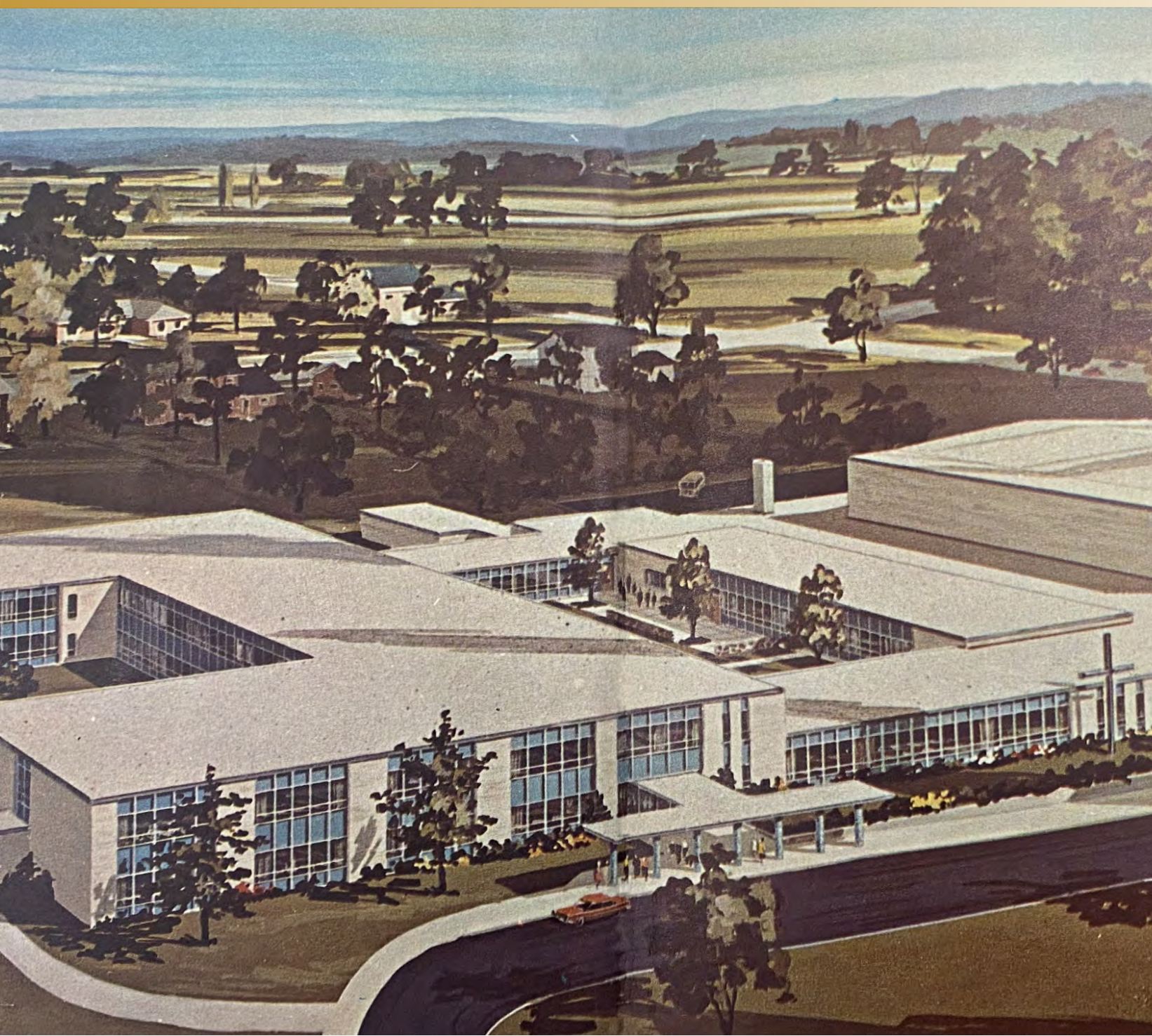


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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Bishop Dwenger High School, a diocesan Catholic school founded in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, provides a faith-centered community dedicated to academic excellence, growth in the spiritual life, a Christ-centered active life outside of class, and a Christian life of service to the community.

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*Look at the past with gratitude, Live the present
with passion, and Embrace the future with hope.*
- Pope Francis



Diamonds are made of ONE element that becomes something very special over a long time, while enduring much heat and pressure. Our theme this year was ONE: One God, One Family, One Love. God made much our physical body with the same element as diamonds. So, it is no surprise diamonds are often used in idioms and metaphors when expressing a person's endurance, beauty, strength, love, and hope as well as when describing how God's people become stronger over time, while enduring adversity, hardship, and great pressure. God made us strong, to adapt and strengthen over time. However, we cannot do this alone. We must turn to God and our community for the support we need to get through these extreme conditions. What a great reminder of who we are and how we are supposed to live. In the end, we are forged into a beacon of light, radiant and strong!

Since 1963, Bishop Dwenger has been a jewel and shining beacon in our community; endeavoring to guide and mentor over 12,000 students to become powerful witnesses of our faith and mission, edifying what it means to be a Citizen of Two Worlds. This did not happen by chance. Our school and its community were forged with purpose and direction; through a common belief and passion to provide Catholic education to the growing populace in the suburbs north of town. Many early alumni refer to the area where our school sits as the country, noting at that time, there was little north of the Coliseum. Talk about a diamond in the rough!

Over the past 60 years, BDHS has created and strongly defends many traditions which, along with shared experiences, help keep our present and past students bonded. This cannot occur without the stability resulting from the steadfastness of faculty, staff, and administration. Notably, there have only been four principals, and currently half of our staff are alumni. Most remarkably, many of our students are from legacy families, some even directly linked to our school's founding families. We are blessed to have third generation Dwenger families actively involved. It is not uncommon to see the first generation of Dwenger alum at athletic and fundraising events, or substitute teaching. This is a wonderful testimony that Bishop Dwenger is not just a place to learn, rather, it means much more to countless people.

