, I could always compete in the event one day, right? Little did I know that 31 years and 193 IRONMANS later I would still be on the microphone, bringing in finishers all over the world. But I have no regrets about it. Shepherding over 2,500 brave souls through the most incredible day of their lives-a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike, and a full 26.2-mile marathon run- is my IRONMAN."

After Mike announced the event for a few years, someone called him the Voice of the IRONMAN as he was introduced to come on stage. He was a little embarrassed by it and didn't think he had put in the time and work to deserve it. But over time and many IRONMAN events, the name stuck, and now he's honored to hold that title.

#### Get Set...

Being the Voice of the IRONMAN consists of more than just calling out names as

participants cross the finish line. A typical IRONMAN day can last up to 19 hours and usually starts before 5:00 a.m. Mike works closely with participants throughout the day by overseeing the area where they transition from the swimming to the biking event and keeping them informed about course conditions and schedules. He announces leader positions to the spectators, and spends over nine hours at the finish line to give personal information about each athlete as they complete the race. Mike also keeps the crowd energized and motivates the last runners to finish, using his signature yell, "You are an IRONMAN!" for every single participant who crosses the line.

Mike will call his 200th IRONMAN triathlon in 2021, and nearly 400,000 finishers have heard his iconic call. He has also announced more than 1,000 other triathlon and running events in 10 countries, both in person and on television.

In 2019, Mike published a book, *Finding My Voice -Tales from IRONMAN*, the World's Greatest Endurance Event. The book consists of inspirational stories of IRONMAN competitors and their families, and it gives Mike the opportunity to express why he is passionate about the sport and the people involved in it.









An IRONMAN finish Line

"I wanted to write a book about many of the ordinary people I've witnessed doing extraordinary things," he says. "Let the reader experience the failures and successes of these special humans, let them get out of it what I did. I felt it would be selfish of me to not share these tales from IRONMAN because IRONMAN in many ways mimics life. Both have many ups and downs, roadblocks you don't see coming, pain you must push through, and moments of flagging self-confidence. But if you believe in yourself, you will find your finish line.

"Having the unique privilege over 40 years of calling in new and repeating world champions, Olympians, and people from other walks of life with household names, is of course very special. But calling in the mother of five children battling breast cancer, or the person who has cerebral palsy, or the amputee who lost a leg fighting for our country...these are my heroes, the age group athletes who juggle family, work, and 10-20 hours of training each week to cross one of the most famous finish lines in the world. They are why I wrote my book."

#### Go Irish!

Mike fondly recalls his education at Central

Catholic, and he often falls back on the lessons he learned on Cherry Street. "A person's mental, spiritual, and physical foundation is what keeps him grounded," he says. "It also keeps you humble. CCHS gave me that foundation. Many times, during a tough patch I may have been going through personally or an event where nothing seems to be going right, that foundation pushes me through. I was a wrestler all four years and loved it. Wrestling gave me discipline skills that I still depend on today. It also helped me through some tough triathlons and marathons when I wanted to quit. The education, special teachers (Mr. Rozanski!), lifelong friends, and memories that I draw on constantly, have molded me into who I am today.

"There wasn't a day I didn't want to go to school to see my friends and classmates. After all, CCHS is where I met my wife, **Rose Bairley '71**, and we've been married for 45 years. A fellow wrestler, **Gary Baz '71**, was the best man at our wedding and lives just 30 minutes from us in San Diego. Rose and I are so looking forward to our 50th high school reunion in September 2021 to reconnect with classmates and reminisce about lifelong memories together!"

#### "You are an IRONMAN!"

So how does it feel to have Mike Reilly call your name and announce that you are an IRONMAN? Just ask Renee Small, an IRONMAN from Toledo:

"Mike was at Wisconsin all three times I competed, and at Lake Placid. It is truly magical to hear your name being announced by Mike: 'Renee Small...You...Are...An... IRONMAN.' But it's not just him saying those words, it's that he will give you the time, and hear your story. Mike is at the starting line giving high fives, cheering people on, and he is there at the finish line, when you are exhausted and just ready to be done. You hit that red carpet, the crowd is electric and you hear your name. You don't even know your feet are touching the ground. All that training has paid off and you did it, and Mike announces your name like you were a first place finisher.

"Mike has the same energy for the first place finisher, the mid packer like myself, and even more for the last one to cross the finish line. He makes you feel like you are on top of the world! In the IRONMAN world, he is a celebrity. Everyone wants to hear their name being called out by Mike."

Mike is also an Ambassador Captain for the IRONMAN Foundation, a charitable component of the IRONMAN competition that awards grants in the communities where the events take place.

