



GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

November 26, 2024

“Made for Greatness”

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

THANKSGIVING 2024

It is always time to give thanks to God. We all need an attitude of gratitude on a daily basis. Though we hold a celebration this Thursday to highlight the goodness of the harvest and the end of another year, it is often the little things we share at the Dinner Table that stick out.

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL has much to be thankful for this year. We give thanks for:

ALUMNI 4000+ who are making a difference in God’s world. Today we shared the bounty of our Cafeteria with 20 alumni through the goodness of cafeteria staff Michelle and Pam and Marsha including homemade pumpkin pie!



BISHOP MICHAEL MCGOVERN who shared the Eucharist with us yesterday and reminded us to have the joy of the leper who came back to say thanks. 9 others were cured. Join the 10%. God is in the restoration business, and we all need to be cured and certain of God's love. The Bishop also came to our Board meeting last night. He reminded us of the important apostolate in which we are engaged. He is visiting all three high school boards this year and 12 of the 22 elementary schools. His best friends outside fellow priests are his high school classmates. The world would be a much better place if we treated each other like our high school best friend classmates. Spread the word to come and make lasting friendships at Gibault!

COMMUNITY Like a family unit, Gibault is a community that depends on each other and the larger community for support. Students, faculty, staff, families, parishes, and good old word of mouth in the community are our best assets. Help spread the Good News of Gibault so we can grow. When people have questioned, *"Why does Gibault have 3 principals?"* or *"Why didn't they hire a principal this summer? Does the diocese not want us to succeed?"* My answer is: *"Our bishop is so committed to excellence at Gibault that he's waiting for the BEST candidate for our school. Our diocese wants the RIGHT principal at Gibault. So, while we wait for that right candidate, the bishop put into place 3 people who know our school and have been committed to our school – some of them for decades. The diocese gave our students and staff 3 administrators who couldn't love Gibault more!"* (Thanks, Mrs. Kovarik, for clarifying this so well)

ENGAGEMENT 141 OF 171 students (83%) are involved in a sport! Many of the remaining are athletes, artists, actors, actresses, and school leaders running clubs and service opportunities. We would have to be near 100% engagement!

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL is off to a terrific 2-1 start after taking the Consolation Championship at the Dupo Cat Classic over the weekend. We lost the opener to Mt. Olive in overtime 45-44 due to foul problems but bounced back to beat Metro East Lutheran and New Athens. TONIGHT, November 26, we have our home opener against Marissa at 6:15. Come cheer the Lady Hawks!

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL had a rough start last night against #4 State seeded Pinckneyville. We will get better!

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/A6ySXg> 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.

ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME Alumni, grab your basketball shoes and join us for the Alumni Basketball Game! The alumni game will follow the 6:15 varsity basketball game. Stick around afterwards for a reception in the gym lobby. We can't wait to see you there! RSVP by January 6 by contacting Dennis Rueter: drhawks@charter.net



OUR TRIVIA NIGHT HELD ON NOVEMBER 23RD WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! Thank you to everyone that attended & donated items for our basket raffle – we had 27 tables & over 200 attendees! We would especially like to thank our sponsor, Alison Essner, owner of Magic Expeditions, for supporting our seniors!

All proceeds will benefit 11 seniors in the Class of 2025 that have chosen to spend their senior service project traveling to the Dominican Republic on a mission trip for two weeks in late February/early March of 2025. Gibault students will partner with Blue Missions - a non-profit clean water charity dedicated to ending the global water crisis by connecting communities to clean water and improved sanitation. During our two weeks, we will be digging trenches & working on the construction of water & sanitation infrastructure projects. We will be living in the communities we serve & experience firsthand what it is like to live without running water, without the internet, without electricity, sleep on a cot on the floor and be limited to a vegetarian diet because there isn't refrigeration for meat. While the living conditions will be eye-opening and the physical work will be hard, we pray that this experience will have a profound impact on our lives, cultivate a heart of service and open our eyes to how blessed we truly are.

And how fitting this mission work ties into our school motto this year that comes from a quote from Pope Benedict, *"The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for GREATNESS."*

The students going on the mission trip are Andrew Donius, Drew Niebruegge, Charlee Lumpkins, Mia Petruso, Ashley Murphy, Kaiden Timmons, Claire Higgerson, Lydia Higgerson, Izzy Schuchardt, John Bollone, and Emily Richardson.

PLACEMENT TEST Do you have an eighth grader planning to attend Gibault next year? Make sure you're getting your Future Hawk signed up for the placement test December 7, 2024, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The placement test is to assess a student's current knowledge and skills in order to place them in the most appropriate classes. This ensures that students are enrolled in courses that match their abilities, allowing them to learn effectively and progress at the right pace.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AAAC28A5FEC16-52414519-freshman>

CALLING ALL ALUMNI Alumni, we want to hear from you! Share any and all exciting news from this past year with us! Have you gotten engaged or married? Had a new baby? Won an award or achieved something outstanding? We'd love to see it! Share a picture from this exciting moment, your graduation year, and a brief caption of this announcement! Please email Klair Krebel - kkrebel@gibalthawks.com with your submission by December 5, 2024.

