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HappyBirthday!

The first day of school for the 2019-20 school year took place exactly 15 years to the day of the opening of Guerin Catholic High School on August 16, 2004. Guerin Catholic's founding principal Keith Marsh (left) and faculty and staff welcomed students on the first day, just as current principal James McNeany (right) continued the tradition with fellow faculty and staff this year. Happy 15th Birthday Guerin Catholic!





WelcomeMessage

#thisiswhy

On Friday August 16, 2019, St. Theodore Guerin High School welcomed students to the first day of a school year for the sixteenth time. Not planned, but of no surprise to anyone who has experienced the providential influence of Guerin Catholic, this was fifteen years to the date of the very first day of school on August 16, 2004. As we look back on our fifteen young years, it is easy to be amazed and proud of what we have accomplished, the obstacles we have overcome, and the lives that have been changed by the mission we call Guerin Catholic High School.



However, a deeper dive calls us to evaluate our fifteen years not only by what we have accomplished, but also to look at how have we accomplished it; which like our patroness is through a complete and utter trust in providence. The initial leaders, families, faculty, and staff who made Guerin Catholic a reality were not only visionaries: they were bold, they were risk takers, and they were people of deep faith. They did not let fear, stress, or setbacks deter them from realizing their dream of bringing a Catholic high school to Hamilton County.

Knowing the risks and uncertainty our founding families, supporters, faculty, and staff faced in the quest to make Guerin Catholic a reality and the sacrifice so many continue to make to keep Guerin Catholic thriving, I am drawn to a richer reflection beyond the how and to an understanding of why a few would be so committed to what many thought impossible. I have been fortunate to hear individual stories inspirationally articulated as to why Guerin Catholic is so important to so many. The consistent themes can be summarized in the following values: faith, family, community, learning, leadership, achievement, service, and eternal salvation.

Ultimately, the differentiator between the dream and the reality, between excellence and mediocrity, between the why, how, and what, is someone who cares enough to take action to make it happen. This is why Guerin Catholic opened its doors on August 16, 2004—there was a committed group of people who cared enough to make it happen. This is why Guerin Catholic has grown into an amazing and thriving Catholic high school—our community cares enough to make it happen. As we look to the future and to the next fifteen years of changing lives through authentic Catholic education, it is my prayer and hope that our actions in all things clearly communicate our why—we care!

God Bless.

Dr. John Atha President "The bottom line is that real love always shows itself in action. Nothing happens or changes in this world unless, by faith, we actually do something."

-MIKE YANKOSKI

HigiAward

The Bishop William L. Higi Leadership Award, named after Guerin Catholic's founding Bishop, is presented annually to individuals who have exemplified their faith by taking risks and being a catalyst for transformational change in their community.

Previous recipients include:

2017 Bishop Emeritus William L. Higi (Founding Bishop of Guerin Catholic)

2018 Chris Braun, Monsignor John Duncan, Gary Malone, and Scott Schutz

2019 Barbara (Barb) and John Gallina, Deborah and William (Willie) Wood



Bishop Emeritus William Higi

Past recipients, in concert with Bishop Higi, had a vision of providing a Catholic high school education to those in the deanery and the Diocese of Lafayette. In the face of ruthless opposition and constant setbacks, they put their faith ahead of their fears and for the first time in sixty years, helped open a new Catholic high school in Indiana.

As of today, more than 15 years after Guerin Catholic opened her doors, the school has been recognized consistently as one of the top Catholic high schools in the nation.

This year the Bishop William L. Higi Leadership Award was expanded to the following three categories: Community, Faculty/Staff and Alumni.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2020 Bishop William L. Higi Leadership Award, which will be presented at the Guerin Catholic Gala on Friday, February 7, 2020 at the Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel.

2020 BISHOP WILLIAM L. HIGI LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Fr. Dale Ehrman COMMUNITY AWARD



Currently the Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Cicero, Fr. Dale Ehrman was the Campus Minister when Guerin Catholic opened in 2004. Father Dale served in a number of leadership capacities at Guerin Catholic, but his primary focus of incorporating Catholic Identity into every aspect of the school remains his legacy. Father Dale set the foundation that has enabled Guerin Catholic to be continually recognized by the Cardinal Newman Society as one of the top Catholic High School's in the Nation (see page 7 for Guerin Catholic's most recent recognition).



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Mike and Grace Pratt community award

The Pratts have been staples in the Guerin Catholic Community since well before the groundbreaking of the school. In addition to hosting numerous information sessions in their home, the Pratt's truly "Trusted in



Providence" by sending all three of their daughters—Adriana '08, Angie '09 and Chelsea '12—to a completely untested, unproven school in the middle of Hamilton County. Their contributions to Guerin Catholic are too numerous to count but they have beautifully modeled the school's vision of "serving with love" and "leading with humility" for the better part of the past two decades. Mike has served in a variety of volunteer capacities, most recently as chair of the Advancement Committee, and Grace has worn many hats during her time at Guerin Catholic, including serving as the first Director of Admissions. She currently serves as one of Guerin Catholic's guidance counselors (families with last names beginning with Q-Z) and continually pushes all of her students to discover their God-given potential.

