

# CATHEDRAL HIGHLIGHTS

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# a message from the president

Dear Friend of Cathedral,

We are in the last quarter of our school year and it has been, on many fronts, a great year for the institution we know as Cathedral High School. Our kids are posting impressive results in the classroom and we will have significant National Merit recognition, millions of dollars in scholarships earned by our soon-to-graduate seniors and many other classroom-connected successes.



“The current financial realities require that every person who supports our vision and has a deep affection for this school step forward to support our Cathedral Fund.”

Our athletic teams continue the amazing record of consistent success that has been evident at this school for so many years. I was a high school teacher and coach for many years here in Indiana. I know how challenging it is to be consistently successful. Year in and year out, you will find almost all of our teams highly rated in the state polls and earning a disproportionate number of state championships. Our athletes and their coaches set the bar very high and they pursue excellence; we all take pride in their accomplishments. That same level of consistent success is being accomplished by our theatre, band and choir programs.

I am personally most proud of what takes place, each day, in faith formation and service to others. This is the bedrock upon which the school is built, and our adults and our students understand this.

We recently charged a group of Cathedral faculty and staff with developing a “portrait of a graduate.” The portrait of a graduate is a list of items comprising short descriptors of our “product” – the student we expect to have developed over the years that she/he has spent under the tutelage of our faculty and staff. Here is the portrait that our Cathedral team has developed.

A Cathedral graduate is:

\*Committed to a faith journey that includes humble service to others;

\*Academically prepared for the rigor of furthering education and embracing the responsibility of lifelong learning;

\*Exemplary in character;

\*Culturally competent and engaged in the global society;

\*Dedicated to making choices that promote a physically and emotionally healthy lifestyle.

I hope you find that this portrait of a graduate describes a young man or woman who you believe is worthy of your investment. The current financial realities require that every person who supports our vision and has a deep affection for this school step forward to support our Cathedral Fund. The school is financially strong, and interest in admission is strong. However, our mission is at risk. We want a diverse population of young people to attend this school. Socio-economic diversity requires a strong Cathedral Fund. We want to pay our faculty and staff competitive wages for the remarkable work they do. This requires a strong Cathedral Fund. And we want to maintain this beautiful campus and the teaching spaces that are needed. This also requires a strong Cathedral Fund.

A Cathedral mother of a recent CHS grad and a current CHS senior wrote, “I just wanted you to pass on to you and the staff at Cathedral that I think they are exceptional. Regardless of the background of the children you teach, the benefits of what you teach, both academics and values, is not something they could have gotten at any other school. I deeply appreciate all that has been done to help in my children’s education at Cathedral.”

Keep this school, her students and her faculty and staff in your prayers. Support the Cathedral Fund and know that you will have a real impact on the school and the work that we do. ☘

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen J. Helmich', written in a cursive style.

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## Wonderful Wizard!



Hundreds of guests and volunteers make this year's ShamrAuction an event that will be long remembered. Pages 36-43.



ABOVE: Teachers Paul Schroeder, left, and Mark Worrell, '78, swapped jerseys to take part in Rivals Day during Winterfest 2009.

### Of fests and fun

Activities like Winterfest, Festa Italiana, abound. Pages 6-21.

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# editor's note

I wandered past the spare bedroom in my home the other day and was reminded by great green glaring numbers that I had neglected at least one alarm clock, in the switch to daylight-saving time that most all of us just made. I couldn't help but flashback in my mind to the effective, if perhaps provincial way we had of marking the day when I was a kid: When the lifeguards blew the last whistle of the afternoon, it was time to go home for supper. When the streetlights came on at night, it was time to go home and get ready for bed.

This was a great system — every mom in town was on it — and when I think about it now, I have to admire how truly genius it was. There were no arguments, no negotiations about later curfew, no complaints because somebody got to stay out later than you. Everybody you knew was home putting their banana-seat bike into sheds or garages; getting shoved into a bathtub, fed a bedtime snack, told to say prayers and finally, being tucked in.

Simple. No fuss, no muss.

Now I appreciate that the world does not live in my small town in Iowa.

And I understand that in 2009 things are different; that's true even to a certain degree back home.

But I can't help but wonder if we all don't work really hard at making things a lot more difficult than they actually need to be.

Take the nightly ritual we had as kids. Before you could rest for the day you had to take care of what was important to you; you had to be clean; you were fed; you told God thank you for the blessings he provided and you asked Him to watch over you, your family and the odd goldfish or two; and then at last you were safe.

Is it unrealistic, or too simple or feeble-minded, to wonder if that same formula wouldn't work for all of us today?

How about if we transferred that idea over to how we preserve and defend our Cathedral Family and the Irish way of life?

What if we banded together and decided as one, that we were going to protect this 90-year-old phenomenon that has shaped generations of leaders?

What if we were cleansed in the sense that we washed away some of the nonsense that clogs our thinking to instead be able to focus on things like tradition, and history, and faith and perseverance?

What if we fed ourselves and our Cathedral Family, by giving through a commitment of time, or expertise or financial support?

What sort of amazing works would be set into motion if each one of us, before we shut our eyes at night, asked God's continued blessings for Cathedral? What sort of inspiring leaders would be developed if each new generation of student took God up on His offer to develop a faith-filled existence?

What kind of safety would we all enjoy by knowing that we had acted thusly?

Time, I believe, *would* tell. ☘



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**On the cover:** Senior Aaron Green helps Cathedral dad Dan Liotti during the live auction at this year's ShamrAuction 2009, 'We're off to see the Wizard.' Some 700 guests made the night a huge success. Highlights photo, Rich Miller.

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, together, we are on the threshold of Holy Week. Soon your love will gift us with Yourself in the first Eucharist on Holy Thursday. Your spiritual gift, that to this day strengthens us, so that we can give ourselves to others in their need and imitate your love in our everyday actions. Your final gift of Yourself on the cross saved us from our sins and gave us the hope of eternal life. In love and gratitude we thank you, Jesus, our brother, our Savior.

— Sr. Dolores Jean Nellis

# a message from the principal

Dear Cathedral Alums,

Cathedral High School's philosophy of education has not changed greatly since being established by Bishop Chartrand and the Brothers of Holy Cross. It is to provide a strong academic Catholic education to young people from all classes and areas of greater Indianapolis, stressing growth in spiritual, academic, emotional, intellectual, and physical venues. Cathedral was designed to be a welcoming center for students from diverse backgrounds, cultures and faiths.

We understand that a holistic education of tomorrow's leaders will allow them to have a strong academic education that is also practical and well-rounded. To carry this forth, we use many different building blocks for our students.

Monthly, we have Caritas meetings in which a topic is brought forth to the entire student body and later discussed and digested in small groups. This year we have had programs giving information on the long-term realities of bullying, on the correlation between violence and the sale of illegal drugs, and on the needs of the poor in our area.

Recent media articles and televised programs have alerted educators that we are preparing students for jobs that are not envisioned now but will be available when they leave college. This provides a challenge to all educators. However, we need to be sure that students have academic skills, are able to think and process information and make realistic decisions. This educational need has not changed since the time of Socrates!

Religious growth has always been a major part of the Cathedral mission. We provide a graduated retreat program for all students. Juniors spend a day and a half in retreat, while seniors spend two and a half days. For many students, their retreat experience senior year is one of their fondest memories of high school.

Also aiding in religious growth are the

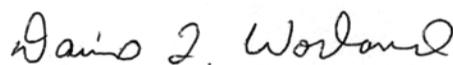
all-school Masses and Advent and Lenten Reconciliation services. These liturgies are held once a month, tying all of us together in prayer and in celebration. As is done in many of our local parishes, people of other faiths are invited to come forward for a blessing during Communion time. We bless throats on St. Blaise Day and distribute ashes as part of our Ash Wednesday liturgy.

Today, Cathedral's goals remain the same as previously, although there is some variance in how they are modeled. New venues include expressing our Catholic religious values through service to others and incorporating service learning into our programs. Service learning is a part of the academic program in which service becomes an extension of what the class is studying. For example, a geography class studying population changes might be followed up by a student accompanying a census worker for a few hours to see realities of the class' study in society itself.

Our students are bright, articulate, confident in many social situations, and strive for excellence in academics, in service, in caring and sharing with others, and athletics. Most of the time, they make good decisions. As with all teens, there are times when decisions made were not good and need to be reworked. This, too, is a feature of a holistic education as they learn to deal with both successes and failures, and learn not to let the failures cripple them. They are excited to face the future, with all of its unknowns, and to begin to claim their adult lives.

We are very appreciative of being invited by their parents to walk with them during this important four-year step of their education. ☺

Yours truly,



David L. Worland  
Principal



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# en garde!



Highlights photos/Lisa Renze-Rhodes



**ABOVE:** Third period advanced acting student Erin Selsemeyer (back to camera) works on a stage combat lesson taught by guest instructor Matthew Davis, '03, while Ellen Turner looks on. The three-week unit gave students insight into the finer points of making onstage duels believable, but most importantly, safe to those participating. Davis, a 2008 Columbia College (Chicago) alum, is a certified instructor and choreographer of stage combat in Chicago and Wisconsin. He also is part of the combat choreography team for the Wisconsin Renaissance Faire, where he performs as Friar Tuck.



**TOP:** Paige Neely, sophomore, exhibits excellent form in her sword fighting. **LEFT:** Seniors Michael Countryman (left) and Kevin VonSpreckelsen give it their all during a demonstration before their classmates.

# Celebrating history



Highlights photos/Lisa Renze-Rhodes



**TOP:** The Irish Step Dancing Team took to the floor during the school's Black History Month assemblies. From left are DeMani Arnold, freshman; Lauren Rascoe, junior; and Michael Nave, freshman.

**ABOVE:** Olivia Sedwick, sophomore, was one of the soloists featured when Cathedral's Gospel Choir performed at the school's Martin Luther King Jr. Day observance. **LEFT:** Dennis Bland, president of the Center for Leadership Development in Indianapolis, was the guest speaker at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Bland asked the students to consider what had been accomplished in America since King's time, then challenged them — "Where do we go from here?" He said that students must use their education and their many other talents and abilities to continue the work that Dr. King began.

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# Phys ed class helps Cathedral kitchen



ABOVE: Sean McGinley, '88, readies to take a box of food from senior Aaron Bachtel for the Cathedral soup kitchen. RIGHT: Students form an unloading assembly line during a food pantry stocking session at the Cathedral kitchen in Downtown Indianapolis. From left are seniors Meg Stutts, Zach Spoerner and Johnny Grey.



Highlights photos/ submitted by Sean McGinley

## Fighting the longterm effects of bullying

Author and speaker Jodee Blanco visited Cathedral in January and shared with students, parents, faculty and staff members her personal struggle with bullying that nearly caused her to take her own life. Blanco persevered and has devoted much of her adult life to traveling around the country and talking with young people about the dangers of bullying. She points out that sometimes things that seem to be 'jokes' can be cruel and hurtful to the young people on the receiving end.



Highlights photo/ Lisa Renze-Rhodes

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# Mural adds flare to classroom wall

Spanish Club members recently researched famous Mexican muralists such as Rivera, Orozco and Siqueiros, then sketched a design for a mural that they painted on the wall of Kate Nobbe's classroom. The elaborate, brightly colored project gave students the opportunity to participate in a unique, hands-on lesson that will be on display for all to enjoy. 🎨

**LEFT:** Senior Kelly Sheridan focuses on a man's overcoat as she works on one portion of the mural.

**BELOW:** Kate Nobbe (from left) and seniors Brianna Mills and Kelly Sheridan make progress on the wall-size mural in Nobbe's room.



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**HONORING ONE OF OUR OWN — Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, '72, far left, visited Cathedral to honor one of the leaders of the Class of 2009. Dale Pedzinski (second from left) was given a mayoral award for outstanding service to others. Pedzinski organized classes that teach computer literacy skills to homeless men and women who are served by Horizon House. With Ballard and Pedzinski are Dale's parents, Kathy and James, and Cathedral President Steve Helmich.**

## Advanced Composition reads “The Road,” then acts



Highlights photo/ submitted by Liz Browning

**ABOVE: Cormac McCarthy's book 'The Road' tells the story of a father and his son struggling to survive in post-apocalyptic America. Starvation is almost assured, but a moment of hope is found when the pair happen upon a reserve of canned foods. After reading and discussing the book, Liz Browning's classes (shown above) volunteered at Gleaners Food Bank to help organize and stack the donations that are distributed to families and others in need of assistance.**

Highlights photos/Lisa Renze-Rhodes



## For the love of Goody Fitz

TOP: Just some of the members of the Cathedral family who banded together to show their solidarity for Barb "Goody Fitz" Fitzgerald, a longtime English teacher here at school. Fitzgerald is on leave this semester battling lung cancer. Art teacher Jodi Monroe designed and sold a T-shirt to honor Fitzgerald, and the proceeds from the sale of the shirt have gone to benefit the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation. To send your well-wishes to Fitzgerald, e-mail her at [bfitzgerald@cathedral-irish.org](mailto:bfitzgerald@cathedral-irish.org) or send cards to her in care of Cathedral, 5225 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, Ind., 46226.

