

The Crusader Newsletter

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of the Steubenville Catholic Schools,

We are fast approaching the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. In fact, our teachers are in Professional Development training beginning today (August 17, 2020).

As we enter into a new year, I think back on how our 2019-2020 school year ended. It was a challenging year to say the least. Our students spent their final months, not in the classroom, but learning remotely from home in the wake of COVID19. All activities were cancelled including athletic contests, the high school play performance, prom, the Annual Night in Blue - Beef and Brew event, and regional alumni events. Everything came to stand still.

As we move forward toward this new school year, we are taking the necessary precautions to make sure we are providing a safe learning environment for our students. Read more inside to see what we are doing to protect our students, faculty and staff and what options are available for students.

COVID19 did not just affect our schools, it also affected our families. Many were unable to work because of the restrictions put in place by our state government. Several have lost jobs. This has compelled several families to seek financial aid or be forced to move their children to public schools. An increase in requests for financial aid means an increase in fundraising initiatives.

Over the past few months, we have established several new scholarships to provide some options for students and families to not only ease the burden of tuition expenses but also recognize the merit and hard work of our students. (Information on these scholarships is included in this issue). As we continue to grow our scholarship program, we rely on your generosity. Would you consider developing a named scholarship in honor or memory of a family member or friend? Or perhaps your entire class would like to create a "Class of" scholarship?

We are working hard to create an endowment so more students can attend our Catholic Schools and be recognized for their dedication and commitment to being the best they can be, but we can't do that without your help. For more information on creating a named scholarship, please contact me. I would love to discuss options for honorariums and memorials with you.

While there is still much uncertainty about what this school year will look like, one thing remains; we are Crusaders and we will survive! Thank you for all the ways that you invest in our Catholic Schools. We are grateful for your support!

Go Blue!



Jennifer M. Izzi-Parker, CCHS Class of 1990
Director of Advancement,
Steubenville Catholic Schools



Celebrating 130 years of Catholic Education

What do Scholarships do for Steubenville Catholic Schools? They provide hope & opportunity.

Regetta Brigante Allen and Stanley "Fishy" Allen Scholarship Fund

The Regetta Brigante Allen and Stanley "Fishy" Allen Scholarship Fund was established by their children, Chris Allen, Craig Allen and Ann Allen Byers, in memory of their parents. Regetta and Fishy were both graduates of Steubenville Catholic Central.

Regetta was graduated from CCHS in 1952, as a member of the second class to graduate from the then "new" school located on West View Avenue. She was a majorette in the CCHS Marching Band throughout her high school years, which likely explains why she sang the CCHS fight song and alma mater to her children and taught them the lyrics.

Fishy was graduated from CCHS in 1945. Upon his graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army. After completing his basic training, he went on to serve the United States of America in Japan working in communications and intelligence. The children fondly remember their father taking them to CCHS football games at Harding Stadium when they were small enough to walk in under the turnstiles.

All of their children also attended and graduated from CCHS. The Allen's founded this scholarship in memory of their parents.

To qualify, a student must attend Steubenville Catholic Central HS, demonstrate financial need and be actively involved in at least one additional extracurricular activity at the high school such as music ministry, performing arts (band, annual theater production, choir, etc.), or athletics.

A total award of \$1,000 will be awarded each year to either one (\$1,000) or two students (\$500 each). This scholarship is renewable for the student attending Steubenville Catholic Central High School, provided that all criteria is consistently met.

To apply for the scholarship, applicant must complete the application form and a financial aid form.

New scholarship, still open for award

Kathy Flaherty Bonitatibus Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Kathy Flaherty Bonitatibus Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by her husband, Paul Bonitatibus, a 1967 graduate of Steubenville Catholic Central. Kathy and Paul started dating in September 1965 and were together for the next 55 years. Kathy, a 1968 Central graduate, was involved in many clubs and activities during her high school years. Kathy was proud to have an expanded group of friends from various classes and was honored to be elected the 1967 Homecoming Queen. She enjoyed her history classes with Coach Nese and Sister Mathias' Home Economics. Mr. Bonitatibus established the scholarship to honor and celebrate his wife's love of Steubenville Catholic Central and Catholic education. Founded shortly after her death on May 4, 2020, Paul encouraged mourners to remember Kathy with a gift to Steubenville Catholic Central, thus establishing the Kathy Flaherty Bonitatibus Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Paul and Kathy have been strong supporters of Catholic education in their adopted home in New Orleans and have endowed a scholarship in their family's name honoring their parents at the University of Notre Dame. Students from Steubenville Catholic Central High School are one of four Catholic schools considered for the annual award.