Mike and Rose have two children, Erin Paulson and Andy Reilly, and two grandsons.





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"I am an alumni friend, having married **John (Skip) Reifsnider** who graduated from Central Catholic in 1947 and passed away in 2014. We had five children, with four graduating from Central before we moved to Pensacola, Florida in 1983. We, of course, went to musicals, games, and many events at Central for years with children participating. The following is what they are doing at present:

**Shelley (Reifsnider) Rider '76** is President of INA - Interloop North America, with headquarters in Winston Salem, NC, her present residence.

**Patsy (Reifsnider) Mangas '78** is founder of She Rocks the World, a nonprofit from which she recently retired. She and her husband Rob Mangas '78 live outside of DC in Chantilly, VA.

**Bob Reifsnider '80** is managing partner of Mox Mind and Body and is living in Denver, CO.

John Reifsnider '83 is President and CEO of Thompson, Siegel & Walmsley in Richmond, VA where he now resides with his family.

Bill finished his sophomore year at Central Catholic and moved with us to Pensacola. Bill passed away from cancer in 2012.

"We lived in West Toledo in Christ the King Parish and loved everything about Central Catholic and the education and values our children received, and we miss our many friends in Toledo."

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- Mary Pat (Carter) Reifsnider, Class of 1953 Maumee High School In September, Toledo's main airport officially became known as Eugene F. Kranz Toledo Express Airport, named in honor of Gene Kranz '51. Gene served as the flight director for the Apollo 11 and 13 missions during his celebrated career at NASA, and he dedicated his Ambassador of Exploration Award to Central Catholic. The award, along with an actual piece of the moon, are on display at CCHS. A dedication ceremony will be held next spring at the airport to honor Gene and unveil new signs. The event was originally to take place in May 2020 but was postponed due to COVID-19.



When **Barbara Carter Daley '54** passed away, her daughter, **Ann** (**Daley**) **Smrekar '82**, wrote to Central Catholic to share the information. She said, "Barb was the Scarlet & Gray editor from 1981-1989. She loved CCHS so much. The school has been part of the Carter, Smith, and Daley families almost since its inception. My great uncle Bernard Carter was a student there in the 1920s and faculty in the 1930s; James R. Smith and Virginia Carter Smith were students there in the 1940s; my mother graduated

# AlumnEye

# *1950s*

in 1954; my cousins Sue, Sandy, and Becky Smith were students in the1960s and '70s; my siblings Tom, Meg, Sheila, and I were students in the 1970s and '80s -- so our family has decades of ties to CCHS. My aunt Virginia Carter Smith is still living. She graduated in 1944."

#### Roberta "Bobbie" (McColl)

**Beumel '54** and her husband, Walt, will celebrate their 59th anniversary on December 20, 2020. She is a retired elementary school teacher and he is a retired professor and Lincoln scholar. Recently, Bobbie was commissioned to paint a 10foot mural at the Nature Center in Lincoln State Park, located in Lincoln City, Indiana. She also volunteers at the Lincoln Amphitheatre and the state park. Bobbie and Walt have four children and six grandchildren. They reside on a wooded 40 acres near Buffaloville, Indiana.

**Dennie McHue '58** passed away on April 12, Easter Sunday. Dennie was a district manager at Joseph's grocery stores and then at Seaway Foodtown grocery stores, and he was instrumental in bringing the Pharm stores to the Toledo area. Dennie still held season tickets to his beloved CCHS Irish football games. He is survived by his loving wife Karen Sue.

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# 1960s

Norm Gajewski '60 and his wife Anita have been married 57 years. They have five children, 18 grandchildren, and four greatgrandchildren. After living on Lake James for 30 years, Norm and Anita "right sized" to a smaller home in Angola, Indiana. They are enjoying their neighbors, some who attended Toledo parishes and formerly lived on the north side of Toledo. They are well, wear masks and distance as needed, and hope all Centralites also stay healthy.

**Terry Sochocki '65** retired as an art and performing arts teacher from Perrysburg schools. He now strives to continue his freelance cartooning venture along with avoiding hooks, slices, and topping the ball.

The Class of 1968 maintains a COVID-19 proof, "Virtual Reunion" Facebook page! The class created a Facebook page to plan, develop, implement, and evaluate their periodic reunions. The Facebook page also serves as a virtual reunion for all 1968 classmates to continue to share with each other daily. We are ONE with CCHS in Christ! Join the Class of 1968 group to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, and party everyday! You can also comment about and help plan the next reunion. Join the group at http://www.facebook.com under Central Catholic - Class of 1968.

