

# TOTUSTUUS

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**MORE THAN...**

# BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY

*more than a high school*

One of the traits I find most compelling about Pope St. John Paul the Great was his approach to youth. Not only did he see the importance of starting World Youth Day and committing the time to make all of those trips, but he also called the youth to do more than what was expected of them. Rather than treating youth as too young and inexperienced to do much, he challenged them to greatness.

*Allow me, dear young people, to consign this hope of mine to you: you must be those "builders"! You are the men and women of tomorrow. The future is in your hearts and in your hands. God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love.*

- Pope St. John Paul II - July 27, 2002

Our culture tends to expect little to nothing of adolescents. Instead, we work to actively extend the years they spend living responsibility-free. JP II, however, took a different approach: he called on youth to become builders of a better civilization!

In this issue, you will meet some of the Lansing Catholic students and alumni who exemplify what it means to be more than anyone expects. They've gone well above and beyond to contribute to building a better community. And that's exactly what Lansing Catholic is ... we are more than a high school, we are a community on a mission!

How blessed we are to be able to share these stories highlighting how our students have been building a better community. It is a great reminder about why this magazine is entitled *Totus Tuus*. Jesus tells us, in John's gospel, that apart from Him we can do nothing. No one understood this reality more than our patron, Pope St. John Paul the Great, a man who profoundly changed our world because he lived this motto, as he described:

*I am totally in God's Hands — and I remain continuously available to my Lord, entrusting myself to Him through His Immaculate Mother (Totus Tuus).*

- Pope St. John Paul II - March 5, 1982

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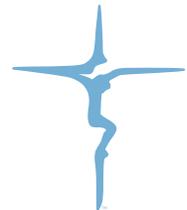
In Christ,

**Mr. Dominic Iocco**

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**FOR IF YOU LOVE THOSE WHO LOVE YOU, WHAT REWARD DO YOU HAVE? DO NOT EVEN THE TAX COLLECTORS DO THE SAME? AND IF YOU GREET ONLY YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WHAT MORE ARE YOU DOING THAN OTHERS? DO NOT EVEN THE GENTILES DO THE SAME?**

**MATTHEW 5:46-47**



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# more than **A HOMECOMING QUEEN**

## Experiencing Growth as an Artist at LCHS

By Mary Gates C97, Teacher

Ella Farlin's years at Lansing Catholic have made for lasting memories. This fall, Ella was named Cougar homecoming queen and, while the role was a fun honor, there is more to Ella than that iconic 'homecoming queen' title. "That was really surprising. My sister, Ava, was the last queen, so it was really cool that she was able to crown me. When I look back at my time spent at LCHS in the future, it will definitely be one of the highlights," Ella says.

Among other key highlights of Ella's high school career is her growth as an artist. "I've been doing art for as long as I can remember," she says. "I've always just wanted to draw pictures for my friends and family. It was something I've always enjoyed, and I was really looking forward to taking the art classes here at Lansing Catholic. When I went to Resurrection, our school would take trips to LCHS for things like musicals or plays. I would walk through the halls and admire the art. The pieces made by the students were just so amazing and really inspired me to practice my skills, in hopes that I could be as good as those artists someday.

"As a freshman, it was hard to know where I belonged in a place with so many new people, but after my years here I have befriended and met so many great people who have let me grow and become a better person. In these past few years, I believe I have grown as a person and changed for the better."

The transition from middle school to high school allowed Ella to pursue her artistic gifts at a new level, which resulted not only in growth as an artist, but also in lasting relationships. "My favorite classes at Lansing Catholic have been Intro to Art and Independent Art. During my Intro to Art class, I met so many new people who are still friends now," Ella says. "I was so excited to be in my first official high school art class. The art classes at LCHS have really helped expand my skills and have

taken me out of my comfort zone. Mr. Krauss, the art teacher, has really pushed me to test my limits and experiment with my art. Without the encouragement from other students and staff, I don't think I would have been as comfortable trying new things and expressing myself."

As a senior, Ella is now enrolled in Independent Art, a course that has pushed her to pursue new challenges. "The class is definitely my favorite. I got to pick a thematic for my work this year. I have experimented with new mediums and styles, and I have pushed myself to try my best. It's a pretty self-directed class, but I am still able to get help from Mr. Krauss and my peers."

When she looks back at lasting memories, Ella says that senior homecoming and art classes will stand out, but she knows that it is the relationships she's formed that have made those memories special and that will continue to be a part of her life.

"When I look back I want to think of how I've grown and of the lessons and friends I've gained. There are so many people and teachers that have really changed my life that I couldn't imagine not knowing. I am very grateful for the people I've met. I'd tell incoming freshmen at LCHS to be ready to change, grow, and learn. Try and take something good from something bad, even when it's hard. It's easy to think that everyone else has their lives under control, but know that pretty much everyone is trying to figure out who to be and what to do. Stay true to yourself. And don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone."



# more than A KICKER

## Faith. Family. Football.

By Ashley Groves, Teacher

*"Our world is obsessed with success. But how does God define success? Success in God's eyes is faithfulness to His calling." – Billy Graham*

Senior Jonah Richards is known by many throughout the state of Michigan as a very successful kicker for Lansing Catholic. But being skilled in football is just one facet of the life God has called him to lead. Those of us within his family and Lansing Catholic community who are blessed to know him beyond the stats and accolades know that he is much more than a kicker.

He is a student that excels in all his classes. He is the School Captain for Tekakwitha House. He is a strong leader for our community, school, and his class. He is the go-to guy when anyone needs an event exceeded or for any project the staff needs help with. He can be found on stage performing in Lansing Catholic's theater department. He participates in and leads countless school clubs and groups. He's the guy with a great big smile on his face every day who doesn't appear to ever have a bad day. He's the one wishing every teacher on his way to class good morning. He's the kid that will always go out of his way to make someone else's day better and brighter.

The tag line around Lansing Catholic football is "Faith, Family, Football." Jonah is a perfect representation of a student athlete who knows that faithfulness to God and His will comes first, then family, and then football. A kicker is what he's known for by many but he is much more than just a kicker in God's eyes.