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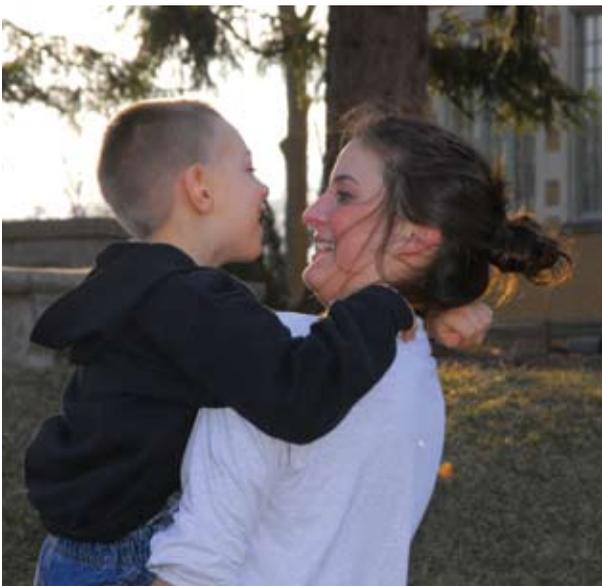
# some FUN



LEFT: Shelbi St. John plays with Abbi Beasley, 21 months.  
BELOW: Maggie Schragge laughs as Eli Becher runs up the hill he just ran down.  
BOTTOM: Frances Steger shares a smile with Andrew Egan.



Highlights photos/Lisa Renze-Rhodes



AP Psychology classes opened their doors to a group of 15 new “students” in an attempt to study child development at various stages. Faculty and staff members with children ranging in ages from 8 months to 7 years brought their children to the class. Students observed various cognitive, physical and emotional stages of the children. While doing so, the older kids also were responsible for the children, giving snacks, taking them to lunch in the cafeteria and changing diapers.

The older students gained much from the experience. Some had never had contact with children, but by the end of every class, someone didn’t want to go to their next class because they were holding a baby, while others wanted a pass out of resource so they could come back to be with the children for a second time. It was an experience that no book and no lecture could bring to life as much as the smiles of the little ones. 🐾

# Stories of themselves



Highlights photos/Lisa Renze-Rhodes

Students in Sandi Sheetz’s classes had the opportunity to share during information speeches called “Identity Hat” discussions. The students show or symbolize how they truly see who they are, not necessarily the mask they wear or how others see them; how they “became” that person and who most influenced and changed them and then finally whom they want to become and how they plan to achieve that. 🧢

**ABOVE:** Sandi Sheetz shares one student’s “Identity Hat” with another class. **RIGHT:** Junior Jordan Offutt talks about the importance of family in her life.



Highlights photo/Lisa Renze-Rhodes



## The feast day of St. Blaise

**LEFT:** Father William Munshower, Cathedral chaplain and Class of 1950 alum, blesses a student’s throat on the feast day of St. Blaise, Feb. 3. St. Blaise’s protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The story goes that the boy was about to die when St. Blaise healed him.

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**FAR RIGHT:** Sophomore Ellen Lee welcomes guests and helps them prepare for their authentic Italian feast.  
**RIGHT:** Senior Kyle Barker was pleased to welcome his grandmother, Rosalie Stricker, to the Festa Italiana dinner.



Highlights photos/Lisa Renze-Rhodes

## Singing to Rome

The choirs came together for their annual Festa Italiana dinner, offering guests good food, great entertainment and special guest Erin Ambre, Class of 2000, who was the mistress of ceremonies. The singers are raising money for a summertime trip to Rome, where members will sing at St. Peter's Basilica. ☘



**ABOVE:** The advanced choir sings 'Shalom' inviting guests to enjoy the evening. **LEFT:** Erin Ambre, '00, wowed the crowd with special selections befitting the evening. Ambre is the music teacher and choir director at Lincoln Elementary School in Calumet City, Ill. She'll graduate from Western Illinois University in May with a master's degree in choral conducting.

# City's first lady visits Cathedral



LEFT: Indianapolis' first lady Winnie Ballard spoke with young women and their parents who attended a recent Amy's Day breakfast. The first lady shared personal insights into making good choices, the importance of family and the rewards of public service. Ballard, a Certified Public Accountant, also spoke about her initiative called Save-Earn-Learn: Indy's Campaign for Financial Fitness. The campaign is designed to give low-income Marion County residents the tools and skills to save money, build savings and manage their financial health well.

Highlights photo/Lisa Renze-Rhodes



Highlights photo/submitted by Jennifer Herron

**SETTING THE SCENE** — Readers in the Books and Bagels discussion club were greeted by special decorations, organized by librarian Jennifer Herron, when the group gathered to discuss "The Shack." Written by William Young, "The Shack" tells the story of a father's struggle with a question that haunts many: 'Where is God when horrible things happen?' The book has been shared with many groups here at CHS.

## Four teams compete at Certamen event

The 27th annual Hoosier Certamen Invitational (Latin Brain Game) was held in January and brought together 42 teams from 12 schools. The Hoosier Certamen Invitational is a competition sponsored by the Indiana Junior Classical League, testing the students on classical history, geography, mythology and Latin grammar and vocabulary.

Four Cathedral teams participated: two Intermediate teams of Collin Bates, Kaylee Titsworth and Emilie Board; plus Pat McSharar, Nick McCarty and Paul Schlebecker; and two Advanced teams — Jenna Constantino, Allie Zimmerman and Elisabeth Stanich, plus Drew Stanich, David Peterson and Kris Ingram.

The Cathedral Intermediate Division Team of Pat McSharar, Nick McCarty and Paul Schlebecker placed fourth. 🌸

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Highlights photo/ submitted by Ramona Powell



## Irish represented at Classic

LEFT: The Miss Circle City Classic Coronation was held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral and included three Irish seniors. The court included (from left in purple) Brianna Mills, Jade Powers, who was named Miss Congeniality and Lena Pratt, who was the second runner-up in the competition. CHS has a long history of participation in the coronation. Regina Cross, (far left) Cathedral Class of 1998 was Miss Circle City Classic in 1997. Joining the ladies was Ramona Powell, (far right) director of multicultural affairs at Cathedral.

Highlights photos/Lisa Renze-Rhodes



LEFT: Christiana Gray (foreground) and Mary Ording try their hand at skiing. RIGHT: Rhonda Low helps Therra Wilbrandt step into her skis.

## Cross Cathedral Skiing

Students in Rhonda Low's advanced physical education classes took advantage of a heavy snowfall to learn how to cross country ski. Though tricky to pick up, it's a hobby the students can continue into adulthood. ❄️

Highlights photos/Lisa Renze-Rhodes



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LEFT: Junior Michael Preuschl took part in the annual Drum Off at the pep rally. The event has become one of the favorite activities of the week. BELOW: Faculty members competed in the Teacher Idol event at the Winterfest Pep Rally. From left are Kevin Kubacki, '94; Brad Berghoff, Bakari Posey, '02; Eric Schmidt; and Harold Spooner.



# Winterfest 2009

Seasonal doldrums were banished from the halls during the annual weeklong Winterfest celebration in February. Dress up days, class contests and a pep assembly featuring the popular Teacher Idol sing-off were all included in the fun.

RIGHT: Juniors Mark Baele, Michael Armstrong and Laura Leyden cheer on their classmates during the Winterfest pep rally event, held in February.



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TOP: Students who received a gold-medal rating at the Indiana State School Music Association, were (left to right) seniors David Wacker, Stevie Kennedy, Andy Spillman, juniors Elizabeth Shirey and Zachary Czachura, senior Ajmir Singh, sophomore Kevin Davis and senior Matthew Miller. Not pictured is senior Kyle Barker. ABOVE: Those students selected for the Butler University All-Star Honor Band were (left to right) freshmen Haley Roach and William Ash, sophomore Austin Bazilio and senior Matthew Miller. UPPER RIGHT: Seniors David Wacker, left, and Matthew Miller were selected to the Indiana Music Educators Association Honor Band.



Members of the Indiana All-State Band is exclusive, and this year included juniors Wesley Edwards, left and Zachary Czachura.

# The MAGIC of BOOM

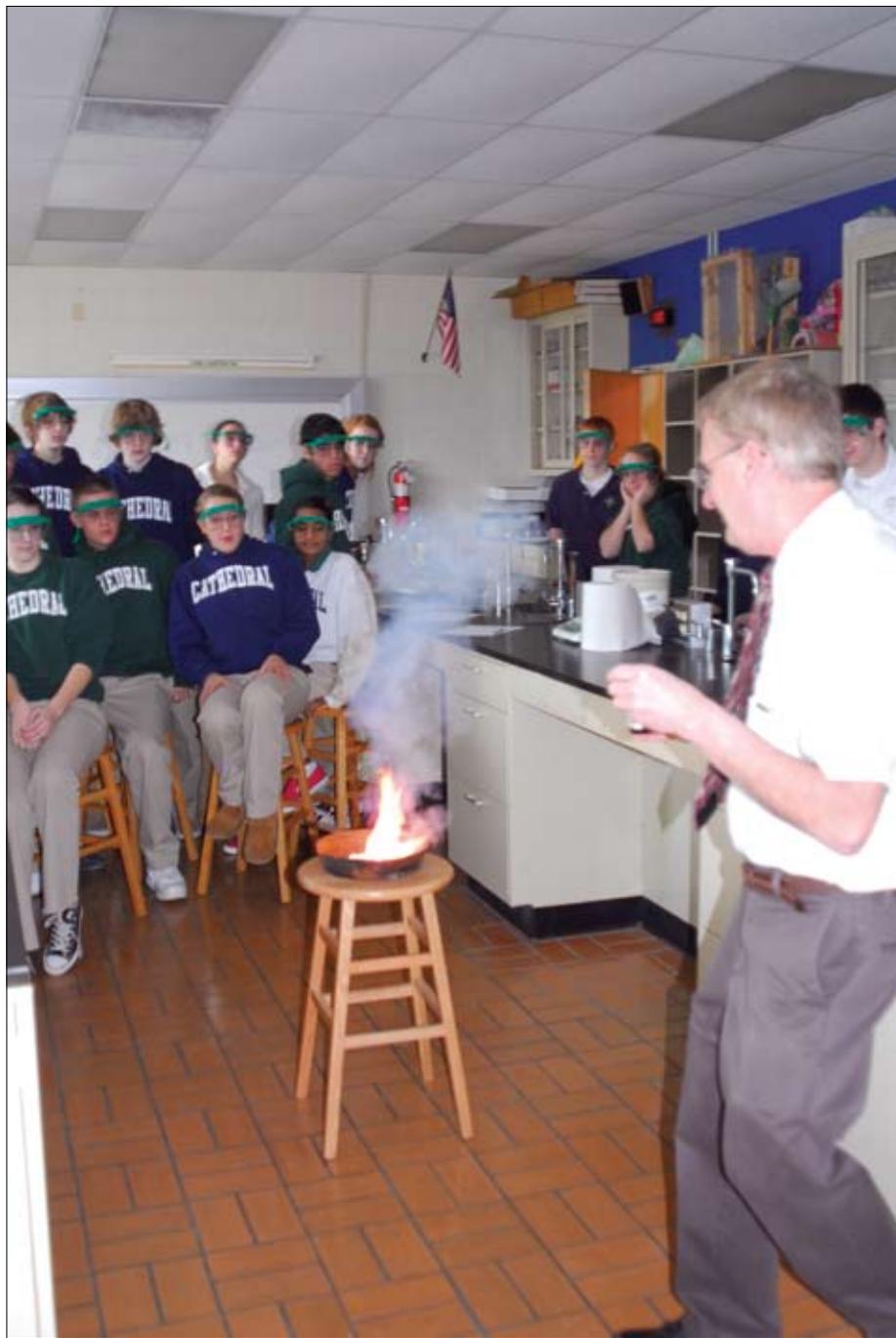


Students in Anthony Ernst's AP World History class studied the Chinese empires and time surrounding the Qin, Han, Sui and Tang dynasties. The class looked not only at the politics of those regimes but at the people of China and how their culture and discoveries affected the Western world, especially the Roman and Byzantine civilizations. Chinese science

and engineering eventually brought the crossbow, trebuchet (a more accurate catapult), gunpowder, rocketry and other weapons to Europe.

