

# CRUSADER UPDATE ALUMNI, DEVELOPMENT & SCHOOL NEWS

## GICC'S PATRON SAINT - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

On Friday, January 31, 2020, at the Grand Island Central Catholic Mass with Bishop Hanefeldt, the Crusaders inducted a patron saint, St Elizabeth Ann Seton.

"She's just an outstanding example of someone who went through multiple hardships in life and still found strength in Christ," said GICC Principal Jordan Engle.

Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt was previously stationed at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Omaha, Nebraska, and he suggested her as an option when Engle and he were conferring about possible patrons. They both prayed on the decision and ultimately chose her as GICC's patron saint.

"I think it's the fact that we settled on her and really only considered her, I think that's kind of a sign that that's the way it was meant to be," Engle reflected on the process of choosing her as GICC's patron saint.

To commemorate her, the school placed two icons of her - one in the chapel and one in the lobby - and the relic in the reliquary in the altar of the chapel. The relic that was passed on to GICC belonged to Bishop Hanefeldt along with the three others he came into possession of during his time at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

"It's a very generous gift, and we're very thankful that he's been that generous for us," Engle



acknowledged.

By adopting St. Elizabeth Ann Seton as GICC's patron saint, Engle hoped to draw students closer to Christ by the example of her story of hardship.

"We're in a day and age now where it's hard to be a high

school student; there's a lot of anxiety, there's a lot of distractions, a lot of things that pull you away from the church, but she's just an outstanding example of how you can get through all those challenges and live a really holy life. That's what I

want for every single one of our students," Engle shared. ●



Written by: Kajetan Hubl  
9th grade student at GICC





# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NOTES

I am forever grateful to the students and families that make Central Catholic a school our community treasures. Your ongoing love and support of this school is the greatest gift you can give to our faculty and staff! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do to maintain the excellence of our school.



Great schools need great tools, and for this year's Go Big Give we are again asking for donations to continue the lease on our Chromebooks and to also expand with digital textbooks and other enhancements to the classroom. Please go online and support Central Catholic Schools!

With your help and generosity, students at Central Catholic graduate with a firm sense of their values and their faith, and go boldly into a world in need of help, and they make a difference in that world. There is no time like Lent to see our school mission in action. We welcome you this Lenten season to attend the Thursday all school Mass or join us Tuesdays in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. ●

**JOLENE M. WOJCIK**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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## A WORD FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Hello GICC Families,

Spring is here and we are continually reminded of all of the traditions at Grand Island Central Catholic. The lives of our students include effort and hard work in the classroom while balancing their time with school activities, church, and family. With Catholic Schools Week just passed, we commemorated many activities including Celebrate Your Parish Day, where students show their school pride and helped with Mass at their parish, Faculty Day of Prayer where Fr. Jim Golka enlightened staff on The Eucharist-Summit and Source, Celebrate Our Nation Day with a live rosary performed for our veterans, and Movie on the Court. The week was highlighted by celebrating Mass with Bishop Hanefeldt. All of the faith-based traditions are what make our school exceptional and fits right into the theme of National Catholic Schools Week: learn, serve, lead, and succeed. These traditions also give us the opportunity to understand and appreciate God's work. It is great to be a Crusader! ●



**PHOU MANIVONG**  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



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# FBLA CHAPTER FINDS NEW HOME AT GICC

For the first time in school history, a Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter was created last year with 42 initial members. They are in their second year of existence and going strong with 52 members consisting of students grades 9 through 12. This national student organization is for students who are interested in any type of business, business education careers, or if they are unsure of a career path. Benefits of FBLA include: leadership development, career preparation,



community service, networking with business and community leaders. The GICC chapter has been busy planning monthly meetings, local business tours, chapter activities, community service activities, attending conferences and competitions.

GICC's FBLA chapter is consistently expanding and trying new activities. "We continue to strive to educate members about career opportunities in our area" stated FBLA President Hayden Price. "We also serve our community in a multitude of ways, like assisting in events ranging from Toys for Tots to directing runners at two local marathons. FBLA remains a premier opportunity for students at Central Catholic to start thinking about their futures and understand the importance of giving back to others as Christ did."