# 1970s

Jackie Calmes '72 is the White House editor for the *Los Angeles Times* Washington bureau. She previously worked as a national correspondent for the *New York Times*, covering the 2014 midterm elections. She also worked for 18 years at the *Wall Street Journal*, where she covered the White House and Congress. Jackie has a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Toledo and a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University.

**Cindy Weiher '74** has been active in Montessori education for children under the age of three and has influenced future Montessori infant and toddler teachers. She is currently serving on the American Montessori Society Teacher Education Action Commission, representing the Infant Toddler Teacher Education Centers. She serves as a verifier for the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education, ensuring that the teacher education programs are meeting the high standards required. Cindy has had the opportunity to visit schools and training programs all over the United States, Africa, China, and Hong Kong. Cindy points out that Maria Montessori was Catholic and developed a program, "The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd," which some of the churches in our diocese have used in the religious formation of children.





Kathleen (Boaden) Rimmel '83 is a kindergarten teacher with Chippewa Valley Schools in Clinton Township, Michigan. She received the Elementary Teacher of the Year award **1980s** 

for 2019-2020. Kathleen has been teaching in the district since 2005. Prior to moving to Michigan, she taught in Toledo at St. Hedwig, St. Catherine, and with TPS at Newbury Elementary.



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# 1990s

**Greg Burditt '93** competed in the 2020 NPC Tennessee State BodyBuilding Championships. Greg came in first place in Men's BodyBuilding Open Middleweight class and second place in both the Men's Classic Physique Masters 40 plus and Men's Bodybuilding Master 40 plus.

Dan Nester '93 is the founder and president of the Polaris Logistics Group, which was listed in Inc. Magazine's 5,000 fastest growing companies for the third straight year with a revenue growth of 116%. Dan is also a co-founder of the Mustard Seed Education Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to helping committed Catholic families achieve the dream of sending their children to Catholic elementary schools. For more information, please visit https:// mustardseededucation.org/.

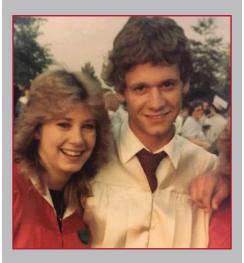
**Bret Huntebrinker '98** was recently promoted to Senior Director of Discipleship and Family Life for the Diocese of Toledo. In his role, Bret is responsible for strategic leadership of the department to serve parishes by providing resources, training, and specialized expertise so that parishes can develop specific programs and events to reach their parish faith communities. He serves as an active, contributing member of the Bishop's Senior Staff, providing visionary insight, advisement, policy formation, and evaluation, and continually seeking out new opportunities for shared services. The diocesan ministries that fall under his department include: Marriage and Family Life; Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry; Catholic Youth Organization (CYO); Ministry to Persons with Disabilities; and Intercultural Ministries. Bret is also a husband and father of five.



Photo by **Jessica** (**Haupricht**) **Arnold '06**, White Lily Photography

2000s

Amanda Arnold '08 received her PhD in kinesiology from Purdue University in 2019 and did a oneyear postdoctoral appointment at the University of California at Riverside. She moved to Columbus in 2020 and is now an assistant professor at Ohio Dominican University. **Tim Stearns '85** and **Jodie** (**Mohr) Stearns '85** met at Central Catholic and have been married for 28 years.





**Emily (Stearns) Gensler '10** and **Shaun Gensler '11** met at Central Catholic and were married in September 2020. Emily is the daughter of Tim and Jodie Stearns.





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2010s

Sydney Delp '12 and JP Gurnee of Midland, Michigan, were married on June 27, 2020 in Charlevoix, Michigan. The couple met while playing tennis and studying economics at Hillsdale College and got engaged last December. The bridal party included fellow Fighting Irish alumni Morgan Delp '11, Maverick Delp '19, Halli Toland '13, Shannon (O'Hearn) Manno '12, Sophia Spinazze '18, Jen (Kowalski) Kern '12, Dugan Delp '14, and current CCHS student, Winston Delp '23

# 2020s



Megan Jurek '20 painted a mural inside the new home of Humane Ohio, a spay/neuter clinic for dogs and cats. The new clinic is located on West Alexis Road in Toledo, and Megan's mural is in the exam room. Megan is a freshman at Lourdes University, majoring in art, and she is available for freelance illustration, cartooning, and painting projects for individuals and businesses. Contact her at meganthecartoonist@gmail. com.

Nathaniel Shields '20 was awarded the Horatio Alger Association Trott Family Scholarship for \$25,000 toward a bachelor's degree at the Ohio State University. The scholarship will be matched by OSU. The Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs specifically assist high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives, seeking students who have exhibited determination, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity. Nate was an Irish Scholar and was a member of the National Honor Society and the Fighting Irish football team at CCHS. He is majoring in civil engineering.





