

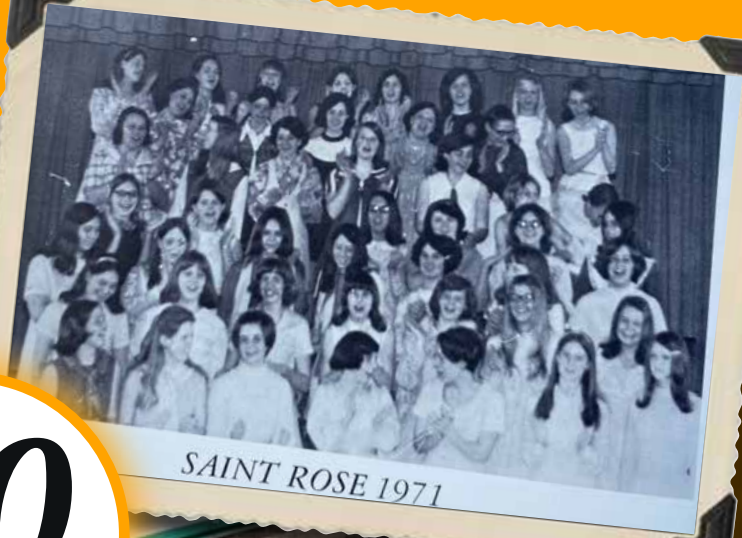


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CEF CELEBRATES 50 YEARS
 IN SUPPORTING THE VINCENNES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 1971-2021



CENTRAL CATHOLIC 1971



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years



CONGRATULATIONS RIVET CLASS OF 2021



A NOTE FROM THE CEF PRESIDENT



Welcome Back! It is a great honor & pleasure to ask all of you to join me in the excitement of celebrating 50 years of our Christian Educational Foundation! I am very proud to help carry on this great organization that so many selfless, dedicated, and fine folks started back in 1971 to help our Vincennes Catholic Schools prosper & survive.

Join me on memory lane a moment....building up to where we are today! Our Catholic High Schools in Vincennes began as Central Catholic for the gentlemen and St. Rose Academy for the ladies. Funding the schools was getting tougher each year. In 1955, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Speth organized the Central Catholic Booster Club to help financially with sporting events. In 1961, the Speth's, along with Carlton & Emily Gerdon, began "Friends of Central Catholic". During the difficult years leading up to the consolidation of the schools, the Speths interested Mr. & Mrs. John Zanetis in the schools, now known as Flaget Elementary & Rivet Middle/High School. This is where the CEF began. In 1971, 50 years ago, the Christian Educational Foundation (CEF) was started to provide scholarships to students & to pay for equipment and special programs. The founding members included Mr. & Mrs. Bob Speth, Mr. & Mrs. John Zanetis, John Stachura, Dr. Louis Dayson, Don Hedstrom, Leona Conn, Charles Shircliff, Robert Tresslar, Bernard Niehaus, Carl Joice, Bernard Guerretaz, and Joseph Ostendorf.

CEF has played an important role in the survival of our Vincennes Catholic Schools. In the first ten years, CEF held major campaigns, which raised funds of one half million dollars for the school. By the 20th year, CEF had provided \$1.5 million dollars to our schools, all with the help of Bernie Niehaus, the four presidents John Zanetis, Robert Tresslar, Don Hedstrom & Dr. David Grundman, their wives, members of the Board, executive secretaries & many active volunteers. Alongside the fundraisers, CEF started an annual fall auction at Doc & Mary Herman's with an outdoor country western setting. It eventually became the Arts & Antique Auction at the Elks with the help of several board members (especially the Grundmans, Gehrings, Zeiglers, Carpenters, & Hedstroms). This event continued through the years with other fundraisers, such as the Germanfest (head up by Mr. Ralph Ruppel for many years), the "Adopt a Student" program (head up by Mr. Ruppel, Jim Ziegler, and Jim Gislason), the Lucky Bucks Calendars (donated by Mr. Zeigler & Ewing Printing), the Emeritus Dinner (head up by the Zeiglers, Grundmans, David & Susan Carpenter, Francis & Mary Halter, Mike & Carla Rusch, Dr. Brad & Janie Keller, and Bob & Linda Murawski), the CEF Rendezvous Sausage Booth, the Gift Card/Scrip Program (head up by Mary Kathryn Kunkel), Estate Planning & House Clean Ups (with Dr. Walt Rinderle), and generous donations & support from so many wonderful alumni & supporters.