Success begets success: Bishop Dwenger has become the largest high school in our diocese, and the third largest Catholic high school in Indiana. We have been recognized by the Indiana Department of Education as an A+ School, and nationally recognized as a Blue Ribbon School with the added distinction of a Top 50 Catholic High School. Athletic teams, including football, gymnastics, and girls' soccer, have won multiple state championships, and cheerleading has won national titles. We have set the bar at the local and state level for Speech/Debate, and Future Business Leaders of America. Performing arts students and teams have also competed for state titles and awards. I am most proud that our Catholic Identity has grown so much over the years, evidenced by our Queen of All Saints Chapel, the growing number of service and spiritual clubs, the number of alumni who have chosen to serve as priests, sisters, and consecrated servants of God, and being selected to the Cardinal Newman Society's Honor Roll.

On behalf of the staff, our students, and families, I congratulate and thank everyone who has made an impact in making Bishop Dwenger High School a very special and unique gem in Northeast Indiana. I welcome our entire Bishop Dwenger family to our Diamond Jubilee in the Fall of 2023. When we honor the past, and embrace the future, then the present becomes a celebration.

Mr. Jason Schiffl

On the Cover... A 1963 rendering of BDHS in its original glory. You can find this image in the very first yearbook Bishop Dwenger ever produced!

“Tradition: How the vitality of the past enriches the life of the present.”

~T.S. Eliot



Whether rooted in culture, in family, or in faith, traditions play a significant role in who we are. Designed to bring and keep people together, tradition gives us what few other things can: something to both fall back on and look forward to. This year, Bishop Dwenger High School will celebrate a major milestone: 60 years as a Catholic school. This Diamond Jubilee marks six decades of excellence in education, commitment to faith formation, service to our community, and of course, tradition. This is both a chance to look back in appreciation and forward in promise. We have the opportunity to join together and pause in gratitude and admiration for those who have made Bishop Dwenger the special family it is today and simultaneously celebrate new generations and fresh beginnings to continue shaping the family yet to come. Please join us this year for some of our special events and ceremonies. If you have not been back for years, or even if you live right down

the street, please find your way home this year. Attend

Homecoming or Hall of Fame. Take in a game or a musical performance. Party at Purse Bingo or Saints Alive! Call us to schedule a tour or organize a reunion. Whatever it is, we'd love to see you here this year. You are part of our story and tradition over these 60 years and it wouldn't be the same without you!

Katie

Mrs. Katie Slee
Director of Advancement



Top Ten

Congratulations to these seniors! Due to their hard work and dedication, they have earned their place in the top ten!

Listed left to right - Valedictorian - Benjamin Sarrazine, Salutatorian - Tommy Le, Third - Avery Ledo, Fourth - Lillian Knight, Fifth - Malori Rude, Sixth - Dennis Kountouris, Seventh - Macy Moser, Eighth - Vanessa Cook, Ninth - Ethan Roy, Tenth - Thomas Bundy.



Saints Alive! Blue & Gold Raffle



Announcing the new and improved
Blue & Gold Raffle!
New price! New payout! New purpose!

- **Price:** All tickets are only \$10 each
- **Prize Payout:** 50/50 drawing with one big winner. Based on last year's sales, the prize could be \$25,000 or more!
- **Purpose:** Each ticket sold provides \$5 of support directly to the team or club you designate.
- **ON SALE NOW!** Use the enclosed envelope to purchase your tickets or scan the QR code to order online.

**Get your tickets today and Support Our Saints!
It is the ultimate win-win! Good luck!**



DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

A Commitment to Keeping Youth Safe at Bishop Dwenger

In June 2002, the USCCB established The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People as a comprehensive set of procedures to address allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The Charter includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse. The USCCB is currently evaluating the Charter to ensure it includes current best practices, and is germane to contemporary culture.

Parents have the right to insist their parishes and schools comply with The Charter. As required by diocesan policy, all priests, deacons, seminarians, employees, and volunteers must have a criminal background check and Safe Environment Training prior to beginning their service. A school employee background check specifically includes: Professional/Teacher's License Verification, Criminal National Database search, SSN Trace, Federal Criminal, County Criminal, and Department of Child Services search in Indiana. Rescreens are conducted every four years, and Safe Environment Training every two years. Adults receive training that covers the following topics: signs and symptoms indicating a child may be abused, "red flags" that abusers may display, the grooming process, prevention of sexual abuse by Church personnel, procedures for reporting allegations, how to respond appropriately to disclosures of abuse, internet safety, and appropriate boundaries in ministry. Additionally, all students at Diocesan schools receive training on the following topics: appropriate use of the internet and social media, understanding the grooming process, healthy relationships and dating, and legal consequences of turning 18. Please be assured that we have a robust program that seeks the welfare of children and young people to remain safe and flourish in their parishes and schools. The Diocese and Bishop Dwenger are committed to an appropriate response, ensuring that the harm of past abuse is never repeated.

PHJC Statement

Susan Whitten, a deceased former member of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, has been accused of the sexual abuse of a minor. Whitten left the Poor Handmaid Congregation over 50 years ago when she was dispensed from her vows in 1967. Whitten's last assignment prior to her dispensation was at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, IN.

A member of Bishop Dwenger's class of 1967 has accused Whitten of engaging in an inappropriate relationship and has requested that alumni be informed of this situation in case there are any other victims of abuse by Sr. Susan Whitten, PHJC. Out of respect for the privacy of the individual who made this credible allegation, the Poor Handmaids will not say anything further regarding the allegation or response to it.

The Poor Handmaids are saddened to hear of this abuse. The safety and well-being of all children, including all those served by the ministry of the Poor Handmaids, is of the highest importance to us. Abuse of any kind is appalling. The mission of the Poor Handmaids affirms our desire to respect and value each person we serve and to search for justice. Poor Handmaids are committed to responding to any allegation of abuse pastorally, with compassion and sensitivity to all those who may be affected. The Sisters' prayers go out to the individual who brought this allegation.

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Victim Assistance

If you or someone you know is the victim of sexual misconduct or abuse by a member of the clergy or anyone ministering on behalf of the Church, we are here to help and listen. As part of our ongoing care for victims of sexual misconduct and abuse, we offer pastoral support and counseling.

We pledge to listen, support, investigate, and follow our policies and procedures outlined by the bishop. Please contact civil authorities and the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator.



