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GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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“BE THE LIGHT!”

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, and Friend of Gibault Catholic High School,



We buried two former Gibault teachers this week, as Jerry Bolen and Fr. Gary Gumersheimer went home to God. Jerry was efficacious. He could get not only the music out of his students, but he turned many of them into life-long musicians who are still playing professionally. Jerry helped jumpstart the ICS Band as a feeder into Gibault, as well. I just mentioned his name at our Christmas concert during my introduction of Mr. Ruppel this year. In the 1970's at a concert, Jerry announced the next song would be from a piece by Beethoven. My oldest daughter yelled out “YEAYYYY!” Jerry blushed and said, “Well, there's at least one Beethoven fan here” and the crowd roared. Fr. Gary lived life loud, and Fr. Bob Flannery paid him a great tribute yesterday. Obituaries never tell the full story. Fr. Gary's commitment to Boys' Nation nationally and in the States of Illinois and California, his work in International Marriage Encounter, and having taught at all three Catholic High Schools in the Diocese missed his obit. Add to that the fact that his hospital and nursing home visitors often requested the Sacrament of Reconciliation from him and you can understand “the rest of the story.” Bishop McGovern said it so well when he said Fr. Gary's wheelchair and hospital bed became his Altar. He continued ministering to the end. At his death, he woke to recite the prayers of the Anointing of the Sick and the Our Father with Fr. Flannery. As we meet our God, our Faith and rituals stick. God bless and keep Jerry and Fr. Gary in the palm of his Hand.

Peacemakers of a New World

Holy Spirit, God of Ages and so many names, we gather once again to rejoice in the light offered to the world by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

His walk on this earth was a gift to generations, and today we give thanks for that gift. We know that we are called together today not simply to rejoice and be glad that such a man was given to us for a time, but rather to heed the calls he made to us—the same calls that reverberate now, as they did when he was alive; the same calls You have made time and time again, in a voice of justice that calls us throughout the ages.

We are called to hear that same Word of truth that Dr. King spoke: that the hungry and poor are with us still.

It is not enough to march and remember. The work we are called to do is to feed hungry children and to wipe the tears from our siblings' eyes.

It is not enough to sing a joyful song; we must also build the houses that will give shelter to every adult and child, and allow them full security and dignity.

We are called today to remember that we are not to judge one another by the color of our skins, but by the content of our character.

In a world where our families are knit ever more tightly together past old ideas of color and race, we know that the tyranny of fear and hatred still exists in our hearts; we know that racism still lurks like a viper around unexpected corners.

And so we gather again to renew our promise to one another: that we will be vigilant. We will be warriors and peacemakers of a new world, a world that is always dawning—the Kingdom of God, which is always at hand among people who work and pray and give thanks together.

Holy Spirit, on this day of remembrance we do give thanks, and we are joyful that for a time we had our brother and father, our pastor and leader, Dr. King, with us. But we do not forget that the mantle he wore for a time has been passed now to us—to each of us here gathered—and it is in our efforts, in our faithful struggle, and in our generous witness to a better world becoming, that we make our most powerful prayer of thanksgiving.

Thank you, Gracious One, for this day, and for all our many gifts. In a spirit of remembrance and a spirit of gratitude and hope, we set forth once again, with your guidance and strength, to make the world anew.

Amen.

—[Rev. Audette Fulbright Fulson](#)

MONDAY IS A NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE Do something to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and all who have worked for civil rights and justice in our country. Everytime the cause of civil rights has been advanced, all have benefitted. This is why a challenged person has a ramp off the sidewalk or access to an elevator or a restroom that is functional for them. Basic civil rights. But add to that basic human rights as God's children. God wants us to get along as sisters and brothers. I have mine planned. ***What are you doing for heaven's sake?***



Alumni Band Night was last Friday. We had around 20 show! And did we sound good. Music sticks, and it sticks better if you circle back to it every once in a while. Thanks, Mr. Ruppel, for this great idea!