# Baby Irish

Congratulations to the CCHS alumni welcoming new Baby Irish to their families! Alumni who would like to share the recent birth of a child or grandchild may email the information to mjurek@centralcatholic.org. We will include them in this column and send you a FREE CCHS bib.



Connor Joseph Stanley, son of **Corri** (**Helldobler**) **Stanley '03** and her husband Edward, arrived on September 24, 2020. Connor's big brother, Colton, is 15 months old.

Molly (Thornton) Wenck '04 and Jon Wenck '04 welcomed their daughter, Bridget Meara Wenck, on September 3, 2020.





**Elena (Scarbrough) Breininger '12** and her husband David welcomed their son, Welles Stephen Breininger, on August 18, 2020. Welles joins big brother, Noah, who is three years old.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Many events, both at CCHS and in the community, have been canceled this year and will be rescheduled for 2021.



If your class wants to schedule its reunion for 2021, we advise that you plan ahead and book your venues as soon as possible to secure your location.

The following CCHS class reunions have been canceled for 2020 and will most likely reschedule for 2021. Announcements will be made when available.

Class of 1945 - Paul Hood is the coordinator.
Class of 1961 - Mike Alt is the coordinator.
Class of 1965 - Patti Erdmann is the reunion coordinator.
Class of 1966 - Pat Joyce is the reunion coordinator.
Class of 1970 - Bob Valigosky is the coordinator.
Class of 1971 - Bernie Kanary is the coordinator.

**Class of 1990** - Brook Williams is the reunion coordinator.

**Class of 2000** - Kristin Bunek is the reunion coordinator. **Class of 2010** - The reunion coordinator is Ann Justen.

The **Class of 1961** 60-year reunion is scheduled for August 27-29, 2021. More details will be mailed to the class soon.

The **classes of 1966** and **1972** are beginning to make plans for their reunions this year.







# **Central Catholic Centennial Yearbook**

Central Catholic's Centennial Celebration, scheduled for September 20, 2020, has been postponed to a date in 2021 to be determined.

In the meantime, you can relive 100 years of Central Catholic history by purchasing our centennial yearbook containing over 250 pages of Irish memories! Please visit www.centralcatholic.org/100 to find the yearbook order form.





# Please Support the Irish Drive & Buy Program!

Buy or lease a new or used vehicle from one of these dealers, and automatically support Central Catholic High School!

Are you in the market for a new vehicle? Next time you need a new or used car, please visit one of these participating dealerships. Then when you buy or lease your vehicle, let them know you want to participate in Central Catholic's Irish Drive and Buy program.

Just fill out a simple form at the time of purchase, and the dealer will send a donation directly to Central Catholic. There is no extra cost to you!

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# **Students in the News**

#### Central Catholic's Class of 2020 Earned Over \$4.5 Million in College Scholarships

The Central Catholic High School Class of 2020 was the 100th class to graduate from the school. The class earned a total of \$4,627,893 in college scholarships.

Here are some highlights from the top students in the Class of 2020:



**Valedictorian Janaya Harris** - Janaya is the first African-American female valedictorian in Central Catholic's 100-year history. She was an Irish Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society, the crew team, and the Quiz Bowl team. She now attends the University of Chicago, majoring in

biochemistry, and she would like to pursue a career in scientific research.



Salutatorian Brent Matus - Brent was an Irish Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society and the baseball team. He received the OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award and a CCHS leadership award. He now attends the Ohio State University, majoring in mechanical engineering.



Heritage Speaker (Tied for third in the class) Leigha Schumaker - Leigha was the National Honor Society president as well as the president of student council. She was a member of the Glee Club and the swim team, and she participated in Ohio Youth in Government. She attends the Ohio State University to major in

voice performance and psychology.



**Bishop's Cross Recipient Abigail Bozigar** - The Bishop's Cross is the highest award bestowed upon a graduate of a Catholic high school in the Diocese of Toledo. Abby was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Senate, Spiritual Commission, the track and field team, and the speech and debate team.

She participated in Ohio Youth in Government. Abby received the Youth Jefferson Award for performing over 60 hours of community service. She attends the University of Toledo and is majoring in economics.



Heritage Speaker (Tied for third in the class) Carter Fouty - Carter played football for the Fighting Irish, and he signed a letter of intent to play football for the United States Air Force Academy. He was an Irish Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society.