To bring the lesson to life, Ernst teams up with chemistry teacher Glenn Mauger to learn the insides of the chemical reaction that make rocketry, fireworks and the like possible.

"We've done this activity for several years, and it has been tremendously well received by the students," Ernst said. 🧪



TOP: Sophomore Christine Kelly and freshman Kyle Cook watch a piece of magnesium spark and catch fire during the class experiment. ABOVE: Chemistry teacher Glenn Mauger demonstrates the chemical reactions that are the basis for rocketry and fireworks.

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### Girls help with sorority project

Juniors **Kanisha Perry** and **Lauren Rascoe** worked with the Delta Sigma Theta Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter when the group participated in the 2008 RTV6 Toy Drive. The girls helped gather and deliver donations.

### Junior chosen as soloist for festival

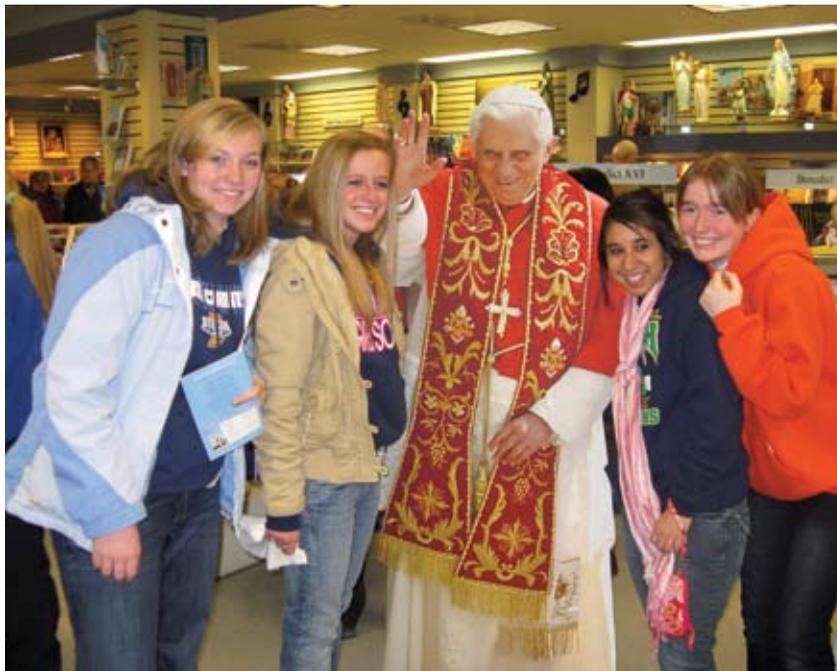
**Ashlee Mills** was selected as one of three soloists to sing at the Finale Concert at the Millikin University Vocal Festival in Decatur, Ill., in February.

Of 123 festival participants who tried out, 17 were selected for call-backs to audition for the three soloist spots.

Two other Cathedral singers made it into the 17 semifinalist positions — **Carolyn Humbert** and **Steven Meuleman**. Other festival participants from CHS were: **Mattie Brokaw**, **Charles Benberry**, **Chase Haskin**, **Kelsey Massa** and **Natasha Olsson**.

### Successful blood drive held

Cathedral students, faculty and staff collectively donated 67 units of blood during a drive in February. Sponsored by the National Honor Society, the event was the second of three drives scheduled on campus this year.



Highlights photo/submitted by Charlene Witka

**MARCH FOR LIFE** — Students from Indianapolis came together to rally for the Pro-Life cause, during the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Pictured with a cardboard cut-out likeness of Pope Benedict XVI are from far right Cathedral sophomore **Emily Board** and Cathedral junior **Gabby Garcia**. The other girls in the photo are also from Indianapolis-area schools.

### National Merit ‘Commended Students’ named

A total of 18 Cathedral students were named ‘Commended Students’ in the 2009 National Merit Program. Commended students placed in the top 5 percent of more than 1.5 million teens who entered the 2009 National Merit competition. They are:

**Sarah Bauer**  
**James Berlage**  
**Lauren Buchanan**  
**Annamarie Bustion**  
**Lisa Edwards**  
**Luke Flood**  
**Michael French**  
**Elizabeth Kelly**  
**Joseph Kowal**

**Kelsey Massa**  
**Katelyn Melloh**  
**Britney Nay**  
**Ben Pietrzak**  
**Olivia Scheidler**  
**Andrew Spillman**  
**Samantha Stempky**  
**David Wacker**  
**Peter Wasky**

### Students honored by College Board

**Morgan Rhodes** was named a 2009 National Achievement Program Outstanding Participant. The program honors Black American students.

**Dominic Corsaro** and **Nicolas Hidalgo** received honorable mention awards in the 2009 National Hispanic Recognition Program.

## Instrumentalists, singers take top honors at state

Congratulations to these students who earned the highest rankings at the Indiana State School Music Association competition held recently.

- Vocal soloists: Kyle Barker, Brittany Casavant, Natalie Donahue, Chase Haskin, Malcolm Herbert, Carolyn Humbert, Anna Meulbroek, Steven Meuleman, Ashlee Mills, Ellen Turner and Madeline Wright

- Boys' Barbershop Quartet: Kyle Barker, Charles Benberry, Malcolm Herbert and Steven Meuleman

- Girls' Trios: Meghan Baker, Ellen Lee and Ellen Turner; Mattie Brokaw, Ashlee Mills and Madeline Wright

- Pop Swing: Brittany Casavant, Katie Gordon, Brittany Ignas, Maria Malm, Hannah Moman, Anna Nassiri, Ashley Noe, Brittany Noe, Natasha Olsson, Jade Powers, Sarah Scheer, Taylor Schultheis and Julia Tirinnanzi

- Advanced Choir: Meghan Baker, Katie Barker, Kyle Barker, Charles Benberry, Mattie Brokaw, Michael Conway, Chase Haskin, Malcolm Herbert, Carolyn Humbert, Maureen Kennedy, Megan Kloc, Ellen Lee, Steven Meuleman, Ashlee Mills, Gabby Salgado, Mark Troiano, Ellen Turner, Josh VanderMissen, Christine White, Mary Ann White and Madeline Wright.

- Piano Solo - Christine White

Congratulations Irish! 🍀



Highlights photos/ submitted by SFI

## Lady Irish win national honors

The Lady Irish and senior **Christiana Gray** (right) were honored in February by Sports Faith International, as the National Catholic High School Female Team of the Year and the National Female Athlete of the Year. Team members and coaches traveled to Halas Hall in Chicago to receive the award from SFI founder Pat McCaskey, co-owner of the Chicago Bears.



## Speech team members head to state

Congratulations to the speech team for such an impressive showing at sectionals. Of the 13 who went to sectionals, six qualified for the state competition. They are:

- **Louis Welebob** for his Oratorical Interpretation, "The Cross of Gold" by William Jennings Bryan.

- **Irene Deis** in Discussion on how to solve the health care issue.

- Memorized Duo to **Caitlin Weber** and **Kelly Hartman** for "Phone Solicitors..."

- **Alex Juerling** in poetry.

- **Shelby Hyde** who is the first alternate to state in Prose.

# Tough Finish

## Despite end, Irish win fourth City title

By **CATHEDRALNATION.COM**

While the boys basketball team was disappointed when it lost in sectionals, the players had a very successful year. It included winning a fourth consecutive City championship — something that hadn't been done since the 1930s.

“We were real happy with our season,” said Scott Hicks, in his ninth year as the boys coach. “The guys, they played hard throughout the season. They competed.”

The Irish (20-3) finished the season No. 7 in the Class 4A Associated Press high school boys rankings. They lost in the first round of sectionals for the second time in three seasons. Fourth-ranked North Central beat Cathedral, 73-61, in front of 3,000 fans at Arlington High School.

“We missed a few easy layups that we normally put in and some free throws and had a couple of turnovers,” Hicks said. “Then, we had (senior forward) Errick Peck get in foul trouble. When he (went) out, they got a couple of offensive rebounds and they were able to execute on that.”

North Central pulled away with 11 consecutive points in a 1:53 span of the fourth quarter.

The Irish led, 42-39, entering the fourth quarter and the game was tied, 54-54, with 3:44 remaining

after a pair of free throws by Jarrett Hamilton.

“Overall, I thought we had a great game plan, just a lack of execution at the end,” Hicks said.

The Irish entered the 2007 postseason top-ranked in the state and lost to Indianapolis Arlington, 66-44, in the first round of sectionals. Last season, after a 67-66 first-round victory over Warren Central, the Irish lost to Lawrence North, 52-48. The Irish finished last season No. 4 in the state.

This season, three teams in the sectional entered the postseason ranked in the Top 7, with Lawrence North at No. 3.

“We look at it as though we are in a tough sectional,” Hicks said. “That’s just reality. You can’t control it. You just have to be prepared and prepare for those guys, because eventually you will end up playing against a Lawrence North or a North Central or someone like that.

“We understand we’re in the No. 1 sectional in the state. You just have to go out and compete.”

Hicks said the players understand it, too, and embrace it.

“That’s the way those guys look at it,” he said. “We had quite a few guys happy with the draw. It was a tough draw. North Central was playing great basketball at the time. We had guys who were really excited about the draw.”

Making the loss in the sectional more difficult, Hicks said, was that it was the final game at Cathedral for a core of three seniors: forwards Errick Peck and Kelsey Barlow, plus guard Pat Paligraf.

Each one — Barlow (10.8 points per game), who has signed with Purdue University; Peck (14.4 points and 11.1 rebounds per game); and Paligraf (11.0 points per game), one of the area’s top guards — was a critical component of three consecutive state-ranked teams, Hicks said.

“This was a very special class,” he said. “Those guys really showed a lot of leadership, year in and year out. I hate to see seniors leave . . . this was a very special group. We’ll really miss them.”

Guard Kofi Hughes scored 14 points against North Central, and Hicks said his development will be key in the offseason.



Highlights photo/David Dixon

**ABOVE:** The Irish took home their fourth consecutive City championship this season — a feat that hasn't been matched since the 1930s. Though they lost in sectional play, the team finished the season ranked seventh in the state. Back row (left to right): Greg Piper, Brad Berghoff, Geoff Yates, Bobby Allen, Sean Nash, Ken Barlow, Patrick Paligraf, Kelsey Barlow, Sean Worland, Joey Bender, Trace Cureton, Kevin Owens, Barry Flynn, Jarrett Hamilton, Kyle Koehne, Tim Spikes, Doc Wellman, Scott Hicks. Front row (left to right): Olivia Piper, Cassandra Piper, Jackie Piper, Franqlin Gatson, Errick Peck, Kofi Hughes, Sarah Fox, Paige Bradford, Brandy Tillman, Kathleen Roberts

“Obviously, we’re going to be young, but at the same time,” Hicks said, “I like the attitude of our returning players. They’re just going to have to compete. It’s going to give guys an opportunity to come in and prove what we can do.

“We’ll be young, but we’re excited about what’s coming back.”

After a memorable season ended in disappointing fashion, Hicks said the future wasn’t on his mind as much as the present. And the present meant speaking to the seniors, a group that had meant so

much to him, each other and the program.

“The message was strictly for the seniors,” he said. “That’s who I’m thinking about the most.”

And Hicks said what he said, mainly, was about gratitude.

“I said, ‘Thank you,’ ” he said, “for not only Cathedral but the team. The way they represented themselves was a class act.

“The most memorable thing they achieved was the way they came out and competed, and they were able to accomplish something that hadn’t been done in 80

years in winning the City title four consecutive years. That’s a very prestigious tournament. They set goals and they accomplished those goals.

“Their work ethic was phenomenal. They came in from Day One with a great work ethic and were a very close-knit group. That’s what I’m going to miss the most.” 🐉

# One to grow on

## Lady Irish will build on teamwork

By CATHEDRALNATION.COM

In a very real sense, Linda Bamrick could not have been more pleased. And in that sense, Bamrick — in her 22nd season as the head coach of the Cathedral girls basketball team — said the 2008-09 season was one she considered a success.

Yes, the Irish sustained crucial injuries.

Yes, they played one of the city's most difficult schedules.

And no, the Irish didn't win as many games in those circumstances as they hoped.

But Bamrick said despite a 6-15 record, the Irish improved throughout the season, and they met goals. And as late as a 75-45 loss to Warren Central in the first round of the Section 10, Class 4A tournament, they stayed together and improved.

That, Bamrick said, is the way she measures success.

In this case, she said, it's a very important way.

"In terms of wins and losses, it wasn't quite what we had hoped for," Bamrick said. "I've been around coaching for a lot of years and don't necessarily feel like you

measure a team's success by their wins and losses. Throughout the season, as a group, we showed a lot of growth and maturity and learned a lot about each other."