ENROLLMENT The number one problem at Gibault is the over 200 empty seats that could be filled here. My parents gave me a choice for high school: *Catholic high school or death*. I chose the former. I went to the seminary like 3 of my other brothers, and 2 of us graduated from there. The other nine are Gibault grads. We have 11 graduates on staff here. What does that say? It says they caught the spirit of Fr. Gibault. I've seen them in action. They could work anywhere. Gibault Catholic High School is not a private school. It is a Diocesan school. 65% of our students are on scholarship. We are a true community school available to all. Upping our enrollment actually allows us to keep tuition costs down. So please be an active recruiter for us. Send your children and grandchildren to the Gibault experience. I told the Class of 2023 this week that we might add another graduation requirement: You cannot graduate until you find your replacement. I asked them to have such a great semester that more new students will want to come to Gibault! This is one of those "pay it forwards." You may need a scholarship now but you can pay someone else's tuition later as you make your way in the world. It is so amazing what we do here when you consider we are begging our way through. This is stewardship at work. Thanks to our Faculty and Staff who work for so much less money and to all who sacrifice and donate to keep us going and growing!

THE #1 SCIENCE BREAKTHROUGH OF THE YEAR 2022 --- NUCLEAR-FUSION --- will be featured on **60 Minutes** this Sunday, January 15. **Dr. Mark Herrmann**, PhD, of Immaculate Conception School, Gibault Catholic High School, Washington University, and Princeton University educational background, has been a driving force in this effort. Dr. Herrmann, in his true humble style, hand-picked young scientists for the interview for **60 Minutes** in the hopes of encouraging future passion for the decade or two it will take to bring nuclear fusion to solving the world energy problems. It took 70 years, but physicists at the **National Ignition Facility (NIF)** at **Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory** finally had more output than energy input. Although commercial production of fusion energy is still a pipe dream, researchers at NIF in California have done what a similar project in France has yet to do. The hope for the future is more energy gains from nuclear fusion, which can provide an infinite source of clean energy that's carbon-free and doesn't emit radioactive waste. They have proven that a dream is possible. We are proud of our connection to Dr. Mark Herrmann and his part in making a better future for the world. Mark's parents are Joan and Tom Herrmann of Immaculate Conception Parish in Columbia, IL and brother Matt and sister-in-law Cyra are grads along with nephews and nieces Thomas, Lucas, Reagan, and Avery in the Class of 2026.

And here are the other Top Five...

2 WE ALSO MADE BETTER BATTERIES At the **University of Sydney**, scientists engineered a sodium-sulfur battery that can be made using seawater, storing four times the energy as lithium-ion batteries and costing much less. Over at **Penn State**, engineers figured out a way to charge electric vehicle batteries in 10 minutes, which could help in the broader adoption of gasoline-free cars.

3 AND SIMULATED A WORMHOLE Google's quantum computer, Sycamore 2, was used to replicate a [wormhole](#) and transfer information through it. Modeled after the Holographic Principle, the experiment was used to imitate the hypothesis that connected black holes lead to wormholes, which are tunnels through space and time.

4 OUR UNIVERSE CAME INTO FOCUS About a year ago, NASA launched the James Webb Space Telescope. A million miles away from the Earth's surface, it not only gives us clearer pictures of our galaxy but also allows scientists all over the world to study deep space like never before

5 AND MAYBE GOT A LITTLE SAFER In more galactic news, the space race has turned into space wars—sort of. In September, [NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test \(DART\)](#) successfully struck the largest asteroid to date, Dimorphos, and altered its orbit around its parent asteroid, Didymos, by 32 minutes. NASA is conducting experiments using DART to prepare for potential asteroids headed toward Earth.

Friday, February 17 for both pizza and dress down for Post Prom.



THE CURIOUS SAVAGE Opening night came off like night #3 last evening! I am so proud of our theatre department under Mrs. MaryBeth Babcock. She can bring out the magic of theatre! Our ringers Mrs. MaryBeth Babcock, Mr. Andy Skaer and Mr. Arron Martell were a more than adequate additions to our talented cast! Do yourself a favor and come for some laughs and touching moments in *The Curious Savage*. January 13-15, 2023 • Friday-Saturday 7pm, Sunday 2pm Tickets available at the auditorium door: \$12 adults • \$10 students • \$10 seniors 65+ Classroom teaching is pedagogical theatre. Come to the Arts. See God smile!