FBLA Vice President Gabe Wemhoff stated "FBLA has introduced me to a side of business that I wasn't aware of before joining. Through business tours, speakers, and chapter events, I am able to connect with business leaders in our community and get a head start in life." Congratulations to the GICC FBLA Chapter and their advisor, Mr. Phou Manivong. ●

## CLASS REUNIONS

The All-School Class Reunion is on hold due to low attendance; however these classes are busy planning:

### CLASS OF 1955 – 65TH REUNION IN GRAND ISLAND

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday  
July 10, 11, 12, 2020 – Grand Island  
Friday July 10th: 5:00 PM – Chicken Coop  
Saturday July 11th: 11:30am – Shady Bend Café with Stuhr Museum after lunch  
5:30pm – Cocktails at Saddle Club  
6:30pm – Dinner at Saddle Club  
Sunday July 12th: 8:30am  
Breakfast at the Legion Club  
Contact Don Mehring for details – (308) 380-0444

### CLASS OF 1963 – 57TH REUNION IN GRAND ISLAND

Friday & Saturday August 7th & 8th, 2020 – Grand Island  
Contact Maggie Cassey for details  
(308) 300-0989

### CLASS OF 1970 – 50TH REUNION IN GRAND ISLAND

Save the Date for Saturday July 11th, 2020  
Details to come  
Contact: Anne (Northup) Riebschlager  
(308) 379-1009 or ariebsch@gmail.com

### CLASS OF 1985 - 35TH REUNION IN KANSAS CITY

Friday – July 24, 2020 - Mike Knust Home  
Saturday – July 25, 2020  
KC Royals Stadium - Baseball game  
\*\*\*Price Chopper Patio rented for the game. Game starts at 6:05 and patio opens at 4:30. \$88 per person includes game ticket and food/soda. Anyone can attend - any class, staff or parents.  
Contact Michelle (Prince) Dunlap for details – text/call (308) 529-0297, email dunlap43@hotmail.com

### CLASS OF 2000 - 20TH REUNION IN GRAND ISLAND

Friday July 24th - Sunday July 27th  
Contact Lisa Schreurs for details  
(617) 686-3233 or GICC2000@gmail.com  
Please feel free to contact our office and we will help you get the word out about your upcoming reunions. We also are willing to offer guided tours of Central Catholic for your class reunions.  
Join the Alumni Facebook page for updates at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/giccalumni/Class of 2005>

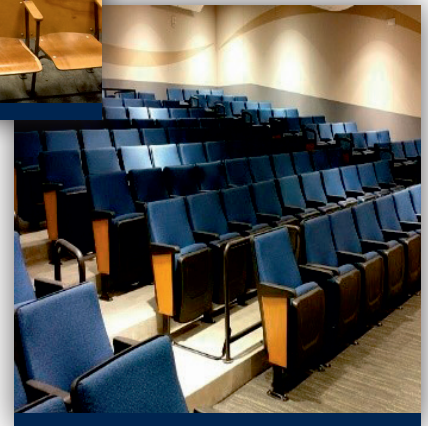
# LITTLE THEATER "FUND AN ITEM" DONORS

We thank everyone who generously donated to the Little Theater "Fund an Item" at the Knight Under the Sea in November 2019. Renovations will take place over the summer and hopefully will be ready when school starts in the fall.

THANK YOU! ●



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A  
*Winters*  
KNIGHT

## SAVE THE DATE

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20TH, 2020**

Please join us for "A Winter's Knight"! Thank you to alum Sarah Labrie for designing the logo!

2020 Chairs - Kayla & Chad Chrastil, Jean & Mike Hamik, and Kellie & Scott Weyers

"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under the heaven" - Ecclesiastes 3:1

# YOUR GIFT. YOUR IMPACT.

## JOIN US FOR 24 HOURS OF GIVING ON MAY 7TH

Your Go Big Give donation will make a huge impact at Central Catholic for every single student in our school:

- **Chromebook laptops** – the first year of a three-year lease will be paid for student 6-12th grade for the 2020-2021 school year
- **Update classroom technology** to include new digital textbooks, classroom curriculum training & integration, hardware, software, and technical support to create consistency within the classrooms and enhance the learning environment.



# IT'S COOL TO BE A CRUSADER!



**STOP BY GICC THURSDAY MORNING MAY 7TH  
FOR YOUR CRUSADER SHADES!**

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# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STILL A POSSIBILITY; FAITH-BASED EDUCATION HIGHEST PRIORITY

## COMMITTEE BEGINS NEXT STEPS FOR K-5 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

For many months, a committee researched the feasibility of a Catholic elementary school in Grand Island. Many supporters of Grand Island Central Catholic cherish the blessing of Catholic education. Accordingly, these same supporters rallied together to produce a Catholic elementary school in Grand Island.

"There is a lot of support from parents that have young children, to people like myself that don't have kids in the school system. It's a wonderful opportunity for Central Catholic and would be a great benefit to the community of Grand Island," said GICC Foundation Executive Director Jolene Wojcik.

"I have a committee of about 25 people who are gonna be hitting the road, putting feet on the ground," said Principal Jordan Engle.

The information-gathering process has been ongoing. Engle and members of the information gathering committee spent the last year researching and reporting their findings to the bishop.