Bamrick said making the growth more difficult — and more satisfying — was that it came against a schedule that included six teams ranked in the Top 25 in the Sagarin rankings, including two losses to state champions: Class 4A Ben Davis, the USA Today national champion, and Class A Heritage Christian.

"We were fortunate to play other programs of that caliber to kind of see a measuring stick," Bamrick said.

What Bamrick said the Irish learned most was how to handle adversity and how not to quit when facing it. The Irish entered the season inexperienced, with senior guard **Adrienne Sahn** (above right with Bamrick) the lone player with significant varsity experience.

Sahn, a four-year starter, played up to expectations throughout the year, even as two key players' seasons ended because of injuries and as young players around her adapted to playing at the varsity level.

"It's not very often that you have someone come in as a freshman, start and continue to start all four years and to have such a significant impact on the program," Bamrick said of Sahn.

Sahn finished her career with



1,221 points, becoming the ninth player in program history to score more than 1,000 points. She also led the team in assists.

"She's one of those kids — when the game's on the line — she's not going to shy away from things," Bamrick said. "She's going to want the ball and to do something productive for the team. She works extremely hard at it."

Sahn was named one of the top 60 seniors in the state and will participate in a workout at Marian College to determine the Indiana All-Star team. She also was selected to play in the North-South All-Star game in April and in the Hickory Husker All-Star game in June. She also will play in the City-County All-Star game in late April.

"All the individual honors she



LEFT: Front row from left Mariah Whitaker, Ally Khajenouri, Hilary Whitsett, Brynne Thompson, Maggie Schrage, Adrienne Sahn, Chatara Edwards. Back row from left: Coach Linda Bamrick, Spencer Toby, Abby Lauck, Molly Sahn, Meghan McCarthy, Olivia Sedwick, Christie Cates, assistant coach Ed Freije.

received and will receive are very deserved,” Bamrick said. “I can’t tell you how much she has meant to the program and how much we’re going to miss her.”

Bamrick said the same was true of the entire senior class.

“I feel very, very blessed and thankful for the six seniors who were in the program, for their perseverance, their leadership,” she said. “Coming into the season, one of our big goals for the team was to develop better team chemistry on the court, not just for the varsity but the entire program with the JV and freshman girls as well.

“This is the closest-knit group I’ve had in I can’t remember how long.”

It was a group led by Sahn, but Bamrick said the group was more than the team’s leading scorer. Guard Ally Khajenouri. Post player Hilary Whitsett, an academic All-State selection. Post player Maggie Schrage. Guard Chatara Edwards. Manager

Brynne Thompson.

All improved this season, at the same time laying an emotional foundation for what Bamrick said is an improving group in the underclasses.

“They did a tremendous job in terms of nurturing those younger girls and helping them understand the expectations at the high school level,” Bamrick said. “They did a great job of welcoming them with open arms and challenging them to get better.

“That was one thing they really felt good about, that they did form a bond and develop as a family and as sisters. To take that away from this type of experience, to truly have that bond, is really special. It’s something you’re going to remember down the road, the friendships you develop and the people who challenge you to get better and work together for a common cause.”

One of the younger players, freshman Christie Cates, finished

as the Irish’s second-leading scorer despite missing much of the latter portion of the season with a head injury.

“That really hurt us,” Bamrick said. “She had come into her own.”

Cates wasn’t the only key injury the Irish faced. Mariah Whitaker and Olivia Sedwick, two of the team’s quickest, most-athletic players, sustained season-ending injuries.

“They were two key factors and two of our most athletic kids,” Bamrick said. “With the loss of those two guys, we just didn’t have anyone of that type of role. We had to do some adjusting in that regard.”

Still, despite difficult circumstances, there were bright spots on the court – and bright spots for the future. Five freshmen played on the junior varsity and varsity, and those that didn’t formed a freshman team that won the City Tournament and lost just two games. 🍀

# Leaving a legacy

## Kidwell is key to growing club bowling

By **CATHEDRALNATION.COM**

Jared Kidwell couldn't be more proud of the Cathedral High School bowling program.

The feeling is quite mutual.

Which is why Irish bowling coach Bryan Banschbach said the season that just ended was bittersweet. Because while Kidwell's second semistate appearance in three seasons highlighted the year, it also marked the end of his career with the Irish.

In a sense, it marked the end of an era.

Better yet, make that the end of the *beginning* era.

"I feel like we accomplished a lot over the past four years," said Kidwell.

Mainly, what Banschbach said Kidwell accomplished was to help Irish bowling grow from a fledgling program to one with a solid foundation.

Kidwell, a senior, who averaged 212 – 637 total — at a competitive semistate tournament to place 15th of 46. He arrived at Cathedral as a freshman in 2005-06, in the second year of bowling

at Cathedral and Banschbach's first season as coach

Since then, both boys and girls teams' have become more solid. This season, 54 bowlers tried out for the teams, the most the Irish have had in five seasons.

"We just built it up," Kidwell said recently. "We've done a lot of work, trying to build it. I would love it if it did continue on."

And while Kidwell isn't the only reason for the development, Banschbach said his dedication to the program has been critical.

"I have four or five people on the team who are on the team as a direct result of knowing Jared or hanging out with Jared."

Banschbach said bowling helped Kidwell as much as he helped Cathedral bowling.

"He was shy when he came to Cathedral," Banschbach said. "Bowling was a place where he spread his wings. He's very popular. We go to matches, and kids from every school know (him)."

"That rubs off on some of the other kids, and he's a big reason we will continue to have decent numbers for several years."

The Irish boys this season finished 4-5, and missed the regional tournament, with Kidwell advanced through the individual tournament to the semistate.

"He was kind of the foundation of the team since I've been here," Banschbach said.

The top five Irish boys this

season were:

- Kidwell, 180 average.
- Nathan Shrubas, 178.
- Corey Ziedonis, 168.
- Ajmir Singh, 151.
- Matt Miller, 146.

Banschbach said freshman Tim Smith — who averaged 140 this past year — likely will be the top returner.

"The kids bowled well in sectionals, just not good enough to get out."

While the boys team was senior-dominated, the girls team was made up of mostly underclassmen, and Banschbach said the group's chemistry made for a memorable season.

The girls went 5-4, coming within six pins of advancing to the regional.

"I was thinking, 'Wow, I wonder if we'll have girls this year try out,'" Kidwell said. "We had more girls try out than guys, which I thought was pretty amazing. Our girls team did very well and our guys did very well as well."

The top five girls were:

- Katrina Rohrer, 110.
- Carlee Cook, 113.
- Emily Sexon, 128.
- Rachel Shrubas, 125.
- Lia Kennedy, 108.

"They were all interchangeable," Banschbach said. "I didn't have any big averages, but I had seven or eight girls who all threw the same, 108-120. It's nice to have a consistent team across the board."

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ABOVE: Front row from left: Olivia Fangman, Lia Kennedy, Torey Spartz, Emily Sexton and Katrina Rohrer. Row 2: Christie Peeler, Shelbi Bates, Taylor Schultheis, Brittany O'Brien and Rachel Shrubba. Row 3: Max Spears, Eli Richey, Marta Goedde and Dani Billows. Row 4: Robbie Robinson, Nathan Shrubba and Joe Kowal. Row 5: Max Bryan, Jared Kidwell and Tim Smith. Row 6: Pete Gerard, Caleb Biedelman, Matt Miller and Ajmir Singh. Not pictured are: Carlee Cook, Brooke Payne, Joe Hahn and Corey Ziedonis.

This is the first year my team was not dominated by seniors. I really only had one senior starter.”

Banschbach said he, like Kidwell, wasn't certain if there would be an Irish girls team, but

28 girls tried out, and with Rohrer providing leadership as a senior, “the juniors really stepped up.”

“All these girls tell me they're coming back,” Banschbach said. “And they say, ‘We're going to

bring friends back.’ As much as we (the Irish) enjoy winning state championships (as a school), bowling is not really seen like that. It's more of a social event, but by the same token, even at 5-4, we were third in the league. We've always been second or third in the league, so social or not, my girls tend to be pretty competitive.

“With that many girls trying out, they're actually having fun and having some level of success.”

This year's girls team was, Banschbach said, “by far the most cohesive group we've ever had. There was something special about them. They were always cheering. They were very much one group. They had their own sectional pre-game meal. They came in with the under-the-eye paint.

“They convinced everybody on the team, even the coaches, to wear that for sectionals. They wanted to win. They were a lot of fun, and I know those girls will be back. They're hungry.”

“In years past, I never really was sure if I was going to have enough players,” Banschbach said. “This year, certainly we have at least full teams coming back. We had 54 people try out for the boys' and girls' team this year.

Somehow, the word is getting out there.” 🍀

# Big Season



## Hockey takes runner-up honors second year in a row

By **CATHEDRALNATION.COM**

Everything went according to plan for the Cathedral/Chatard high school hockey program — until the last five minutes of the season.

The players played with fire.  
They played with focus.

They scored with striking consistency.

That the last five minutes of the season went differently, and that they finished short of their season goal, was bitterly disappointing, said coach Mike Kellermeyer.

But it didn't make the season a disappointment, he said. Not even close.

"We really had a phenomenal year," Kellermeyer said.

And Kellermeyer said that

was true until the final game.

The program, which finished the season 38-10-2, advanced to the Indiana State High School Hockey Association Class 3A state championship game before losing 3-2, to North Central.

Cathedral/Chatard led the title game by two goals with five minutes remaining.

"It was a tough loss, that's for sure," Kellermeyer said. "But you can't take away from the year they had."

It was the second consecutive season Cathedral had lost in the state final game. The year before, the program lost in the Class 2A state final.

In this season's title game, Cathedral/Chatard took a 2-0 lead on third-period goals by Justin McGinnis and Marco Caress and still led with 5:10 remaining. That was when Kyle Prust of North Central scored to make it 2-1, and after Samuel Nusbaum scored with 3:36 remaining, Prust scored again with 1:01 remaining.

"The place was so packed that I think we just jumped on the adrenaline rush early," Kellermeyer

said. "It was jammed with Cathedral fans and the student body. It was great to see, but I think the players rode the wave too early. When you come crashing down off the adrenaline rush, you come crashing down. There's nothing you can do."

Said senior forward Vincent Culpepper, "If anybody saw us at the beginning of the year, they would have put us 3A state. They wouldn't even have put us in 2A state. What we did from the beginning of August to the end of February was something crazy. We came together and played pretty good hockey."

Kellermeyer said what the players remember more than the final game was the season. The team won consistently and in impressive fashion, scoring victories over numerous Class 4A programs.

They also scored in stunningly consistent fashion, with four players scoring more than 90 points. They were:

- Senior forward Tim Bolger (55 goals, 85 assists, 140 points).
- Culpepper (60-51, 111).

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LEFT: Seniors Trevor Dewey (left) and Marco Caress defend the goal.

- Senior forward Justin McGinnis (39-58, 97).

- Sophomore forward Alex Eads (49-43-92).

“That just came from playing together,” Culpepper said. “Everybody knew as soon as the puck was fired to go to the net strong and hard and put it in the back of the net ...

“Every game we stepped on the ice we felt confident that we were going to score. We all had a sense of knowing that individually we’ll do our jobs, and when that individual talent comes together, it’s all going to be a team feel.”

Kellermeyer said it wasn’t a coincidence that three of those players were seniors. He added that Eads also showed improvement.

“Last year, the kid scored three goals all year long,” Kellermeyer said. “For someone to get that much growth in one season, that’s incredible. You don’t see that.”

Eads, he said, “played on a very strong line, but he’s got a

knack for the net. He gets in the right place at the right time.”

Kellermeyer said the Irish also got strong performances from junior defenseman Matt Bartlett, as well as sophomore forward Steven Bolger, freshman defenseman Andrew Christie, sophomore forward Zach Broyles, freshman forward Ryan Christie and freshman Matt Broyles.

Of the Broyles brothers, Kellermeyer said, “I expect both of them to step up and create some offense next year.”

Kellermeyer added, “A lot of these kids, the freshmen and sophomores, they did a lot of watching this year, whether it was watching the seniors or watching the other team play. Hopefully, they’ve learned a lot and they can step in some of those shoes. They have some big shoes to fill.”

And Kellermeyer said he hopes returning players remember the good of this season rather than the disappointment of the end.

“They think that because they

lost that (last) game that the whole season was kind of marred and it really wasn’t,” Kellermeyer said.

“I would say the majority of them are ready to get back on the ice and go after it again.”

Said Culpepper, “We did all learn to finish everything we start, to keep going. We’ll use that going into college. We see what can happen if you don’t go 100 percent and we stop before the goal is ready to be met.”

But Culpepper said he won’t remember the end as much as he will the season.