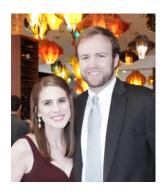
Marcia Murphy FACULTY & STAFF AWARD



Currently the Guerin Catholic Director of Fine Arts, Marcia Murphy has also served in numerous capacities at Guerin Catholic. There has been no task too big or too small for Marcia to conquer! It is estimated that Marcia has been involved in over 30 plays and musicals, and more impressive is the care she takes in seeking out students to be involved in something bigger than themselves. Marcia has been deeply involved in nearly every capacity at Guerin Catholic—athletics, fine arts, Kairos, teaching, leadership, mission trips, field trips, International Baccalaureate, and so much more! The number of students' lives who have been impacted by Marcia Murphy is immeasurable! Most importantly, she perfectly models what it means to be a loving and devoted mother and wife. With the amount of time she commits to Guerin Catholic each year, no one would guess

that Marcia is the mother of seven: Madeline, **Xavier '07**, **Julian '08**, **Gilbert '11**, **Isabel '14**, **Mathilda '17**, and **Eleanor '20**, and grandmother to Agnes and Bernadette. As one of her colleagues noted, "Marcia is **the** greatest example of living out the charism's of Mother Guerin. She leads with humility, she trusts in God's Providence each and every moment of every day, and more than anyone who has stepped into this building, she serves the students, staff and families with **love**."

Sam Gardner '08 ALUMNI AWARD



While at Guerin Catholic, Sam was a strong student while also participating in football, basketball, baseball, *GoldenVoice*, and theatre. It was in the Spring Musical *The Pirates of Penzance* where he met his future wife **Katie (Regan) Gardner '10**. After playing basketball and studying law at Wittenberg University, Sam returned to coach in the Guerin Catholic boys' basketball program and has been instrumental in the development of the school's Alumni Committee. Sam serves as chair of the Alumni Council, and is the first alumni member of the School Governing Board. Sam is the epitome of what Guerin Catholic stands for through his servant leadership—he builds community by all that he does. It is through the vital support and involvement of alumni like Sam that Guerin Catholic will continue to succeed in fulfilling its mission.

THE 2020 RECIPIENTS OF THE
BISHOP WILLIAM L. HIGI LEADERSHIP AWARD

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LeapofFaith

An adventurous group of Guerin Catholic faculty and staff took a "leap of faith" and completed tandem skydives on October 7, 2019. The group was organized by Dr. Dan White and included Leona Chianello (Principal's Assistant), Alfie Hernandez (Assistant Director of Athletics), Fr. John Nguyen (Chaplain), Stephanie Ganser (Social Studies), Dr. Dan White (World Languages), Doug Cline (Theology), Dr. Clarice Doucette (World Languages) and friend, Caroline Lee Thompson, Chris White (Dr. White's son) and Eric Leveque (World Languages).

"We were such an eclectic group," explained Mrs. Chianello (photos, bottom left and right). "Before the jump we really didn't know each other outside of school. None of us were afraid of soaring through God's beautiful blue sky. And now whenever I look up at the sky, I am reminded of the nine new friends that stepped out of their comfort zone with me! Right now, it's the closest to heaven we could be!"

Others described the jump as a truly spiritual experience. There's a spiritual feeling in pushing the boundaries of what



(L-R) Leona Chianello, Alfie Hernandez, Fr. John Nguyen, Stephanie Ganser, Dan White, Doug Cline, Clarice Doucette, Caroline Lee-Thompson, Chris White and Eric Leveque.



Mrs. Leona Chianello



Mrs. Leona Chianello

you think you can pull off, especially in a context as saturated with God's natural beauty, camaraderie and physical sensation as that of skydiving. Perhaps it is best summed up by Mrs. Ganser's famous favorite phrase, "Praise God!"

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24HoursofGiving



Every alumni class from 2007 through 2018 was represented in Guerin Catholic's 2019 Day of Giving in May, which raised nearly \$30,000 for the Providence Fund. The day allowed alumnae/i, faculty, staff, parents, grandparents, and friends to show their support for Guerin Catholic by wearing purple and giving a gift to The Providence Fund. The Day of Giving also coincided with the senior class' last All-School Mass, one of the most popular Masses of the school year.

Save the date for next April 30-May 1, 2020 for Guerin Catholic's 24 Hours of Giving.

Grandparents Day



Grandparent's Breakfast and Mass continues to be one of Guerin Catholic's most popular events!
On November 1, we welcomed over 300 grandparents to celebrate All-Saint's Day Mass and breakfast.
As a bonus, Guerin Catholic's founding Bishop, Bishop Emeritus William L. Higi, was also in attendance this year! What a blessing our grandparents are!

CardinalNewmanSociety



Guerin Catholic has again been recognized by the Cardinal Newman Society as one of the nation's top Catholic high schools through the Catholic Education Honor Roll Program!

The Cardinal Newman Catholic Education Honor Roll is a national program recognizing schools committed to strong Catholic identity. All of the schools recognized commit to and model the Principles of Catholic Identity in Education.

"Since our inception in 2004, Catholic Identity has been at the forefront of everything we do," said Guerin Catholic President, **Dr. John Atha**. "Having a full-time chaplain has allowed us to integrate the Catholic worldview into academics, athletics, fine arts and all extracurriculars and clubs. Our goal at Guerin Catholic is to help our students discern who God is calling them to be and prepare them to go out into the world and live their faith and their vocations."

The Cardinal Newman Society has recognized Guerin Catholic as a top Catholic High School numerous times (2007, 2008-09, 2010-11, 2012-13, 2014). The current recognition as an honor roll school is a five-year distinction (2019-2024).