The decision at this point focuses on location to put a school in another building that exists, and perhaps find options committee members have not thought about.

This school, Engle said, would provide many benefits to the community. "Really being able to grow the faith from kindergarten all the way through 12th grade is a special opportunity. That's something I want to see- not only for my own children- but for all the youth of this community for generations to come," Engle said on the lasting



impact of the elementary school.

The school continues to fight a retention war. Engle thinks an elementary school could combat this issue.

"Some Catholic parents say, 'Well, we let our son or daughter choose where they want to go to school

[middle school]'. So, as a 5th grader, you're giving them a pretty big decision to make, and I'm not sure all 5th graders are thinking long term," said Wojcik about the long term impact on student retention.

"We want to see kids coming into 6th grade with a sense of belonging so that we don't have to fight such a brutal retention rate from 6th to 12th grade," Engle said.

"In a way, I do see this as an opportunity for us to develop an environment where kids are going to school with the same classmates from kindergarten to 12th grade," Engle described that these great rewards do not come without a cost.

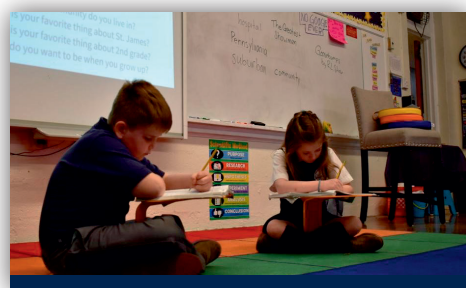
"We are looking at a long term financial forecast when we go to the Bishop, we can show him what the actual hard numbers are. We basically have to be able to prove to him that we would be able to sustain what we start," Engle commented on the financial aspect.

Another potential value of the proposal included the higher education standard set at Central Catholic. "If an option's out there that is clearly superior to all other options, then cost isn't really a factor. We're gonna supply the best education for our kids that we can," said Engle.

Elementary tuition might deter potential GICC families. The cost to attend the school may seem intimidating. However, Engle remains unaffected by this potential threat.

"If we provide a service that's worth what we're charging for, people will pay for it," Engle said.

Written by Hayden Price, 11th Grade Student



The proposed elementary school might also reap benefits

# MEMORIALS

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Thank you to these wonderful families for funding these scholarships! Applications can be found online or in the Foundation Office.

- Dryer Family Memorial Scholarships – two \$1,000 awards
- Bill Dunn Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
- Audrey & Harry Hoch Sr. Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
- Dr. Michael L. Janda Memorial Scholarship - \$500
- Francis & Arnette Kalin (Wenzl-Capaldo) Scholarship - \$1,000
- Don Leifeld Memorial Scholarship - \$1000 award
- Jack & Dee McGowan Scholarship - \$1,000
- William Marshall III Gratis Award - full tuition for one GICC senior
- Tom Randolph Mathematical Tuition Assistance Award - two \$400 awards

We have a new college scholarship this year – Thank you Maureen & Jim!  
Maureen & Jim Kahrhoff Scholarship

## OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

### Deacon Randy Lewandowski

Survived by his mother, Elaine Rozmiarek, siblings Linda (Ron) Guenin, Carol Rasmussen, Alan (Joleen) Lewandowski, Denise (Brad) Brauer; 14 nieces and nephews; 11 great-nieces and nephews with two to be born in 2020. Deacon Randy was a constant figure at Central Catholic, often giving the blessing prior to the start of sporting events, and helping out wherever he was needed.

### Sandra "Jean" Rock

Survived by her partner, Bill Werner, her daughter Marni Heydt with husband, Joe; her brother Pat Rock; sisters Sue Rohweder and Sharon Jarecke, as well as many nieces, nephews, chosen children and grandchildren – one of her greatest joys was being a grandmother.

### Sam Rasmussen

Survived by his parents, Steve and Vickie Rasmussen; his sisters, Heather (Nate) Lewis and Rachael (Adam) O'Callaghan; nephew, Eli O'Callaghan; and grandfathers, Jack "Bud" Rasmussen, Glen Hadenfeldt and William Stoppkotte.

### Mary P. Voss

Survived by her daughters, Jean Mohnike, Julie Metcalf and Kathy Jakubowski; and son, Tim Voss; grandchildren, Corey Mohnike, Eric Mohnike, Michael Voss, Ann Behn, Jared Metcalf-Murray, Jake Metcalf, Annabelle Davis, Hannah Masters and Sarah Cox; and ten great-grandchildren.

### Douglas Cremeen

Survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Claudia (Gary) Schmidt; brother-in-law, Dewayne Saathoff; and numerous nieces and nephews.



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