“I loved playing with all the players I played with, building those memories and building those relationships,” he said. “I’m going to be able to go back and talk about it later in life. It was a ton of fun and a heck of a way to go out senior year.” 🍀

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ABOVE and LEFT: Grace Kirchgraber and Justin McGinnis were part of a talented senior class that helped lead the Irish to another state finals game.

# Bright Future

## Swimmers just keep getting better

By CATHEDRALNATION.COM

Paula Meyer can see the improvement.

Though she's not ready to anoint the boys swimming team a postseason favorite next season, she can see the day coming when that may be the case.

The Irish, in their third season in Meyer's tenure as coach, finished fourth at the Section 11 boys swimming meet, scoring 142 points to finish behind champion Franklin Central (323 points), runner-up Lawrence North (245) and third-place Warren Central (155).

The Irish finished eighth at the sectional in 2007 and sixth in 2008.

"In two years, we have the possibility to win the sectional," Meyer said.

The reason for the optimism?

Not only did the Irish swim strong throughout the season, and not only did they swim to their best sectional finish in at least a decade, they did so with an underclassmen-dominated team that Meyer said could improve drastically in coming seasons.

"It's amazing to think that we're forming the base level of what's going to push this program to that next level," said senior Jack Gibbons.

He said the reason for the Irish's improvement goes beyond talent, and even beyond work ethic.

"We're definitely a very close-knit team," Gib-

bons said. "We're as close to a family as you can really get. Because of that, a lot of our talent has been pushed up, because we push each other so much. We care for every single person and want everybody to do well.

"We like the fact that we used to have an unknown team. Nobody really respected us, and for us to keep moving up in the sectionals kind of puts our name out there."

Meyer said several coaches told her after the sectional meet that Cathedral might be the favorite entering next season, but she joked that may have been because the coaches didn't want perennial power Franklin Central to win again.

But on a serious note, the Irish's young swimmers turned in some serious times throughout the season, particularly at the sectional. That was particularly true of freshman Micky Roessler, a football player in the fall whose mother coaches at Franklin Central.

Roessler, Meyer said, provided leadership and also showed signs of being a consistent multi-event contender in the future, finishing 11th in the 200-yard freestyle (2:01.62) and sixth in the 100-yard backstroke (1:03.14). He also anchored the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relay teams.

"He came in as a quiet kid," Meyer said. "He's going to receive the Irish rookie award."

Other Irish swimmers who finished in the Top 12 at the sectional meet were:

Freshman Arturo Granados (fifth, 200 IM, 2:10.07; fourth, 500 freestyle, 5:08.68), sophomore John Ruckelshaus (eighth, 200 IM, 2:17.84; 10th, 100 backstroke, 1:04.09), junior Eddie Steinmetz (ninth, 50 free, 23.80; eighth, 100 butterfly, 1:00.46), freshman Michael Mitsch (ninth, 100 butterfly, 1:00.47; fifth, 100 backstroke, 1:07.7) and junior Patrick Donovan (ninth, 100 freestyle, 53:07; fourth, 100

"We're as close to a family as you can really get ... we care for every single person and want everybody to do well."

— Jack Gibbons, senior

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**RIGHT:** The Irish are beginning to see the benefits of their hardwork from seasons past, as the boys claimed another City title, then went on to finish fourth at the sectional meet. Front row (from left) Max Adams, Nick Wildeman, Matt Schneider, Cody Gordon and Grant Gerbers. Second row: Arturo Granados, Jack Gibbons, Dale Pedzinski, Michael Hugus, Patrick Donovan and Patrick Diamond. Third row: Michael Mitch, Tyler Sexton and Ted Bemenderfer. Back row: Mickey Roessler, Alex Bannister, Nick Trausch, Peter Waskey, Patrick Steinmetz and Jay Ruckelshaus.



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backstroke, 1:00.92).

The Irish's three relay teams also placed in the top six, with the 200-yard medley relay team of Donovan, Mitsch, Granados and Steinmetz finishing fifth in a time of 1:49.46; the 200 freestyle relay team of Steinmetz, sophomore Nick Trausch, freshman Max Adams and Roessler finishing third in a time of 1:36.14; and the 400 freestyle relay of team of Granados, Adams, Donovan and Roessler finishing fifth with a time of 3:39.63.

Roessler set the school freshman record in the 100 back, and Mitsch set the freshman record for the 100 breast and the 100 butterfly.

Meyer said only three or four swimmers did not set personal

best times at the sectional meet, and that by the end of the season, there was an energy and focus not seen in her previous seasons.

The key now, Meyer said, is to continue that focus in the offseason, a time when swimmers and programs typically make their greatest strides.

"Everybody's going to have to swim in the offseason," Meyer said. "We're going to have a social in the summer, and we're going to try to divide the kids between the coaches and be sure we stay in touch with them."

That sort of commitment is something Meyer said she sees more often now than years past, and something she said she expects to see more in the future.

"We've united the whole team,

and that's been so instrumental in how we've moved forward," she said. "We're strong across the board both in the water and emotionally as a team. I think a lot of it is the freshmen and sophomores. They're like, 'Look at us, we've got a team going. Let's keep together. Let's stay together.'"

"We had new kids swim off events, and they got to swim in sectionals. We've got kids who never had been on a swim team before doing great," Meyer said. "We have it out there. We just have to cultivate it." 🐸



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ABOVE: The Lady Irish enjoyed another City title this year. Front row: Brittany Casavant. Second row (from left): Katie Meyers, Allison Prechtel, Shantelle Taylor, Emma Steinken and LE Evans. Third row: Colleen Binder, Nicole Starleaf, Anna Marie Meulbroek, Kristen Probst, Olivia Daley, Megan Thedwall, Irene Deis, Clare Welsh, Emily Lewis and Thera Wilbrandt. Back row: Sarah Scheer, Rachel Roberts, Abby Kotarski, Brooke Daley, Clair Dilts, Maggie Dilts and Gabby Crowe.

# Moving Forward

## State qualifier Crowe propels girls swimming

By CATHEDRALNATION.COM

As Paula Meyer saw it, there were many reasons to be excited following the Cathedral High School girls swimming season that just ended.

Having a state qualifier was just one.

Yes, Gabby Crowe made state. And yes, the sophomore was the first Irish girls swimmer to make the meet in Meyer's three seasons.

But while that was a positive sign, Meyer said there were more.

The Irish made progress as a team.

The program became more consistent.

And overall, Meyer and Crowe each said, there were signs throughout the season that the Irish were moving in a positive direction.

"Last year, we all knew what we were supposed to be doing, but this was the first year to get adjusted," Crowe said.

"We were still kind of adjusting (last season). This year, we all had more goals for each other and for ourselves. We only have four years we can swim for high school, so we want to reach our goals as fast as we can. If we do, we can always make more."

How adjusted were the Irish this season?

Consider:

The Irish, after finishing third in the sectional last season 178 points behind champion Lawrence North, finished fourth in the Franklin Central sectional. But this season, the Irish finished with 201 points, 83 behind champion Lawrence North.

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“We finished about 40 points higher than the year before,” Meyer said. “It (the sectional) has just become competitive. It’s all about the mindset.”

And consider this, too:

At the sectional meet, the Irish not only qualified Crowe for the state in the 100-yard freestyle, they had a top six finisher in nine of 12 events, including:

Senior Abby Kotarski (sixth, 2:05.98) in the 200-yard freestyle, sophomore Brittany Casavant (fourth, 2:25.58) in the 200-yard IM, Crowe (second, 25.93) in the 50-yard freestyle, sophomore Megan Thedwall (fourth, 1:06.70) in the 100-yard butterfly, Crowe (first, 55:75) and Kotarski (sixth, 58.72) in the 100 free, senior Claire Dilts (fifth, 5:59.85) in the 500-yard freestyle and Thedwall (fourth, 1:06.25) and Casavant (fifth, 1:07.68) in the 100-yard backstroke.

The Irish also finished fourth in the 200-yard medley relay (2:02.89), third in the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:46.81) and fourth in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:53.71).

Meyer said there were many memorable moments throughout the season, and there were more at the sectional meet. Among them, she said, was the performance of Kotarski, who swam a personal best in the 200.

“She’s worked really hard all four years,” Meyer said. “It was just about learning how to manage her race and taking a risk. She has been a little bit afraid to take that risk. Once we talked her through that, she was able to do it. That was incredible.”

Crowe swam a 54.78 at the state meet at the Natatorium at IUPUI, finishing 32nd.

Those were solid enough results to have Meyer optimistic about the future, particular considering the makeup of the team.

“We have a young girls team and we should have a strong freshman class (next season),” Meyer said. “We were able to develop our freshmen, but we didn’t have any hardcore swimmers in (that) class this year.”

Meyer said that could change in the future, particularly with Crowe qualifying for the state meet. Such an accomplishment could help change the perception of Irish swimming with young swimmers around the city, which could lead to more high-quality athletes in the sport attending the school in the future.

The year’s improvement, Meyer said, stemmed from many areas, one of which was the increased

emphasis on chemistry and team.

“We implemented team meetings on Fridays,” Meyer said, adding that while the Irish could not practice that day during the season, the weekly break in the schedule “gave us an opportunity to have meetings with the girls and talk about things, and to bring in a team-building expert and talk about mindset and what it is to be a teammate. We looked at film, and that was really helpful.

“I think having that team meeting was good for us. We tried to bring the Christlike thread through our team.”

The other factor that allowed the Irish to improve, Meyer said, was their new training situation. The team trained at the Forest Manor pool near Cathedral last year, but when that facility became unavailable, the programs moved to IUPUI.

Early in the season, coaches and swimmers from each program talked of the effect of working at IUPUI, and Meyer said the benefits were obvious by season’s end.

“I think the Natatorium helped us immensely,” Meyer said. “Our kids come in. They cross over the university team. They look at the work ethic and mindset of those kids and it carries over.”

And while Meyer said the past three years have been about moving the program gradually toward such a mindset, she said the program took a significant step toward such a state this season. And not just because of a state qualifier.

“We’ve raised the eyebrows of a lot of people,” Meyer said. “I think the kids understand what my expectations are. I think it’s a program of integrity. That’s what I want. Whatever happens with them, whatever they do, is a reflection of our school. I just think after three years, they know what I want.

“I want them to buy into it, because I want it to be our program. Each year, we raise the bar a little bit.” 🌸



Gabby Crowe

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# End *of an* Era

## Seniors complete a memorable four years

By **CATHEDRALNATION.COM**

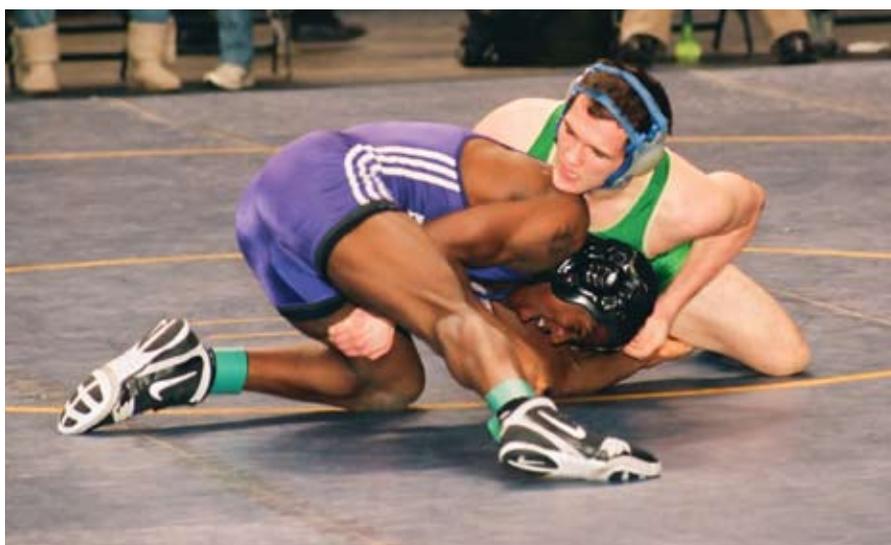
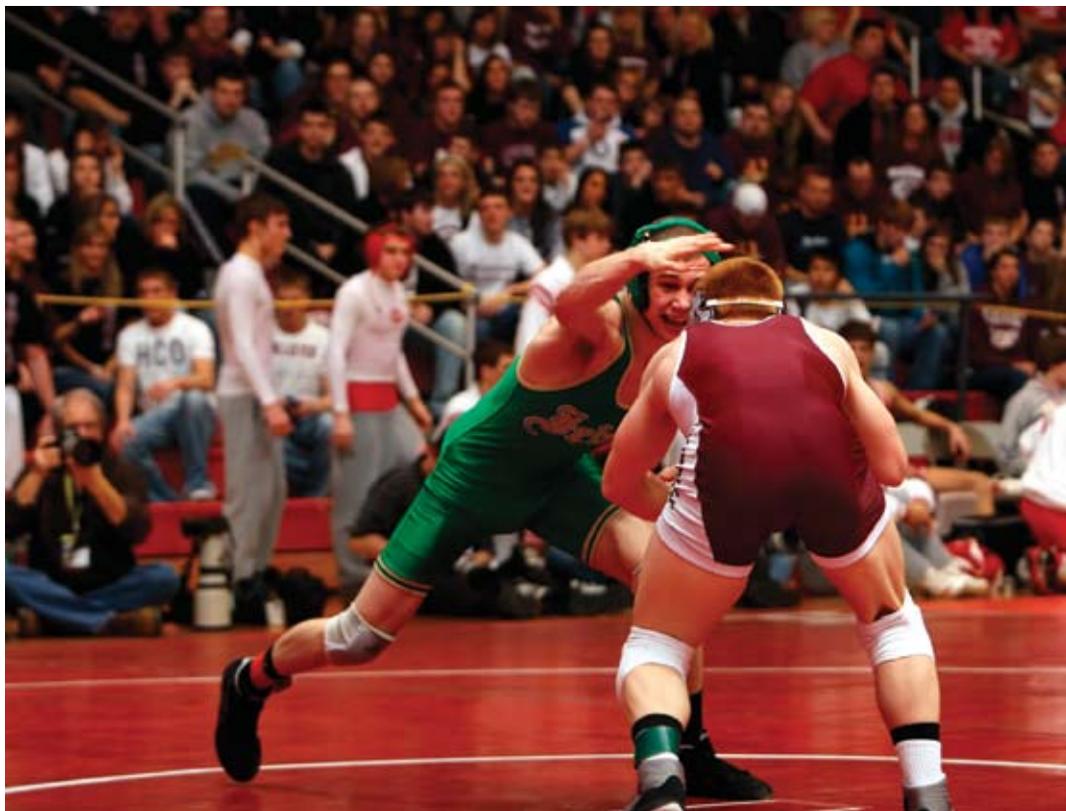
Calvin Sullivan didn't want it to end this way.