TriviaNight



Alumni at Trivia Night

The 11th annual Parent Guild Trivia Night brought over 400 guests on November 16 to one of Guerin Catholic's greatest annual events and Parent Guild's only fundraiser. Funds raised at the event help fulfill teacher wish lists, homecoming, prom, convocations and more.

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Classof2019





Guerin Catholic's Class of 2019 graduated on June 2 with 179 members becoming the newest alumni class. The class earned over \$25.5 million in college scholarship awards and had an 89% participation rate in the IB program. The class had three National Merit Finalists, one National Merit Semi-Finalist and six National Merit Commended Scholars. The Class of 2019 has 76% of its graduates attending in-state universities or colleges. Thirty-six percent of the class are attending private colleges or universities, and 64% are attending public colleges or universities. Nineteen percent are attending Catholic colleges or universities.

Pictured above (top) are the Class of 2019 salutatorians John (Jack) Loub and Kathleen Stevenson, and valedictorians Henry Bates, Grace Gjerde, Therese Hinkley, Madeline Hoefflin, Rebecca Hunt, Isabelle Museck, Olivia Nystrom, Joseph Schmid, Elizabeth Thorne, Caitlin Truffer, Jasmine Wolfgram and Emily Zlatniski.

DidYouKnow?

Guerin Catholic will be implementing a new Latin honors recognition system to recognize their top students at each spring commencement. Guerin Catholic will no longer use the valedictorian/ salutatorian model and, starting with the Class of 2021, will implement a Latin Honor System that celebrates student performance based on an academic standard. The Class of 2020 will be the final class at Guerin Catholic High School to honor a valedictorian and salutatorian.



ProvidenceFundDinner

Over 500 guests attended this year's Providence Fund Dinner in September and raised over \$475,000 for Guerin Catholic's annual giving campaign—The Providence Fund. The evening was an amazing celebration of Guerin Catholic's mission. The transformational power of Guerin Catholic's culture was on full display as more than half of all students played a role—as student servers, emcee, or performers in GoldenVoice or the orchestra—in executing a magnificent night for the Guerin Catholic community. At the dinner, Wing's Academy senior Trevor King '20 shared his experience as the program's first student expected to graduate in May 2020. Nico Dinglasa '20 also shared a student witness about the significant influence of Guerin Catholic's Fine Arts program on his high school experience. Guerin Catholic alumnus Fr. William Summerlin '11 offered a prayer and reflection, while **President John Atha** shared a vision for finalizing a strategic plan to guide the school for the next three to five years: Guerin Catholic High School will be accessible, affordable, and available to all, build up the community of believers, evangelize the culture, and serve the common good of society.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the mission of Guerin Catholic through the Providence Fund. Money raised through the Providence Fund is used for tuition assistance, teacher compensation, and student life experiences.

If you were unable to attend September's dinner and would like to donate to the 2019-20 Providence Fund, please visit GuerinCatholic.org/providencefund, or contact Lori Norris, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, at Inorris@ guerincatholic.org, or 317-582-0120 x216. #thisiswhy



Wing's Academy senior Trevor King with Sr. Josemaría Pence.



Amelia Porter '22 shows off one of the delicious "This is Why" cookies made for the Providence Fund dinner by classmate Abigail Snyder '21.



StudentStudio



This past October, over 75 students participated in the student-led production of Disney's *The Little Mermaid* under the direction of Guerin Catholic seniors

Adam Van Atter

and **Anthony Vaiana**. A smaller version of the cast hit the road to visit partner elementary schools and perform a few scenes. Save the dates for Guerin Catholic's winter play, *1984*, scheduled to take place in the cafetorium each night from January 16-18, 2020, and the spring musical *Seussical* on March 12-14 and 19-21, 2020.

Cecilia@St.Mary's



The all-girls choir, *Cecilia*, visited St. Mary's College (Notre Dame, Ind.) to participate in the 35th Annual Treble Choir Festival on

November 22, 2019. The group also toured the University of Notre Dame with prayer at the Grotto, dinner, and Mass at the Basilica with Notre Dame President Fr. John Jenkins.

IBArtShow



The Fine Arts
Department once
again wowed the
crowds with their
Annual IB Art show
at the Indiana
Design Center in
Downtown Carmel

last winter. The show featured amazing exhibits from the very talented Guerin Catholic art students. The event also included live music from *Sounds of Providence* and Guerin Catholic's string quartet.

KeyAwards

Guerin Catholic had numerous representatives for The Key Awards that were on display at Clowes Hall on Butler University's campus this past March. Congratulations to all of the winners:

Silver Key

Alyssa Chang '21 (Painting)
Sarah Dilley '21 (Printmaking)
JP Spoonmore '19 (Drawing and Illustration)
JP Spoonmore '19 (Editorial Cartoon)

Honorable Mention

Emily Barry '19 (Ceramics and Glass)
Nico Dinglasa '20 (Drawing and Illustration)
Caroline Pfunder '22 (Printmaking)

UpcomingEvents

WINTER PLAY 1984 January 16-18 IB ART SHOW February 13-16 JOYFUL NOISE BAND FESTIVAL (Grades 4-8) March 7

SPRING MUSICAL SEUSSICAL March 12-14, 19- 21 PROCLAIMING BEAUTY FINE ARTS SUMMIT April 24 SPRING CONCERT May 20





Service Day at Holy Cross Elementary School in Anderson, IN

ServewithLove

In addition to first trimester finals, November features a time of gratitude which starts with Service Day and ends with the Because We Are Grateful (BWAG) program on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving Break. On November 14, students, faculty and staff began with All-School Mass and then divided and conquered to "Serve with Love" at nearly 40 sites around Central Indiana. The service continued throughout the month as donations were collected for five local organizations—Birthright of Cicero, Helping Our Own People (HOOP), the Noblesville Boys and Girls Club, the Little Sisters of the Poor, and Miracle Place. BWAG finished on November 26 with All-School Mass, student speakers on gratitude, and the distribution of the donations to the organizations.