**Bishop's Cross Recipient Zachary Scally** - The Bishop's Cross is the highest award bestowed upon a graduate of a Catholic high school in the Diocese of Toledo. Zach was a member of the National Honor Society. He was an altar server, worship and retreat leader, and played soccer and tennis for Central

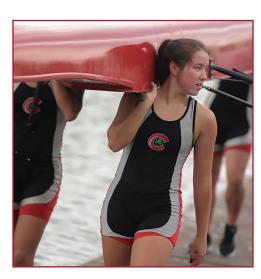
Catholic. He received the Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award for outstanding sportsmanship, integrity, and ethics. Zach, along with his brother and his cousin, plays in a Christian band, the Scally Brothers. Last year, the band played a national tour that stopped in nearly 20 states across the country, and they performed alongside some major Christian music artists. The group performed a live concert at Central Catholic for students, faculty, staff, and friends in January. Zach now attends the University of Toledo, majoring in finance.





The **136 graduates** from the **Class of 2020** are attending nearly 40 different colleges, universities, or trade schools, including the American Musical and Dramatic Academy, Hillsdale College, Lafayette College, Miami University, Michigan State, Ohio State, Ohio Northern University, Purdue, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the University of Chicago, and Xavier University.

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Central Catholic senior, Krista Roessle, has received the All Midwest Academic Athlete Award from the Midwest Scholastic Rowing Association (MSRA). The award is presented to high school student-athletes who meet strict academic criteria and who have competed in rowing events at a high level.

### Roessle Earns Academic Athlete Award

The academic requirements include a minimum 3.5 grade point average in English, math, social studies, science, and foreign language courses, and an ACT score of at least 27.





Krista has been a member of Central Catholic's rowing team since her freshman year. This fall would have marked her seventh season of rowing overall if it hadn't been canceled. She is also vice president of her class council, historian for the National Honor Society, the piano accompanist for the Central Catholic Glee Club, a member of the Quiz Bowl team, part of the core team of IrishTHON, a participant in Ohio Youth and Government, and an ACT math tutor.

# Refer a Student to Central Catholic High School

Do you know a student who would benefit from a Central Catholic education? If you know someone who would excel in our diverse learning community rooted in Catholic tradition, tell us about her or him by completing the form at www.centralcatholic.org under the Admissions tab. (Scroll down the page until you see the Refer a Student story.) A Central Catholic admissions representative will reach out to the student to discuss the prospect of joining the Irish family.



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# Planned Giving Spotlight Patricia (Garber) Grabinski, Class of 1956



Patricia passed away November 18, 2019 in Glendale, Arizona after a brief battle with cancer. After graduating from Central Catholic, she worked for Ohio Bell and Seaway Foodtown in Toledo for many years before retiring to Arizona with her husband, George.

After George passed, Pat enjoyed traveling with her best friend JoAnn, who she met and sang with in their church choir. JoAnn said that Pat talked about her experiences at CCHS and how much she cherished her Catholic education.

When Pat and her three siblings were younger, their parents became very ill and the children had to spend time in foster care. Their parents still wanted the children to be able to have a Catholic education, and they were able to work with Central Catholic to receive financial aid and scholarships so the siblings could continue their education.

Patricia never forgot this, and she wanted to pay it forward so that other students would be able to attend Central Catholic to experience the same excellent Catholic education. She worked with an attorney to set up a planned gift that would benefit the school after she died.

Planned giving is an opportunity to leave a lasting impact on Central

Catholic High School. This type of giving allows donors to contribute larger gifts to last beyond their lifetime. Planned giving is also referred to as legacy giving.

Planned gifts can be made during a lifetime or at the time of death as part of overall financial or estate planning. These gifts may include life insurance, real estate, equity, personal property, or even cash.

We are very grateful to Patricia for her generosity. Her desire to pay forward her gifts will impact the students at Central Catholic for years to come.

Please contact Eric Stockard, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, if you would like to set up a planned gift, or if you already have Central Catholic High School in your will. Eric can be reached at estockard@centralcatholic.org or by calling 419-255-2280, ext. 1057.

# Donor Spotlight Bryan Pacholski, Class of 1990

How many of us can say that we remember a promise we made over 30 years ago? **Bryan Pacholski '90** not only

remembered his promise, but he made good on it. And students at Central Catholic will be the ones to benefit.





When Bryan was a senior at CCHS, his father passed away due to cancer. Since his father was raising Bryan and his younger brother on his own, Bryan wondered how they would be able to continue paying for their education at Central Catholic.

"I remember very clearly the day my dad died," Bryan recalls. "He died in the morning at home, and for some reason I went into school later that day. I don't even know why I went, but I didn't know what else to do. And I remember that Fr. Billian [now Msgr. Billian] brought me into his office and told me that no matter what, Central Catholic would take care of us. He said not to worry about the tuition, and that we would be able to finish our education at CCHS. All he wanted in return was for me, someday when I was able, to pay it forward and donate to Central Catholic to help another student in need. I told him I would, and I've thought about that promise often since then."