SENIOR PROJECT Informational meeting was Monday for the Class of 2023. I am so proud of the best program Fr. Ed ever came up with. It has been copied by our Diocese and around the country as a model for service-learning. Senior Project grows students in experiential learning---the best way to learn. Social skills-the world of work---giving back---taking the Lord into the marketplace--learning a sense of gratitude for all the charitable and 501 c(3) work that moves our world---all benefits. The Class of 2023 will come back a lot more grown up after this experience.

As part of SENIOR PROJECT, we have 6 students headed to missionary work in the Dominican Republic. On January 19th we will have a dress down day with donations to help fund their project, and on January 20th, we are requesting school supplies, hygiene items, over the counter meds and band-aids to take along. Check out the flyers. Some give to the Missions by going. Some go to the Missions by giving! Join us in the Missionary work of the Church!

Gibault Catholic High School **cheerleaders Keeley Cooper, Kylie Ruppel, Rylee Geiler and Maddie Collins** had the opportunity to perform in the halftime show during the Liberty Bowl college football game at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium in Memphis over Christmas break.

Scholastic Bowl vs. Carlyle A 370-190 win! Off to a good start! Keep the W's coming!

Lady Hawks Tough loss Wednesday night. We started the game in the freezer and no team scored first period. We got down 12 and then roared back, losing in overtime, hampered by foul problems. Exciting ending. 13-6 now and a very successful season continues!

Men's team won 50-41 Wednesday night in the Chester Tourney. We are defending champs so let's pull it off Saturday night and stay that way. 16-3 STATE RANKED NOW!

Please Promote to Seniors looking for a job: We are in desperate need of students to work at our after school latchkey program at SPPCS. They would need to be 18 years of age and would make the most recent wage increase. We need help Monday through Friday from 3:00 or as close to that as possible until 6 p.m. Any interested candidates should email Sarah Schmitz at sschmitz@sppswaterloo.com

MATTRESS FUNDRAISER FOR GIBAULT Jack Spencer (5 Gibault Grads in the family) has offered a fundraiser for us. **\$1,000 guaranteed!** New floor scrubber here we come!



**GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
MATTRESS SALE**

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
JACK'S MATTRESS SHACK**

Gibault Auditorium
Jan. 27: 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Jan. 28: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Jan. 29: 12 p.m.-3 p.m.

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RAFFLE-MANIA! With a purchase of a \$25 ticket, you are entered for:

- \$100 Early Bird Christmas Drawing (ticket must be purchased by December 15 to qualify)
- \$30 Daily Drawings on Monday-Friday from January 1 - May 31
- \$100 Bonus Winner the last day of each month (January - April)
- GRAND PRIZES in May for \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, and \$250!

If your ticket is pulled for a prize, it goes right back in, so you have the chance to win again!

Tickets can be purchased online at: <https://one.bidpal.net/rafflemania> or by contacting any Gibault student, or by calling the school office at 939-3883.

Marvin R. Lansing, Aged 88 of Collinsville, IL has passed away. He is Jim (Jeanine) dad and grandfather to our Ms. Julie Lansing and her sister Jenna. Arrangements are pending, but it will probably be Thursday. Please keep the Lansing family in your prayers during this sad time.

Update on Cohen's Dad Keith Jackson: Cohen's Dad continues to make some progress. Please keep praying for him so he can up for longer times and get moving better again.

Prayer list: Keith Jackson

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael L. Kish". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mike Kish
Principal
Gibault Catholic High School

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SMALL SCHOOL = BIG OPPORTUNITIES FOR AN INTERNSHIP IN THE FAITH



Not Just A Number

With a student to teacher ratio of 8:1 and an average classroom size of 14, your student has more opportunity to stand out. More 1-on-1 teacher attention will help your student learn and excel in the classroom. You're part of a family here, not just a number in a large sea of students.

Sports

Everyone gets an opportunity to be a part of a team, make friends, improve skills, and learn sportsmanship. Many best high school memories are on a court or field.



Find Your Home at Gibault



Being a teenager is hard enough. Wake up every day and go somewhere you can feel comfortable and safe surrounded by people who want what is best for you and will help you succeed.

Get Involved

With over 20 clubs and activities, we have something for everybody. We encourage students to partake in multiple clubs and activities to learn how to work together with different groups and become leaders.



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