Bishop Rhoades Visit

Our Saints always enjoy hosting Bishop Kevin Rhoades, and his visit this year proved to be particularly special. Bishop Rhoades celebrated an all-school Mass at Bishop Dwenger on January 13, the anniversary of his installation as Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. He spoke to students about St. Hilary of Poitiers, whose feast day fell that same day. St. Hilary was a fourth century bishop who bravely defended the Catholic Church against the culture of his times. Bishop Rhoades encouraged students to follow the example of St. Hilary and to boldly defend our faith despite worldly pressures to abandon it. His message of courageous counter-cultural living challenged students to remain steadfast in their Catholic faith. After Mass, the Student Council enjoyed chatting with Bishop Rhoades in a small group setting, as well as lunch complete with celebratory cupcakes, in honor of his installation anniversary. Bishop continued his visit by spending the part of the afternoon visiting Theology classrooms engaging students in conversation and fielding their questions; later he made a particular point to spend time with students in the St. Mother Teresa Program. Bishop explored the classroom, listened to students describe their experience at Bishop Dwenger including daily activities, as well as current lessons and projects. The Theology Department faculty was delighted Bishop chose to end his visit by discussing their mission and the challenges they face, uplifting and refreshing them in their role of Catholic educators.

PRAYER OF ST. HILARY OF POITIERS

For Perseverance In Faith

Father, keep us from vain strife of words.
Grant to us constant profession of the Truth!
Preserve us in a true and undefiled faith
so that we may hold fast to that
which we professed when we were baptized
in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
that we may have Thee for our Father,
that we may abide in Thy Son
and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.



SAINTS ALIVE! at the MUSEUM



Guests had the opportunity to see history come to life at “Saints Alive! at the Museum!” This years Dinner & Auction on Saturday, March 4, was SOLD OUT!

The theme was based on the entertaining Night at the Museum movies. The gym was filled with students dressed as historical figures like Teddy Roosevelt, Julius Caesar, and Amelia Earhart. The live hallway was transformed into an art gallery filled with students posing as famous “live artwork” such as the Mona Lisa, American Gothic, and Girl with a Pearl Earring. Senior, Clara Burns, inspired everyone with her student testimonial speaking to how Bishop Dwenger has influenced her during her life, and particularly her four years as a student at BD.

The Dinner & Auction fell on what would have been our beloved past principal, Fred Tone’s, 78th birthday. His lovely wife, Sandy, wrote a message to the guests. She shared memories of his “people person” personality, and that he always loved attending Saints Alive! to visit with parents and friends and to thank all the

volunteers for their hard work. The guests were encouraged to give \$78 in honor of his birthday during the Supporting Our Saints Appeal. It was a moment that will never be forgotten, as hundreds of paddles immediately flew into the air, resulting in \$13,806 being raised in Fred’s honor.

The grand total revenue for the entire Saints Alive! series of events is \$610,146! The funds generated are made possible through the generosity of everyone in the Dwenger Family. Proceeds will fund tuition and financial support, capital expenses, and updates to our library, and stadium team rooms. On behalf of our event chairs, Kari & Matt (‘86) Smith and Katie (Wagner ‘96) & Nathan (‘95) Steigmeyer, our staff, School Board and, most especially, our students, we are grateful to our volunteers, guests, donors, and sponsors who work together to create this exciting event. Saints Alive! is a tradition that continues to have such a positive impact on Bishop Dwenger High School. Thank you for another amazing year!



2023-2024 Saints Alive!
Everyone is welcome to attend!

Purse Bingo
November 4, 2023

Holiday Spirits
December 2, 2023

Grand Opening Night
February 29, 2024

Dinner & Auction
March 2, 2024

For more information contact:
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CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT



John pictured with daughter **Emma '23** and son **Parker '27**

Congratulations to **John Tone '91** the 2022-23 Christ the Teacher Award Recipient! Teaching classes made up entirely of first-year students from different middle schools, with varied athletic aptitudes and feelings about physical activity comes with a unique set of challenges. With saintly patience, quiet determination, as well as a healthy dose of humor, John pushes students to try new activities, instructs them on the value of lifelong fitness, encourages them to stretch their social circles, and to have fun with it all. Encouraging reluctant students to take part, and eager students to be generous teammates, all while staying open minded about each activity, including dance, helps him to connect with students, and them with each other. About that Dance Unit, it may not be a student favorite, but it is one of John's, if only because of the transformation he sees in his students from beginning to end. The pandemic presented John with a unique teaching moment, when he provided Physical Education instruction via zoom, noting

he isn't sure if the students just watched him work out or if they were working out with him. Encouraging students to step away from technology to do something active, particularly outside, has been a focus of his, for which the stadium has been a great resource. But more important than any sport or classroom activity, taking students to the Chapel, and giving them a bit of time to pray, reset, and focus, John explained, is particularly beneficial for freshmen as they assimilate into the high school environment and experience.

After school, John enjoys coaching Freshman Football and Wrestling, sports he took part in along with Baseball while he was a student, and as a fellow coach with his dad, Fred, beginning in '96 until his death in '15. John recalls with a wry smile, he and his dad had different points of view resulting in impassioned discussions which fellow coach Casey Kolkman "refereed," but to this day, he starts the football and wrestling seasons by revisiting Fred's notebooks. John brings his knowledge, patience, and encouragement to both sports, and his recruitment skills to the hallways. Encouraging students to try wrestling has produced amazing student athletes and performances over the years, many of which were from students that did not see themselves as athletes. This was a point of pride and satisfaction for John. Bishop Dwenger is blessed to have John as an educator, mentor, and coach. Congratulations, John!



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CELEBRATING THE NEWLY ORDAINED!

Congratulations to our newly ordained alumni, **Fr. Jacob Schneider '13**, and **Fr. Samuel Anderson '13**! We are blessed that these men heard the call, and dedicated their lives to this vocation.

A son of St. Vincent de Paul parish, Sam earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology before studying at the Pontifical North American College in Rome for the last four years. During this summer, he will serve St. Joseph Ft. Wayne, before returning to Rome this fall for his fifth year to complete his degree in Dogmatic Theology.

Jacob hails from St. Charles Borromeo parish and has been studying at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD for the last six years. Prior to becoming a seminarian, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science from University of Toledo, where he also served as President of his Fraternity. After ordination, Fr. Jacob was assigned to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Ft. Wayne, as a parochial vicar.

Congratulations to **Deacon Caleb Kruse '14** son of St. Vincent de Paul parish, former BD Faculty, and current seminarian at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, who was ordained to the Diaconate on May 20, 2023.