To qualify for the scholarship, the applicant can be of any class year – freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior, must demonstrate financial need and be a member of St. Peter's Parish, where Kathy attended grade school and the couple was married in 1971. If no student from St. Peter's Parish demonstrates financial need, a student with a GPA of at least 3.25, who is actively involved in extra-curricular activities, and demonstrates financial need may be considered for this scholarship.

The amount awarded varies each year. This scholarship is renewable for the student attending Steubenville Catholic Central High School, provided that all criteria is consistently met.

To apply for the scholarship, applicant must complete the application form and financial aid form and show proof of parish membership. For students who are not members of St. Peter's Parish, the applicant must complete the application form and financial aid form, show proof of GPA, and provide a list of extra-curricular activities.

Still open for award

Joseph G. Izzi Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Joseph G. Izzi Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Todd and Jennifer (Izzi) Parker - Class of 1990, in memory of Jennifer's father, Joe. Joe was a 1949 graduate of Steubenville Catholic Central and played high school football. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. Joe firmly believed in and was a proud supporter of Catholic education. All of his children attended and graduated from CCHS. The Parker's founded this scholarship in his memory.

To qualify for the scholarship, the applicant can be of any class year – freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior, whose class attendance is 90% or greater, and has a cumulative GPA of at 3.25.

A total award of \$500 will be awarded each year to either one (\$500) or two students (\$250 each). This scholarship is renewable for the student attending Steubenville Catholic Central High School, provided that all criteria is consistently met.

To apply for the scholarship, applicant must complete the application form, show proof of school attendance, and submit an essay explaining why Catholic education is important to the applicant. All scholarship applications and materials will be reviewed by the Steubenville Catholic Schools Foundation Board. The final determination will be made by the Director of Advancement and the Financial Administrator.

The 2020-21 winners are Guy Bucci and Ellen Rohde.

Marjorie Taylor Lane Memorial Scholarship Fund *(Steubenville Catholic Schools Foundation)*

The Marjorie Taylor Lane Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Miss Lane as a bequest prior to her death. It was her desire to help two students from Steubenville Catholic Central each year, one student who attends Steubenville Catholic Central High School and one graduating senior of Steubenville Catholic Central High School. To qualify, the applicant must attend CCHS and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA during their freshman, sophomore, or junior year and must demonstrate an unusual financial circumstance or the applicant must be a graduating senior from CCHS who is attending a college or university, has maintained at least 3.0 GPA throughout their high school career, and demonstrated financial need at an unusual level. One scholarship will be granted to an applicant that is a current student of CCHS who meets the criteria, and one scholarship will be granted to an applicant that is a graduating senior who meets the criteria.

The amount awarded varies each year. This scholarship is renewable for the student attending Steubenville Catholic Central High School, provided that all criteria is consistently met.

To apply for either scholarship, applicant must complete the application form, show proof of GPA, and explain and support financial need. In addition, any scholarship recipient must be of continued good conduct in school and in the community to be eligible for renewal of the scholarship.

The 2020-21 winner is Anthony Belback

Carleen Yannon-Scurti Memorial Scholarship Fund

Carleen Yannon-Scurti Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Adam Scurti, class of 1957, in remembrance of his wife, Carleen.

Carleen was a proud graduate of Steubenville Catholic Central High School, class of 1959 and attended Saint Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University). It was Adam's desire to honor his wife, as Carleen was selflessly devoted to her friends and family. Through this scholarship, her legacy lives on. To qualify, the applicant can be an incoming seniors to Steubenville Catholic Central HS, who actively serves the local community, have exceeded the community service hour requirements (15 hours are required each year) as outlined in the student handbook, holds an accumulative grade point average of no less than 3.25, and who is actively involved in additional extracurricular activities at the high school such as music ministry, performing arts.

A total award of \$1,000 will be awarded each year to either one (\$1,000) or two students (\$500 each). This scholarship is renewable for the student attending Steubenville Catholic Central High School, provided that all criteria is consistently met.

To apply for the scholarship, applicant must complete the application form, show proof of community volunteerism, show proof of GPA and provide information concerning extracurricular activities, including length of involvement.

The 2020-21 winner is Joseph Rohde.