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ABOUT THE 9/11  
MEMORIAL  
JONAH  
ORGANIZED  
THIS FALL



# more than A DRUMMER

## Joey Castle is the Best

By Casey Vandenberg, Teacher

Joey Castle is perhaps best known for his prominent role on the Lansing Catholic High School drumline, where he has risen to the rank of co-section leader during his third year in the marching band. However, it would be a mistake to pigeonhole this energetic and multi-talented young man as "just a drummer" when one considers the full breadth of his accomplishments. Joey has also been busy with Lansing Catholic's plays and musicals since he first stepped on campus, taking part in multiple productions both as an actor and as a member of the tech crew. In fact, as a freshman, Joey was asked to leave the tech crew in order to fill in for an injured actor who could no longer participate in the play. During that same fall, Joey was also the only freshman on the varsity tennis team, and he has since become the team's top-ranked singles player. He has been involved with the student Leadership Team for his entire high school career as well, serving this year as a grade-level representative within the Lansing Catholic house system on behalf of the junior class. And just in case this list of achievements was not impressive enough, he has accomplished all of this while maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA. Yet if you did not already know these things about Joey, you would never find them out from him. He remains one of the most quiet and unassuming students in any classroom, completely free from any of the arrogance one might expect from such a high achiever. So, Joey is more than just a drummer — in many ways, he is the embodiment of what is best about being a Lansing Catholic Cougar.

# more than **A GOLFER**

## Living a Life That is Making a Difference

By Mary Fineis, Assistant Girls Golf Coach

Sailor Somerville is so much more than being a golfer. Golf is what she does, not who she is. You can see who Sailor is by how she goes about playing the game, getting better at it, and just doing it! She is passionate, does great work, is relentless in her pursuit of excellence, is helpful to others, and has a delightful positive attitude. Golf is only one of the many talents that God has gifted her with. Sailor also excels in academics, service, and leadership.

Sailor is an outstanding student-athlete. Sailor finds ways to balance her academics with the other demands on her time and excel in the classroom. Her accomplishments include a high grade point average, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, and Academic Golf All-State as an Individual and Team Member.

Sailor is a steadfast volunteer. Her volunteer commitments speak to her service to others. She is an Ambassador, Peer Assistant Leader, and tutor. Sailor's service mentality is seen on the golf team by doing tasks that helped others. You may find her in a sand trap explaining the proper approach to hitting a shot out of the sand. Her service is a reminder that "doing small things with great love" really does make a difference.

Sailor is a stellar leader. Her leadership roles include Golf Captain (junior and senior years), Guardians of the Altar Leader, and Frassati House Captain on the Student Leadership Team. In golf, she along with the other captains Amanda Melling and Delaney Simon displayed inspiring leadership for their team on the way to winning league and regional championships, and runner-up state tournament finishes, in their junior and senior years.

Sailor is an accomplished golfer. Along with her contributions to the team's success, Sailor has had individual success. She

has received All League (2019-21), All State Honorable Mention (2019-20), and All State (2021). Sailor is looking to continue playing the game she loves at the collegiate level.

On the golf team, we define success as giving your best effort in each moment and a champion mindset as having a passion for stretching oneself, seeing challenges as opportunities, persisting in the face of setbacks, seeing effort as the path to mastery, and learning from feedback (positive/negative). Champions are authentic, true to themselves, trust the process, and stay present in the moment to be their best. These attributes describe Sailor. And she humbly says, "Faith is my guiding light, I am blessed with a Catholic education, the support of a loving family, and an incredible coaching team." Sailor is a champion, in golf and in life!

There is no doubt that Sailor is more than a golfer. She is living her Catholic faith, doing great work, making a difference, and changing the world one day at a time, in golf and in life!



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# more than A SCHOOL CAPTAIN

By Jan Tietsort, Teacher

Abby Morris serves on Student Leadership Team as School Captain of DePorres House, but her positive influence doesn't stop there. As a member of the band and drama departments at LCHS, Abby has a chance to share her talents. This fall, as one of our Drum Majors, she directed the Marching Cougars at Ford Field and was lead in the play Arsenic and Old Lace. Abby loves to perform and brings joy to those who watch her shine.



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# more than A STUDENT

## More Than Just Students

By Sean Durr C24, Student

More than just students. At Lansing Catholic we are more than just students; from the athletes to the nerds we are all more than just our labels. We all wear the same uniform, go to the same classes, are at the same school. But that does not define us—our personalities, all individual and unique, help define us. Our family, ethnicity, and culture don't define us, but make us unique. We all have different backgrounds and different life stories. Each person has their own loves, families, and interests. We are not defined by just our labels, but how we treat others and our output on the world. So even the star athlete, the one with a perfect ACT score, the future priest, no one is limited to just their labels. At Lansing Catholic we are more than that.

We are made by God, and that helps our individuality. Our relationship with God helps us as people; He made us to be ourselves, not labeled in groups. There is individuality everywhere you look at our school. The football team isn't all the same, and neither is the drama club. People at our school are original and different. People with the same interests as you at the same time can be very different, and this is what makes Lansing Catholic so special. Unique to everyone is their design by God; we are created to be different from each other, and that's why we can succeed in life. Being more than is being more than just what people see on the outside. We are more than the average person, we are more than our labels, we are more than our interests. At Lansing Catholic we are more than.



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CHECK OUT THE DESIRED ITEMS OR "GIFTS" OUR FACULTY HAVE COMPILED TO GO BEYOND THE EVERYDAY AND ADVANCE THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE.

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# FAITH: *more than* A VERSE

## Love and the Holy Spirit as Our Guides

By Ben Pohl, Campus Ministry

This year, we decided to invite incoming freshmen to join us and were excited to welcome over 20 new Cougars to help us discern. We began the first meeting reflecting on God's generosity towards us in the year that just concluded, since it is from God that every good gift comes (James 1:17). In this spirit, we asked the Lord to speak to us and took time in silence to seek His voice. From there, students brought what they received to the wider group for discernment (1 Cor 14:29). The group settled on two areas of focus: love and the Holy Spirit, who enables us to love like Jesus.

*Love one another through the Spirit of God that is in you.* 1 JOHN 4:12-13

During our second gathering in mid-August, students reconvened and discussed how to implement the theme. A group of students worked with Fr. Joe to compose a prayer based on the theme that would be prayed at the beginning of each school day during PA announcements, while the rest brainstormed other initiatives.

In particular, we decided that our newly formed Campus Ministry leadership group would emphasize our spiritual theme in their ministry and service to their peers. The group, called L2 (motto: Love. Lead.), has spent the first half of this year learning how to love and pray for those in their spheres of influence while relying on the Holy Spirit to teach them how to love well.

Our spiritual theme is an excellent way for students to engage in spiritual leadership in our school and for our community to go deeper into the meaning of God's word. We look forward to discovering over the course of the school year what else God wants to teach us about how to love like Him.



# TRADITION: *more than* A HIGH SCHOOL



## Class of 2025

By Doug Moore C80, Alumni Relations

A legacy student is someone whose parent attended Lansing Catholic or one of our four heritage schools. Our current freshmen, the Class of 2025, includes 24 legacy students, and, in two cases, both parents attended Lansing Catholic. We are grateful to these families for passing on the tradition of being a Cougar and having faith in our mission.