MARY "PAT" BECKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Pat (Kinder) Becker, 81, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022, at home surrounded by family. After graduating from Central Catholic High School in 1959, Pat earned a Bachelor of Mathematics at Mount St. Mary's College and Master of Mathematics at University of Saint Francis. She began her teaching career in Michigan, and later returned to Indiana and taught at Jefferson Middle School, Blackhawk Middle School, University of Saint Francis, and IPFW. Her final teaching position was at Bishop Dwenger High School, where she taught for 19 years before her retirement in 2004. Pat took part in numerous professional organizations and volunteered to countless causes through St. Jude parish, Bishop Dwenger, and wherever she saw an opportunity to help others. In retirement, Pat continued her teaching legacy by substitute teaching and tutoring students, but also made time for golf, gardening, bird watching, and reading as well as her most beloved pastime, spending time with her grandchildren. Pat is survived by her husband of 52 years, Tony Becker (CCHS '59); children, **David Becker '93** and his wife Kim, and **Mary (Becker '96) Johnson**; grandchildren Dakota Becker, Bradley (Jeannie) Becker, Ashley Roberts, **Michael Becker '23**, **Jason Becker '25**, **Matthew Becker '26**, Christopher Owens, Amare Owens, and Abigail Becker; great-grandchild, Aubrey Becker; siblings Tom (CCHS '60) and his wife Joni (Bergman CCHS '61) Kinder, and Anne (CCHS '63) Knupke and her husband Paul. Pat was preceded in death by her brother, Michael Kinder (CCHS '56).

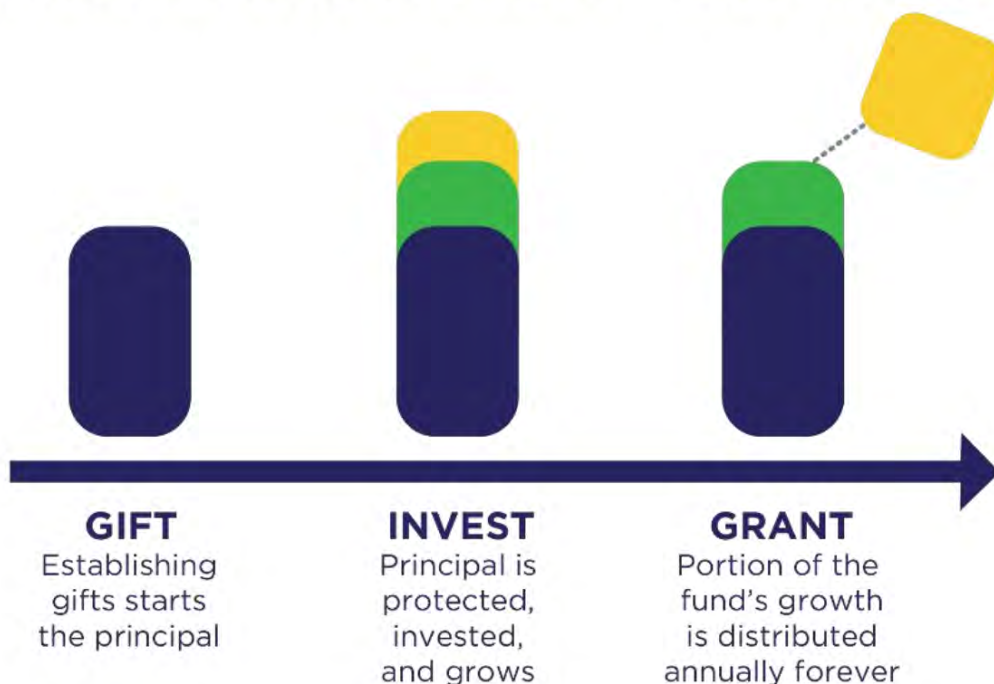
In memory of Pat, the Becker Family started the Mary Pat Becker Scholarship Fund. If you would like to help continue Pat's legacy of enriching students' lives with a Bishop Dwenger education, you may donate online using the Donate Now button at bishopdwenger.com, or via check, mailed to Bishop Dwenger with "Becker" in the notes section. Thank you!

A LASTING LEGACY

What is your legacy? What inspires you? The Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana serves donors by matching their philanthropic vision with grants to the ministries, programs, and institutions that best serve their dreams for a better world. The Foundation provides an easy way to give generously and responsibly during a donor's lifetime, as well as a part of their estate plans.

A gift to Bishop Dwenger High School through the Catholic Community Foundation is an investment in the future of the Church, Catholic education, and a lasting way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings. This partnership has benefited the school in many ways. Currently, Bishop Dwenger benefits from seven funds held at the Catholic Community Foundation, including a general endowment, alumni, and scholarship fund. The Scholarship Fund, for example, helps make the goal of a Catholic education attainable to many students and their families by providing nearly fifty scholarships, amounting to \$246,000 in tuition assistance to families in need.

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To learn more contact **Michael W. Shade, CFA, Chief Executive Officer**, at mshade@ccfnei.org or (260) 240-5432 or visit The Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana website ccfnei.org.

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THE ANNUAL FUND TRADITION - 60 Years of Supporting our Saints

The Annual Fund may sound basic, but it is salt and light to our Saints. It addresses the immediate and oftentimes unforeseen expenses the school incurs, at the very moment it is needed.

Leaky roof? Boiler on ice? Parking lot potholes? Kaput cafeteria oven? The Annual Fund covers the less glamorous but essential expenses sustaining the school, enabling Bishop Dwenger to fulfill its mission safely and securely.

For 60 years, the Dwenger family has generously supported the Annual Fund through fund drives as well as in honor or memory of a Saint, reward programs, company matching gifts, and estate gifts. The Annual Fund sounds basic because it cares for our most basic needs. It is the hardest working fund, contributed to by the largest cross-section of donors, in a wide spectrum of amounts.

In celebration of Bishop Dwenger High School's 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee, please continue the tradition of generosity by contributing to the Annual Fund. Kindly consider:

- A one-time gift of \$60 or a monthly gift of \$60 for a year
- A one-time gift of \$1,963 or a monthly gift of \$19.63 for a year, or
- A gift amount you designate after prayerful consideration.

Each gift is a blessing and will help provide a Catholic education experience in a world that needs Saints more than ever. Thank you!