A huge Thank You to so many for helping CEF continue to support our Vincennes Catholic Schools. A big thank you to our early founders and to the many presidents that helped keep us going (especially Dr. David Grundman, Harold Turner, Dr. Brad Keller, Mike Rusch, Don Halter, & Julie Marchino) and the many other officers throughout the years.

As you can all tell, the history of our CEF has been amazing throughout the years from the support of so many. Please help us continue the tradition of the Vincennes Catholic Schools for many, many years. Thank you for your past, present, & future donations.... spiritually, physically, mentally, & financially. Without all of you, we would not have made it the last 50 years, and now, let's strive for 50+ more years!

Congratulations to the Class of 1971 on their 50th Class Reunion this year & a huge thank you to them for remembering CEF with their prayers & monetary donations.

The Germanfest held a special place in my heart this year, as we were able to bring together our Rivet Class of 1986 for our 35th Class Reunion during the weekend. I was caught off guard, both nights, while buzzing around the grounds with not one, but two classmates, asking me random questions about the event & then realizing my expression when I finally grasped, oh my gosh, that's a classmate! So, heads up, you never know who you may see coming back into town & supporting our schools.

Please enjoy our Legacy & see the many great accomplishments & memories of our School Family. Thank you so much for your continued prayers, love, and support for our Vincennes Catholic Schools.

Debbie Thomas

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Closed for lunch 11:15am-12:15pm
8:00-9:30am available by appt only



CEF Meetings: 1st Monday of the month - 6:00pm

CEF holds monthly board meetings the first Monday of each month at 6:00pm. **All are welcome to attend.** The office is located inside the "Old Catholic School" across the parking lot from Rivet. Come and join us in our support of our Vincennes Catholic Schools!

#patriotstrong

RIVET STORM DAMAGE

We are so excited to be moved into our new rooms and cannot wait to have the alumni and community see them. We will have an open house once we complete the finishing touches to Rivet.

We are so Blessed!

~ Rivet Principal Janice Jones



High School Science Room



Middle School Science Room



Middle School Math Room

Flaget Window Project

Department of Homeland Security grant and CEF matching funds propel window project.



New windows were installed on the first floor at Flaget Elementary this summer after the school received funding from the School Safety Grant offered by the Department of Homeland Security each year. Flaget staff, students, and families are thankful for the generosity of CEF for matching this grant and providing the funds to complete the second and third floors on the 8th, 9th, and Vigo Street sides of the building.

The old glass block was built in with a solid wall. New shatterproof windows with blinds, now replace the old windows. Not only are the windows more efficient, but they also provide the darkness inside the classrooms that allow for teachers to make better use of their projectors and boards, without having to hang curtains.

The job couldn't have been completed without the help of D & H Glass, Kuesch Glass, Hendrixson Concrete and Construction, Magnum Construction, C.F.C.O. Inc., Ron Cardinal (maintenance), and Mendy Steinger (custodian). Flaget has applied for funding from the School Safety Grant again this school year, in hopes for receiving more funds. We will soon begin fundraising to complete the second and third floors on the parking lot side of the building, which will take place during the summer of 2022.



Knox County Fair

Wow! Thanks everyone for another record year for Vincennes Catholic Schools food booth at the Knox County Fair! It was so nice to see everyone again. Favorites we serve are breaded tenderloins, BBQ pork sandwiches/nachos, fried bologna sandwiches, grilled sweet corn, burgers, coney's, breaded mushrooms and breaded pickles.



TEAMS

TESTS OF ENGINEERING APTITUDE, MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

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Back: Seniors Charlie Niehaus, Kathryn Herman, Drake Dunn, April Tripp
 Front: Juniors Danica Dunn, Katie Daugherty, Emma Spurgeon, Maddisyn Halter

The TEAMS competition was held virtually on March 4, 2021 at Rivet High School. The theme for TEAMS this year was “Engineering Solutions in a Pandemic.” As usual, the students wrote an essay and submitted it prior to the competition date. This year, the essay dealt with “robotics in post pandemic”. On the day of the competition, Rivet students were given certain supplies and then asked to build a device to move rectangular pieces of paper towels from one location to another, using the most cost-efficient supplies on the list. The procedure was then recorded and uploaded to TEAMS. Students also answered on-line multiple-choice questions, based on some of the topics of “Communicating in a Pandemic”, “Engineering Vaccination Distribution”, “Manufacturing and the Supply Chain”, “Animals in the Pandemic”, “Engineering Drones for Contactless Deliveries”, “Design, Epidemiology, and Contact Tracing”, “Artificial Intelligence for Human Monitoring”, and “The Working Engineer in Quarantine”. Even though the students did not get to visit Rose Hulman for the competition, they still enjoyed the TEAMS competition. Both teams coached by Beverly Adams.