Sophia Alvarado, Greg Alvarado C96  
Kendalyn Busque, Megan (Doyle) Busque C98  
Ian Carrigan, Chad Carrigan C90  
Camille Clement, Beth (Tripp) Clement C95  
Reed Cullimore, Eric Cullimore C91  
Terryn Ferguson, David Ferguson C85  
Alex Fernandez, Carlos Fernandez C95  
Aden Frost, Alexandra (Velez) Frost C00  
Andrew Gates, Mary (Sweeney) Gates C97  
Jack Grill, Eric Grill C89  
Aaron Kenney, Sarah (Salus) Kenney C94  
Kaitlin Ludwig, Lisa (Quillan) Ludwig C96  
Madison Martin, Danielle Martin C05

Jacob Migaldi, Tony C91 & Christine Migaldi C95  
Bailey Muzzatti, Wendy (Terres) Muzzatti C88  
Eliza Palinski, Chris Palinski C90  
Lucas Payne, Eric Payne C96  
Braden Rabideau, Nathan Rabideau C92  
Hayden Riley, Joshua Riley C98  
Jackson Schueler, Erin (Miner) Schueler C95  
Matthew Shulick, Sue (Schmitz) Shulick C85  
Isabella Stajos, James Stajos C89  
Matthew Vorce, Chad & Elisabeth (Castriciano) Vorce C96  
Connor Walters, Stephen Walters C90

# EXCELLENCE: *more than* A SCHOLAR

## Excellent Student, Extraordinary Joy

By Stacia DeVries, Advancement

When you first meet LCHS sophomore Therese Hourani, you immediately know you have met someone special, someone who makes the world a better place in all that she does. An easy observation is that Therese is an excellent student. Her grades are phenomenal, she is extremely well spoken, and hers is the first hand raised to volunteer answers or help. But Therese is so much more than a scholar.

Therese loves math, but loves chemistry more because of the applications of math within it. While not a history fan, she enjoys her AP U.S. history class because it gives context and understanding for current events. She's a musician, playing trumpet and piano, sometimes as a performer, but frequently as a stress relief from her busy days. Although naturally shy and reticent at first, she embraces leadership opportunities, including being a representative of Joseph House in our Student Leadership Team.

In her "spare time," Therese makes rosaries, helps her family, and jumps into other service opportunities as she can. Throughout her experiences as a student, she strives for excellence, but also sees everything as a chance to grow in faith and understanding. In all that she does, she has a smile on her face, an optimistic word of encouragement from her mouth and a joy in her demeanor that gives one hope for the future. In her embodiment of LCHS pillars – Faith, Service, Excellence and Tradition – Therese is so much more than a scholar.



# SERVICE: *more than* A ROAD TRIP

## See What God Sees

By Ben Pohl, Campus Ministry

We have been taking students to the city of Flint for a number of years to serve the community and to meet the incredible people who serve there day in and day out. For this year's retreat we stayed at Catholic Charities' Center for Hope, a place that offers many services including a winter warming center. Our students stayed and slept on the floor in the warming center and, during the day, served at the center, the North End Soup Kitchen, and elsewhere. The focus of the retreat, See What God Sees, helped students to look with new eyes at themselves, the friends they served with, and the people they served. May the Lord give all of us the grace to see ourselves and all people with His eyes.





"For my design project I chose to create cartoon characters for our Cougars and Jr. Cougars (Kyle and Lil' Kyle). I also put the phrase, "Support your Cougars of all shapes and sizes" with the characters. My inspiration to design these characters was the Kyle the Cougar head and my support of the Cougars. I wanted to make characters that support all of our Cougars, especially the younger ones!"



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LILY BAUERLE C24

"My concentration for independent art is on depictions of animals in order to convey emotions expressed by them. I have split my thematic into two series: the first displaying unusual and unheard-of animals, the second portraying animals that are overlooked or stigmatized. I make these projects to raise awareness of animal cruelty. The juxtaposition made between the free and the chained is intended to cause us to rethink views on animals. To create my pieces of art, I cut paint swatches and collage them together. These collages form a polished depiction of the animals. My plan is to contrast vibrant colors in wild animals, and dull colors in animals from the humane society."

The inspiration for my art is rooted in my reference photos. I decide on the colors after observing the tone and emotion of the animal and finding hues that reflect its mood."

**ALBERTO NACCARATO C22**



Portrait by Janelle Ostrowski C24

## more than AN ART TEACHER

By day, Lansing Catholic High School teacher Ron Krauss works to mold students into young, creative artists. But after the bell rings, you'll find him in the CAP Center, where he takes on his role as strength and conditioning coach.

Krauss blended his interests early on, he earned his Bachelors of Fine Arts at Michigan State University while also firing up the Spartans as part of their cheerleading squad.

In both roles, he reaches students who are building strong minds and bodies. Lansing Catholic is grateful to have Ron Krauss as an integral member of the staff and community.

He says it best: "I love my job because I'm able to teach kids creatively and physically to be well-rounded students and disciples of Christ."



"Irving Penn was a photographer at Vogue and was most known for his minimalist style of still life photography and the portraits he took in his studio. In his still lifes, he would arrange everyday objects in a new and artistic way to bring your eye right to a certain focal point. His portraits were similar in the way that they were taken in a studio so he could control the background and crop how he wanted, but he could also capture the emotions of his subjects by continuing to take pictures of them while they were on breaks to catch real emotions. I imitated his style

with my still lifes by creating a home studio so I could focus only on the subject and not have the background distract your eye away from the subject. The picture of the eye and lips are similar to his style because I took something that we all have and may overlook. With the eye, I framed it with smeared makeup then edited it to focus more on the colors of the makeup and the eye, and with the lips I made it all black and white except the red lip to bring the attention to that, so as to not distract away from the focal point of the photo."

**ELAINE KUTAS C23**



# FALL SPORTS WRAP UP

## CROSS COUNTRY – BOYS

- 2nd in the CAAC White League
- Regional Champions
- Finished 3rd in the State
- Josh Otten finished 4th, All State
- David Pruder finished 25th, All State
- All State Academic 3.802 GPA: Stephen Fair, David Pruder, and Josh Otten

CAAC ALL CONFERENCE: Stephen Fair, Josh Frary, Cam Haraburda, David Pruder

CAAC HONORABLE MENTION: Elijah Nevins, Drew Tolfree

LSJ DREAM TEAM: Josh Otten

LSJ ALL-AREA DIVISION 3: David Pruder, Josh Frary, Cam Haraburda and Stephen Fair

## CROSS COUNTRY – GIRLS

- CAAC White League Champions
- Regional Champions
- Finished 4th in the State
- Hannah Pricco finished 7th, All State
- Tessa Roe finished 17th, All State
- CC Jones finished 18th, All State
- All State Academic 3.952 GPA: Emmie West, Tessa Roe, Hannah Pricco, CC Jones, and Hailey Prokop