I/ We would love to contribute to the Annual Fund in honor of Bishop Dwenger's 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee.

- One time gift of \$60 _____
- One time gift of \$1,963 _____
- Monthly gift of \$60 for a year _____
- Monthly gift of \$19.63 for a year _____
- Custom Gift Amount _____

Please cut on the dotted line, and place this form in the remittance envelope included in the Dwenger Times.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

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TRADITIONS

SIXTY YEARS OF



MAY CROWNING

1960's



BACCALAUREATE AT THE CATHEDRAL



ALL SCHOOL MASS

1970's



HOMECOMING BONFIRE

1980's



1990's



ITION



SENIOR COACH

2000's



WELCOME NEW SAINTS



CAP TOSS

2020's



SAINTS ON THE MOVE

2010's



SPIRIT TREE

TRASH CAN DRUMS



POWDER PUFF GAME



“He has made everything beautiful in it’s time.”
-Ecclesiastes 3:11

Bland beige no more! **Chris Catalogna '17** created another stunning mural, this time for his alma mater. Perhaps you have seen his work on the outside of Black Canyon restaurant and inside Catablu restaurant. Chris brings his talent for art and collaborative spirit to celebrate and proclaim our love of the Church, to make a significant, beautiful improvement to our beloved school.



With the aid of some current advanced art students, the project seeks to enhance our Catholic Identity and beautify the hallway adjacent the Queen of All Saints Chapel. The image, fittingly, depicts Saints walking the halls and studying in the library, much like our own Dwenger Saints; a connection we hope students will relate and be drawn to, and hopefully, inspired by. Gracing the space are Saints: Jose Sanchez Del Rio, Carlos Acutis, Solanus Casey, Joan of Arc, Martin de Porres, Chiara, Gemma, Augustus Tolton, Paul Miki, Pier Giorgio Frassatti, Oscar Romero, Lucia of Fatima, Gianna Molla, and Josephine Bakhita.

Chris’ mural joins existing works adorning the halls including murals by (A) **Lara Nguyen '94** (B) **Becky (Harmon '97) Batchelor**, (C) **Ramy Mourad '01** and **Jeffrey Straessle '01**, and (D) **Cecilia (Perez '06) Dunifon**. We are proud of our Arts Department that fosters creativity and excellence which has produced many talented artists in many mediums. With plenty of plain walls in our school hallways and stairwells, many opportunities for mural masterpieces remain. We look forward to the continuation of this beautiful tradition for years to come.



Well Done, Faithful Servants!



Kathy Bennett is retiring after 10 years of service to the Bishop Dwenger Guidance Department. Kathy's connection with BD started when she married her husband, **John '77**, deepened when he became a math teacher here in 1998, and further when her children, **Meredith '06**, and **Doug '10**, attended and graduated from BD. Her own Sainthood came in 2013, after 31 years of service to Fort Wayne Community Schools, Kathy followed her faith, and John who was Athletic Director, to BD to finish her career.

While at BD, Kathy balanced many roles and responsibilities, however, her most impactful role was that of our liaison with the Anthis Career Academy. Under Kathy's tutelage, our student participation at Anthis grew by as much as fifty percent. Outside the Guidance Department, Kathy immersed herself in the BD community. She helped as a painter for Saints Alive!, worked with students as a Student Council moderator, and was a dedicated gate worker for the Athletic Department at hundreds of sporting events. Even after John retired from

BD in 2021, Kathy continued her post at the gate.

Kathy truly valued her time at BD and the memories she made. "From small and large schools near and far, overnight stays for State Championships, and countless wrestling matches, John and I made them our 'date nights.' I'm sure we will continue to attend many athletic events in future years." In retirement, Kathy plans to spend more time at the lake, traveling, and spending time with her family. Kathy will be dearly missed by her fellow counselors and the rest of the BD family.



The Queen of Calculus is retiring! Our beloved Doris Derheimer is retiring her mathematical crown after blessing the halls of Bishop Dwenger for 19 years. She began her career teaching Trigonometry and Algebra 1 and easily progressed into the Calculus teacher that the students respect and love. She also spent many years assisting the cheerleading squad and helping with the National Honor Society Board. She can often be seen in the math hallway after hours with a Starbucks in her hand!

After earning a Bachelor of Mathematics at Saint Mary's College and later a Master of Business Administration and Management from University of Saint Francis, Mrs. Derheimer worked in the supply chain industry at Magnavox as well as at Phelps Dodge, and later taught junior high math at St. John the Baptist School - Fort Wayne. We are so thankful she became a Saint in 2004. In retirement she is looking forward to spending more time with her family, especially her granddaughters, Ava, daughter of **Luke '05** and

wife Tiffany, and Kacey, daughter of **Emma '10** and husband Jordan, along with her husband, Mike.

Doris related she will miss the students immensely and would love to hear from her past students! She, of course, will be equally missed by students, but also particularly by the math department who is a second family to her. Please feel free to drop her a note, congratulate her on her much-deserved retirement, wish her well, and let her know what you are up to. Her email address is dderheimer1@gmail.com.



Cathy Dillon retired in December of this school year after more than 13 years as Registrar in the Bishop Dwenger Guidance Department. Prior to this position, Cathy in her previous profession worked in a medical lab for several years before becoming a substitute teacher at St. Vincent de Paul School and later at Bishop Dwenger. Cathy's affiliation with BD began long before her employment when she married her husband **Dan '77**. Her children **Patrick '03** and **Jaclyn '05**, attended and later graduated from BD.

As Registrar and an Administrative Assistant in the Guidance Department, Cathy performed countless tasks. She was known for her hospitality and greeted all students, parents, teachers, and guests who entered the office and made them feel welcome. Cathy was also a fantastic party planner. She organized many student-recognition and teacher-appreciation events for the department, and she always made us look good. In addition to her guidance duties, Cathy was a moderator of our Keys Club, which is a service-oriented group.

She and the members worked with organizations in the community by collecting donations and giving to those in need. In this role Cathy helped students learn the value of serving their community.

In retirement, Cathy plans to spend time with Dan in Florida and visit her children and grandchildren. Throughout her career at Bishop Dwenger, Cathy made many friends, and she was known for her thoughtfulness and kindness. Thank you, Cathy, for your dedication and service to Bishop Dwenger, and we wish you well in your retirement. We will miss you!

