CHANGED, CHALLENGED, RENEWED

As we force Covid into the rear view mirror and look ahead to the world that lies changed before us, we are all in a position to evaluate who we are, where we stand, and what we will become. Montgomery Catholic is no different. We are changed, we have been challenged, but now is the time to decide who we will become. While Montgomery Catholic has truly flourished through the challenges of the past few years, it is also important for us to emerge from the pandemic with renewed vigor and vision. As an institution that has survived for 148 years to serve the mission of the Catholic church, our purpose remains constant.

As a Catholic community, we are reminded this year that we are called to be different, called to be better, and called to be excellent. Each of us must answer God's call in our life to holiness. At Montgomery Catholic, we are taking this year to refocus on our goal to help all those in our community reach their full potential on earth but also spend eternity with our Father in heaven. We remind ourselves this year that each of us is Called to Sainthood.

This vision for the year is more than a theme or tagline. Called to Sainthood must be a way of life. We all remember that excellence Right: Justin Castanza '01 and his wife, Meg '03, with their children, Natalie '33, Vincent '32 and Sal '35.

is intentional and must be present in the small decisions we make each day. Our students are held accountable, our faculty must be the example, and it is essential our families embrace this mission. We will work to be the best version of ourselves using the gifts and talents God has given us. But in each word, each action, and even each silent post on social media, we will remember that we are ultimately Called to Sainthood.

Justin M. Castanza,
President



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Members

MCPS was blessed to be able to welcome

Called to Sain#hood

As we begin the school year, please join President Justin Castanza as he launches the vision for our 149th academic year. We are committed to partnering with our parents to help get their children to heaven. We believe excellence is intentional, so we must return to being intentionally excellent in all things in a post-Covid school year. Please join us as we remember that we are called to be different, called to be better, and called to be disciples.

Heavenly Father, Your Word tells us that we are all called to sainthood. We ask that You send the Holy Spirit upon us to guide and direct our hearts towards heaven. May we be faithful in our actions as we work daily to remember we are called to be different, called to be better, and called to be disciples. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of His Blessed Mother Mary. Amen.

Dear Members of the Montgomery Catholic Family,

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School was founded in 1873 under the name of St. Mary's of Loretto. With different names and locations, MCPS continues to be the oldest of the 3 Catholic high schools in our archdiocese.

We have much for which to be thankful and much in which to be proud as we move forward to celebrating 150 years of the ministry of Catholic education. To have continued for all these years reflects that for generations the families of young people have confidence in the excellence of the education and Catholic formation that is being offered. Our school is obviously doing an outstanding job!

Much has changed since 1873 and will continue to change. My mother, who was born in the early years of the last century, would tell us stories of her childhood. As a girl, most people relied upon fire in their homes for heat and for light and often relied upon animals for daily transportation. She lived to see a man walk on the moon and to call her grandchildren on a cell phone.

Our technology continues to advance in every area of daily life. Advances in medicine, science, communication, transportation, engineering, etc. are astounding. Things which in the recent past Archbishop Rodi to campus for Mass and brief visits.

would have seemed the fantasies of science fiction are now realized and continue to rapidly develop. We have a lifestyle unsurpassed in-human history.

Technological changes will continue to occur, perhaps even at a more rapid rate. This will cause changes in the workplace. Skills which are in demand today may be obsolete tomorrow. However, MCPS offers each student the foundation in education that helps them to adjust to whatever changes may lie ahead. The quality, depth and breadth of a Montgomery Catholic education gives our young people the resiliency and adaptability to succeed in their careers and endeavors.

At the same time, Montgomery Catholic offers far more than education. It offers a foundation in Gospel values. Technology changes but the human heart does not change. The human heart, at its depths, has longings and questions. Inevitably each human asks these questions, no matter the person's background or what the person may believe or not believe: Why do I exist? What is the purpose of my life? What will give my life meaning? What happens to me when I die? Etc. These questions cannot be answered without God.



The lessons in faith at MCPS offer our young people the opportunity to establish a relationship with God which begins now and lasts into all of eternity.

That has been the blessing of a Montgomery Catholic education since 1873 and continues today, despite all the changes through the years. I thank Mr. Castanza, Mrs. Aaron, Mrs. Foley, and Miss Gulley, as well as the administration, faculty and staff of our school for their efforts, dedication and love of the students. You are a blessing to all of us.