JV



Back: Sophomores Thomas Herman, Curtis Shake, Morgan Alderton, Katie McGuire
 Front: Freshmen Ella Benson, Olivia Mitchell, Jillian Moquia, Mason Trent

The JV results are as follows:

- Essay:
 1st in State in Division 1
 4th overall in State
 6th in the Nation in Division 1
- Design Build:
 2nd in State in Division 1
 2nd overall in State
 11th in Nation in Division 1
- Multiple Choice:
 2nd in State in Division 1
 3rd overall in State
 10th in Nation in Division 1

Overall, the Junior Varsity finished 2nd in State in Division 1, 2nd overall in State, and 7th in Nation in Division 1 (out of 24 teams).

The Varsity results are as follows:

- Essay:
 1st in State in Division 1
 6th overall in State
 6th in Nation in Division 1
- Design Build:
 2nd in State in Division 1
 6th overall in State
 10th in Nation in Division 1
- Multiple Choice:
 2nd in State in Division 1
 12th overall in State
 15th in Nation in Division 1

Overall, the Varsity finished 2nd in State in Division 1, 10th overall in the state, and 9th in the Nation in Division 1 (out of 38 teams).



VINCENNES CATHOLIC ALUMNI & FRIENDS



Golf Scramble – May 7, 2021

The Golf Scramble is a favorite among many. It's exciting to see so many friends come together for such a great cause. With around 26 teams each year and lots of Purple, Gold & Patriot Sponsorships & donations, we are able to provide the players with a cookout before tee off and prizes at the end of the day. Thank you to all of our donors, sponsors & players for the support each year with the Golf Scramble.



Internships OFFER **REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCES**



Dylan Daugherty at Miller Family Farms

The Indiana Department of Education has been revamping the requirements for graduation over the past few years, which has created more career development activities, such as internships, job shadowing, and volunteering. The new graduation pathways have created more opportunities for the Rivet High School upperclassmen. Last year, we had many students participate in an internship or a job shadowing experience. Providing these opportunities gives students a chance to improve their employability skills and networking, which will be a valuable tool as they enter into college, apprenticeship, or the workforce. We are so grateful to our local businesses and alumni for being great resources for our students. Becky Stenger, owner of Pea-Fections states, "The internship is an awesome opportunity for these students to engage in real-world scenarios. You can teach customer service, but performing it every day is totally different. They are not only learning how to deal with customers, but also how to interact with fellow employees. I try to stress to them how their actions can impact others and want them to be accountable young adults. The Pea-Fections crew, including Bill and I, have thoroughly enjoyed having the Rivet students participate in the internship. It has been a win-win for all!" We would like to thank not only Pea-Fections, but also Pretty Posies, Miller Family Farms, Herman Family Dentistry, Swirls, Mouzin Farms, Niehaus Company, Flaget Elementary, Southgate Veterinary Clinic, Good Samaritan Hospital, Amanda Linn at Ford's Photography, Andrew Heinz of State Farm Insurance, Vincennes Pet Port, and Red Cloud Logistics LLC, just to name a few. If you know of a business that would be interested in having an intern, please contact the Rivet office at 812-882-6215.



Kyle Stenger, Becky Pea Stenger owner of Pea-Fections, and Avery Vantlin



Kaytlin Lane and Victoria Linn at Fords Art of Fine Photography



Jan Witteried, Owner of Pretty Posies and Kathryn Herman



Scholarships Awarded

Judy Halter Memorial Scholarship

Living the Catholic Faith

Judy Halter (1939-2017)—a graduate of St. Rose Academy, Class of 1957, lifelong resident of Vincennes, and member of the Catholic community—lived her faith through trying hardships, including a chronic illness that confined her for much of her adult life and greatly limited her opportunities. This scholarship offering is a result of one of the many times that Judy’s living out the Catholic faith and her undying spirit of enthusiasm, touched someone along the way.