CAAC ALL CONFERENCE: CC Jones, Hannah Pricco, Hailey Prokop, Tessa Roe, Zee Simpson, Emmie West

CAAC HONORABLE MENTION: India Doerr, Isabel Doerr

LSJ DREAM TEAM: CC Jones, Hannah Pricco, Coach Tim Simpson

LSJ ALL-AREA DIVISION 3: Tessa Roe and Emmie West

## TENNIS

- CAAC White League Co-Champions
- 2nd at Regionals
- 14th in the State
- Academic All State Team
- Four academic all state individuals - Alberto Naccarato, Drew Taylor, Adam Durr, Charlie Ramont

CAAC ALL CONFERENCE: John Abood, Joseph Castle, Adam Durr, Max Elden, Will Gardner, Alberto Naccarato, Charlie Ramont, Aspen Robart, Drew Taylor

HONORABLE MENTION: Sam Murphy, Garrett Riehl, Christian Rule

## FOOTBALL

- State Champions
- CAAC White League Champions
- ALL STATE: Joey Baker, Mason Knippen, Alex Watters, Bo Poljan

CAAC ALL CONFERENCE: Joey Baker, Owen Biergans, Wes Franco, Nic Gruber, Mason Knippen, Brandon Lewis, Bo Poljan, Daniel Shipman, Christian Tucker, Alex Watters

CAAC HONORABLE MENTION: Matthew Gehle, Jonah Richards, Matt Watkins

DIVISION 5-6 COACH OF THE YEAR: Jim Baker

## GOLF

- CAAC White League Champions
- Regional Champions
- State Runner-Up
- Amanda Melling finished 3rd in the State, All State
- Sailor Somerville tied for 4th in the State, All State
- Maya Blonshine, All State HM

CAAC ALL CONFERENCE: Brynn Anderson, Maya Blonshine, Sophie Hauser, Amanda Melling, Sailor Somerville

CAAC HONORABLE MENTION: Julia Sambaer

LSJ DREAM TEAM: Amanda Melling, Coach Johnson

LSJ ALL-AREA DIVISION 3: Brynn Anderson, Maya Blonshine, Sophie Hauser, Julia Sambaer, Sailor Somerville

## SOCCER

- Overall Record is 9-4-1
- League Record 4-1 (2nd)
- CAAC Bronze Cup Runner Up
- Finished the season at the District final vs Williamston
- Josh Otten - All-Region Team, All-State HM

ALL-DISTRICT TEAM: Samuel Matias, Josh Otten, Graham Thiel

CAAC ALL CONFERENCE: Samuel Contreras, Sam Matias, Eli McKellar, Josh Otten, Graham Thiel

CAAC HONORABLE MENTION: Aidan Day, Wes Franco, Jesse O'Leary, John Raubinger

## SWIMMING

- Finished 5th overall in CAAC Red League with a team score of 292

CAAC ALL CONFERENCE: Sarah Corey in 200 and 500 freestyle

HONORABLE MENTION: Sarah Corey, 200 IM relay, 200 freestyle relay

Anna Jager, 200 IM and 100 breaststroke

Janelle Ostrowski, 200 medley, 200 IM, 100 breaststroke, 200 freestyle relay

Sophia Quintieri, 500 freestyle and the 200 IM relay

Olivia Szarowicz in the 100 butterfly

## VOLLEYBALL

- Overall Record was 44-3-1
- CAAC White League Co-Champions
- Division 2 District Champions
- All State Academic Team

ALL REGION:

Hailey Bres, Alivia Castle, Cady Kooney, Ava Wilcox

CAAC ALL CONFERENCE:

Hailey Bres, Alivia Castle, Cady Kooney, Isabella Schultz, Ava Wilcox

HONORABLE MENTION:

Emi Gulock, Nina Hufnagel



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The Lansing Catholic High School Club 360 is a program that aims to produce an environment that inspires student athletes, coaches, parents, and the community to collectively create a positive and spirited atmosphere for all athletic programs consistent with the educational philosophy of the school. Donate \$360 to your favorite sport(s) and enjoy the benefits! Contact Ken Hintze at [ken.hintze@lansingcatholic.org](mailto:ken.hintze@lansingcatholic.org) or 517-267-2113 for more details.

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- All Sports Family Pass (2 adults plus all kids), \$200 value
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- Access to social media app for behind-the-scenes content
- Name recognition at the venue and in the sports program
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As of December 21, 2021

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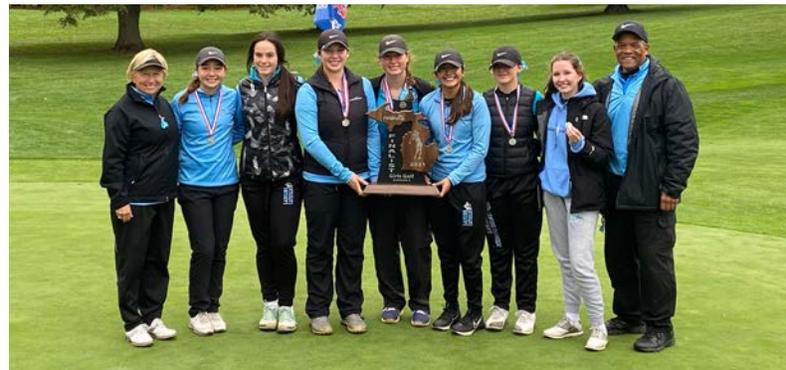
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# CHASING THE TRUTH

## LCHS Journalism Class Offers Fresh Opportunities for Students

Thanks to a dedicated team of student writers—and an unconventional teacher who is willing to lead them—the Lansing Catholic journalism class has been transformed this year.

“What began as a class whose only job was producing a yearbook is now a dynamic student agency fielding photographers, reporters and editors,” says school principal Krystyn Schmerbeck. “Together, they’re helping us share the Lansing Catholic story in ways we never anticipated before.”

This year’s class is led by Stephanie Van Koevering, a veteran public relations executive at Lansing-based Resch Strategies. Van Koevering brings local journalistic connections that support student exploration and opportunity, more than 25 years of experience, and a relentless drive to help students produce good work.



Under her leadership, the class has been covering events, writing weekly news articles for the Lansing Catholic website, and producing yearbook pages for a substantially earlier deadline.

“This year, we’ll be finishing the yearbook in time for spring delivery,” says senior Carly Flammini. “I was nervous about that at first, but this class is so well-organized that I think we can really do it. It will be great for this year’s seniors to be able to leave with yearbooks in their hands.”

This year’s journalism students also have formed an innovative partnership with the Lansing State Journal.

“We are so excited about the opportunity to produce our own student publication with the help of the LSJ,” says student Nancy Lee Bareham. “The editors there say we can be partnered with their reporting team as well, so in addition to reporting our own news, we have the ability to go out on local stories with them too.”