Bryan was able to graduate that year, and his younger brother, who was a sophomore, was able to graduate from Central Catholic as well. Bryan went into the Army reserve after high school, eventually being deployed to Iraq after the September 11 attacks. He saw seven years of active duty, including serving as a platoon sergeant.

After a 22-year career in the Army, Bryan spent 10 years in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico and began working in real estate. He married and had three



children. He eventually ended up as a single father and moved to Dallas, Texas, where he continued his career in real estate. He now runs Compass Real Estate in Dallas.

Earlier this year, Bryan realized it was time to make good on his promise to Msgr. Billian. He contacted Central Catholic to arrange a monthly pledge to the CCHS Annual Fund. "It was always a commitment, and I finally got into a position to make it happen," he says. "Today more than ever it's our responsibility to preserve what was valuable in our youth. CCHS was home to me, and I want other people to feel that way as well."

Bryan played football at CCHS, but he describes himself as not the best athlete, not the best student, not involved in very many activities. "But that didn't matter," he says. "I was still important and treated exactly the same as every other student, and I felt like I was somebody. Central Catholic was a safe place for me, and they were my family. They really wrap their arms around you and take care of you. I want as many students as possible to be able to experience what I experienced during my time at CCHS. The education, of course, but also the family."

Bryan's niece currently attends Central Catholic, and she lost her mother last year. Bryan says that he witnessed the same care that was shown to him 30 years ago now being shown to her. He wants that kind of support to continue being around for years to come because so many people need it.

Central Catholic reached out to Monsignor Billian, and he remembers Bryan's story. He was delighted to hear that the experience made an impact and that Bryan is making good on his promise. "This is a true Central Catholic story," he says. "So many people come to Central Catholic because of the generosity of others. This is a great opportunity to teach that generosity to students who are here now, and to show them the importance of giving back to CCHS."

Bryan believes in the mission of Catholic education and encourages other alumni to invest in the future of our students. He hopes that with his donation, a student like him who really needs support can experience it now. And 30 years from now, that student will be able to help someone else.

That's what paying it forward is all about.



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### CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

# In Memoriam

# Joseph P. Rozanski, Jr. January 9, 1933 - October 20, 2020



After serving in the United States Army during the Korean War, Joseph Rozanski earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Toledo. He was a civics and American Government teacher at Central Catholic for 40 years (1965-2005), and he made a great impact on so many students. He also managed the Shamrock Shop for many years. In retirement, he enjoyed golfing, fishing, and meeting his CCHS friends for lunch.

Joseph was preceded in death by his wife, Theresa, and son, Terrence. He is survived by his daughter, Joette Rozanski, and other extended family.

Here's what some of his former students had to say about having Joe Rozanski as a teacher:

"The BEST American government teacher, hands down."

"I registered to vote at his desk right before I turned 18. He turned my voter registration in for me. I remember specific things he said in American Government. I can say without reservation that his class was the solid foundation of my political life. I should also point out that I enjoyed his sense of humor!" "My dad and I had him for government class. When he said my name, he immediately remembered my dad for his love of fishing. What a great teacher he was."

"What a great teacher and even a better man .... he was certainly one of the reasons I studied law and became an attorney. His class at Central Catholic was the most memorable."

"Most fun teacher I had at CCHS."

"Loved him!! His insults were brutal and hilarious! He was a passionate, skilled educator."

"He had a way of engaging all students in his teaching style. Very glad I had him as a teacher."

"He challenged students to think and debate."

"He was an amazing teacher. His class was the most interesting, informative, and mind expanding class I had ever taken."

"You can't think of Central Catholic without the memory of Mr. Rozanski popping up. He was one of the best there and a pillar of my many memories of that great school."



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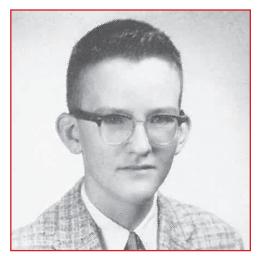


# Dr. Richard J. Beres - Class of 1959 July 18, 1941 - June 11, 2020

Dr. Richard J. Beres was a 1959 graduate of CCHS. He earned a Ph.D. in higher education and research and statistics from the University of Toledo and then worked as a math teacher at Central Catholic. He became the first lay assistant principal of CCHS in 1973.

Richard went on to work as a professor at the University of Toledo for four years, and then worked for 27 years as Manager of Academic Computing at Xavier University. He also taught courses in statistics and educational research, and he retired from Xavier in 2010.