The Wally Gogul Memorial Scholarship Fund *(Steubenville Catholic Schools Foundation)*

The Wally Gogul Memorial Scholarship Fund was organized by the friends and family of Wally Gogul, a graduate of Steubenville Catholic Central. The Wally Gogul Memorial Scholarship is awarded to at least one student every year who falls into one of the following categories: (1) a graduating senior who exhibits the values of courage, character, heart, and school spirit, which is the Steubenville Catholic Central High School motto, has graduated with a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative weighted GPA and who is attending an accredited trade school, college, or university after graduation; (2) A student transitioning from junior high school to high school at Steubenville Catholic Central who exhibits the values of courage, character, heart, and school spirit; or (3) A current freshman, sophomore, or junior attending Steubenville Catholic Central High School who otherwise may not be able to continue their education at CCHS without financial assistance. In all circumstances, the applicant must have and maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA or, if the Applicant is a transitioning middle school student, must only maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA while a recipient of the scholarship.

The 2020-21 winner is Karsen Blake.

Patricia (Pat) Franckhauser Unroe Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Patricia (Pat) Franckhauser Unroe Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Mr. John “Jack” Unroe, a 1965 graduate of Steubenville Catholic Central. Mr. Unroe, Patricia’s son, established the scholarship to honor and celebrate his mother’s Courage, Character, Heart and Spirit. Founded during 2017-2018 school year in memory of his mother, this is a four-year renewal scholarship which provides full tuition and fees for the recipient.

Patricia Franckhauser was born in Steubenville on December 30, 1924. She was the oldest of five children whose parents, Joseph and Alameda Franckhauser, had immigrated to the Ohio Valley from France and Ireland. It was who Pat taught her parents English.

A 1942 graduate of Steubenville Catholic Central, Pat went on to study nursing at the Mount Caramel School of Nursing in Columbus, Ohio. She returned to valley in 1945 and worked at Gill Memorial Hospital. She met and married James Robert “Bob” Unroe, a Steubenville native. They were married at St. Peter’s Catholic Church in downtown Steubenville and had one child – Jack.

The family moved to North Carolina for a time, but later returned to the Ohio Valley where Pat continued her work as a nurse. She is credited with assisting in opening the first cardiac care unit at St. John’s Hospital (now Trinity West). Pat served as the head nurse of that cardiac care unit for many years before retiring in the late 1970’s.

Jack shared; “As a child who lovingly tutored her parents, as a devoted wife and mother and a committed nurse, my mother demonstrated deep concern for others. She dedicated her life to supporting and nurturing those around her. She gave her time without any need or desire to be recognized or rewarded. Her deep belief in God and the Catholic Church allowed her to be resilient and always find the positives in people and in life.” Therefore, he established this scholarship for an individual who represents his mother’s qualities and epitomizes hard work, a deep concern for others, and a willingness to give without any expectation of reward or recognition.

To qualify for the scholarship, the applicant must be a registered incoming freshman who demonstrates financial need, is a member of St. Peter’s Parish, maintains a 2.0 GPA, exhibits Christian character and follows the Catholic Central student code of conduct.

To apply for the scholarship, applicant must complete the application form and financial aid form, show proof of parish membership, show proof of GPA, and provide an essay explaining how they exemplify the character and qualities of Patricia Franckhauser Unroe.

The 2020-21 winner is Aeris Barber.

The Diorio Family Scholarship Fund

The Diorio Scholarship Fund was established by Paula (DiFabbio) Diorio, class of 1964, in remembrance of her husband and son. It was Paula's desire to honor her family and to students from Mingo Junction, Ohio attend Steubenville Catholic Central each year. To qualify, the applicant can be of any class year – freshman, sophomore, or junior year, who demonstrates financial need. Priority is given to the student who is a resident of Mingo Junction, Ohio or a member of St. Agnes Parish.

A total award of \$1,000 will be awarded each year to either one (\$1,000) or two students (\$500 each). This scholarship is renewable for the student attending Steubenville Catholic Central High School, provided that all criteria is consistently met.

To apply for the scholarship, applicant must complete the application form and a financial aid form and show proof of residency or parish membership.

Still open for award

Our COVID Practices for the 2020-2021 School Year

The Steubenville Catholic Schools will be following the guidelines for mask wearing by all of our students and faculty/staff (masks cannot have political slogans or cause related themes). We will be taking daily temperature checks of all of our students and faculty/staff and we have installed hand sanitizing stations at the entrance to the schools and in all of our classrooms. Students will be encouraged to use these before entering the classrooms. Desktops will be cleaned and disinfected after each class period and classrooms will be fogged twice a week. All high touch surfaces will be cleaned frequently during the day too. We will be practicing our social distancing in our classrooms as best we can, as well as spreading out the seating in Lanman Hall and the cafeteria. In addition, signs will be posted around the school to remind students of social distancing and traffic patterns. Unfortunately, visitors will have to be limited as to entrance into the school. Our classroom windows and doors will be open and large fans will be circulating air throughout the classrooms and main hallways. All of these procedures are meant to minimize and reduce the risks on contracting Covid-19. Simply put, the best ways include, mask wearing, frequent hand washing/sanitizing, distancing from others, and air ventilation. We are confident that we can achieve all of these for the health and safety of our students and faculty/staff.