FallBreakMissionTrip



A group of 25 students and chaperones from the Guerin Catholic community traveled to Cincinnati for the annual Fall Break Mission Trip. The group

assisted the Franciscan Daughters of Mary at their Rose Garden Mission, as well as delivered furniture with New Life Furniture to people overcoming homelessness, domestic abuse, and extreme poverty, and learned about sustainable practices and community building at Tikkun Farm. The trip allowed the group to authentically experience prayer, community, service, and simplicity together.

MeetFr.JohnNguyen







The 2019-20 school year brought us a new Chaplain—Fr. John Nguyen. Born in a refugee camp in Hong Kong, his family immigrated to California when he was a child. They later moved to Carmel, IN and he is a graduate of Carmel High School, Fr. John attended Purdue University for three years prior to entering seminary at Marian University. After graduating from Marian, he enlisted in the United States Army and, after completing his enlistment, he continued his seminary formation at St. Meinrad. He was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana on June 3, 2017, and is in residence at

Our Lady of Grace Parish in Noblesville. In addition to providing the sacraments, Father has accompanied students and staff on mission trips, pilgrimages, and most recently went skydiving with a group of staff from Guerin Catholic! (see pg. 6) Fr. John is such a blessing to Guerin Catholic!



BoysLacrosse

Coach **Charlie Barry** and the boys lacrosse team punched their ticket to the program's first IHSLA (Indiana High School Lacrosse Association) Final Four appearance in school history with a sudden death 9-8 overtime win over Culver Academies in the Sweet 16. The team fell in the Semi-State game, and ended their season with a record of 11-6 and as the first ever Circle City Conference Champions. Team Captain **Joe Heck '19** was recognized by the IHSLA as a member of the 2019 1st Team All State award winner—Defense.

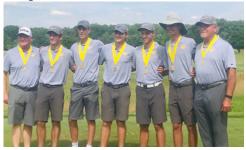
JoeReitzSportsCamp



Guerin Catholic hosted the 11th Annual Sports Camp with Joe Reitz for boys in grades 1-5 on March 16, 2019. Former Indianapolis Colt and current Guerin Catholic assistant basketball

coach Reitz hosted campers for an afternoon of fundamental football and basketball skills, games and learning about how to prioritize one's faith, family, school and sports. He shared three important messages with his campers: 1) respect others, 2) give your very best of your God-given ability, and 3) have fun. The 12th Annual Sports Camp with Joe Reitz is on Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 1-4:30 pm. Registration opens in January at GuerinCatholic.org.

BoysGolf



The boys golf team finished its season with a 4th place finish in the state championship at Prairie View Golf Club.

The team went into state ranked #2 and finished as the first team in program history to make the podium. Coach **Mark Mathews** and the team also captured the Circle City Conference Championship.

Hockey

The Central Indiana Knights Hockey team—a combined hockey club with players from Cathedral, Bishop Chatard, Guerin Catholic, Noblesville and Park Tudor highs schools in the central Indiana area—won the 2018-2019 3A state championship in a thrilling 4-2 victory over Evansville. This is the Knights second state title in three years. Guerin Catholic was represented by players Billy Freudenthal '19, Gabe Cuffel '20, Charlie Sawyer '20 and Michael Supernaw '21.



Summer 2020 Camp Purple for Grades K-8 Online Registration opens March 1, 2020!

Athletics

Guerin Catholic athletic teams continued to raise the bar as another successful fall season is now in the books. As of press time, our boys teams are in 2nd place and our girls teams are in 3rd place for the All-Sports trophy for the Circle City Conference.







Football

The Golden Eagle football team finished 6-5 highlighted by wins over McCutcheon, Notre Dame Prep (MI), and Columbus North. The program also won the Bishop's Cannon for the 3rd straight year with a 50-28 win

over Lafayette Central Catholic. The season ended with a loss against defending state champion West Lafayette by the score of 34-31.

BoysSoccer

What a season for the boys soccer program!
Coach **Chris McGrath** guided his team to a Circle
City Conference Championship outscoring their
opponents 25-3 in five conference games. The team
placed five players on the All-Conference squad:

Daniel Cloran '20, Aidan Perhacs '20, Peter Hall '22, Ethan Cabotage '21 and Peter Bedford '22.

The thrilling season included a sectional and regional title before losing a heartbreaker in Evansville versus the eventual state champion, Evansville Memorial.

GirlsSoccer

The girls soccer program competed against the very best all season as the Golden Eagles defeated 3A top 15 opponents North Central, Zionsville and Fishers. The season was also highlighted by delivering Brebeuf Jesuit a conference loss for the first time in Circle City Conference history. **Evelyn Bestard '21** and **Ava Schlichte '21** garnered All-Conference honors as well.

GirlsGolf

Coach **Mark Mathews** led his girls golf team to a 4th straight Circle City Conference championship highlighted by an individual title by **Angelica Pfefferkorn '20**. Her sister, **Christina Pfefferkorn '22**, joined her on the All-Conference team as well as at the IHSAA State Finals where they both finished in the top 40. Angelica finished 8th at the state finals, which is the best finish for a female golfer in school history!