Richard grew up in the Birmingham neighborhood of East Toledo and volunteered at St. Stephens Parish and the Birmingham Neighborhood Association. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Leslie Ann Prosak-Beres: his son, Jon Beres; his sister, Elizabeth Hudecek; and other extended family.



Senior yearbook photo

**CORRECTION:** Benjamin C. Riester was a member of Central Catholic's Class of 2008. In the Spring 2020 issue of Scarlet & Gray, he was mistakenly listed as a member of the Class of 2011 on the In Memoriam page. We sincerely apologize for the error.

#### 1939

Esther Mae (Steffen) Logsdon

#### 1941

Joseph F. Rapp

**1942** Geraldine (Dobrzeniecki) Davis

**1943** Marie R. (Winterhalter) Allen

**1944** Bernadine (Breitfelder) Adler Jean V. (Gulch) Dorbeck William C. "Bill" Nachtrab

**1945** John C. Paszek

#### 1946

Lois J. (Johnston) Aberl Rita Mae (CaJacob) Mack

#### **1947**

Sister Mary Ann Brady, RSM Patricia (Gray) "Evaristus" Wilhite

#### 1948

Mary Ann (Aubry) Jenkins Joseph F. Schweickert Dr. Charles Skillas

#### **1949**

Delphine C. (Mroczkowski) Fodor Leo "Lee" F. Kreft Richard J. "Dick" Sullivan Rose B. (Lenkay) Bollin

#### **1950**

Laurence E. "Larry" Kish Mary M. (Berning) Micka Edmund "Roscoe" Zeiler

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Robert F. Barshel Daniel J. Billmaier Mary Suzanne (Boogher) Weis Daniel G. Farbrother Robert J. Schwanzl

#### **1952**

James C. Andrus Melanie M. (Nassr) Keil

#### **1953**

David J. Brunner





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#### **1954**

Barbara Carter Daley Patricia Ann (Carey) Fulwider Dr. Thomas A. Klein

#### 1**9**55

Esther L. (Coehrs) Brown Marilyn J. "Hodge" (Waclawek) Michelson Trudy Petko-Sykes David John Zielinski, Sr.

#### 1956

Norman C. Abrass Sandra R. "Sandy" Bialecki Joan (Schlagheck) Gordon Marlene P. (Malczewski) Robedeau Richard W. "Dick" Smith Judith "Judy" (Renz) Shinaberry

#### **1957**

Robert J. Huss

#### **1958**

Leo G. Deiger Nancy Ann Fahy Dennis R. "Dennie" McHue Carolyn (Chmielowicz) Mosko

#### 1959

Susan T. (Bart) Antkowiak Dr. Richard J. Beres Frank D. David Robert J. Flanagan Ronald J. Szurminski

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Bernadette A. Bollin Judy (Rink) Buckenmyer John Cromly Julie Geiger **1960** James Topolewski

#### 1961

Christy S. Barteck Marcia J. (Walczak) Demusky James Joseph "J.J." O'Shea Barbara (Lozinski) Reighard

#### 1962

Thomas P. Killen, Sr. Maureen (McGrady) Leffel Joseph J. Mattoni

#### 1963

Patricia Ann Dittman Susan M. (Michalak) Jeffrey Gerald "Jerry" Kunkel

#### **1964** John A. Donofrio

James M. Nally

**1967** Lawrence R. "Larry" Stoeckley

#### 1968

Louis Escobar Armand David "Dave" Gravel John J. Wieck

**1970** Patricia M. (Pacer) Misthal

**1971** Martin F. Daly

#### 1974

Ruth Ann (Urban) Jensen

#### **1976**

Mary Ann "Mac" (Corrigan) Walsh

#### **1977**

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#### 1979

Paula Ann Bialorucki Margaret "Peggy" (McCarthy) Nicholson

**1986** Andre P. Campos Dean A. Dulinski

**1988** Robert T. Turvey

**1989** Sean Kruse

**1996** Jennifer M. Woods

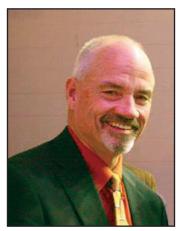
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**2017** Ellen M. Hickey

John W. "Jon Jon" Girts, Jr. June (Kehn) Lauber Carrie Malkowski Richard "Dick" T. Mielcarek Loretta A. Moore Joseph P. Rozanski, Jr. Roberta "Bobbie" M. Thornton







Dear CCHS Family,

I've been involved with Central Catholic for many years, in just about every capacity you can think of - student, alumnus, parent, staff member, coach, board member, and now board chairman. Throughout that time, Central Catholic has faced its share of financial struggles. But we wouldn't be celebrating our 100th anniversary if we hadn't come together and made it through these difficulties.