Sullivan, a senior for the wrestling team, wanted what everyone around Irish wrestling wanted this season. He wanted the storybook ending to a long, difficult, enjoyable journey.

The Irish fell a bit short.

But while they didn't get the ultimate goal, they got something nearly as satisfying. They got a memorable senior season, a season that ended a four-year stretch as successful as any in the history.

The Irish, who entered the postseason ranked No. 4 in the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association poll, beat No. 1-ranked Mishawaka in the first round of the IHSAA team state wrestling tournament at



Highlights photo/Tim Hill

Center Grove High School.

They lost to eventual state champion Crown Point later that day, but the loss isn't what the Irish will remember, Sullivan said.

They'll remember a season of accomplishment.

They'll remember a tight-knit senior class.

They'll remember doing things no Irish wrestling team had ever done.

"We obviously wanted to win, but I don't feel too disappointed," said Sullivan, a member of a senior

class that formed the core of Irish wrestling the last four seasons "We got third, and getting past Mishawaka — which nobody thought we could do — we proved to all the doubters that we very well could have been the No. 1 team and could have won state.

"We competed with the best."

What the Irish season certainly wasn't was boring, said Irish head coach Sean McGinley.

"It had all the emotions this year," he said. "We had some extreme highs and some extreme

**LEFT:** Senior Tony McGinley leaps into action at the state match. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Senior Gavin McGinley went 35-5 during his final year with the Irish. **RIGHT:** Senior Calvin Sullivan finished fifth in his weight class at the state meet.

lows all the way from the individual tournament to the team tournament.

“All in all, it was a great year – great accomplishments for a great team.”

Quickly, a look at the Irish accomplishments this season:

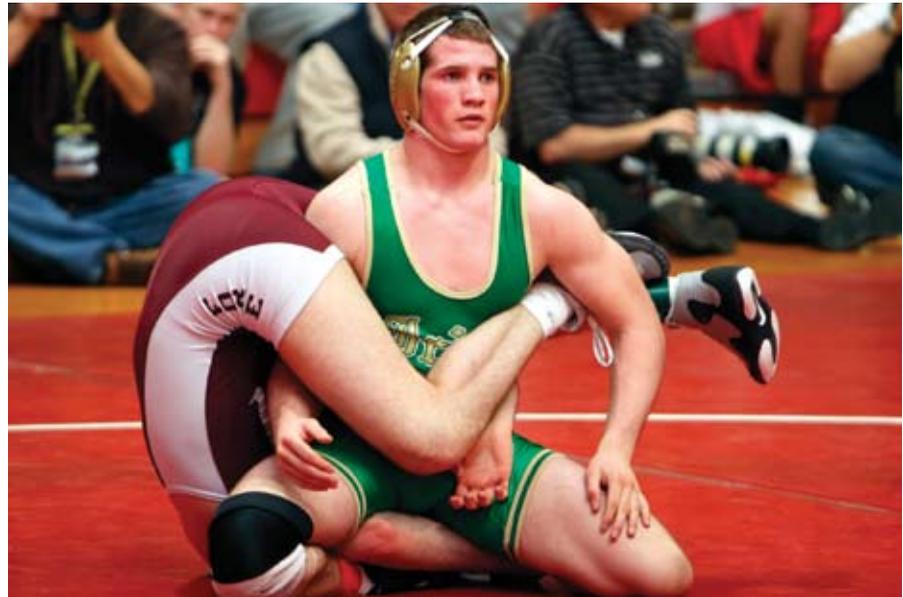
- A second consecutive dual-meet victory over perennial power Perry Meridian.
- A team victory in the first round of the state finals over No. 1-ranked Mishawaka.
- A third state team finals appearance in four seasons.

It was, McGinley said, a season that reached an emotional peak in the final month.

First, the Irish knocked off 10th-ranked Lawrence North in the sectionals early in February. That was a victory that eliminated the team that upset Cathedral in the state team tournament last season.

Then, the Irish advanced seven wrestlers to the individual state finals, — Sullivan, seniors John Grey, Gavin McGinley, Tony McGinley, junior Brandon Wright, and freshmen Brian Harvey and Tyler Willis.

In the individual state finals, the Irish had three wrestlers reach the championship match. Seniors Grey and Gavin McGinley reached that level for the first time. Wright made the finals seeking a second consecutive state title.



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All three finished as the state runner-up. Here’s the breakdown for the seven Irish wrestlers at the individual tournament:

- Wright (50-3), a junior who last season won the state title at 112 pounds, entered the post-season No. 1 in the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association rankings. In the state championship match, he lost to Camden Eppert, 3-2, in overtime.
- Grey (46-5), who entered the postseason No. 7, lost to freshman Jason Tsirtsis of Crown Point, 16-3, in the 125-pound state final match.
- McGinley (35-5), who entered the postseason No. 6, lost to Daniel Young of Culver Academies in a fall at 5:32 at 145 pounds in the final match.
- Harvey (43-12), who entered the postseason ranked ninth, finished sixth in the state at 103 pounds, losing to junior Bryan Kuhn of Evansville Reitz in the fifth-place match.
- Tony McGinley (36-3), who entered the postseason ranked second, lost to junior Trace Hall of

South Bend Riley, 2-1, in the first round at 140 pounds.

- Sullivan, who entered the postseason ranked fourth, finished fifth, beating senior Drew Brogden of Zionsville in the fifth-place match at 152 pounds.
- Willis, who entered the postseason ranked 11th, finished seventh in the state at 160 pounds, beating senior Dalton Jones of Avon in the seventh-place match.

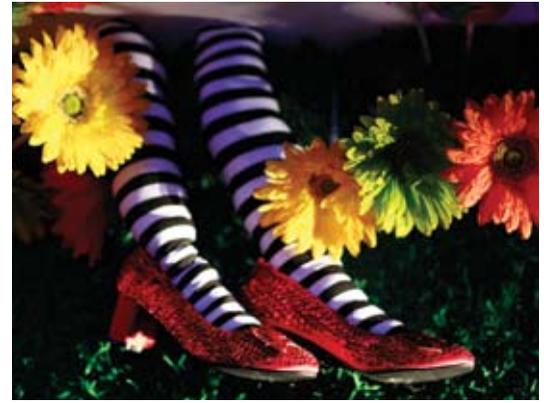
The following week, the Irish participated in the state team finals for the third time in four seasons. After beating Mishawaka 31-30 in the first round, lost to eventual state champion and third-ranked Crown Point, 28-23, in a match that came down to the final match.

Even without the storybook ending, McGinley said it was a year he’ll long remember.

“We gave it a great run.” 🐉

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# *Wonder of the* **WIZARD**



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Students played important roles in this year's ShamrAuction. Clockwise from top right are: Kelly Hartman, as Glenda the Good Witch; Maggie Brennan as Mrs. Gulch; Michelle Erotas (left) and Anna Pollom as the winged monkeys; Kevin Williams (left) and Kevin Pittman, as Emerald City guards; and from left Thomas Graham as the Tinman, Ethan Helvering as the Scarecrow, Michael Countryman as the Cowardly Lion and Allie Vollmer as Dorothy.

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TOP: Munchkins Candy Capilla, right and Caitlin Weber, assist the Mayor of Munchkinland, Ryan Lintner, as he welcomes guests. ABOVE: Auction co-chairs Jody Flynn and Chuck Mandrell were fantastic hosts for this one-of-a-kind event. LEFT: Carly Barger helped bring the haunted forest to life.

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TOP: Dave and Shawn Fischer and Kathleen '86 and Joe Stegman.  
ABOVE: Craig and Bonnie McGinnis and Lisa and Andy Gruber.  
LEFT: President Steve Helmich with Mayor Greg Ballard, '72.

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**TOP:** This year's auction spotters played a critical role in the success of the event. They were back row: Barry Flynn, Kyle Koehne, Ross Walthall, Aaron Green, Harold Hogue and Mary Ording. Front row: Pat Paligraf, Steve Arduini, Kakpindi Jamiru, Margaret Gill, Christine Sieber and Bridget Stark.

**ABOVE:** The floor was packed to overflowing as guests danced the night away to the great sounds of Dave & Rae.

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TOP: Valets Matt Keyes, Michael Kolodziej and Anthony Cossell helped guests get in out of the cold quickly and with expert Irish hospitality!

# Volunteers are the heart behind ShamrAuction '09

More than 200 volunteers made the ShamrAuction one of the finest events hosted by Cathedral. The group collectively donated thousands of hours of service to their beloved school — sincere and heartfelt thanks for their wonderful efforts!

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ABOVE: Senior Kaleah Wolf as the Wicked Witch of the West.

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# Celebrating the season



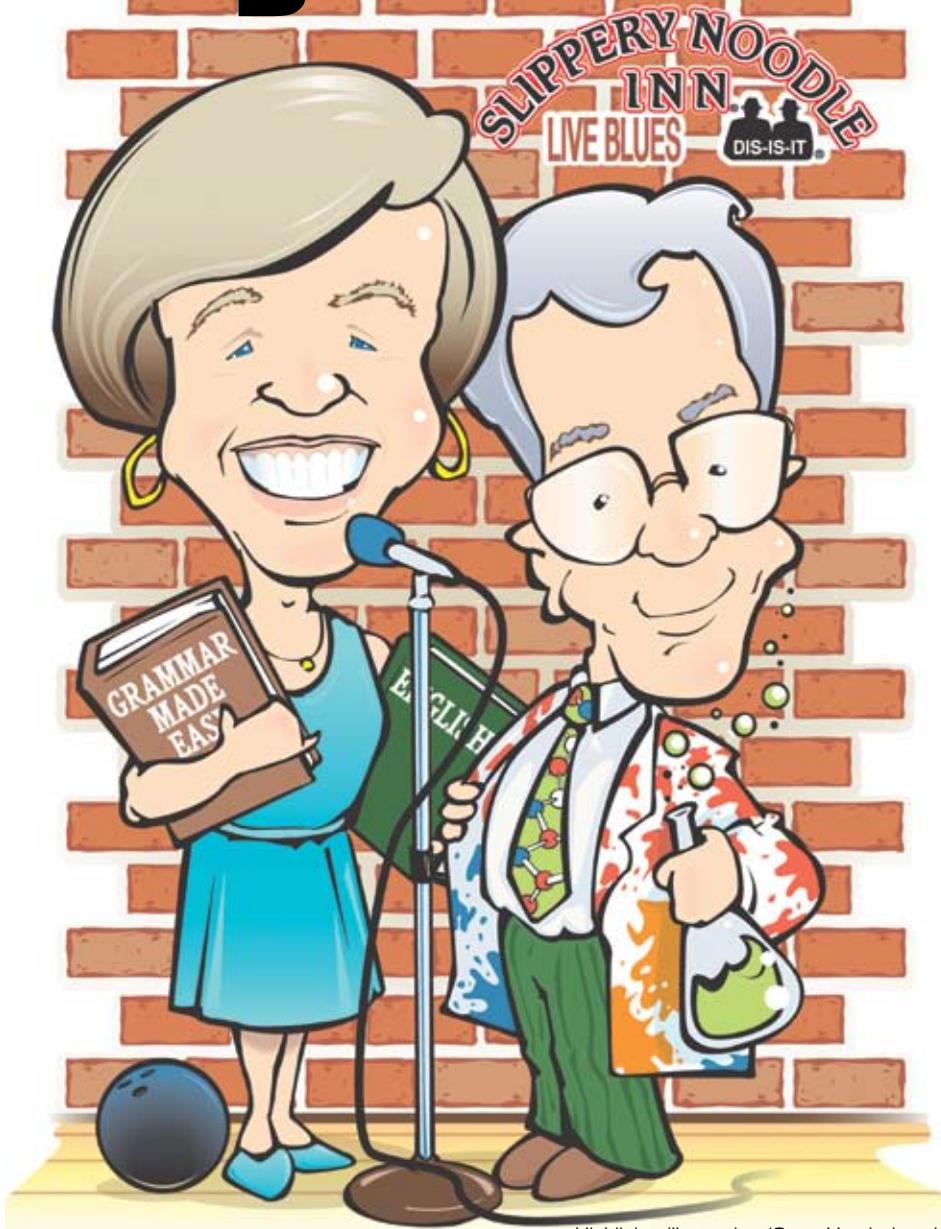
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Faculty and staff gathered for the annual Christmas party, hosted by President Steve Helmich. At top are Aarti Brooks (left) and Melba Salmon. ABOVE: Jim Williams, Cathedral CFO, and Amy Weber, '93. LEFT: Melinda Bundy, Barb Fitzgerald, Kathy Keyes and Mark Worrell, '78.