CrossCountry

The boys and girls cross country teams both finished in the top 3 of the Circle City Conference race held at Guerin Catholic. Two girls runners and three boys runners finished in the top 10 of the race, securing their All-Conference honors. **Austin Callahan '21**, **Holden King '21** and **Bridget Gallagher '23** represented the Golden Eagles admirably at the semi-state level.

BoysTennis

The Golden Eagle tennis team, led by Coach Chris Sciaudone, finished runner-up in conference for the second straight year. The team was led by #1 doubles team of Cole Metzger '21 and Ty Harrington '22, who pushed eventual state champion Carmel to the limit during a 3-set thriller in regular season play. The bulk of players return for the 2020 campaign as the Golden Eagles will make another run at a conference and sectional championship.

GirlsVolleyball

The girls volleyball program ended their season with a loss against conference rival and eventual sectional champion Brebeuf Jesuit. Highlights of the season included strong days at the Covenant Christian Invitational and the Artesian Classic.

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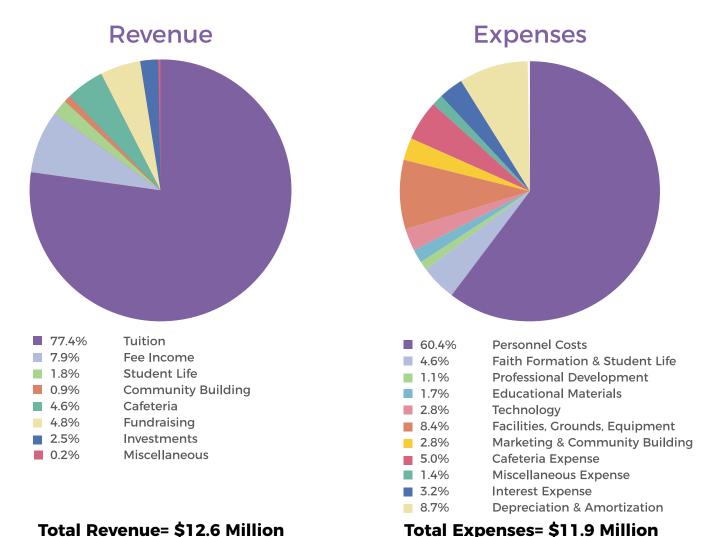
On Friday, November 22, six student-athletes were honored for their commitment to play a sport in college. Congratulations and good luck at the next level!

Matthew Rafferty '20 baseball, Parkland College Keenan Taylor '20 baseball, Butler University Angelica Pfefferkorn '20 golf, Oklahoma State University Izzie McGuinness '20 volleyball, Aurora University Max Engelking '20 baseball, Eastern Illinois University Wes Gingerich '20 baseball, Purdue University

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FinancialUpdate

2018-19FinancialReport



Total Revenue= \$12.6 Million

Welcome

Two new faces joined the Guerin Catholic business office staff just prior to the beginning of the 2019-20 school year! Dawn Guckien joined as the Director of Finance and Business Operations. Andy Cowan joined the office in a new position as Tuition and Financial Aid Specialist.





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CoachSmithRetirement



Guerin Catholic boys basketball alumni gathered in "The Nest" in December 2018 to celebrate the retirement of boys basketball coach **Pete Smith**, who spent 12 years at Guerin Catholic and led the Golden Eagles to Class 3A titles in 2012 and 2015. Coach Smith and past players, including those from both state championship teams, were recognized at halftime.

PriesthoodOrdination



Guerin Catholic alumnus Fr. Cole Daily '09 (R) joined fellow alumnus Fr. Will Summerlin '11 (L) at the Ordination of Priests and Deacons at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Lafayette on June 1. Fr. Summerlin was ordained to the priesthood at the June 2019 ordination and currently serves as a Parochial Vicar at St. Elizabeth Seton in Carmel, IN. Fr. Daily is currently serving St. Lawrence parish in Lafayette, IN.

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Bless Our Nest

Lead with Humility, Serve with Love, Trust in Providence. Many are familiar with these words during their time at Guerin Catholic High School. We have seen students and faculty listen to their call into the Sacrament of Priesthood or Religious Life; additionally, there are others who have trusted in God's Providence through the Sacrament of Matrimony. To take that further, Fine Arts Department Chair Mrs. Beth Wagoner, with the help of Katie (Regan) Gardner '10 have compiled a list of couples who are both Guerin Catholic graduates and who have wed in the past eight years—21 alumni couples, with another four who are engaged to be married within the next year. Given the fact that Guerin Catholic is in its 16th year, it would be safe to assume that Mother Guerin is at work. We caught up with many of our Alumni couples to see how they met, how they've grown and where they are now. #thisiswhy



Kyle Brinkworth '13 and Annie (Barrett) Brinkworth '13





Kyle and Annie got to know each other during their junior and senior year IB classes, spending a lot of time together during IB study period their senior year. They began dating shortly after going to prom together. After graduation from Guerin Catholic, they continued to date while Kyle studied at DePaul University in Chicago and Annie went to DePauw University in Greencastle (IN). Six years later, they married at St. Maria Goretti on August 10, 2019. Photographed above is Kyle and Annie's bridal party which included many Guerin Catholic students—past and present.