GIBAULT MEN'S CLUB We will not have a December meeting but will once again celebrate our Gibault Christmas party on **Thursday December 19 at Tequila's Mexican Restaurant - 835 N Market Street in Waterloo.** It's a great time for us and our wives/significant others to gather for the holidays. We will be in the lower level and the evening will begin at 6:00pm. Buffet style dinner will begin at 6:30. There will be a cash bar available. **PLEASE RSVP to Don Francescon by Friday, December 6.** He must submit the number of guests on that day! You can email: don.francescon@bjc.org or text 636-725-7521 to let him know. He wishes everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and hopes to see you at the Christmas party on December 19th.

BOOSTER CLUB The Booster Club is looking for new chairpersons or officers to join the group! If you've ever worn the jersey or cheered on a Hawk, they want you! Bring new and fun ideas to the table at the next meeting, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Innovation Commons.

RAFFLE MANIA



Gibault Catholic High School

2025 Raffle-Mania

Tickets \$25 each with 10 grand prizes

It's time for the best Christmas gifts of the year - Raffle-Mania tickets!

Raffle-Mania is the only fundraiser required for all students at Gibault Catholic High School, and **each student** must sell **10 tickets***. Our goal this year is to sell \$50,000 of tickets. The tickets are \$25 each and can be sold through January 31st. The holidays are a great time to ask your relatives and friends to take a chance to win great prizes AND help your school. All tickets turned in by December 1st will have a chance at an early bird bonus drawing of \$250!

Tickets are only available online! Tickets can be purchased at <https://givebutter.com/rafflemania> which can be shared on social media. Buyers will have a space to designate a student/parent name. Please make sure buyers are entering a student or parent name, so that each student's progress can be tracked. Buyers can use credit cards, Venmo, Paypal, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or even checks!



GRAND PRIZES of \$5000, \$1000, \$500, and \$250, and 6 @ \$100

Prizes will be drawn on February 3rd

STUDENT INCENTIVES:

1. Dress down days:

- 25% of our goal by December 2nd, dress down on December 6th.
- 50% of our goal by December 16th, dress down on December 20th.
- 75% of our goal January 13th, dress down on January 17th.
- Meet or exceed our goal by February 1st, a week of dress down days TBD.

2. Top Seller: Sell the most raffle tickets and receive \$100!

Any questions? Contact Katie Robben at 618-939-3883 or krobben@gibaulthawks.com

*unsold tickets will be invoiced to your account

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Magical Breakfast with Santa






**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 8TH
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**\$15 AGES 6+
\$10 AGES 2-5
INFANTS FREE**

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED



-  Kid-friendly Breakfast
-  Digital photo with Santa & Mrs. Claus
-  Enjoy games, music, crafts, & more

Get Tickets



Gibault Catholic High School
501 Columbia Ave, Waterloo, IL

*Sponsored by
Gibault Women's Club*

The Gibault Women's Club needs your help to make this year's Magical Breakfast with Santa a successful, wonderful experience. We need volunteers of all ages to decorate the school and to work during the event - Gibault parents, teachers, alumni, grandparents, students, and friends. And because this year's breakfast is on a Sunday morning, Ms. Robben has promised that students who help will receive **DOUBLE SERVICE HOURS** for their time! So, if you're behind on your required service hours for the year, this is a **GREAT** opportunity to make up for lost time. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA4A823ABFFC61-53463748-volunteers>

We also need our community's best cooks and bakers (or bakery shoppers!) to donate breakfast items. If Santa himself would be impressed by your breakfast casserole or famous blueberry muffins,

please share them with us! Sign up

here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA4A823ABFFC61-53532812-food>

CALENDAR

12/04 – Mass with Fr. Jack 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, 9:28 a.m. All are welcome!

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

XLT Adoration Please join us in at Sts. Peter and Paul Church for our next XLT Adoration on Wednesday **December 18 from 7 – 8 pm**. It will be a great addition to your Advent prayer and preparations for celebrating the memorial of the Nativity of the Lord. This form of Adoration includes contemporary Christian music, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic procession in church, reading and reflection on the Eucharist, a brief period of quiet Adoration, and Benediction.

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES to the family of Wayne Voss, 71, who was laid to rest today. For many years, Wayne and the Voss Family auctioneered our annual Oktoberfest for free. We were grateful then and we are grateful still for their generosity. Rest in peace Wayne.

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.

In this Weekend's Scripture from Luke 25 Advent starts by reminding us to:

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.

For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth.

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Advent is a time of preparation. We cast off the old year. We cast off a sinful past. We strive to change and find new life in the Incarnation of "God made man." Emmanuel! Come and begin your Christmas preparation!

Have a great weekend!

Sarah Lanham

Principal

Gibault Catholic High School