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GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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“Made for Greatness”

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



**THE HOLY SPIRIT MIGHT BE BEST DEFINED AS THE LOVE BETWEEN THE FATHER AND THE SON.** There are times in our lives when we say just the right thing and we don't know how we did it. Bishop Michael McGovern, in his welcoming homily, told the story of his visit to a student named Nicholas who was suffering from brain cancer. As he spoke with him, Nicholas relayed how much support he had when he first found out but it withered as he lingered. Young Fr. McGovern told him ***“God hasn't introduced into your life yet people who deserve your friendship.”*** His reply is a perfect example of the Holy Spirit at work. And we all need to know in our times of loneliness and struggle that the introduction is right around the corner and God will answer our prayers. At the Confirmation of many of our students by Bishop McGovern, he told them to “be the proof, the living proof that Jesus Christ is Lord.” He also reminded us that Scripture scholars regard the Acts of the Apostles is the Gospel of the Holy Spirit and the Greek word for power is the root of dynamite. Let the Holy Spirit come into our lives so we can be “the power of one” and be kind, supportive and transformational people. Thanks for Diocesan Superintendent Fr. Michael Caruso, S.J. and Fr. Jack Tierney, Augustinian PhD candidate at SLU for concelebrating with us. Fr. Caruso is impressed by our student body reverence.

**WELCOME TO MR. BRETT HANVEY** to the Gibault staff! Mr. Hanvey will be supervising the Innovation Commons, subbing, and assisting around our campus. Once again we are blessed!

**Crawford Bryant** Thanks for all the donations today to Crawford's memorial. We raised over \$500 that will be donated to the Columbia Soccer program. Thanks to Coach Nordike and the Men's Soccer Hawks for a tribute to a fellow competitor, and those who attended his memorial service and represented us.

A tragedy like this reminds us how fragile our lives are. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Pam Kueker on staff with her Master's degree in Counseling and 15 years experience in therapy. Students have been reminded to take advantage of her skills. Human Support Services will be starting here soon on a weekly/bi-weekly schedule for more opportunity to talk things out. Conversation comes from the latin root word "converte", which means we often change our minds and how we feel (convert) when we have new information and take the time to reflect. The Holy Spirit is at work when we converse.

**SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH** Next Tuesday, September 10, is World Suicide Prevention Day. We will hold a "Prayer at the Pole" to pray for all affected by the disease of suicide and remind ourselves to be supportive to each other.



Suicide Prevention  
Prayer at Pole.pdf

**OFF MODS** What a trust we put in our students. Along with our Catholic education, our modular schedule plays a huge role in making Gibault Catholic High School a "school like no other." Using your time well in off-mods allows you so much more freedom to collaborate with others on subject matter, get your work done on time, get the very important socialization covered so you can focus more in the classroom, and prepare you for a post high school world of further education and the world of work. Our God is relational. We need to relate to God's world!



**COLLEGE VISITS---COMING TO US** Mizzou-9/16, U of I 9/19, SLU 9/25. Here is a good chance for parents to talk to their teen about planning for their future.

**GIBAULT HAS 136 ATHLETES---BUT we also have math-letes, academic competition-letes, actor-letes, and club-letes, and we are all Christian-letes!**

**THE FALL PLAY War of the Worlds** Gibault has so many opportunities going on that our students can't enjoy them all but one of the best ways to grow here is auditioning for one of our plays. The confidence gained will help you in life. See Mrs. LeSaulnier if you can help us as a stage crew or tech support member. The curtain goes up on October 17.

**GIBAULT IS STARTING A CHESS TEAM** and it will be sponsored by Mr. O'Brien! All experience levels are welcome. Become a chesslete. You might be able to work this in around your already busy schedule and we know many of you are competing on-line. Email Mr. O'Brien.

**CONGRATS TO THE GIBAULT CROSS COUNTRY TEAM** who did a great job in their first meet at Mascoutah last Saturday. Shout out to Nick Holdener who ran the 7<sup>th</sup> fastest 3 mile race in Gibault history and to Claire Wachtel for a Personal Record. The Hawks Cross country team ran on Monday night in New Athens and did an incredible job! Congrats to Nick Holdener, Claire Wachtel, Mallory Wachtel, and Mariska Lyle for placing in the top 20 and all getting PRs. The Hawks' next meet will be next Tuesday at Sparta.

**LADY HAWKS GOLF** Win! GCHS-195, Chester-223, Dupo-234, Marissa-259. Annika Fabie medaled with her score of 45. Way to iron it out TEAM!

**FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER** Athletes ---get your tickets in so your name is entered into a drawing for a gift card. ---The final turn-in date is Wednesday, September 25. Don't have to be an athlete to sell. Stop by the office to pick up additional tickets. Thanks to Ms. Davis for organizing this important fundraiser for our athletic department.



**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** First meeting in the Gibault Conference Room(by the Office) on Thursday, September 12th at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome! The Volleyball Concession Stand Sign-Up Genius



link is ready for you to sign-up and work! What better way to meet new friends than to work together in a concession stand?!

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



**STUMPY 2** Thanks to Nick Kessler and family for the removal of another dead tree. It is amazing how our benefactors take care of us and often times it's exactly what we need to make us look like somebody lives here! God bless all our benefactors, both living on earth and in heaven!

**FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL** "Toe the line!" *"Text me next time you want a detention----this is the 5<sup>th</sup> time you have had your shirt untucked and this is gross disrespect."* Follow the little rules and the big rules will take care of themselves. Aka "watch your dimes and the dollars will take care of themselves."

**SENIOR MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING** 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 [dgrohmann@gibalthawks.com](mailto:dgrohmann@gibalthawks.com) Our goal is to gauge how many students are interested and how many parents would be interested in chaperoning.

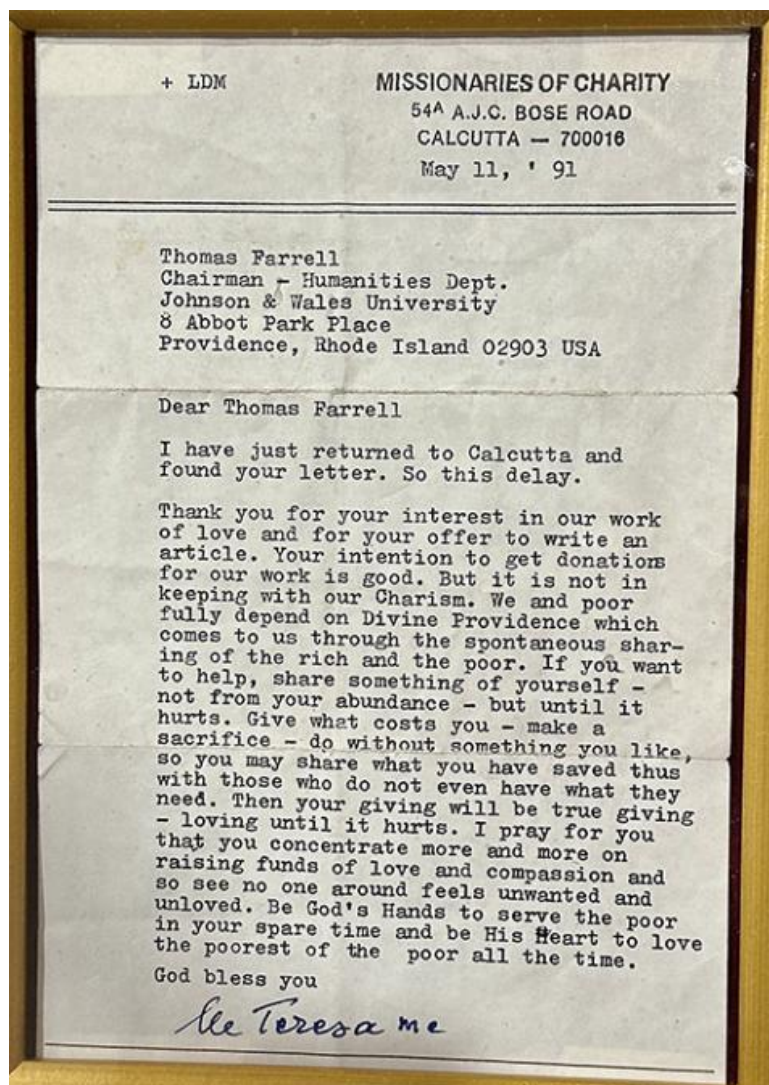
**WOW! THIS CLASS OF 2028 IS SET TO INSPIRE!** Yesterday, September 5, the Freshman Class at Gibault Catholic High School gathered at Todd Hall to participate in a retreat facilitated by MORE Ministries out of Eureka, Missouri. It was exciting to see the Freshman class fully engaged, getting the most out of every minute of faith and fellowship present in this experience. We enjoyed the day with fun activities, meaningful talks and fruitful discussion. The day was especially blessed by the participation of our Senior facilitators who led small discussion groups and shared meaningful ways for how to get the most out of high school: Claire Barbour, Sadie Loless, Charlee Lumpkins, Elena Oggero, Michael Wessel, Clara Willson, and Nora Wirth. Mrs. Noles and Mrs. Miskell are so proud of our students who participated with such dedication!

To highlight how special this day was, Mrs. Miskell received texts and emails last night from our Retreat Master and parents commenting that this day was a stand out!

Thanking God for the blessings from our Freshman Retreat Day.



Sept. 5 is the anniversary of Mother Teresa's death and her feast day. In the Catholic Church, a feast day is set aside to honor a particular saint. The church celebrates this day to remember and reflect on her life, teachings and work. Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, in her youth in Albania, joined the Sisters of Lorretto and later founded the Missionaries of Charity and became St. Teresa of Kolkata, working with the God's people dying on the streets. This letter from this barely 5 foot saint defines charity:



A letter dated May 11, 1991, from Mother Teresa to professor Thomas Farrell (Courtesy of Joel Rothschild via National Catholic Reporter) Mother Teresa spoke to the National Catholic Education Association at the Congress Hotel in 1976. She ended with "I am but a pencil in the hand of God." Saints are us.

**PRAYER LIST:** 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.

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

Let us pray for Josie, a 7 year old from Freeburg, who had surgery today for removal of a brain tumor, that God's touch from prayer will support her and her family...We pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for Adam, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader from St. Theresa's in Belleville who is suffering from leukemia... We pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for the family and friends of Crawford Bryant as they grieve. The grief is strong because the love was strong...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**

"Ephphatha!"— *that is, "Be opened!"* —

*And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."*

What a great reminder how important our hearing is to us, especially listening.

Have a great weekend!

**Sarah Lanham**  
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Gibault Catholic High School