Scott Craver '09 and Laura (McKamey) Craver '09





Scott Craver '09, former emo punk rocker and the Class of 2009's "Best Hair," is an Emergency Physician in Detroit, MI. Laura (McKamey) Craver '09, formerly "Most Likely to Have a Religious Vocation," is now "Super-mom" and a very patient resident's wife. Their three future Golden Eagles— Merryn, Azalea, and Linus— will probably be voted "Most Talkative", "Best Curls", and "Sweetest Smile".

OurStory

by Laura (McKamey) Craver '09

Just over ten years ago, **Scott Craver '09** and I, along with 98 classmates, queued beside the stage at Guerin Catholic's third commencement ceremony. We felt



fully grown and ready to rocket out of the Indianapolis area, on to greater adventures. Scott had a scholarship to play soccer at St. Joseph's College while studying Forensic Science. My desire to escape the monotony of the Hoosier State would take me up the hill in Steubenville (OH), where I planned to study theology. We could never have predicted where the road would take us from there.

The truth is, Scott and I were a bit of an unusual match. The Venn diagram of our lives just didn't intersect in any significant way, and I imagine our paths would never have crossed if it weren't for our time at Guerin Catholic. Oddly enough, we coexisted gracefully throughout our four years of high school, and even danced together at swing lessons during Kairos—all without getting to know each other one bit.

Thankfully, the intimate community at Guerin Catholic created a climate of friendship. After acting as student leaders in the March for Life trip in 2009 (see "Then" photo above), Scott and I began to chat in the hallways before school. Our hallway small talk turned into long walks on the Monon, summer concerts at Cool Creek and picnics at Holliday Park. The summer after we graduated from Guerin Catholic was the beginning of a lifetime together and I will always cherish those moments.

I imagine it was our differences that made us strong. Scott was an athlete, a tech nerd, a selective slacker, and he sported the "best hair" of 2009. I was bookish, tightly wound, and voted "Most Likely to Have a Religious Vocation." We intrigued each other and our strengths complemented each other's weaknesses. Over the past decade, that strength has carried us through pregnancy loss, unthinkable work schedules, intense sleep deprivation and so much more.

No matter where the road takes us, we feel forever grateful for Guerin Catholic. Our high school not only gave us each other, but also laid the path for our future successes. Now we have everything we hoped and prayed for as we turned our tassels all those years ago—marriage, three vibrant children, and careers that engage and challenge us. Not to mention a safety net of lifelong friendships that have supported us through our darkest moments.

Moreover, as an Emergency Physician, Scott has the unique privilege of walking the line between life and death everyday. Guiding other families through their scariest moments is his greatest strength and a privilege we owe largely to the excellent education he received at Guerin Catholic.

In a sense, we owe everything to Guerin Catholic!

Laura (McKamey) Craver '09 is a freelance writer and mother of three. She and Scott Craver '09 live in Detroit, MI where he is finishing up his last year of medical training. After seven years of marriage, four pregnancies, five moves, and seven hundred sleepless nights, they're finally making preparations to be "back home again in Indiana."

Sam Titus '08 and Alex (Stanley) Titus '08

Sam and Alex sat next to each other in the cafetorium during freshman year orientation and were both voted as "most artistic" for senior year superlatives. Sam and Alex were married in December 2011 and have four children— Anthony, Sebastian, Zoe and Dominic.







Most Artistic

James Reardon '08 and Beth (Catton) Reardon '08







Jamie and Beth started dating their junior year in 2006. After their graduation, they both attended and graduated from Purdue University and then both moved to Chicago. Jamie and Beth were married in September 2015, and moved back to Carmel to raise their two children—Addie and Beau.

Sean Armie '08 and Miranda (Wood) Armie '09

Sean and Miranda met in Mr. Jason Adams' sophomore year Theology class. "Sean is a year ahead of me in school, but he failed the class the first time around. We always joke that God wanted Sean







to fail Theology so that we could meet!" said Miranda. Sean and Miranda were married in March 2013, and have three daughters—Nora, Alice and Zelda.

Sam Gardner '08 and Katie (Regan) Gardner '10

Sam and Katie met at rehearsal for the 2007 spring musical *Pirates of Penzance* through a staring contest. "Somehow we made eye contact, and both of us were too stubborn to break it. Then, Sam took my sister to homecoming. That's how all the best relationships begin, right?" joked Katie. They have been married four years and have a daughter, Kendall.







Chris March '08 and Lauren (Graham) March '08





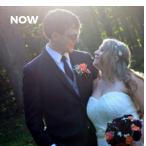


Chris and Lauren met in the 7th grade, and began dating at the end of their freshman year on June 7, 2005. They got married exactly 9 years later on June 7, 2014! They both enjoyed choir and theatre in high school and frequently sing songs from *The Pirates of Penzance* while cooking dinner or doing house

projects. They are grateful for each other, their two handsome little boys, and for their wonderful experience at Guerin Catholic.

Allyn Beaver '08 and Stephanie (Zatkoff) Beaver '08





Allyn and Stephanie recently celebrated their 15th dating anniversary. They met when they were 15, standing in line for school photos, and started spending time with each other before school waiting for the bell.

Matt Gibson '09 and Katelyn (Stevens) Gibson '09





Matt and Katelyn met in high school but reconnected when they were both in college. They have been together seven years, married since June 2015. They have two sons, Parker and Jameson, and a black lab named Hope.