Bareham loves the challenge. “I think it’s encouraging me to push myself outside my comfort zone,” she says. “It’s not always a natural thing for me to interview people or jump on the phone to sell a yearbook ad. Practicing that in the years I’m developing my journalistic abilities will help me build my career down the road.”

Van Koevering says the students’ work all derives from a singular mission: discerning and sharing truth.

“By learning to produce journalistic content, these students are becoming more thoughtful about what they observe in the media and world around them,” Van Koevering says. “They’re learning to recognize bias, both in the news and in themselves, and finding ways of storytelling that are fair, timely, and accurate.”

But for the students, it’s a bit more immediate than that.

“It’s cool being able to go places I couldn’t normally get to, because I am a photographer with a press pass now,” says sophomore Tessa Roe. “It’s a natural way for me to build my digital photography skills and become more assertive.”

Senior Colin Gardner puts it more bluntly. “It’s good to show people what I can do,” he says. “I didn’t know I was getting all this when I signed up for the class, but I sure am glad I’m here.”

## DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION

by Colin Gardner C22, Student Reporter

The Lansing Catholic community celebrated Dia De Los Muertos on November 2, which is a Spanish tradition celebrating those who have passed away.

During their Rodzinka learning periods on Tuesday, each house went to different stations as they learned and celebrated the special remembrance.

“I think it is important that students know about different traditions in different cultures,” said Luz Fell, Spanish teacher.

Each station had presentations from Cristo Rey Parishioners who have celebrated Dia De Los Muertos throughout their lives and told the students about how the tradition has lived on through generations in different ways.

“People from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador all celebrate the day of the dead differently,” said Fell. “The importance of the celebration is big since 2008 when Dia de los Muertos was put on the intangible cultural heritage list.”

Students were also told how important this holiday is to certain countries in the world.



# MYSTERY LCHS STUDENT TRANSFORMS INTO SPIDERMAN

By Carly Flammini C22, Student Reporter

Every couple of weeks, a mystery Lansing Catholic High School student—we'll call him Peter Parker—transforms into Spiderman to lift up the spirits of ill children and their families at Sparrow Hospital.

It's a costume change that's making a huge difference. Research shows that mental and emotional wellbeing are often key factors in physical healing, so a surprise visit from Spiderman offers benefits in more ways than one.

"I didn't get to see a lot of my own heroes growing up, especially when I needed it," Parker\* said. "I like to give other kids an inspiration by showing them that heroes do exist and that they want you to keep fighting. I think it is helpful for boosting morale."

Parker wants to help give other children enjoyment even if he can not receive anything in return.

"I'm trying to help keep spirits up, no matter what a child or family is dealing with. My hope is that for some kid,

they'll maybe one day look back and say, 'Hey, Spiderman is counting on me,'" Parker said. "It's a message of hope, really."

And it's a message Spiderman is uniquely positioned to deliver. After all, with great power comes great responsibility.

\*Not his real name



## more than AN ATHLETE

### How Sophomore Tessa Roe is Making the Most of Her Time at Lansing Catholic

By Stephanie Van Koevering, Teacher

As an eighth-grade student at St. Patrick's Catholic School in Portland, Tessa Roe had many options when it came to high school. The one she chose, however, was Lansing Catholic.

The 30-minute drive? All worth it, she says.

"I wanted something bigger," Roe says. "I wanted to play basketball, and I knew Lansing Catholic would offer me the kind of opportunities I needed to try for a good college team."

Along the way, Roe has found friends, knowledge, and talents she didn't know she had. She pulled in an All-State cross country title this year and has big plans for this year's basketball and track seasons.

But that's not all.

"There's so much to experience here," Roe says. "I made a lot of close friends right away. So even though I thought this school would feel bigger and maybe a little closed off for me, it wasn't that way at all. I am friends with people from all different grades, and everyone is so welcoming and kind."

Roe also appreciates the many opportunities LCHS offers to help her grow in faith.



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JOURNALISM  
CLASS ARTICLES

"Faith is incorporated throughout the entire day, in every class," Roe says. "I love going to Mass here, and adoration every week. It's really nice that I don't have to separate the academic, athletic, artistic and spiritual pieces of myself when I go to school. I can be all me, all the time."

In the future, Roe plans to continue exploring her interests in digital arts and English. "I enjoy chemistry too, but I'm definitely less of a science person," she says. "I'm also hoping to do a mission trip at some point."

# CALLED TO THE GAME

## How Lansing Catholic QB Cooper Rush Has Carried His Cougar Spirit into the NFL

By Colin Gardner C22, Student Reporter

In 2012, star quarterback Cooper Rush graduated from Lansing Catholic High School as a well-adjusted student and athlete. Today, he says the preparation he received at Lansing Catholic has helped him through his collegiate and professional football career.

“Coach Ahern was a great coach and really helped me to be who I am today,” Rush says. “I don’t know where I would be without him.”

After Rush graduated from Lansing Catholic, he attended Central Michigan University, where he had nine straight starts, nearly 13,000 passing yards, and a whopping 90 touchdowns.

After college, Rush found a new home with the Dallas Cowboys as a backup quarterback. Rush had gone undrafted in 2017 but did not find that much of a problem. “I have never been one of those guys who feeds off of being snubbed from something, I just focus on what I can do to get better,” says Rush. And he worked hard to earn his place on an NFL team, working with both the Cowboys and the New York Giants.

Then, during week 8 of the 2021 NFL season, Rush finally got the shot he had been working so hard to get. The regular starting quarterback for the Cowboys was out with an injury, so it was finally time for Rush to step in. “As a quarterback you don’t really get time to focus on what you are feeling at that moment,” says Rush, who channeled his energy into playing well. Little did he know that the first game he started in would need a game-winning drive from him and his team.

“My focus was just to do what I had to do to put our team in the best chance to win,” says Rush. With only 51 seconds left in the game, Rush threw a touchdown pass to his teammate Amari Cooper, which led to a win for the Cowboys. “I kinda just blacked out a little and just remember going to the sideline and seeing my teammates and coaches celebrating,” says Rush.

Gaining this new fame has not moved Rush away from what Lansing Catholic and Central Michigan University instilled in him. “I definitely think that my preparation has shaped me into who I am today,” says Rush. “My faith, my life, and the lessons I have learned are always with me.”

Rush continues to be the backup quarterback for the Cowboys as he and his team finish out the 2021 season. He is so extraordinarily focused on his game and his family (which now includes a wife and young daughter) that he doesn’t pause to think about what his future after football will look like.

“I am called to be here, playing this game,” Rush says. “That’s enough for now.”



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# Welcome!