To you, the families of our students, thank you for entrusting your sons and daughters to MCPS. It is a trust we take most seriously. Thank you for your support of the school. Please continue your support. Without you MCPS could not exist, nor continue our mission of fostering Faith, Virtue and Wisdom. May God bless you all. **Go Knights!**

Sincerely in the Lord,

Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi Archbishop of Mobile

Wesley Cox, Chairman St. Bede Campus Representative

Denise Webb, *Vice-Chairman* St. Joseph Parish Representative

Christine Noell, *Secretary* St. Bede Parish Representative

Rev. Alejandro Valladares, Episcopal

Pastor, St. Bede Parish

Marie Dean

High School Campus Representative

Asim Walker

Middle School Campus Representative

Luis Fernandez

Holy Spirit Campus Representative

Mary Katherine O'Connor

Holy Family Catholic Community, Maxwell AFB Representative

Lydia Taylor

Holy Spirit Parish Representative

Chris Weller

St. Peter Parish Representative

Deacon Clarence Darrington

St. Jude Parish Representative

Open Positions

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Representative, Our Lady Queen of Mercy Parish Representative, St. Vincent de Paul Parish Representative, St. Joseph Parish Representative

Welcome to our new Advisory Committee Member for the 2022-23 school year!

Danielle Stringer, as our new St. Bede Campus Representative. **Tina Ojala,** as our new Holy Family Catholic Community, Maxwell AFB Representative.

Thank you, Christine Noell, M.K. O'Connor, and Denise Webb for your service on our Advisory Committee over the years.

2022-2023

September 5 January 3

PICE 22nd Martin Luther King Day **Annual Golf Tournament**

September 30

Homecoming October 7

Veteran's Day November 11

Thanksgiving

November 21-25 **Giving Tuesday**

November 29

Christmas

December 19 - January 2

Labor Day Classes Resume

Monte Carlo Night February 4

President's Day

February 20

Faculty Retreat March 13

Good Friday

Easter Break April 10-14

Graduation

May 23 **Last Day of**

School May 26

Memorial Day

May 29

FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Simply Courageous

Another school year has passed, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School has graduated its 147th class. and it was my honor to serve as your Advisory Council President during a very exciting time for our school.

After two school years were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, we finally saw a full return to normal in the classrooms for 2021-2022. This was certainly a relief to the faculty and staff that worked tirelessly to ensure our Montgomery Catholic family received the highest quality education throughout the disruption. What we discovered at the end of this difficult road was that we had a very successful COVID-19 response plan developed by our leadership that was executed extremely well by the faculty and staff of all three campuses. It is easy to make that claim now that it is over, and for those involved to pat themselves on the back whether it's true or not, right? The fact is, we have the data to back it up and prove that Montgomery Catholic has exited the pandemic in a strong position. Enrollment this past year was up 59 students over the previous year, an 8% increase, while other private schools in Montgomery dealt with declines. At the time of writing, enrollment in the upcoming year is already tracking above the previous year and will undoubtedly maintain the upward trend. Student test scores also remain strong at Montgomery Catholic while at the same time we hear of so many schools struggling to maintain their pre-pandemic scores. The proof shows up in the bottom line where families in Montgomery and beyond see our plan, know it is sound, and want to make sure they are a part of the Montgomery Catholic family.

The task for the 2021-2022 Advisory Council was clear, we must take advantage of the momentum that Montgomery Catholic gained during the pandemic to grow and improve every aspect of the organization. Returning to status quo means taking a step back, instead the Advisory Council made a priority out of establishing active subcommittees to focus on many areas of improvement:

· Finance is a well-established committee; however, the pandemic honed our attention to creating a lean operating budget and investing new and increased revenue sources into meaningful and cost effective solutions.