COVID-19 is certainly an unexpected hardship. But I am proud of the way that Central Catholic has handled this adversity and has utilized the resources that have been available to us.

One of the important jobs of the board of directors is to make sure Central Catholic is being fiscally responsible. I am happy to report that our deficit is being reduced and that we are fiscally sound. Central Catholic's endowment is larger than the national Catholic average.

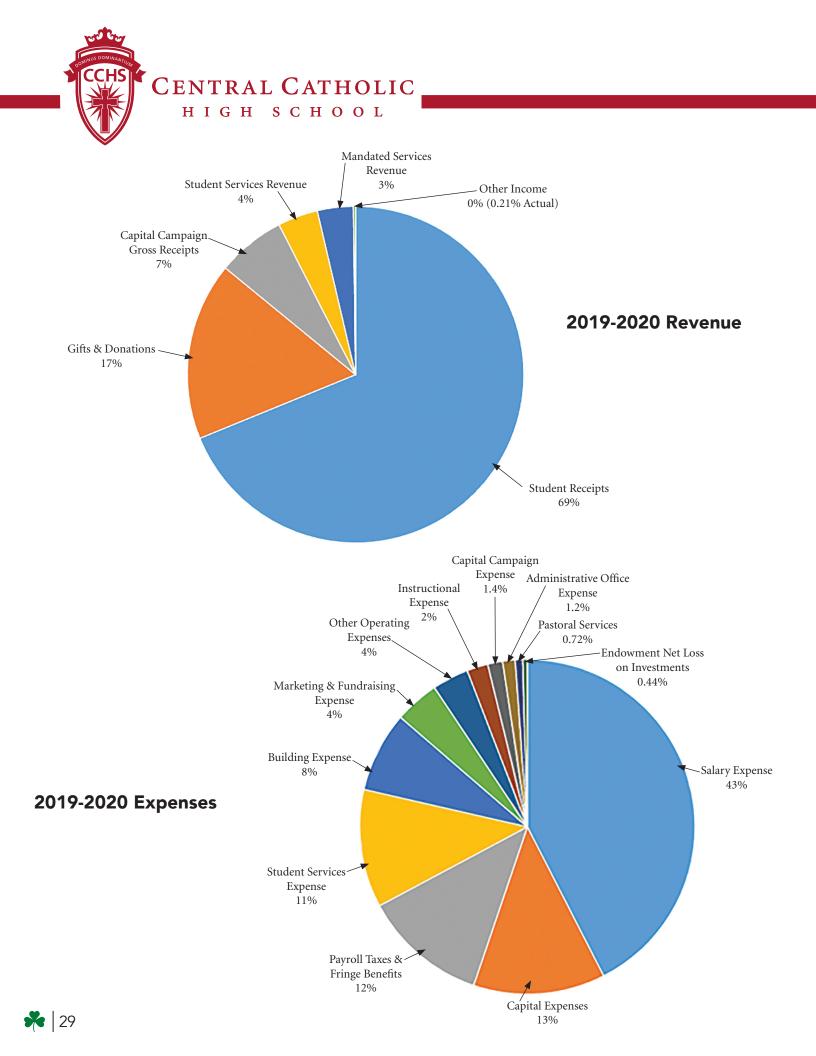
We are grateful to everyone who has helped us get where we are today. Many of you, like my family, have been supporting Central Catholic for much of its 100-year history. The school plans to be around for another 100 years and will continue to rely on all of our support.

Go Irish!

Mike Boyle

Michael Boyle '70 Chairman, Board of Directors

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Karen Bates Cynthia Bobash James Byrne Thomas Connolly Janice Dickenson Thomas Dixon Lee Ann Ford Marianne Herrick Michael Moszkowicz James Rice Michael Schira Aleta Sedlar Kathryn Shortridge Christine Szakovits Rodney Szymanski James Zawodny

#### 1971

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#### 1973

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1977

Kathy Allen

Tim Dever

1978

Kevin Cousino

Kevin Katafias

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Howard Gordon

**Robert Mangas** 

John McNulty

Pinkham

1979

1980

1981

Susan Shrader

Timothy Carr

Catherine Fry

Gregory Muszynski

Robert O'Donnell

Kathleen Seeman

**Ruth Mangas** 

Daniel Murnen

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Diane Clark

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Margaret Peterson

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#### 1983

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1985 David Kowalski Pamela Quinn

1986 Tracy Aquilla Raymond Heitger Michele Jurek

1987 Jeffrey Dempsey Susan DiSario Charlotte Reymann Carrie Walter Patrick Williams

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