Thank You and God Bless!

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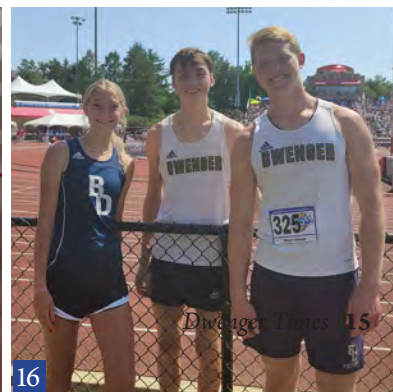
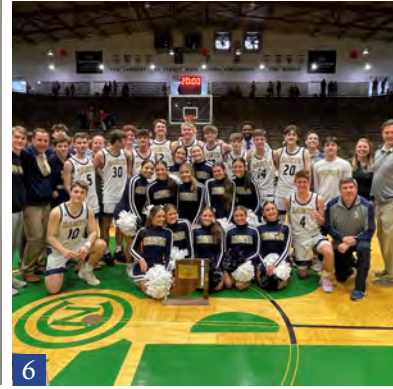
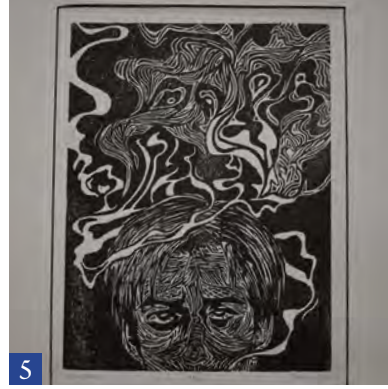
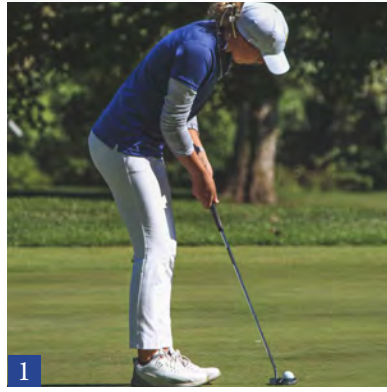
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HALO HIGHLIGHTS - YEAR IN REVIEW

Tip 'o the Halo to these students for their amazing achievements!
To experience all of the awesome things Saints accomplish, be sure to follow us on social media!

- 1 - Amelia Frazier '23, Golf State Qualifier
- 2 - Cheerleaders, State Champions
- 3 - Spell Bowl, State Qualifier
- 4 - Joseph Hill '23, National Merit Finalist
- 5 - Bethany Cisz '23 Scholastic Art Gold Key Award
- 6 - Varsity Boys Basketball, Regional Champions
- 7 - Winter Drumline, State Qualifiers
- 8 - Speech Team, State, 2nd Place Small School Division, 6th Overall
- 9 - Gymnastics, State, 6th Place Overall
- 10 - FBLA Team, State, numerous titles
- 11 - Poms Team, State, 5th Place
- 12 - Cassandra Smith '23, Premier Distinction, National Speech & Debate Honor Society
- 13 - Rifle Team, State, 1st place, multiple events
- 14 - Avery Ledo '23, Sertoma Award Recipient
- 15 - Tommy Le '23, Regional Academic All Star
- 16 - Track & Field State Qualifiers: Taylor Aselage '24, Long Jump, Trevor Martin '24, Pole Vault, & Elijah Douge '23, Discus



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CLASS NOTES

REUNIONS

Visit bishopdwenger.com/reunions for more information

Class of 1968 – 55 Year Reunion

When: Saturday, July 22

Contact: Yoli Tone, yolitone@live.com or (260) 704-2277



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Class of 1973 - 50 Year Reunion

When: Saturday, September 23

Where: Pine Valley Country Club

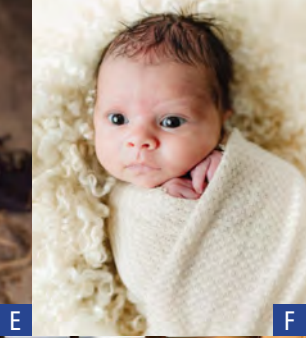
Contact: Barb (Lothamer) Brown, kbbrown06@hotmail.com



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Class of 1978 - 45 Year Reunion

When: Saturday, August 26

Where: Pine Valley Country Club

Contact: Juli (VanAuken) Lapp, (260) 705-5971

Class of 1983 - 40 Year Reunion

When: Saturday, September 15, 2023

Where: BDHS Homecoming Football Game

When: September 16, 2023

Where: Queen of All Saints Chapel
MVP Lanes to follow

Contact: Katie Brown, katie@katiebrown.net



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Class of 1988 - 35 Year Reunion

When: Saturday, September 9

Where: Village Tap

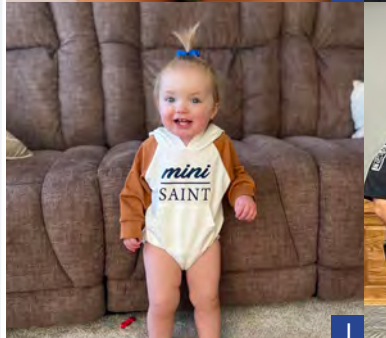
Contact: Paul Pesa, paulcpesa@gmail.com or
Jessica Burkhardt, jenzo777@frontier.com

1993 - 30 Year Reunion

When: Saturday, July 29

Where: Historic Engine House No. 5

Contact: Chris Ambrose, ambrosecw@gmail.com



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Class of 1998 - 25 Year Reunion

If you are interested in planning this reunion, contact Ingrid Nicholson at (260) 496-4775

Class of 2008 - 15 Year Reunion

When: Friday, November 24, 2023

Contact: Lindsey Jefferson, ldjeffer12@gmail.com



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Class of 2013 - 10 Year Reunion

When: Saturday, August 12, 2023

Where: Rooftop Lounge, Memorial Coliseum

Contact: Kaitlyn Tippmann, kmtippmann@gmail.com

Class of 2018 - 5 Year Reunion

If you are interested in planning this reunion, contact Ingrid Nicholson at (260) 496-4775

Once a Saint...Always a Saint!