**Bundy & Mauger**

# Sing 'da blues



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Come out and enjoy with us Sunday, June 28, when two of everyone's favorite teachers — Melinda Bundy and Glenn Mauger — host a night of singing the blues at the most-storied club in Indianapolis, the Slippery

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## Lady Irish Softball Reunion

All Cathedral Softball alums are invited to a reunion at 1 p.m. May 16 at the Indianapolis Cathedral vs. Casey, Ill., game. Contact coach Ed Roessler at:

[eroessler@cathedral-irish.org](mailto:eroessler@cathedral-irish.org) for more information and to give your address to receive details about this homecoming. Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, May 16.

*Ed Roessler*

*Head softball coach*

## Join us for our Easter Egg Hunt!

Meet the Easter Bunny, search for hundreds of eggs and other goodies, and enjoy time with fellow alums and other members of the Cathedral family during our



annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Date: April 11

Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Cathedral campus

RSVP: Ken Barlow at

(317) 968-7366 or by e-mail at [kenbarlow@cathedral-irish.org](mailto:kenbarlow@cathedral-irish.org)

The event is free, so come out and enjoy the fun!



## Moxley, '39, honored for continued spirit

Last fall, when the Irish were making their run up to the state championship game — where the boys claimed their sixth state title — alums from all over the country wrote or e-mailed their support to the athletes and coaches. One letter that was especially inspiring, came from

### 1930s

**Paul Moxley, Class of 1939**, who himself had taken the field for the Irish back in his high school days. At that time, the school could not belong to the IHSAA, but Moxley told the boys of the team's perseverance, wished them well and urged the boys to keep the tradition alive.

## 1940s

**Richard T. Braun, '47**, recently enjoyed a family gathering that brought some 64 of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren together for a family reunion in Florida at Christmastime. Braun's 12 children are shown at right. He also had two brothers attend Cathedral and two sisters attend Ladywood.

The Sertoma Club of East Indianapolis honored **Bill Brady, '49** with their 2008-09 Service to Mankind Award. Brady was surrounded by his family as he was lauded for work the Sertoma Club members said make him "the embodiment of the Good Samaritan."

Brady's volunteer and stewardship work extends not only to his



beloved Cathedral but to his roots at St. Philip Neri Grade School. Brady, shown at right with some of his family members, also became a fixture in the community for his work with Providence Christo Rey High School, the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Marquette Manor Foundation and the Marion County Children's Guardian Home.



## Pat Cronin, SAA '44, named Irish Citizen of the Year



Pat Cronin was born to William and Marie McCarty Cronin and grew up in St. Joan of Arc Parish, though her ancestors can be traced to Galway, Ireland. After graduating from St. Agnes, Pat attended Marian College, then went to work at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. When her brother started his own flower shop, Pat went to work for him and also became involved in the State Florist Association of Indiana and was their executive director for more than 30 years. She built a relationship with the Flower and Patio Show and Christmas Gift and Hobby Show and in March 2008 was recognized for 50 years of work on both shows. Pat also served as the Pace Car Coordinator for the Indy 500 for 25 years.

Pat was in the first St. Patrick's Day Parade and for years was part of a unit called "the order of the green coats," and had a dog that would walk with her in the parade named "Irish."

When Pat is not planning events or spending time with family, she stays very involved with Christ the King Parish where she has been a member for 30 years. She is a proud aunt to 14 nieces and nephews, and is a huge Indianapolis Colts fan and has been a season ticket holder since the team came to town.

Congratulations to Pat for this very fine honor.

## 1970s

John P. Mick, '71, opened the 10th office of Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers on St. Patrick's Day 2008. Mick also serves on the board of education for Leyden High School District 212 in Franklin Park, Ill. He hosts choir students from Cathedral each year who help with a fundraiser he sponsors.

Rick Wagner '78, was chosen to umpire in the Little League World Series next fall in Williamsport, Pa. Of the thousands of Little League umpires around the world, Rick was chosen for his years of service, quality of work and love for the game of baseball. Rick previously was an assistant baseball coach at Cathedral. He and his wife, Wendy, are parents of two Cathedral grads Scott, '02, and Kara, '05.

# irish updates



## 1980s

Dr. Casey J. Hayes, '80, received his doctorate in music education from New York University in 2008.

Blaine Bishop, '88, above, was the commencement speaker at Ball State University at the winter graduation ceremony.

## 1990s



Scott Taylor, '90, and his wife, Katie, welcomed Charles 'Charlie' Royce Taylor, left, on Dec. 18, 2008. The family lives in Indianapolis.

Amanda (Caito) Wagner, '90 and her husband, Donnie, announce the arrival of Brady Oliver Wagner, who was born Jan. 21, 2009. He was welcomed at home, below, by big sister Allie, 3, and brother Davis, 2.



Jennifer Balhon Killian, '92, serves on the board for Cadeaux Ball, an event that benefits Catholic Charities. In its 12th year, Cadeaux was founded by Class of 1990 alums the Rev. Patrick Beidelman, John Bradshaw, Kristina Miller and Sarah Otte, among others. To date, several more CHS alumni have been added to the board and committees, including Kathleen (Gill) Bigelow, '92; Brian Bigelow, '90; and Shannon McNulty Everly, '92.

Caleb Clarke, '92, and his wife, Anna, welcomed their first child, Ella Jane, on June 26, 2008. The family lives in Dayton, Ohio, where Caleb is a sales operations manager with LexisNexis and is enrolled in the University of Dayton's MBA program. Clarke is also a 1996 graduate of Xavier University.

Christopher Gill, '93, and his wife, Cathy, welcomed their second son, Cameron Richard Gill, on April 11, 2008. Cameron joins his older brother Christopher, 3, right. The family lives in St. Louis.



## irish updates



**David Tillis, '95**, and his wife, LaRae, welcomed their son, Stephen A. Tillis, born Aug. 1, 2008. The family, above, lives in Cleveland where David is an associate at Anthem BCBS, currently completing coursework for his MBA in sports management at Tiffin University. LaRae is a school therapist currently completing her doctorate in clinical psychology.

**Natalie (Kempson) Craig, '96**, and her husband, Tim, welcomed a son, Henry Allen Craig, on June 14, 2008. The family lives in Carmel.



**Kyle T. Hughes, '96**, a partner and vice president at Veritas Realty, has been named by the Indianapolis Business Journal as one of their "Forty Under 40." Hughes and his wife **Christina (Marr) '99**, live in Indianapolis.

**Jean E. Smith, '97**, married **Charlie Smith Jr.**, bottom left, on Sept. 27, 2008, during an outdoor ceremony at the Hawthorns Golf & Country Club in Fishers. **Lynn Smith, '01**, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Alumni guests included **Charon (Keough) Ruggs, '97** and **Tiffany Stewart, '01**. The couple live in Indianapolis with their daughter, Kamryn, 4.

**Molly Hasbrook, '99**, and **Seth Corcoran**, above right, were married Oct. 24, 2008, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Alums in the wedding party were **Ryan, '92**, and **Matt Hasbrook, '02**, brothers of the bride; **Anne Hasbrook, '96**,

sister of the bride; and **Melissa Fischer, '99**; **Sandy Stark, '99**; and **Stephen Adams, '95**. The couple lives in Indianapolis, where Molly works as a cardiovascular sales specialist for Astra Zeneca and Seth is a pharmaceutical sales specialist for Schering-Plough.



**Sarah (Poynter) and Bill Mattingly**, both Class of 1999 alums, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Lee Mattingly, below, born Feb. 2. The family lives in Indianapolis.

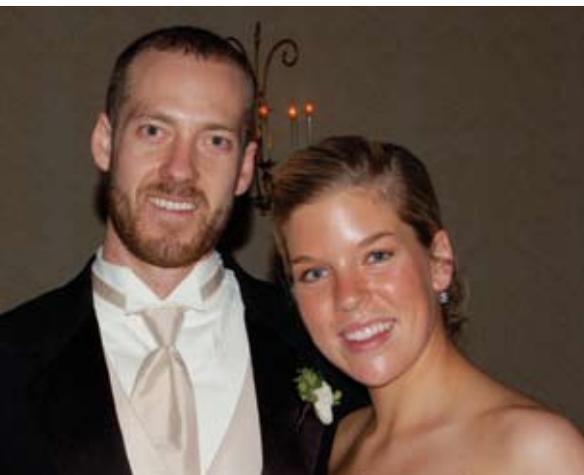


# irish updates

## 2000s

**David Hamilton, '00**, after working in Los Angeles for several years for John Wells Productions (ER, the West Wing and Third Watch,) is co-producing a script he wrote for an independent film titled, 'My Name is Jerry.' The film is set to be released later this year.

**Courtney Kelly, '01**, and Noah Fehrenbacher, below, were married Nov. 1, 2008, at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Indianapolis. Courtney's brother and Cathedral alum, **Ryan Kelly, '98**, was a groomsman. Other Cathedral alums in attendance included **Nicole (Mauser) Brown, '01**; and **Katie Nurnberger, '01**. The couple live in Wheeling, Ill.



**Jill (Corbett), '01** and Steve Biddle announce the birth of their daughter, Adelyn Mary Biddle, right, born Jan. 28. The family lives in Westfield.

**Kate Thomas, '01**, and Philip Eckelkamp were married Aug. 30, 2008. Alumni in her wedding party were **Class of 2001 grads Soraya Fiorio and John Stadler,**

and **Sharon Thomas, '05**. The couple live in St. Louis, Mo., where Kate is an art teacher and is working on her graduate degree and Philip is a second year law student at St. Louis University.

**Ryan Bowen, '02**, graduated from Ball State University in 2008 with his MBA.

**Aaron McLane, '02**, has a cartoon/live action show called KamenRaiders: Dragon Night. The show will be airing on the CW.

**Vince Eagan, '03**, was named the radio network coordinator for the Indianapolis Colts. He is now the executive producer of the Indianapolis Colts Radio Network.

**Carlo Marino, '03**, was hired by B&B Air as a marketing, service and sales representative. Marino also works for NUVO Magazine as a member of its street team. He lives in Fishers.

**Kathleen Marie Roesinger, '03**, and Gary Michael Yohe, above right, were married in the Bishop Chartrand Memorial Chapel at Marian College in Indianapolis on Oct. 25, 2008. The newlyweds are both graduates of Marian College,



where Kathleen played softball and earned a bachelor's degree in education. Gary played soccer and earned a bachelor's degree in sports management. Kathleen is a teacher at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School in Indianapolis and an assistant softball coach at Cathedral High School. Gary is a coach and the director of club operations for Westside United Soccer Club and the goalkeeper coach for the IUPUI women's soccer team. They live in Avon.