Alex McPeek '08 and Whitney (Gryna) McPeek '12

Alex and Whitney were married in June 2016 and currently live in Highland, IN with their three dogs— Moose, Murray and Quenton.

Greg Gorsage '10 and Paxton (Syrek) Gorsage '10





Greg and Paxton met in Mr. Mike Panasuk's freshmen English class. As they recall, they didn't realize their deep high school romantic connection until Mrs. Shelley Horn's Junior IB English class and Mrs. Patty Hagen's IB ITGS class. They regularly got back each other's homework assignments because their handwriting looked so similar. They both skipped the same day of school to finish their IB Historiographies, and they never heard the end of it. They didn't even get to spend the

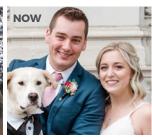
day together. It was IB that brought them together, and it was IB that nearly tore them apart when Paxton received the IB diploma and Gregory did not. "Joke's on me though as everyone only remembers me as a the girl who dated football star, blonde hair blue eyed Gregory Gorsage," said Paxton. They got married in April 2016, and had their son Theodore Alexander (Teddy) in March 2018.



Chris Gonzalez '09 and Maddie (Chaddock) Gonzalez '09

Madison and Chris began dating at 17 years old. They were married August 2012 and now have a daughter, Julia, and a son, Bennett.





Andrew Godfrey '11 and Megan (Burge) Godfrey '13

Andrew saw Megan in (Athletic Trainer) Doug Keen's office getting her ankle wrapped before cheerleading practice and asked Hannah Mattingly '13 what her name was. He then messaged her on Facebook saying 'Hey!'" Andrew and Megan were married on November 10, 2018.





Cal Lyons '12 and Cat Dillon '12

Cal and Cat first spoke when he sat down on her desk to ask her to his senior prom in psychology class. They hit it off right away and began dating in April 2012. Cal proposed on January 19, 2019 and they are excited to get married on April 18, 2020! They say they have the GC prom and some pushy friends to thank for the best prom-date-turned-future-spouses story.

Lee Harris '12 and Olivia (Titus) Harris '12

Lee and Olivia attest the start of their relationship to IB Art, where they sat at the same table. Lee and Olivia were married in July 2015 and are the parents of Teddy, Nate and Baby #3 due in April 2020.







Wyatt Wunnenberg '12 and Erica (Lindley) Wunnenberg '12





Wyatt and Erica met in Spanish class at Guerin Catholic. They immediately became best friends and dated their senior year. After going to separate universities and six years of a long distance relationship, they got engaged and married in 2018.

Aaron Brennan '14 and Kara (Linton) Brennan '13





Aaron and Kara met and started dating in 2011 while Kara was a sophomore and Aaron a freshman.
After eight years of dating, they married in October 2019.

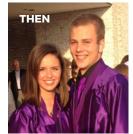


Gabe Gaynor '13 and Grace Hill '13

Gabe and Grace didn't start dating until Grace transferred from DePauw University to Indiana University where Gabriel was attending. They have been together for over two years, and in 2019, got engaged while on vacation on Kiawah Island, South Carolina. A Fall 2020 wedding is planned.

Alex Boaz '13 and Katt (Trott) Boaz '13

Alex and Katt met on the first day of Freshman Orientation in August 2009. They started dating their junior year after Alex asked Katt to be his girlfriend on a "pop quiz" in Spanish class. Alex proposed after five years of dating. They married in June 2018, and just welcomed their first addition to the family—a golden retriever named Hana.





Patrick Goodin '09 and Lyndsay (Hayes) Goodin '09 Married May 2018

Erik Hanson '11 and Meaghan Schneider '11 Engaged to be married June 2020

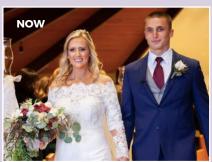
Marcos Zatkulak '13 and Maggie Godleski '13 Engaged

George Pappas '14 and Kendal (Harris) Pappas '14 Married May 2018

Peter Johnston '14 and Kathryn (Godfrey) Johnston '14

Peter and Kathryn met in 4th period *Intro to Chorus* class with **Mr. Joe Garcia '07** their junior year. Peter took Kathryn on a Starbucks date to study, and the rest was history! Peter joined the Navy, and they got married after Kathryn graduated from the University of Dayton in December 2018.





Kevin Coltrain '14 and Kelleen (Haddad) Coltrain '15





Jamie Ostrom '15 introduced Kelleen and Kevin in the Spring of 2013. After attending many country concerts together during that summer, Kelleen and Kevin landed in Mr. Joe Lustig's Pre-Calculus class in the fall where Kevin would hide "good luck" notes with Hershey Kisses in Kelleen's backpack on test days. Both are graduates of Miami—Kevin from the University of Miami (FL)

and Kelleen from Miami University (OH)—and didn't allow the distance to keep them apart. They were married on June 29, 2019 in Indianapolis.



Have you graduated, started a new job, gotten married or welcomed a baby?

We want to hear from you!