* Remote Learning Option for Catholic Central High School

* The high school is offering a remote learning option to our families based upon the following:

* Teachers and students will be using Google Classroom and Google Meet or ZOOM as the main platforms for classroom delivery.

* Teachers will live stream whole or portions of their classes everyday when appropriate.

* Classes that are not live streamed will post work for students to complete independently.

* If students opt for this remote learning, all classes must be online, at home.

* Students must commit to a 9-week interval of online learning. This 9-week commitment can be renewed. Students can choose to go online at any point in the semester, but once they leave face-to-face instruction, they must remain online for the duration of the nine-week quarter.

* Chrome books will be distributed when they become available.

* Students will login to each class during their normal scheduled time period.

* Students will need to obtain textbooks from their teachers during the first week of school. Arrangements will be made for pickup.

* Classwork/homework/assignments/assessments are to be completed in the same time frame as students in the classroom.

* Students that opt for the remote learning are eligible to participate in sports and extracurricular activities.

Event Updates

Due to COVID restrictions, many events have been altered, postponed or cancelled. The 2020 Football Jamboree & Meet the Team was shorted to a small seven on seven scrimmage with only parents in attendance. This year's Athletic Hall of Fame is still planned as scheduled, but all other Homecoming Weekend plans have been cancelled. Finally, the Central Ohio Alumni event scheduled for October 3, 2020 has been postponed again due to COVID restrictions, but will be rescheduled in the spring of 2021.



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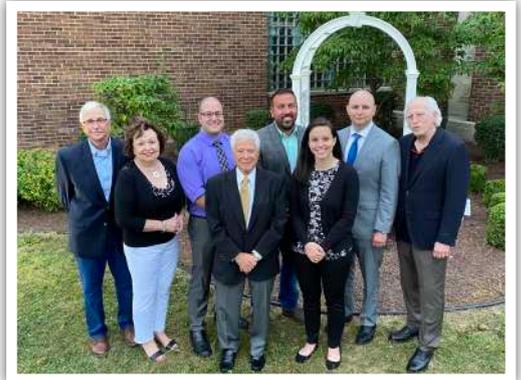
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New Foundation Part of a Comprehensive Effort to Build 21st Century Best Practices to Guide Steubenville Catholic Schools into the Future

In recent years, Steubenville Catholic Schools implemented many new award-winning academic programs and continued to strengthen the many great extra-curricular programs offered to students. Another key initiative was creating a Director of Advancement position for the schools with the overall task being to create and coordinate various fundraising efforts among the alumni network, business community and beyond. Following best practice models, Fr. Thomas Nau spearheaded the creation of a Foundation and recruitment of inaugural board members in 2017. The new organization, formally titled the Steubenville Catholic Schools Foundation, is already having an impact as a key partner in the Schools' overall fundraising structure.

Foundation board members are chosen for their passionate commitment to our Schools as well as their reputation as a business, family, and/or faith leader in the greater Steubenville area. Board members are expected to actively engage with the community as an ambassador for our Schools, while always sharing the many benefits of financial contributions directly to the Foundation. The Foundation is a critical vehicle to assure graduates and all who love Steubenville Catholic Schools that financial gifts will yield results and benefits to students for generations to come. The Board of the Steubenville Catholic Schools Foundation is composed of 8 individuals of diverse professional backgrounds, ensuring a wide range of viewpoints and expertise so as to best provide for the long term management, administration, investment, and distribution of Foundation assets for the betterment of our schools and the students that make them great. Board members work diligently to ensure that Foundation assets are managed and invested so that generations of students of the Steubenville Catholic Schools system can forever reap the benefits of our benefactors' selfless contributions

We are very proud of the Steubenville Catholic Schools Foundation's initial success. After less than two years from commencement, the Foundation has accrued nearly \$80,000 in assets under its management and has been fortunate to distribute scholarships totaling \$3,000, with the principal assets never having been touched for these scholarship distributions. Please contact board President, Matthew Provenzano at 304-374-8004 or matt@gowithproinsurance.com, or Vice-President, Adam Martello at 740-317-0193, to learn more about the Foundation and Steubenville Catholic Schools' fundraising efforts. Your investment in our Schools is your gift to our future. It is a partnership that we treasure, and we are always available for detailed discussions regarding your financial giving options.



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