PLEASE JOIN US IN  
CELEBRATING OUR NEW  
FACULTY & STAFF MEMBERS

Stephanie Van Koevering  
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Sr. James Karol, OP  
Gus Braga-Henebry  
Sr. Maria Suso, OP

**Assistant Athletic Director**  
Taylor Parker  
**Assistant Athletic Director, Jr Cougars**  
Marcus Kirkpatrick  
**Athletic Secretary**  
Kerri Wilcox  
**Campus Ministry**  
Laura Demko

**Advancement**  
Claire Boomer C08  
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Andrew Gallavan  
**Social Worker**  
Lynne Brennan  
**Chaplain**  
Fr. Joseph Campbell  
**Dean of Instruction**  
Christopher Stolpa

# FROM RIVALS TO FRIENDS FOR LIFE

## Two legacy schools graduates share a 60-year friendship that began in nursing school

By Doug Moore C80, Alumni Relations

Rivalries are a great way to build school spirit and identity. The recent MSU-UM football game reminded me of our own legacy school rivalries of green (Resurrection and Gabriels and blue (St. Mary's and O'Rafferty).

Nicki (Izzo) Shangle M58 and Angie (Wilberding) Maki R57 were students at Lansing's Mercy School of Nursing together and lived in a dormitory adjacent to St. Lawrence Hospital. Not only were they connected by their Catholic schooling at St. Mary's and Resurrection, but they also shared a bond of lifelong friendship.

Nursing not only brought these two rivals together but another classmate of Nicki's, Anne (Bennett) Wilberding M58, who dated—and later married—Angie's older brother Wayne R56. The three ladies were quite a trio. In the dorm hallways, there were shouts of "Nick-Toot-Ang" to announce to everyone else that the three were together and some fun was about to be had. When not working or under a house mother's watchful eye, they hung out at Lansing classics Emil's or Casa Nova.

But that's not to suggest they were all fun and games. Those Catholic nursing students would rise at 5:00 a.m. to accompany a bell-ringing priest through the halls, reminding everyone it was time for communion or daily Mass. They also cared for aging and infirmed sisters. It was an intensive period of preparation that not all students made it through.

After graduating from the program, Nicki worked on the pediatrics floor and later joined the staff of Dr. Richard Carlson for thirty years. Angie initially worked the medical-surgical floor, then traveled around Michigan as a Red Cross nurse, and finally worked at the Dobie Road Care Facility as an education coordinator.



Angie (Wilberding) Maki

Nicki (Izzo) Shangle



The two are now retired, having left a legacy of caring with their patients and families, but it is clear that their friendship remains as vibrant as ever. They still have a special bond, sharing family births, weddings, and graduations as well as losses of husbands and family members.

Through their stories filled with laughter, it's obvious their 60-year-old friendship runs deep. Having just celebrated their 80th birthdays together, Nicki shares, "We just eat and laugh. Just getting together is fun."

Angie adds, "We've been there for each other through thick and thin."

## ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS

**The following alumni have expressed interest in serving on our Alumni Board this year.**

We are still looking for representatives from St. Mary's, Resurrection, and O'Rafferty, as well as any other Lansing Catholic alums. Those interested should contact Doug Moore C80 at 517-267-2153 or [doug.moore@lansingcatholic.org](mailto:doug.moore@lansingcatholic.org). You need not live in or near Lansing to serve.

Jenny (Schumacher) Beach C13

Don Bierwagen C74

Jami (Groves) deVarona C91

Jesse Iamarino C19

Courtney (McCormick) Lewis C06

Robert Marczynski C74

Mary Ann McGill-Jones C80

Teresa (Ellis) Merritt C78

Kitty (Berardo) Mooney C71

Jeannie (Castellani) Mothersell C78

Remy Mumby C18

Patrick O'Brien C04

Kari (Scozzafave) Schroeder C87

Larry Wozniak G67

# JACQUELINE SETAS

**Lansing Catholic High School is pleased to announce 2014 graduate and golfer Jacqueline Setas C12 as the recipient of this year's Triple A+ Award.**

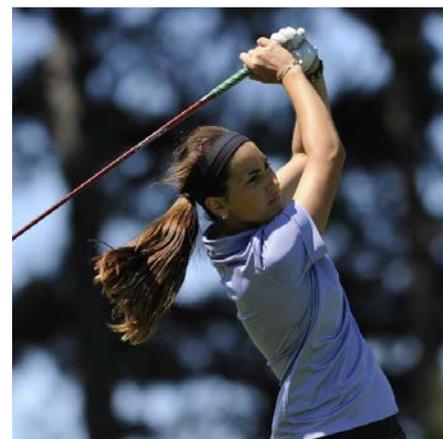
"We are extraordinarily proud to honor Jacqueline with our highest athletic honor for alumni," said Alumni Director Doug Moore C80. "Her personal, academic, and professional achievements rank her highly among our most distinguished graduates—truly, she is a phenomenal human being and a credit to our institution."

Setas continues to hold school records for lowest nine-hole score (30) and 18-hole score (68). Her other athletic achievements while at LCHS include numerous individual and team honors including:

- Two-time Lansing State Journal Golfer of the Year
- Member of the State Championship Golf Teams in 2010, 2011, and 2012
- First-team Division 4 All-State honors two years in a row

Jacqueline also was LCHS 2014 Athlete of the Year, and won the 2013 Michigan Division 4 Lower Peninsula state championship. As a collegiate athlete, Jacqueline played golf during her career at Michigan State University, making the Academic All-Big Ten Team for four years. She earned the Distinguished Scholar Award in May 2019 upon her graduation from the Eli Broad College of Business at MSU.

In 2017, she was diagnosed with Stage II Hodgkin's Lymphoma and battled cancer as if it were a golf match, one stroke at a time. "As of July 2018, she has been declared cancer-free," Moore said. "Today, she leverages her faith, family, and friends as she gives back to others facing cancer." In August, Setas placed first at the Mid-Amateur Qualifier at Flora Country Club in Illinois and will compete in this year's U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship September 25–26. Jacqueline is currently the Digital Advertising Coordinator at Acadia Health Care in Nashville, Tennessee. She is the daughter of Jim and Susan Setas of East Lansing. Her brothers, Adam C09 and Ben C07, are also Lansing Catholic alumni.



**SCAN TO VIEW A VIDEO JACQUELINE SENT TO THE LCHS COMMUNITY REGARDING HER RECOGNITION**



**Lansing Catholic High School annually presents several awards to alumni and other community members honoring our mission statement and representing our four cornerstones in their dedication and accomplishments.**

## **EXCELLENCE: TRIPLE A+ AWARD**

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

## **FAITH: ALUMNI IN MINISTRY AWARD**

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

## **TRADITION: COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

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

## **SERVICE: FAITH IN ACTION AWARD**

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

## **HAVE AN ALUMNI TO NOMINATE?**

Contact Doug Moore C80 at 517-267-2153 or [doug.moore@lansingcatholic.org](mailto:doug.moore@lansingcatholic.org).

