

August 30, 2024

## "Made for Greatness"

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

LABOR DAY 160 countries celebrate a labor day, most on May 1. Ours started in 1894 to appease workers after troops were sent to stop a strike in Chicago. It is so important to recognize the dignity of labor whether skilled or unskilled. In 1891 Pope Leo the XIII wrote an encyclical titled "Rerum Novarum" meaning "Of New Things," subtitled "On Conditions of Labor." Monday is a great day to remember the words of St. Benedict, founder of the Benedictine Order, "ora et labora" which means "pray and work." He is also credited with "laborare est orare", which means "to work is to pray". Some say that ora et labora offers a fundamental rhythm for balancing and ordering human life, and for growing wisdom. We all need routine. Our work life surely establishes that and helps us have balance. Celebrate the day on Monday.

**PARISH PICNIC** Labor Day. Immaculate Conception Parish grounds. A great place to work and play and eat. Students needing service hours could hit the website and work a shift. This is a great way to help and get the "face of Gibault" out into our parishes. Please consider joining other liturgical and parish ministries in the parishes we serve as well.

Ring Mass picture

<u>A HUGE IMPROVEMENT</u> We moved our all-school Masses to the auditorium this year for all but the larger community Masses like the Ring Mass/Freshman welcome. Acoustics are so much better, newer chairs are so much better, closer together is so much better, Mass timing is so much better. Our next Mass is Friday, August 30 at 9:00 am for the blessing of the Senior Rings and welcoming of the Freshman. Our new Diocesan Superintendent Fr. Michael Caruso, S.J. will be our celebrant. On September 4, Bishop Michael McGovern will celebrate with us. If you would like to join us, feel welcome. A full house for the Lord is an endorphin release!

### SIGN-UP GENIUS FOR VOLLEYBALL CONCESSION STAND

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4AAEA72DA5F94-50841904-concession#/

<u>SENIOR MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING</u> September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, Senior Mission Trip Informational Meeting in the Commons. Any senior that is interested in going on an international mission trip for their senior service project, please try to attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend, but are interested, email Mrs. Grohmann at <a href="mailto:dgrohmann@gibaulthawks.com">dgrohmann@gibaulthawks.com</a> Our goal is to gauge how many students are interested and how many parents would be interested in chaperoning.

### Good night's sleep

Bottle of water
Counseling
Pppppp
Pay attention to classes
Don't procrastinate or cut corners
Khan Academy
Be kind

No matter what ship our ancestors arrived on, we are all in the same boat now. John Lewis. Civil Rights leader and Congressman

Bryan Grither Gary Dengler

Freedom to choose the easy way out

As for me and my house we will serve the Lord

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT OUR FAMILY SPORTS PASS? For \$125 you get into every home sporting event at Gibault! Yes, that does include Boys' Soccer at Oerter Park this year! Just flash your pass and head in! This pass is perfect for multi-sport families or for the sports fan that loves to come out to watch all Gibault sporting events! If you are interested in purchasing one, you can purchase these passes at all home games (a QR code will be available) and in the front office at Gibault. One pass covers immediate family only (parents and children living in the same household.) So, for \$125 you can see 7 boys' soccer games, 10 girls' volleyball games, 15 girls' basketball games including the Candy Cane Classic, 7 boys' basketball games, and 7 girls' soccer games! For all other sports including tennis, boys and girls golf, cross-country, bowling, softball, baseball, and track, the admittance will be free! Unfortunately, this pass does not include any IHSA postseason games at Gibault.

**BOOSTER CLUB** Speaking of sports, let's talk about the Booster Club! Mike and Jonella Donius worked hard last year to get the Booster Club up and running by making sure that our Concession

Stand was well stocked with all the candy, drinks, popcorn, hot dogs, and treats that you needed to watch a game. Last year they had some help, but this year they could use even more. How can you help? The Volleyball Concession Stand Sign-Up Genius link is ready for you to sign-up and work! What better way to meet new friends then to work together in a concession stand?! <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4AAEA72DA5F94-50841904-concession">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4AAEA72DA5F94-50841904-concession</a>

Also the Booster Club has their first meeting in the Gibault Conference Room on Thursday, September 12th at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. (Thanks to Marie Davis for this!)

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Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly, you will surprise yourself by doing the impossible.

<u>VACUUM CLEANER</u> Anyone have a vacuum cleaner that you do not use. . .We are in need of a vacuum cleaner for our school.

Fan Fan

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*Here one day, gone the next!* Thanks for the removal of the dead tree on Columbia Ave! We are not sure who but we suspect N.K and family.

NEW FURNITURE FOR THE INNOVATION COMMONS, THE CLASSROOMS, AND THE OFFICES continue finding their way for a "Gibault facelift." Thanks to Gary Dengler, Brian Grither, Maggie Bollone, Jonella Donius and our staff and students for the "heavy lifting" and tech support last week. You won't believe it when you stop by for Open House!

We celebrated the Memorial of John the Baptizer yesterday. All he did was tell the truth. And he paid the ultimate price. Each of us are called to be martyrs---ONE DAY AT A TIME. Mahatma Ghandi, who practiced non-violence and led the crusade to free India from British rule, was once asked what he thought of Christianity. He was a scholar and studied religions. He said it would be a wonderful religion if people practiced it. It is hard to be Christian. Each of us are called to be martyrs---ONE DAY AT A TIME. Live in a Christian way and die to self.

PRAYER LIST: Pope Francis puts out a universal petition pray for each month.

#### **AUGUST**

For Political Leaders

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

We also pray for all who are suffering from major health issues of mind and body...We pray to the Lord.

Let us know and we will be happy to add family and friends to our prayer list.

# THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE

## Sarah Lanham

Principal Gibault Catholic High School