CLASS NOTES

1970's

Congratulations to **Daniel Avila '76** and **Joseph Cochran Sr. '78** who were ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by Bishop Kevin Rhoades, January 7, 2023. Assignments include Avila to St. Joseph Parish, Roanoke/ St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish, Columbia City, and Cochran to St. Paul the Cross in Columbia City. [A]

1980's

This year on March 9, **Diane Harper '85** celebrated 25 years with Parkview Hospital. Congrats Diane!

1990's

University of Saint Francis has awarded the Distinguished Service Award to **Craig Vanderwall, II '99** who was a member of the Alumni Cabinet for seven years, and now serves as co-chair of the USF Busse-Fabini Cougar Classic. [B]

2000's

Dr. Matthew Rowe '01, DDS, MSD earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Xavier University and subsequently a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree with honors from the Indiana University School of Dentistry in 2010. Matthew completed his residency and earned his Certificate of Periodontics and Master of Science and Dentistry with a minor in Oral Pathology in 2013. He and wife Hye Jea live in Columbia, SC with their sons. [C]

Ashley (Waite '03) married **Kevin ('03) Turner** on October 8, 2022, at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception downtown Fort Wayne. Best wishes to The Turners! [D]

Chelsy (Vaughn '06) Helm, and her husband Matthew, were blessed with the birth of their second son, Jonathan "JJ" Joseph, on November 18, 2022. [E]

This little bundle of joy, Remington Charles Lewis, was born March 21, 2023, to parents, and Bishop Dwenger faculty, **Jackie (Ehlerding '06)** and husband Will Lewis. Welcome to the family! [F]

Christina (Millhouse '08) Bernard and husband Jason are now living in Indianapolis and welcomed a son, Jonathan Edward on August 18, 2022. Big sister Olivia is loving her new baby brother! [G]

2010's

In 2020 **Ashley (Burkhardt '11) Egel** began a podcast, that reaches the softball community in over 14 countries. "When the Cleats Come Off" focuses on how families and coaches can help their athletes excel, become stronger competitors, and even better people. Ashley is also a full-time softball instructor conducting softball clinics and virtual training, as well as providing private batting instruction.

Brother Jacob Eifrid '13 is currently a temporarily professed religious brother in the Congregation of the Holy Cross. He professes his final vows this August. Congratulations, and prayers throughout your spiritual journey! [H]

Cheers to the new Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie! **Abby (McGraw '15)** married Justin McKenzie, December 17, 2022. Wishing you nothing but love, laughter, and happily ever after! [I]

Welcome Mini-Saint! Congratulations to **Drew Tippmann '13** and wife **Kaitlyn (Coffee '13)** on the birth of their daughter, Lizzy. One year old and already in her spirit wear! [J]

Congratulations to **Natalee Gough '18** and **Jacob Jacquay '17** on their engagement!

On December 13, 2022, **Mitchell Campbell '18**, along with two fellow officers, was sworn in as a Columbia City Police Officer. God be with you Mitch (center) as you protect and serve our community! [K]

Colton Shutt '18 and his wife Elizabeth welcomed their first child, a baby girl, Ozzie Elizabeth Penny Shutt on December 9, 2022. So happy for you three! [L]

Brook (Griffith '18) Schaefer recently passed board examinations and began her career as a Registered Nurse at Parkview Regional Medical Center in the Emergency Department. She also married the love of her life, Holden Schaefer, and is excited to begin both new chapters in her life! [M]

And a baby makes three! Congratulations to **Alex Straessle '18** and wife, **Savanna (Bertoli '18)** on the birth of their daughter, Scarlett Rose on April 2, 2023. [N]

Congratulations to **Abigail Gillig '19** who was invited to join Phi Beta Kappa at Purdue University. This Academic Honor Society requires a 3.9 cumulative undergraduate GPA. What an accomplishment!

Joshua Schipper '19 released a new book that dissects the history and names of each of the 87 city parks in Fort Wayne. The book 'Strolling through Fort Wayne's Parks', is Schipper's second published work. This new book features a checkbox at the end of each section so that people can plan to visit and experience the beauty of every city park in Fort Wayne. Find it on Amazon or at local bookstores, then go explore Fort Wayne!

Joseph "Big Joe" Tippmann '19, was selected in the second round of the NFL draft by the New York Jets to join their offensive line. Well done and congratulations Joe! We are excited to watch you play in the coming seasons! [O]

2020's

Spencer Campbell '21 raised over \$17,000 for the Live Like Lou Foundation, a charitable organization named for Lou Gehrig. The foundation's mission is to support families affected by Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), fund research to find treatments, and ultimately, a cure for the devastating degenerative motor neuron disease. The fundraiser was sponsored by his fraternity, Phi Delta Theta at Ball State University. Way to hit it out of the park Spencer!

SENIOR SIGNINGS



- Amy Frazier - University of Dayton - Golf
- Grace Hein - University of Saint Francis - Soccer
- Maura O'Boyle, University of Saint Francis, Softball
- Emma Tone - Manchester University - Volleyball
- Alice Miller - Grace College - Rugby
- Elijah Douge - Ave Maria University - Football
- Ellen Reidy - University of Saint Francis - Tennis
- Preston Ross - Ball State University - Football
- Ashton Skarie - University of Saint Francis - Football
- Keegan McMahon - Lourdes University - Baseball
- Sam Trabel-Weir - Lawrence Technological University - Football
- Karlie O'Leary - Purdue Fort Wayne - Soccer
- Pablo Sutter - Robert Morris University - Cross Country
- Eric Tippmann - NEINFAME/Ivy Tech- Fort Wayne Metals
- Austin Farris - Anthis - Construction Trades
- AnneJulie Furnas - Anthis - Cosmetology
- Natalie Carteaux - Anthis - Cosmetology
- Noah Horner - Anthis - Construction Trades
- Luke Schuckel - Anthis - Construction Trades
- *Not Pictured*
- Bridget Kumfer - Anthis - Early Education
- Adam Schenkel - Anthis - Construction Trades

*All students are listed left to right.