**Monica Lee, '06**, (below) was hired as an intern for the Barack



Obama campaign and worked at the Chicago campaign headquarters from May 2007 through the election in November 2008. Along the way, she was promoted to press assistant, and even worked the Democratic National Convention in Denver in August 2008.

An example of the type of work Lee did was to research various media outlets across the country, then compile a report each morning that was sent to campaign communications people in offices around the country. The reports were used to track how the press coverage in different areas affected polling numbers.

Lee had the opportunity to meet the would-be president during her work staffing political events in Chicago and Indianapolis, and gained an insider's view into the Secret Service and other elements of a major campaign. Lee is pursuing a double-major of English and gender studies, with a minor in political science at Loyola University in Chicago.



**Jordan Lyons, '08**, above, is the author of the just-released historical fiction novel, "The Philadelphia First Ward Horror."

The story is based on the real-life murders of eight members of the Deering family, Irish immigrants who were killed in 1866 for reasons that remain unknown today.

The event remains the largest mass-homicide in Philadelphia city history.

Lyons was contacted by Susan Deering Kushner, who now lives in Fishers. She asked Lyons to bring her family's history to light, and the University of Indianapolis freshman readily accepted the task.

Join Lyons for a book signing, here at Cathedral, on April 15 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. in the media center, and congratulate the latest published author in the Cathedral family.

**Julie McLaughlin, '08**, is a singer with the Purduettes, a vocal group at Purdue University. 🎵

## Helping the Irish is as easy as a click of your mouse

**By R. DUANE EMERY**

Throughout her history, Cathedral has benefitted from tremendous financial support from her graduates, parents and friends. This generosity has enabled her to enroll students from all walks of life and from all parts of the city, attract and retain the best teachers and provide strong facilities in which learning and growing occur.

Just as the needs of Cathedral continue to evolve, so, too, do the ways in which you can provide much-needed financial support of the mission. The latest innovations in supporting Cathedral can be found on our Web site — [www.gocathedral.com](http://www.gocathedral.com) — by clicking on "Support Cathedral."

You can support the school's annual effort, the Cathedral Fund, by making a recurring Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) gift. This is one of the easiest ways to support the school, with a monthly gift coming from your bank account or credit/debit card. A gift of \$25 per month — less than the cost of a family meal at a restaurant — would make you a trustee. This also is a great way for young alumni to begin a lifetime of support of the school.

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## CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 6th Annual Father Patrick J. Kelly Memorial Golf Outing



**Friday, June 12th, 2009 – 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start  
(Lunch and registration – noon-1:00)**

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Indianapolis, IN 46226

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## 2009 REUNIONS

The following classes have anniversary reunions planned for this year. Please contact these individuals if you have any questions — and enjoy!

1. Class of 1959 — Vince Koers at:  
vincekoers@aol.com
2. Class of 1969 — Denny Yovanovich at:  
dyovanovich@cathedral-irish.org
3. Class of 1974 — Chris Countryman at:  
cknm@sbcglobal.net
4. Class of 1979 — Ann Seide-Wendroff at:  
CHS30REUNION@aol.com
5. Class of 1989 — Pat Murphy at:  
pgmurphy98@hotmail.com or Eileen Mooney at:  
Eileen.mooney@yahoo.com
6. Class of 1999 — Susanne (Stuart) Kelley at:  
suzystuart@hotmail.com

## 2009 EVENTS CALENDAR

- April 11 — Easter Egg Hunt
- May 18 — BAC/Charles E.Q. Stuart  
Memorial Golf Outing
- June 12 — Father Kelly Memorial Golf Outing
- June 28 — Bundy & Mauger Sing 'da Blues/  
Alumni Event at The Slippery Noodle Inn
- Oct. 1 — Sweethearts Ball
- Oct. 2 — Homecoming
- Oct. 3 — Alumni Awards Dinner

## *In memory*

We remember and pray for those in our Cathedral family who have died, including:

Joan C. Barker, 78, SMA '48  
Louis S. Batalis, 78, grandfather of Lauren, '09, and Nicole, '12  
Daniel W. Boyle, '67  
John F. Cain, '48  
Harrel Cohron, grandfather of Tammy Cohron, '98  
Alfred G. Dorsey, 84, '42, father of Dan, '67, and Tim, '70  
John J. Duffin, 78, '48  
Pat Dugan, 72, '54  
Paul W. Elliott, 72, '54  
Joseph W. Fahy Jr., 54, '71  
Kathryn G. Finneran, Ladywood '36  
Jim Godby, 86, father of Tom, '62, and Dennis, '64  
William L. Hemmelgarn, '38  
Thomas B. Hogue, 70, '56  
Michael J. Kreffel, '60  
Robert J. Landman, 62, '64  
Jack F. Lohrman, 78, '48  
William M. Lower, grandfather of James Maurath, '06,  
and Margaret Maurath, '09.  
John F. Lynch, '36  
Frank G. Marren, 96, '30 father of Frank Jr., '70.  
Betty Jane McKelvey, mother of Cathedral employee Judy Head,  
grandmother of Lindsey, '01, Madison, '07, and Jaclyn, '09  
Charles J. Murphy, '55, grandfather of Emily Oskay, '09,  
and Katherine Oskay, '12  
Mary Wagner Nelson, 48, '79, daughter of Charles G. Wagner, '51,  
sister of Dan, '80; John, '83, and Michael, '86.  
Martha J. O'Connor, 77, grandmother of Colleen Whiting, '12  
Mary L. O'Connor, 76, SAA '50  
Bro. Thomas Francis O'Malley, CSC, 68, taught at Cathedral 1963-73  
Michael A. Pinna, '60  
Donald L. Prestel, '52  
Edward V. Rathz, '35, father of Dave, '65  
Brother Harold A. Ruplinger, CSC, 80, former faculty member  
John W. Schneider, '48  
John M. Van Noy, 67, '59,  
father of Jeff, '87, Brian, '90, and Michael, '96  
Joseph A. White, 80, '46  
Thomas S. Wieck, '50  
Charles W. Willmering, 70, '56  
Louis C. Zabona, '56  
Joseph E. Zainey, 87, grandfather of Emily '07, and Joseph, '10  
Mary R. Zupancic, 89, mother of Tom, '73,  
grandmother of Katie, '08, Jacob, '10, and John, '12  
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine upon them.

To have a Mass said in honor of a loved one or classmate,  
call Father William Munshower at (317) 968-7362. ☩

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Cathedral High School's BAC  
Presents:

## The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Charles E.Q. Stuart Memorial Golf Outing" (Amazing Gifts, Prizes & More...)

**Where:** Coffin Golf Course  
2401 Cold Spring Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN 46222

**When:** Monday May 18, 2009

**Time:** 9:30a.m.- 10:30a.m. Registration  
11:00 a.m. Shotgun  
Dinner afterwards

**Fee:** \$100.00 includes golf fee, cart, lunch and dinner plus gifts  
\$ 400.00 per foursome



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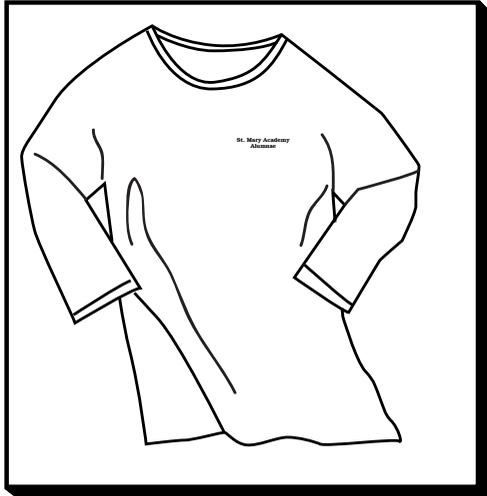
### Foursome

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**For more information:** Contact Ken Barlow at [kenbarlow@cathedral-irish.org](mailto:kenbarlow@cathedral-irish.org), 968-7366 or Ramona Powell at [rpowell@cathedral-irish.org](mailto:rpowell@cathedral-irish.org), 968-7367. **Make Check Payable:** CHS/Black Alumni Council. **Mail to:** Cathedral HS, c/o Ken Barlow, 5225 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Indpls., IN 46226

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## EFT, from pg 51

Many companies participate in matching gift programs, and Cathedral is a qualified nonprofit 501(c)3 organization for virtually all such programs. By visiting the “Support Cathedral” section of the school’s Web site and clicking on “Matching Gifts” you can find out if your company participates. You even will find links to companies’ matching gift pages on their Web sites, can download necessary forms and begin the process via the Internet. This is an easy way to increase your gift at no cost to you!

Many people simply get confused when thinking about planned gifts, which are the ultimate form of giving to Cathedral. But our site now includes valuable information about how to make this process

easier. By clicking on “Planned Giving” within the “Support Cathedral” section of the site, you can learn about the different types of planned gifts calculate the costs and benefits of making such gifts and choose the type of planned gift that meets the needs of your heirs, fulfills your philanthropic goals, and benefits Cathedral. Visit these pages to learn how planned gifts can have a significant effect on Cathedral at little or no cost to you today.

So, take some time to visit the site and the “Support Cathedral” section. You will find several ways you can make a difference — today and tomorrow — in the lives of young people. ☘

Emery is vice president of advancement at Cathedral. You may reach him by calling (317) 968-7360 or contact him by e-mail at demery@cathedral-irish.org

## News from YOU!



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*'Family' remains vital component of Cathedral experience*

# Falling in love all over again

**By CLARK REHME**

Absolutely not. A complete waste of time. A bad reason to miss an episode of Seinfeld. That was my feeling in the autumn of 1993 when my mother insisted on taking me to Cathedral's annual open house. I already knew where I was going and it wasn't Cathedral. My mother simply said "Keep your options open." I eventually decided that I was not going to win this battle with my mother. I figured, just go, and maybe they'll have a good meal.

I really didn't have much experience with Cathedral. I am not sure I knew exactly where it was. I just remember people telling me what a great school it would be for me, and how I would fall in love with it. Frankly, I got pretty tired of hearing the praises of CHS.

I don't remember much from that evening. I'm sure I talked to some students and faculty. I am guessing I probably saw a presentation in the auditorium. The funny part is I only remember one thing: On that night, I fell in love with Cathedral.

Even after years of reflection, I still cannot describe what makes Cathedral the unique place we are all so proud of and still love. Perhaps it is impossible to put into words. Ironically, it is something so easy to see. It is there when you walk the halls, when you meet the current students, when you talk

to the faculty and staff, when you run into old classmates and other alumni.

At the end of all my contemplation about what makes Cathedral so special, I came up with one word: family. I am sure we are all familiar with the phrase "The

"The 'Cathedral Family' concept is not just romantic nostalgia ... not an overused cliché ... it is real ... alive and well today."

Cathedral Family." This concept is not just romantic nostalgia. It is not an overused cliché that we only read about in the various pieces of literature we find in our mailboxes every so often. It is real. From all the alumni with whom I interact and stories I read about Cathedral, I know it was there on the day she opened her doors in 1918. Despite the numerous and extensive changes in our world, it is still alive and well today.

The Cathedral family spans all classes, all backgrounds, all ways of life, and all regions of the world. You don't even need to have gone to the school to be a member of

the Cathedral family; being a parent or a supporter is enough.

While we don't always see eye-to-eye on everything, we always stand together no matter what the circumstance. In the good times, we are there to share in each other's joy and triumph; in the bad, we are there to support during times of grief and sorrow.

Armed with the knowledge, skill, courage, compassion, and morality entrusted to us by Cathedral, each member of the family is in his/her own unique way making a positive impact on the world. In doing so, we serve as a glowing example of Cathedral itself.

I am proud to call myself a member of the Cathedral family and consider myself most fortunate to have had the opportunity to have begun my journey into adulthood here. I would hope that we all can say without any doubt or hesitation that our lives are more fulfilling and enriched because of our time at Cathedral.

Therefore, I would hope that all of us, even during these uncertain times, remember our alma mater. And no, I just don't mean money. We all have our own talents and varying amounts of free time that could be invaluable to Cathedral and its current students. So please, take a moment and ask yourself, what can I offer the Cathedral family? 🍷🍷

Rehme, '98, is a member of the Cathedral Alumni Association board.





Highlights photos/submitted by Heather Moline

## SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Heather Moline (above) and Mary Kate Dugan (at right in photo at right) — alums from the Class of 2006 — recently visited Guatemala, where their activities included studying Spanish, volunteering at Lake Atitlan and climbing the pyramids at Tikal. Thanks, ladies, for representing the Irish! 🍀



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timeline



### April

11 Easter Egg Hunt

### May

16 Baccalaureate Mass  
17 Graduation  
18 Charles E.Q. Stuart  
Memorial Golf Outing

### June

12 Father Patrick Kelly  
Memorial Golf Outing