In the 1970’s, Judy worked at St John’s Parish. She became aware of an international student at Vincennes University, who shared her strong Catholic faith, and was in need of assistance in order to remain in the United States, have a place to stay, and to continue to work towards her education goals. Judy invited this girl into her home, where she already had three busy teenagers of her own.

That girl, went on to graduate, obtain a PHD, become successful, and raise a family of her own. Upon Judy’s death, that girl, now a grown woman, wished to honor Judy and her enduring kindness and generosity, with a scholarship. A scholarship to something that Judy dearly loved, the Catholic school system, and the wonderful students of Rivet, pursuing exciting dreams, cloaked with the armor of their faith.

It is in that image of God’s enthusiasm that shined in Judy, that this scholarship is presented.



Pictured standing are Jamie (Halter) Kroeger, Kaytlin Lane, Emma Robinson, Maggie Earley, Kathryn Herman, Leon Halter, and seated is Francis Halter.



Gartner Continuing Education Grant

The Larry and Emma Gartner Continuing Education Grant (Rivet Class of 1963) has provided the Rivet Students since 2010, with the opportunity to receive funds to expand their knowledge, develop a healthy lifestyle, and take time to pause and refresh their soul. 2021 recipients are left to right April Tripp, Avery Vantlin, and Kaytlin Lane.



Sister Helene Wernsing College Scholarship

The Sister Helene Wernsing College Scholarship fund was set up to honor Sister Helene, who was a Principal of St. John High School in Loogootee from 1966 to 1969. She was a member of the Sister of Providence from St. Mary of the Woods. As an experienced and dedicated administrator, Sister was liked and respected by students and faculty alike. She was never too busy to offer a helping hand. This scholarship is to honor her for her unwavering support and confidence. Kaytlin Lane was chosen to receive this honorable award for the Class of 2021.



The 2021 Mr. Ralph Holscher "Up & Beyond" Teacher Award was presented to Flaget staff Mrs. Angie Sievers (left).



The 2021 Mr. Ralph Holscher "Up & Beyond" Freshman Scholarship was awarded to Zachary Bottoms, son of Jeff & Angie Bottoms.



The 2021 Hugh Wickens Scholarship was awarded to Bracey Morron, son of Wesley & Kristi Morron.

2021-2022 SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN THROUGH CEF:

- Noland & Elizabeth McClure Foundation Scholarship - Tristan & Ashley Stoelb Family**
- Leona Conn Scholarship - Nicholaus & Ashley Benson Family**
- Catherine Ruppel Scholarship - Drew & Tiffany Garretson Family**

CEF UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mega Bingo November 7, 2021	Rendezvous May 28-29, 2022
Mega Bingo April 3, 2022	Germanfest August 12-13, 2022
Golf Scramble May 6, 2022	Fall Gathering September 10, 2022

Benefits of SGO Scholarship Program

Indiana's Tax Credit Scholarship program or SGO was created as a way to help families get a financial boost, making it possible for them to send their children to a private school. Each year private donations are collected through the Institute for Quality Education (IQE) in the name of the Vincennes Catholic Schools. Those donations are then given as SGO Scholarships to those who qualify, enabling these students to attend Flaget or Rivet. Without this financial assistance, our schools may not otherwise be an option.

The IQE receives, manages and distributes these private donations as SGO Scholarships for our qualifying students at Vincennes Catholic Schools. In the 2021-22 school year, 39 students have benefited from these scholarships (totaling \$10,500). And in the 2020-21 school year, 24 students benefited from these scholarships (totaling \$12,000), allowing parents to make the choice to send their children to the Vincennes Catholic Schools

Each year, we must raise funds for these SGO Scholarships. Individuals and companies in Indiana are eligible to receive a state tax credit equal to fifty-percent (50%) of the amount donated. Since IQE is a 501c3, these donations are eligible for a federal tax deduction as well. Please consider making a donation today!

You may contact Rivet or Flaget if you have questions or need more information. Or to make a donation to the Institute for Quality Education for Vincennes Catholic Schools, please go to <http://www.i4qed.org/sgo/donors> IQE can also answer questions or provide more information.