Central Catholic

Class of 1963 - 60 Year Reunion —

August 18, 2023 - Informal meal and Music
 August 19, 2023 - Dinner and Music
 Courtyard by Marriott-Fort Wayne Downtown
 A block of rooms have been reserved
 For more information, please contact:
 Phil Charais-260.402.3687 pcharais45@yahoo.com
 Karen (Kaliker) Wyss-260.639.3317 kawyss@aol.com
 Peggy (Madigan) Lee-260.704.6812 peglee7@yahoo.com

Class of 1973 - 50 Year Reunion —

Saturday, September 16, 2023
 For information call or text:
 Jamie Emmett Martin, (260) 385-2802
 Mary Lou Schulien Plummer (574) 523-2053

New Lifetime Members —

Sally (Schenkel '55) Eckrich
 Susan (Walsh '67) Berndt
 Mary (Baldenegro '66) Kaleta
 Daniel Leffers '70

Congrats! —

Congratulations to essay contest winner!
 Bishop Dwenger – **Joseph Hill '23**
 This is a \$500 cash award available to High School Seniors. Donations to the award are welcome.



Pictured left to right, Jason Schiffl, Principal, Mark Linker, CCHS '68, Alumni Board President, Joseph Hill '23, Mary Lou (Thieme) Morris, CCHS '65, Jeanette (Vodde) Hatfield, CCHS '56, and Sandra (Shoulders) Mitchell, CCHS '61.

IN MEMORY

*Since our last mailing, we have been notified that the following individuals have passed away.
Please keep these alumni, extended family members, and friends of Bishop Dwenger and Central Catholic in your prayers.*

Bishop Dwenger

David Nichols '74
John Didion '75
Patrick Brunner '76
Alan Nichter '78
Thomas Smith '78
Blaine Ulrey '80
Joseph Zahnen III '80
Donna (Sommers) Golsteyn '83
Michael Nowlan '83
Neil Herald '85
Lara Nguyen '94
Ronita (Lauer) Shepherd '95
Shaughn Slain '99
Kevin Dunkelberger '10
George Schenkel '11

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Loretta (Garey) Longworth '41
Marjorie (Arend) Hensler '43
James Giles '44
Betty (Kohne) Neuer '44
Helen (Berghoff) Nix '44
Ralph Deitche '45
Jean (Schrimp) Robinson '45
Dolores (Timme) Ehinger '47
Bonnie (Cuney) Van Wey '48
Roselyn (Becker) Burgard '49
George Nichter '49
Dorothy (Brames) Vivia '49
Dorothy (Bennett) Westendorf '49
George Goodman '50
Mary (Osterberg) Niedermeyer '50
Kathleen (Roach) Talbott '50
Patricia McGary '51
Sarah (Seacrest) Ehrman '52
Suzanne (Disser) Libbing '52
Gloria (Stanford) Nold '52
Elaine (Snyder) Albert '53
Kathleen (Hogan) Costello '53
Carol (Lamley) Mettert '53
Gloria (Ferraiolo) Vowles '53
Rev. David Carkenord '54
Marilyn (Kestly) Cobb '54
Sharon (Zoch) Hipskind '54
Patricia (Junk) Kelly '54
Richard Pequignot '54
Gail Huth '55
David Piepenbrink '55

Marlene (Lawyer) Uecker '55
Richard Wade '55
Frances (Hunter) Walters '55
Sr. Mary Ann Fox '56
Lynn Gerardot '56
Melvin Zehner, Jr. '56
David Lawrence '57
Patricia (Freiburger) Page '57
Marlene (Lauer) Romie '57
Barbara (Anspach) Peden '58
Marilyn (Mahrt) Smith '58
Robert Askins '59
Maurice Hartman '59
James Kelker '59
Anita (Hoopingartner) Bendele '60
Karen (Freiburger) Griffith '60
Genelle (Moreau) Lee '60
Beverly (Denney) Meinert '60
Phyllis (Ruetschilling) Meyer '60
Ellen (McCarthy) Wall '60
Mark Wilenski '60
Linda (Koverman) Baker '61
Diane (Schoenle) Burch '61
Leonard DeWitt '61
Richard Giese '61
Daniel Harber '61
Mary Sue Roethele '61
Barbara (Brink) Bangert '62
Robert Kahn '62
Regina (Augustyniak) Limpert '62
James Piepenbrink '62
Paul Raison '62
Judith (Zonker) Apollo '63
Carol (Flory) Kern '63
Ronald Recac '63
Mary Ellen (Tetlow) Basgall '64
Marlene (Kimmel) Shutt '64
Roger Minick '65
Steven Batchelder '66
Franklin Ebetino '66
Julio Garcia '66
Neal Jordan '66
Sally Ann (Tippmann) Ley '66
Teresa (Seiler) Rearick '66
Cynthia Smith '66
Julia (Lash) Bird '68
Sharon (Kroemer) Millar '68
Stephanie (Davis) Perfect '68
Julie (Henkenius) Magsamen '70

Friends

Antoinette Allen
Georgina Balestra
Robert Bishop
Jerry Bovie
Ronald Brockmyer
Pamela (Dwenger) Brown
Alva Clay
Vaughn Crabtree
Mary Craighead
Dene Dahm
Richard Eddy
Jacilin Ehinger
Deacon James Fitzpatrick
Irma Gerhardstein
Beverly Grote
Gail Huneck
Gerald Joley
Donald Kammer
Thomas Klimkofski
Brian Knipscheer
Jay Leonard
James Loew
Stefan Mannes
Sandra McMahon-Prater
Stanley Newby
Charlotte Nill
Virginia Page
Steven Palmer
Daniel Pfeifer
Martha Rarick
Stephen Rashevich
Mary Ann Renner
Mary Roesler
Gerald Sermersheim
Jill Slater
Jeffrey Stineburg
Guy Trentadue
Robert VanCleave
Jerry Welker
Patricia Witte
Tyler Wyss

The information for this listing is provided by many individuals; we apologize for any inaccuracies. Please contact Bishop Dwenger's Development Office at (260) 496-4801 with submissions and corrections. You may also submit an online notification at bishopdwenger.com/Address-and-News-Updates.








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Tales From Tuffy

Hey, Saints! There are so many fun upcoming events. Mark your calendars!

- September 15 - Homecoming Celebration
- September 30 - Hall of Fame
- October 17 - Open House
- November 4 - Purse Bingo
- November 22 - Grandparents' Day
- December 2 - Holiday Spirits
- February 29 - Saints Alive! Grand Opening
- March 2 - Saints Alive! Dinner & Auction

Peace,
Tuffy