Please share your news and photos with us at guerincatholic.org/alumni



























[2008]

Megan (Cochran) Klein and her husband Joseph welcomed a baby boy, Sebastian, in October 2018. *PHOTO* 1

Allison (Gerulski) Weghorst started a new job as Visual Impairment Specialist in Lawrence, IN. Allison and husband, Matt Weghorst, welcomed baby Glenn in September 2018. PHOTO 2

Morgan (Grisham) Myers and her husband Mark welcomed a baby boy, George, in June 2019, who joins big sister Elizabeth. PHOTOS 3 4

[2009]

Larissa (Hooper) Elliot moved to Charleson, SC in April 2016 and currently lives in Johns Island, SC. She married Andy Elliot, a brewer, in October 2018, and they became foster parents in February 2019. "Early in 2019, we received our foster parenting license and have fostered four children so far. Our current foster son is one year old and has changed our lives. We are relishing every second we get to have him in our home. My time at Guerin Catholic encouraged me to try new things, love people fiercely, and get out of my comfort zone. I am so blessed for the experiences I had there because they came at such a critical time in my life that helped lead me to where I am now. Life could not be any better!" PHOTO 5

Matt and Katelyn (Stevens) Gibson welcomed son Jameson Donald Gibson, born May 2019, who joins big brother Parker. PHOTO 6

Elizabeth Hollon married John Hails in September 2018. PHOTO 7

Abby (McLean) Loose and her husband Mark have 2 children—Josephine and Gabriel. PHOTO **3**

Nicholas Meguschar graduated from Indiana University-Bloomington with a BA in Criminal Justice and is currently working towards a Masters in Criminal Justice/Homeland Security. He married Katelynn Wolfe in 2017. Nick currently works as a Sr. Security Specialist/ Investigator for FedEx Express. PHOTO 3

Aaron Schmid earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2015, and has been practicing as a pharmacist and pharmacy manager for 4 years. He married Cassandra in 2017 and returned to medical school this past August! PHOTOS 1011

Erica VanDeLaarSchot married Ryan Lundberg in June 2017, and welcomed a baby girl, Emma, in April 2019. Erica is a 3rd grade teacher in Franklin Township Community Schools. PHOTO 2

[2010]

Kim Sexton married Mark Zimmerman in September 2018. PHOTO 13

[2011]

Andrew Godfrey married Megan Burge '13 in November 2018. See GC Couples Story, pg. 20

Abby Hogan married Adam Chin in October 2018 and welcomed a baby boy, Jude Avery, in April 2019. PHOTOS 1415

Kristin Mattson married Dylan Mann in May 2019. PHOTO 16

Anastasia Smolen married TJ Fabella in September 2018. PHOTO 17

[2012]

Sarah Eiker married Eric Schiferl in October 2019. PHOTO 18

Brittany Kaelin is currently teaching at a charter school at 38th and Keystone, getting her Masters in Education, and in Teach For America. She married Forde Ness in October 2019.



















[2013]

Annie Barrett and Kyle Brinkworth were married in August 2019. See GC Couples Story, pg. 16

Alex Boaz and Katt Trott were married in June 2018. See GC Couples Story, pg. 21

Megan Burge married Andrew Godfrey '11 in November 2018. See GC Couples Story, pg. 20

Hanna Gelov married Michael Wroblewski in January 2019. PHOTO 19

Nora Sego married Dan Warnke in June 2019. PHOTO 20

Anna Stark married Jack Busald in July 2019. PHOTO 21

Lauren Van Atter married Kevin Pohl in September 2017, and welcomed a baby boy, Kaden Julius Pohl, in June 2019.

PHOTOS 2223

[2014]

Kevin Coltrain married Kelleen Haddad '15 in June 2019. See GC Couples Story, pg. 21

Kathryn Godfrey and **Peter Johnston** were married in December 2018. See GC Couples Story, pg. 21

Patrick Martin qualified for the Ironman National Championships in Kona, HI, held in October 2019. PHOTO 24

[2015]

Kelleen Haddad married **Kevin Coltrain '14** in June 2019. See GC Couples Story, pg. 21

Lindsay Hofmeister graduated from Valparaiso University in May 2019 with a BSN degree. She recently passed the NCLEX and is starting her nursing career at IU Health Methodist in Indianapolis on the Surgical Trauma floor. She graduated from Valpo with Annie Skarbeck, who was her roommate all four years of college. Both are pictured at right holding up a Valpraiso University "VU" sign at their 2019 Valporaiso University graduation. PHOTO

Ashley Olovich graduated from Indiana University with a BS in Exercise Science in May 2019. She is now working on her Doctorate of Physical Therapy at The Ohio State University. PHOTO 25

Oscar Otero graduated from Purdue University in 2019 and is now working as an Acoustical Consultant.

Sophia Storer is moving to Australia for a year to AuPair for a family of four.

[2017]

Katie Stordy is in her junior year at DeSales University and continues to pursue her professional goal of becoming a Physician's Assistant as a Medical Studies undergrad major and "direct admit" to the Physician Assistants program. Katie is on course to complete her bachelor's degree in the spring of 2020, and then will enter the two-year Master's level Physicians Assistant program.

Class Notes reflects news received through July 2019. To submit a Class Note, please visit GuerinCatholic.org/alumni, or contact Lauren (Van Atter) Pohl '13, Alumni Relations and Social Media Specialist. at Inohl@guerincatholic.org.











IN MEMORIAM

Trace Bulger '15 passed away on October 23, 2019 at home surrounded by his family. Trace excelled as a student, athlete, artist, disciple, and leader. Trace graduated with honors from Guerin Catholic and made the Dean's List at Wabash College. He was a varsity athlete in football and track & field in high school and a two-time sectional champion. He played both of these sports at the collegiate level at Wabash College as well. Our prayers continue for Trace's parents, **Amy** and **Dan Bulger**, and his sisters **Shaelen '18** and **Maris '23**.

May the soul of Trace Daniel Bulger and all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen.







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