# JUSTICE HELPS EVERY PERSON AND ORGANIZATION

## LCHS Alum Mark Murray Reflects on a Career Rooted in Faith

By Stephanie Van Koevering, Teacher

A solid Catholic education, good fortune and a strong family upbringing served as the foundation for Mark Murray C72 in his professional life. He recently retired from an extraordinary career—CEO of Meijer, president of Grand Valley State University, state treasurer, budget director, and activist who helped shape Michigan's policies and economy for the past 35 years.

With credentials like these, a little swagger would be in order, but not for Mark. For him, his achievements were the incidental outcomes of a resolve to do his best, having great colleagues and bosses, and a commitment to do good in whatever situation he was in. The result was that his work has been recognized and appreciated by others, and that matters the most to him.

"I'm not sure I can think of anything that was important or had a real impact that wasn't a group effort," Murray says. "I have tried to bring good prudence and judgment into my work for the good of the endeavor. I really don't think I ever accomplished anything on my own. I was always in settings where I was working with many other good people."

It's Murray's humility and old-fashioned sense of service that have made him respected among his peers. His LinkedIn profile is remarkably simple; his Wikipedia entry references him only as an "administrator." For those who know him, however, there is a tone of understatement.

These characteristics—along with many others—find their roots in his strong Catholic faith.

"The moral and ethical code I was taught—first by my parents, and then by my teachers at St. Thomas Aquinas and Lansing Catholic—turned out to be very powerful and helpful to me," Murray says. "It took some time for it to gel for me. I had my share of stumbles along the way, but now I can say that the Catholic faith is an essential element of my life and the life of our family."

Murray notes that his Lansing Catholic experiences were very different than those of today's students.

"I was a student during the merger of Gabriels and O'Rafferty," Murray says. "There were something like 1,200 students trying to work and learn in the same building that's in use today. It was pretty chaotic. Fortunately, I had some great educators and coaches—Sister Pat Brady, Tony Ries, Paul Cook, Brother Kevin and many others—who were able to cut through the chaos and teach me to think, to write, and to reflect about how I live out my Christian obligations in a community setting with others.

"Lansing Catholic was rigorous academically while expecting me to probe who I was called to be as a person. High school years are critically important to set a compass for a life of



integrity and purpose. It wasn't always smooth for me, but I'm very grateful for what those good teachers tried to do for me."

Murray's own journey has been shaped by the virtues he holds most dear.

"Justice helps every person and every organization flourish," he says. "Having integrity, living by a code of truthfulness, treating people with respect, that is how we flourish in our common life. And there's no question that the bones of that came up out of being raised in the Catholic Church."

Perhaps that is why, rather than ticking off a list of achievements and pointing to his past successes, Murray's observations are deeper, more human.

"I have always known that the project was to tell the truth and do what's right and treat people well. I can't say I did it perfectly all the time, but I certainly knew when I was coming up short and knew it was time to get better at it," he says. "The moral and ethical code I was given turned out to be very powerful and important to me, as it is to many, many other people of faith."

Murray's commitment to contribute to the world around him remains strong in retirement. He continues to serve on several corporate boards and contributes his time to other nonprofit and charitable organizations. Even though he now lives in the Grand Rapids area, he continues to give to Lansing Catholic.

"I hope that the school will always be there for folks in Lansing," Murray says. "Too many families struggle to afford tuition, so we are happy to help out."

Indeed, it is this simple approach to doing good and focusing on what's right—attributes shaped by his early faith formation—that seems to keep Murray grounded in what matters most.

"The thing that pleases me the most at this point in my life, and I expect will please me through the rest of my life, is our family," Murray says. "And again, I don't take credit for that. I have been so richly blessed by Elizabeth C72, my brother, Fr. Mike Murray G68, and my children."

## WEDDINGS



**Alex Collar (C11)** married Taylor Bishop at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit on July 9, 2021. If you missed the viral save the date announcement, you can enjoy that here: <https://www.wxyz.com/news/3rd-time-is-a-charm-couples-save-the-date-announcement-goes-viral>. This trio of videos was done by classmate Eve Hinz C11.



**Abigail Lasch (C15)** and Michael Murri were wed at St. Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills on August 28, 2021.



In Traverse City, classmates **Paulena Voutsaras (C15)** and **Ryan Paul (C15)** also were married on August 28, 2021.

## NOTES



**Phong Vu (C04)** and his wife, Erin, were awarded the 2021 Michael Presley Award for Excellence in Catholic Education. Phong originally studied to be a doctor before joining Notre Dame's Alliance for Education. He currently is the principal at San Juan Diego High School in Austin, Texas.



**Rebecka Poljan (C18)** was recently featured on the Big Ten Network for living a life of service instilled first by her parents, reinforced during her time at Lansing Catholic, and continuing at Michigan State. You can catch the video at <https://www.facebook.com/BTN/videos/1585344825178524>.



**Jason Sherer (C07)** was recently inducted into Hampton University's 40 Under 40 Society. Bestowed annually to 40 people under the age of 40 who have shown a strong commitment to the ideals and legacy of the Hampton University Standard of Excellence, the Hampton University 40 Under 40 identifies and honors the next generation of leaders. Jason was also in the 2020 Cardiovascular Disease Fellows at Massachusetts General Hospital and co-hosts a podcast, *Redefining the Rhythm*, that features in-depth conversations about health inequities and health disparities in cardiovascular disease.



**Jacqueline Setas (C14)** was the medalist at the U.S. Mid-Am Qualifier at Glen Flora Country Club in Illinois.



**Adeline Hauck (C20)** earned the Eaton STEM Scholar Scholarship from the Society of Women Engineers. Adeline currently attends the School of Industrial Engineering at Purdue University.

**Logan Tietsort (C20)** and **David Perez (C20)** moved from being marching Cougars in the drumline to two new Big Ten drumlines. Logan now marches with Purdue while David marches at Michigan State. [lansingcatholic.org/news/lansing-catholic-alumni-debut-big-ten-drumlines](https://lansingcatholic.org/news/lansing-catholic-alumni-debut-big-ten-drumlines)



### HAVE NEWS TO SHARE OR MOVED RECENTLY?

Send us an update at [www.bit.ly/AlumProfile](http://www.bit.ly/AlumProfile). Let others know what great things are happening in your life. We want to celebrate our alumni!



**Konnor Maloney (C17)** earned First-Team Academic All American honors from CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America). He's one of just seven Hillsdale Charger receivers to go over 2,000 yards for his career and is in the top 10 in career catches, receiving yards, and touchdowns in Hillsdale College history.



