

Crusader Newsletter

2022 has just barely begun and we have already experienced a whirlwind of activities and events. We started the new year with Winter Storm Izzy (I was a bit partial to the name and was glad that the storm lived up to my expectation). That was followed by an ice storm just a short time later. By early February we had already exhausted our snow/calamity days for the entire year.

Although we have had to delay or cancel classes often in this new year, we have had a number of notable events occur. Our Crusader Wrestlers had a great showing at the Buck Bailey Memorial Tournament with 4 placers and a 6th overall team finish! Our Campus Ministry program took students to the March for Life in late January to pray for an end to abortion and to support the rights of the unborn. We celebrated Catholic Schools Week. Our Lady Crusaders Basketball team has had a fantastic season. They won the city championship by defeating Big Red and they are the 2022 OVAC Champs! Our swim team has been posting a lot of personal bests this year. The girls 400 free relay (Kiera Goffoli, Anna Schlich, Jillian Bucci, and Rachel Pergi) swam a season-best time to qualify for districts! As I write this, they are preparing for competition at Ohio State at the OHSAA Central, East, and Southeast District Meet. Our Thespians are preparing for the Spring Musical, *Bye, Bye, Birdie*, with daily rehearsals and set building. Our school chaplain, Fr. Michael Gossett, and I made an epic road trip to pick up pews that were donated by the Apostolic Holiness Temple in Burlington, Iowa, for our chapel project.

I love a good road trip, and this one was one for the books as we made the round trip expedition in 36 hours. We flew out on Monday morning and returned home on Tuesday evening with a U-Haul full of pews. Fr. Michael drove most of the 11-hour trip home. Our students unloaded the pews on Wednesday morning and moved them into the chapel. We made great use of the U-Haul while we had it (it wasn't scheduled for return until Friday) by delivering items collected by the BJCM Junior High to the Friendship Warming Room and picking up an altar, tabernacle stand, and credence table from the Diocese of Steubenville. It was a full week, but it was also a fantastic week.

The Chapel Renovation and Expansion Project is moving forward. With the donation (we paid nothing for these items) of stained glass windows, pews, an altar, tabernacle stand, statuary, and credence table, we are beginning to see the interior of the chapel take shape. While these are donations, there are still expenses associated with these items for restoration, refinishing, and final installation.

The plans for the construction are currently being reviewed and approved. Once approved, the first phase of construction will begin, with a permanent wall being put in place and new electrical being run through the chapel area. To date, we have raised just under \$65,000, which is enough to begin phase one. Just to be clear, as I have heard some rumors circulating, these funds have been specifically designated for the Chapel Project. We are not using any monies except those that have been specified for this project.

We are grateful to everyone who has supported this project. We still have a way to go. If you would like to make a donation or become a sponsor, you can make a gift on our webpage or contact me directly for more information. If you have any questions, would like to see the vision for our chapel, or would like to discuss this project, please do not hesitate to reach out. I welcome the opportunity to talk with you.

As always, thank you for your support and thank you for being part of our Crusader family. Go Blue!



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Father Michael
 Gossett stands with
 Pastor Sharice
 Edwards of
 Apostolic Holiness
 Temple.

Four of our girls on the swim team swam a season best in the 400 Free Relay and qualified for districts.

Featured in the photo: Rachel Pergl, Anna Schlich, Jillian Bucci, and Kiera Goffoli.



Crusader Athletics

Our Girls' Varsity Basketball Team captured the 2022 OVAC 2A Championship against Monroe Central in February.



Congratulations to the BJCM Jr. Crusaders girls' basketball team on becoming BMC CHAMPIONS!



March for Life

Each year in Washington, D.C., thousands of pro-life people of all ages gather to March in support of life and the overturning of Roe vs. Wade. On January 21 of this year, we took a 54-passenger bus filled with CCHS students eager to join in this experience. We met up at Central at 4:45 A.M. and didn't return until 11 P.M. Hours were spent in the cold, but not a single voice was heard complaining- they just wanted to share what they believed in and be a part of something that mattered! Students joined in chants and laughter as we marched for something that we believe in.

Every day, I am amazed by the commitment of students to a mission that is after God's own heart. The bus fills up quickly once spots become available every year, and this year was no exception. I am so proud to be a part of a school where our students stand up for their values!

Contributed by: Molly McManus-Director of Campus Ministry & Theology Teacher



Students Give Back

For Catholic Schools week this year, Bishop Mussio Jr High decided to do a service project for The Friendship Room to honor our community. We collected blankets and coats, toiletries, non-perishable food items, socks, hats, and gloves. The project was a huge success! Great job, Jr. High!

Contributed by: Chrissy DiMichele- School Administrator of BJKM Jr. High

Featured in the photo are BJKM Jr. High Students loading the donated items in the delivery truck.



Bishop Mussio Elementary held its annual "Souper Bowl" competition collecting soup for Urban Mission. This year's winner is our fourth grade. As a school, our students brought in hundreds of cans of soup for the Urban Mission!



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Homecoming 2022

September 22nd through the 24th

- Hall of Fame Induction Thursday, Sept. 22nd
- 2nd Annual All Alumni Reunion Friday, Sept. 23rd
- Annual Golf Outing Saturday, Sept. 24th
- Alumni Mass, Homecoming Tailgate and Football Game, Saturday, Sept. 24th

The Class of 1965 is planning their 57th/ 75th birthday reunion on September 2nd & 3rd. If you have not been contacted by Kathy/Katie Hudak McCoy, please contact her at kmccoy2314@aol.com.

