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GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

**November 15, 2024**

**“Made for Greatness”**

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

**VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**



What a great tribute last Friday night at Waterloo High School in honoring our Veterans and Auxiliaries! Thanks to Mr. Scott Ruppel and our Choir who joined with the Waterloo High School Chorus to salute each branch of our military. It was fitting to salute the Auxiliary who play a major support role in the work of the American Legion and VFW. Our Student Council Veteran’s salute on Monday, November 11, featured the Chorus, slides of Gibault Vets, and prayer.

**THANKSGIVING INVITE TO GIBAULT ALUM** Join us for Thanksgiving lunch on Tuesday, November 26 between 10:45-12:20 **on us!** Please let us know by Tuesday, November 19. Sign up with the link! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CACAF2CA5F9C07-52907416-alumni>

**AUDITIONS FOR THE WINTER PLAY “The Play that Goes Wrong – High School Edition”** will be Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. See Mrs. LeSaulnier for more information.

## **SEVEN STUDENTS FROM OUR FFA ATTENDED THE AGRONOMY CDE** at Valmeyer High



School. Agronomy is a contest where students identify 25 weed seeds, 41 crop seeds, 66 weed plants, 31 insects, and judge different types of seed rings. 16 schools competed and we walked away with 5th place! Our varsity team consisted of Nora Wirth, Myra Coats, Sophie Winkeler, Catie Altes, and Sienna Spencer. Brady Moore and Cassidy Gregson also participated.



**MODEL UN AT MCKENDREE UNIVERSITY THIS WEEK** Brady Moore, Mia Petruso, Izzy Schuchardt, Tommy Gregson, Coleman Ludwig, Robert Pierpoint, and Cassidy Gregson competed against 16 other schools. Our delegates represented the countries of Sierra Leone, Belgium and Mongolia. Delegates argued topics from the perspective of their selected country, ranging from access to overdose medication, and protection of educators, to state sponsored genocide, proxy wars, and international theft of intellectual property. This was a great way for students to learn about other countries and the problems that they face in our modern world. We only have one world. We have to work together.

**BOOSTER CLUB** The Booster Club is seeking new members! They are looking for a few more officers or chairpersons with new and fresh ideas. If you've ever worn the jersey or cheered on a Hawk, they want you to join them! Join the next meeting on December 5, 2024, at 6:30pm in the Innovation Commons. ALL are invited and welcome!

## **CALENDAR**

**11/18** – Dress Down Day for Mission Trip and Fruit Orders Due

**11/20** – Dress Down Day for Scope, Mass with Fr. Jack at 9:28 in auditorium

**11/23** – Trivia Night for Mission Trip from 6pm-11pm in the Fr. Ed Hustedde Gymnasium. Flyer with details is attached.

**11/25** – Thanksgiving Mass with the Bishop. 9:28 to 10:28 in the auditorium.

**12/04** – Mass with Fr. Jack at 9:28 in auditorium

**12/09** – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass with Fr. Pat McDevitt, newly appointed Chancellor of the Diocese at 9:28 a.m. All are welcome!

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on even Wednesdays during Club time.**

### **MISSION TRIP TRIVIA NIGHT**



**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP**

TABLES UP TO 8 PLAYERS - \$25 PER PERSON (\$200/TABLE)  
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**CLASS OF 2029 PLACEMENT TEST** The Class of 2029 placement test will take place on December 7, 2024, from 8:30-11:30am. No fee, all your student needs is #2 pencils and a good night's rest! Use the link to register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AAAC28A5FEC16-52414519-freshman>

**THE SPORTING NEWS...** In between seasons but basketball, bowling, cheerleading, the Arch competition, and chess practices are keeping us busy!

**BASEBALL WINTER CAMP** The 5-8 grade baseball camp is December 26-28 from 9:00-11:30am in the Fr. Hustedde Gymnasium. Use the link: <https://igfn.us/form/A6ySXq> or text "gibaultbaseball" to 41444 to register today! Please register your player by December 7, 2024, to ensure their T-shirt order.

**SOFTBALL WINTER CAMP** The 5-8 grade softball winter camp will take place December 26-28 from 1:00-3:30pm in the Fr. Hustedde Gymnasium. Use the link: <https://igfn.us/form/SBiBWQ> or text

“gibaultsoftball” to 41444 to register today! Please register your player by December 8, 2024, to ensure their T-shirt order.



**IF YOU CAN'T GO TO HAITI, THE NEXT BEST EXPERIENCE IS TO TALK TO SOMEONE WHO LIVES THERE.** Photo courtesy of Jai Lavington

On Monday, November 4th, Fr. Delix Michel of the Diocese of Gonaives in Haiti spoke to the Gibault students and staff. Fr. Michel is founding pastor of Our Lady of Assumption Parish in that Diocese. He has a Doctorate in Sacred Scripture from Rome, served 19 years in the Springfield Illinois Diocese, is a United States citizen, has been a priest for 36 years, and has the unique perspective to know how

we think and how the current conditions in his home country and parish cry out for our prayers and support.

He opened his talk by asking students to *“become what you want to be, because in Haiti we can’t.”* Haiti is 794 miles from the United States and was the second independent country in the Western Hemisphere in 1803 after revolting from France. He reminded the students of the curse of slavery, that the Atlantic Ocean is the largest graveyard in the world due to slaves either dying on board or being thrown overboard, dismantling of tribes by language for plantation control and the development of the Creole language as a direct form of resistance. Spain negotiated a peace with a payment to France of 150 million francs which later grew to billions that was eventually repaid by 1942 but bankrupted the country.

Haiti today has 11.4 million people and 5.6 million are food deprived. Life expectancy for women is 53 and men 51. There is no potable water for 90% of the country.

Three years ago, the President of the country and his wife were assassinated after calls to police and the embassies brought no response. Gangs now rule the country. The poor are the first victims. Schools are not in session in most areas, Church life is disturbed, and a hospital run by St. Theresa of Kolkutta’s Missionaries of Charity was looted just a few weeks ago.

United States programs that saved thousands of Haitians by immigration created chaos in the US and depleted the country of their best resource—educated people. US help in eliminating the gang cells is the solution. Currently, the United Nations has brought in Kenyan help for the police, but the connection has not been made. When the police make \$250 per month while a gang member makes \$5000, corruption is everywhere with the gang cells controlling the sites of power.

Student questions covered the areas of earthquake recovery which has not happened despite billions raised in the United States; governance which relies on a 7 member council with a rotating president that is totally ineffective against the gang cells; his interest in the priesthood which came at age 9 from his French pastor and serving as an Altar Boy before receiving his First Communion; gang control which has been suppressed in some areas with the people killing the gang leaders; inflation which has been driven up by lack of goods and constant gang theft; and lack of a US effort to clean up the gangs which he feels could be done within 3 months.

Fr. Michel concluded by asking for prayers for him and his country, that we be messengers of the hope and joy of the Gospels despite our life situations and then gave us his blessing.

**PRAYER LIST:** Let us pray for world peace and the understanding that working together and getting along with each other at home can ripple out to the world...We pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for Jozie, Adam, Jacob and all who are suffering from major health issues of mind and body...We pray to the Lord.

**THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE** from Mark 13:

***Amen, I say to you,  
this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.  
Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.***

***"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."***

The end of the Church Year is near. Advent is coming soon. Jesus reminds us to always be ready. Best way? Love one another.

Have a great weekend!

**Sarah Lanham**  
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Gibault Catholic High School