Many thanks to individuals who donated through the Legacy envelope: March - August 2021

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| Michael & Julia Beaman | Joseph & Linda Lanning |
| Earnest & Gayle Bledsoe | David & Suky Morgan |
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| Larry & Barbara Carie | Mike & Janie O'Toole |
| Mary Cullison | John & Kathleen Reigelman |
| Rexford & Barbara Early | Stephen Risch |
| Ernest Gouverneur | Robert & Nancy Schukai |
| Bob E. Hess | Gary & Sheila Snyder |
| Robert & Paula Hurtubise | Ann Telles |
| Charles Stephen Keller | C. Maurice Theriac |
| Robert & Inez Lang | Dorothy Vieke |

YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

The envelope attached in the middle of the booklet is for your use! Please consider donating to the Christian Educational Foundation. We can also accept donations through PayPal on our website, **www.vincennescef.org**. Your donations will help us meet our monthly obligations to the Vincennes Catholic Schools. We truly appreciate your support.





Germanfest

The Germanfest has taken place for 49 years! Over the years, many have enjoyed gathering together with friends and enjoying great food and German music. We now offer a drive thru and family meals at the Highland Woods Community Center for all ages. We had a great turnout and love when alumni come home to enjoy the event. Thank you to all for the many years of support for this great event.



Come out next year and celebrate with us for the **50th Germanfest** on August 12-13, 2022!

Alumni News

Grundman Assumes Command at Atterbury



Col. Michael Grundman, of the Indiana National Guard, assumed command of Camp Atterbury in July. During his speech, Grundman pointed out the post has a remarkable past, but also recognized the vital role Camp Atterbury and Muscatatuck Urban Training Center will play in the future defense of the local community, state, and nation.

Grundman, a native of Vincennes & 1989 graduate of Rivet, commissioned in 1995 as an infantry officer through the Indiana University Reserve Officer Training Corps. A three-time combat veteran, Grundman was deployed in support of combat operation during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Senior Advisor to the Afghan 215th Corps during Operation Resolute Support. He previously commanded the 2nd Battalion, 151st Infantry and the 138th Regiment. Most recently he served as the state's director of strategic initiatives. Grundman is the son of Dr. David & Kathy Grundman.

Believe it or not, it has been 50 YEARS since Rivet graduated its first class—the Class of 1971!

In addition to holding a reunion in September, the Class of '71 is sponsoring a class fundraiser for CEF as a way to say THANK YOU for the quality education the students received 50 years ago. They also hope this will serve as a challenge to future classes to do the same for their 50-year reunions. In the Spring issue of Legacy, we will let you know how much they were able to raise & post a picture of a ceremonial check presentation from their reunion. We appreciate this gift!

ST ROSE ACADEMY LUNCHEON CANCELED

The St. Rose Academy Annual Luncheon scheduled for Saturday, September 18th at the Green Activities Center has been canceled due to the high rate of Covid in Knox County. The health and well-being of our alumni are most important. We have 145 paid reservations to date - 100 of those are ladies over the age of 70. All reservations will be transferred to next years' reunion. Some of the other classes continue with their individual reunions, as planned on that weekend.

Father Tony Ernst will celebrate the Alumni Mass on Sat., Sept. 18 at 10:00AM at St John's. Father Gary Kaiser will assist. The Mass intention is for the Deceased Alumni of the Vincennes Catholic Schools.

Donations to CEF In Memory of Robert Biggs ~ Tom Klueh ~ Ralph Holscher ~ Robert Tresslar
March through August 2021

In Memory OF OUR RECENTLY DECEASED ALUMNI

Mary C. (Theriac) Murray – 1944

Georgann M. McCormack – 1949

William A. Chansler - 1952

Robert Hutton – 1953

Rita (Bumgarner) Nowaskie - 1954

Barbara (Wathen) Quirk - 1955

Pat (Stoelting) Langley – 1958

Judith Duesterberg - 1959

Janet Antley – 1960

Emmalene (Frey) Anthis – 1961

Edward M. Vachet II - 1961

John V. Bezy – 1962

Thelma Padgett – 1965

Kenny Joice - 1967

Mike Feagans - 1968

Carla (Gouverneur) James – 1970

Arlene (Kouche) Zimmerman - 1970

Thomas Weiler – 1973

Tom Klueh - 1976

Erica (Yochum) Dailey - 1991

Sister Marie Janice Cummings - Faculty

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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Flashback from Rivet Photo Archives