**Cooper Rush (C12)** got his first career start with the Dallas Cowboys on October 31, 2021. He led the Cowboys to a 20-16 win over the Minnesota Vikings, throwing for 325 yards including two touchdown passes.



Sam & Judy Eyde hosted a gathering for the Resurrection Class of 1959 at their cottage on September 25, 2021.



The Lansing Catholic Class of 1981 held their 40th reunion at Lansing Brewing Company on Saturday, October 16.



The 45th Class reunion of the Lansing Catholic Class of 1976 took place on Saturday, October 23 at Tony M's.



Our annual CougarFest was also the site of several class gatherings including the Lansing Catholic classes of 1984 (above) and 1985 (below). Thanks for coming out and having fun!



## REUNIONS

### Class of 1970 — Gabriels High School

Mark your calendars for the "Gabriels Class of 1970 turns 70 Reunion Celebration" on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at the Eagle Eye Banquet Center Log Cabin Room. A golf outing will be held earlier in the day, with a Friday night meet-up. For information, contact Tom Gaskin at 248-554-0799, or tgaskin@mac.com.

## PLANNING A CLASS REUNION?

Let our Alumni Relations Office support you in planning your festivities. Contact Doug Moore C80 at 517-267-2153 or doug.moore@lansingcatholic.org. We may have updated contact information about classmates, can offer tours of our current facilities, and will support you with the possibility of a Class Mass in our St. John Paul the Great Chapel.

## IN MEMORIAM

- Kevin Green G64
- Jan (Belsito) Alrick R53
- Pat (Byers) Werner R56
- Kathy (Bentall) Beebe R63
- Jodi (Jackard) South C85
- Misha Kleiman C19
- Charlene (Spadafore) Vassar G64
- Brother James Malone, CFX, Lansing Catholic principal 1976-79
- Gretchen (Bouman) Garmyn C78  
(Mother of Brittany C03, Brandon C06 & Justin C08)

- C — Lansing Catholic (Central)
- M — St. Mary
- O — O'Rafferty
- R — Resurrection
- G — Gabriels

# MINISTRY *of presence*

Dear friends,

I've now been at Lansing Catholic as the full-time chaplain for over four full months. So far I've been loving it! Before coming to Lansing, I had been the parochial vicar at St. Patrick in Brighton from 2017 to 2021. Just like at the parish, I have daily Mass here at LCHS and confessions twice a week. But after that, it differs significantly from parish work. My week is full of meetings with various planning and admin teams in the school, meetings with teachers and students for counsel or spiritual direction, teaching occasionally as a sub, maintaining all the liturgical supplies and training for students who assist at Mass (servers, lectors, sacristans), attending many student athlete games and events in the area, leading a student discipleship group every week, and helping lead all the retreats at the school throughout the year. Probably the biggest change from parish work to chaplaincy is that I have fewer administrative responsibilities and far more "ministry of presence" opportunities. A lot of my job here at LCHS is just to be present at the school every day, get to know the students, and help them to come to know Jesus by accompanying them on their faith journeys.

In high school ministry there is definitely plenty of energy and lots of activity every day! Since I come from a large family where there was always lots of activity and energy, I am well prepared for my assignment here at Lansing Catholic. It is such a privilege to be able to accompany these high school students at this formative stage in their lives. I'm looking forward to all the years that are to come here at LCHS!



## Fr. Joseph Campbell

Chaplain | Lansing Catholic High School

## 2022 COMMUNITY EVENTS



**Corks + Cuisine**  
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**Fr. Mac Dinner**  
Dinner and Keynote Speaker  
May 2, 2022



**Cougar Classic Golf Outing**  
Annual Golf Outing in East Lansing  
June 17, 2022



**Work-A-Thon**  
Community Day of Service  
May 6, 2022



**Homecoming Weekend**  
Friday Night Lights & Cougarfest  
September 23 & 24, 2022



FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS, VISIT [LANSINGCATHOLIC.ORG/EVENTS-LIST](http://LANSINGCATHOLIC.ORG/EVENTS-LIST)

# STRIVING FOR GREATNESS

*with God's abundant grace*

**B**lessings upon each of you from the halls of Lansing Catholic High School! When I reflect on this phenomenal community and all that we have been able to accomplish through His grace over these past few months, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. And yet, to select just a few highlights of all the good things that happen here makes the writing of these notes to you more difficult than you might think. So I went to some of the best sources of creativity at our school, our amazing students, from whom I received two themes: life at Lansing Catholic this year has been more interactive than last year and has involved more striving for greatness.

From classrooms to multi-media platforms, Lansing Catholic's education and reach have become more interactive! The "pandemic pause," during which typical school life was put on hold, has given us an opportunity to reboot and re-energize classroom instruction, extra-curricular programs and outreach to our partner school communities. Our teachers are bringing awe and wonder into the classroom environment! Sr. Irenaeus' health class prepared flavorful meals using our cafeteria kitchen. Journalism students are creating content regularly featured on our school website, as well as learning project management skills as they build the 2022 yearbook from development to design! Broadcasting has moved to livestreaming and is about to begin production in its new studio space. Learning is alive again and we could not be more excited!

Beyond the classroom, our entire team is expanding the Cougar community by leaps and bounds! In athletics, we added a livestream option for football games, with plans to expand into more sports, as well as exciting energy and expansion in our Jr. Cougar sports programs. We took a Cougar tour bus to our partner schools and spread the Cougar hype throughout the Lansing region. We also resumed our annual costume concert and collaborated with Cristo Rey Church to teach students about the "Day of the Dead" and its cultural significance. Finally, our social media is reaching into new pockets, featuring video montages of exciting on-campus events and catechetical material from our amazing chaplain.

Last, but not least, our Cougars — individually and collectively — strive for greatness more now than ever before! We celebrated four outstanding, nationally-commended scholars for exceptional academic achievement. Our fall athletic teams have earned league, district, regional and state recognitions this season. Our new discipleship group provides opportunities for our Cougars not only to share their faith, but to lead in faith. Service successes abound as well! From Camo for a Cause to our Spanish Honor Society's successful school supply drive, Cougars strive for greatness, even in giving!

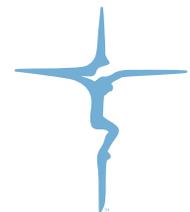
Each of these outstanding achievements is not only the fruit of our community's collective efforts to survive and thrive despite the pandemic and other limitations, but also (and primarily) due to God's abundant grace and mercy! He has blessed this school and its mission, consecrating our efforts to glorify Him and to gather us to Himself. As we continue to move forward into 2022, may we remember to give Him everything, trusting that — in return — He will provide more than we can imagine!

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**NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH FAR MORE THAN ALL WE ASK OR IMAGINE, BY THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS TO ALL GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.**

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