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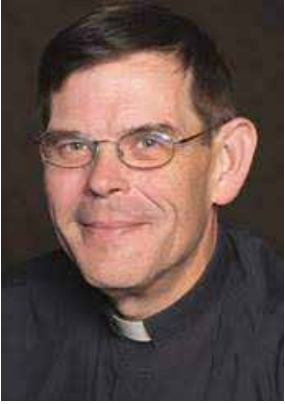
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***Mission:** We will meet the unmet demands of our students and families for a Catholic classical education to form a joyful community of disciples of Christ.*

***Vision:** As a Catholic community, we will increase the number of virtuous leaders, thinkers, and intentional disciples of Christ working to rebuild our culture.*

PASTOR note



It is with a grateful heart that I share this final message here with the St. Ignatius Catholic School community. For the past five years, I have been blessed to be Pastor with Kaukauna Catholic Parishes. During this time, I have witnessed incredible growth and vitality in our school.

We have, through the grace of God, begun our high school ministry with St. Ignatius

Chesterton Academy. Thirteen of our seventeen 8th grade class members will be entering our high school this next fall. When I arrived here, the enrollment of our school was approximately 160 students, and now, five years later, we will enter the fall of 2023 with almost 300 students. How amazing it is to be a part of our beautiful mission and ministry as a 3K through 12 school. We have experienced the pandemic,

some growing pains, and have witnessed the development and growth of our students spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and physically. It is incredible to behold the love and grace of God at work at St. Ignatius!

It is with great sadness that I end my time here; however, God continues to bless us with our new Pastor, Fr. Luke Ferris. Fr. Luke brings wonderful gifts to our school. He worked in education for 19 years before entering the seminary (the last seven as a principal of a Catholic classical school). His gifts will allow St. Ignatius to continue to grow, develop, and fulfill our vision and ministry as a Catholic classical school.

Thank you for the incredible blessings you shared with me during these last five years. The joy and hope I experienced in our journey together has been, and is, transforming and life giving.

May God bless you and keep you
in the Peace and Joy of Christ,
Fr. Don Everts



Congratulations,

ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL 8TH GRADE CLASS OF 2023!

Our 8th graders were recognized at a special Mass and promotion ceremony on May 23.

FUNDRAISING development



St. Ignatius Catholic School Gala: Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

On April 20, 2023, more than 185 people gathered at Van Abel's of Hollandtown for the 2023 St. Ignatius Catholic School Gala, Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam "For the Greater Glory of God". The evening featured a heartfelt speech by a Chesterton Academy senior, a beautiful recitation by our freshmen class, wonderful teaser of the spring play Little Women, and an incredible dance performance by students of our sophomore class. Guests enjoyed Van Abel's famous chicken and a chance for attendees to win fantastic prizes. This joyful evening of fellowship, support, and merriment raised over \$40,000 (toward the \$500,000 goal) for the St. Ignatius Catholic School Needs Fund!

Thank you to Miron Construction for being this year's Gala Event Sponsor!

We are grateful for the company's support of the event and of our students, staff, and school.



CONGRATULATIONS class of 2023



Congratulations, St. Ignatius Chesterton Academy Class of 2023! We recognized and celebrated our 10 graduating seniors at a baccalaureate Mass and graduation ceremony on May 25.

2023 Scholarship Winners

Kevin J. Buskager Memorial

Scholarship Recipient: Sophia Moore

Named for school alumnus Kevin J. Buskager, who unexpectedly passed away in 2022, this annual scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who exemplified the same generous and compassionate spirit as Kevin.

Clear Approach Optometry Health Care Scholarship Recipient: Emily Hansen

Supported by school alumnus and local business owner Dr. David Vanderloop, this annual scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who intends to pursue a career in health care and has demonstrated significant commitment to volunteer service in the community.

2023 Award Winners

St. Ignatius Award: Sophia Moore

This award recognizes the graduating senior who has demonstrated exceptional intellectual virtue including curiosity, creativity, resilience, and relentless striving for excellence in his or her search for wisdom.

Bl. Carlo Acutis Award: Mary Lefeber

This award recognizes the graduating senior who has demonstrated a consistent witness to his or her faith. This student's actions were a constant reminder of Christ's love for each person.

G.K. Chesterton Award: Emily Hansen

This award recognizes the graduating senior who has demonstrated strong leadership abilities and the great virtues of charity and joy so evident in our illustrious intellectual patron, G.K. Chesterton.

IMMEDIATE PLANS class of 2023



Therese Biese
University of Notre Dame



Emily Hansen
Lakeland University



Maggie Krautkramer
University of Mary



Mary Lefeber
Fox Valley Technical College



Elise McMorrow
Fox Valley Technical College



Sophia Moore
University of Mary *or*
Franciscan University
of Steubenville



David Timm
workforce/trades
apprenticeship



Evan Unruh
University of Mary



Genevieve Weber
workforce



Catherine Zepp
Franciscan University
of Steubenville

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES THIS POSSIBLE!

Each year alumni, grandparents, parents, parishioners, and friends of St. Ignatius are asked to support our mission by contributing to the overall operation of our school. **Annual donations allow us to serve our students and address instructional needs and facility expenses.**

Tuition and parish subsidy cover 83% of our operational costs. **We count on everyone's generosity to make up the 17% still needed.** Help us meet this year's goal of \$500,000 by making a donation before June 30, 2023!

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STUDENTS in action



ITALY PILGRIMAGE

In conjunction with the Chesterton Schools Network, 19 St. Ignatius upperclassmen and chaperones participated in our school's inaugural pilgrimage to Italy in March 2023. They journeyed through Rome, Assisi, Florence, and Orvieto exploring the heritage of our faith, encountering Christ in the Eucharist and relics of the saints, and experiencing the beauty of the Church in concrete ways that deepened their love for Christ.



SPRING PLAY

Our upperclassmen delighted audiences with their performances of the classic "Little Women" this spring. The fine arts, including drama, are an integrated part of the Catholic classical curriculum and student experience at St. Ignatius.



PRIESTLY PRESENCE

Fr. Don Everts, Fr. Kris Mekala, Fr. Raja Selvan, Fr. Adam Bradley, and other guest priests blessed us with their regular presence, spiritual direction, and involvement this school year. In addition to celebrating daily Mass, they offered Confession nearly every school day during spring semester, taught theology courses, and guest lectured in a variety of classes across grade levels.

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SPRING CONCERTS

St. Ignatius students shared their musical gifts at choral and band concerts this spring. Music education and performance is integrated into the school experience for all students 3K-grade 12. Through this experience, they develop their God-given gifts and are instruments of His creative goodness for others' delight and His glory!



ATHLETICS

Our middle and high school student athletes competed well in track and field this spring. St. Ignatius offers athletics for grades 5-12 as part of our focus on forming the whole person—mind, body, and soul—as to inspire and equip our students to lead integrated lives that glorify God.



FRANCISCAN ADVANTAGE

Among all participating Chesterton Academy schools in the U.S., our upperclassmen earned the top average scores and excelled in their performance in the Franciscan Advantage program this school year. A first-of-its-kind program that launched last summer with Franciscan University of Steubenville, the program gives students the opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school.





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