- Policy and Planning is another established committee that had the opportunity to take a fresh look at the standard and find ways to improve. The pandemic forced us into many temporary policies and procedures and opened the door to evaluating new ideas and streamlining outdated procedures.
- **Enrollment and Retention has** worked to develop innovative techniques for drawing new and existing families closer and ensuring a strong connection with teachers, coaches, and administration. This is vitally important given Montgomery Catholic's post-pandemic surge in enrollment. Several new events including FANfare, New Families Breakfasts, Cocktails in the Courtyard, etc. were all created with this committee's help as ways to bring families and staff together.
- Capital Development and Fundraising continues to grow existing fundraisers with all of them seeing record donations over the past year. The popularity of Monte Carlo Night has soared with the help of this committee and the dedicated volunteers that plan and execute the event. The goal of this committee is for Monte Carlo to raise a staggering \$100,000 in 2023.
- · Catholic Identity is a new committee that was formed with the goal of increasing the presence of our Catholic faith throughout our three campuses. This is a very unique and powerful aspect of Montgomery Catholic that allows us to build a foundation of faith in our students and give them an opportunity to form a relationship with God. The committee has played a critical role in the effort to improve the high school chapel. They have also helped staff with ideas for incorporating the faith into many classroom and other school day activities.
- Facility, Grounds, and Maintenance is another new committee established to help identify buildings and grounds improvement projects that will help improve the curb appeal of our campuses and create a welcoming environment for students and faculty. In addition, the committee has assisted with establishing a more efficient maintenance plan. Through the generous donations of Partners in Catholic Education, many of the recommended improvements are



happening including new flooring, improved signage, entryway upgrades, landscaping, and more.

This year's two most exciting developments within the Advisory Council were the unanimous decision to amend the Advisory Council Constitution to include representation from The City of St. Jude Catholic Parish. Deacon Clarence Darrington has been a wonderful addition to the council, bringing many years of experience working with youth in the Catholic community. The relationship with The City of St. Jude Parish and Montgomery Catholic will most certainly be fruitful in the years to come, deepening our school's roots in our city's small but mighty Catholic community. The Council also approved the start of our new strategic planning process. Over approximately 6 months, we will ask our community to join in the process of laying out our plan for growth and improvement for the next 5 years. We want to take a look inward and move our school into its 150th year with a positive, proactive plan for our future. Please help us, pray for the success of the process, participate in a meaningful way, look ahead and be proud!

I am so blessed to be a member of the Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School family and to serve this organization as your Advisory Council President. The Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ is truly present in our school, and He has filled the hallways of our campuses with love, joy, and happiness. Thank you to all of the administration, faculty, staff, priests, volunteers, advisory council representatives, and all others that have dedicated so much time to providing Montgomery Catholic students the opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that not only allows them to excel academically but also to be filled with the Catholic faith.

Wesley Cox,

Advisory Council Chairman

MISSION STATEMENT

Founded in 1873, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is an integral part of the Catholic Church's mission to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. As an adult community, we share in the responsibility to prepare students for college and beyond while helping them grow to become persons of faith, virtue, and wisdom.

ROOT BELIEFS

Our school community believes that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the fullness of truth.

Our school community believes that each person is uniquely made in the image and likeness of God.

Our school community believes that discipleship is contagious.

Our school community believes that parents are the primary educators of their children.

Our school community believes that reciprocal relationships form us.

Our school community believes that excellence is intentional.

PARENT-TEACHER

The 2021 - 2022 school year finally began to look like a normal school year. The PTC was thrilled as parents were back on campus to help with events throughout the school year. The 2021 - 2022 school year marked the return on the campus wide cookie dough fundraiser. All four (4) campuses participated in this fundraiser and raised over \$14,000, which will be used throughout all Montgomery Catholic campuses to provide for the needs of our community. One of the immediate needs the PTC was able to meet this school year at the middle school and high school campuses was new tables for the DBC.

All campuses had a full slate of events for students, faculty, and staff this school year.

- · Teacher's luncheons to begin and end the school year
- · Catholic School Week events for both teachers, staff, and students alike included gifts for each teacher, staff member and clergy at each campus, a staff bagel breakfast for teachers and staff at all campuses as well as a teacher/staff/clergy luncheon at all campuses. Students had a sweet treat at all campuses as did teachers.
- · Field Day for all campuses

Additionally, the PTC was able to fund and facilitate the programs and events listed below for both of the elementary campuses.

- · Accelerated Reader Parties
- · Cultural Day
- · Pastries with Parents
- · Receptions for Christmas programs

All campuses were also able to hold receptions this school year to honor the completion of their respective grade levels (6th grade completion, 8th grade completion, baccalaureate, and graduation).

In addition to providing the funding for programs and events throughout the Catholic campuses, the PTC spent many hours planning and organizing each event for the school community.

Thank you to our PTC Leadership for the 2021-22 School Year: Erica Brooks, Colleen Reardon, Allison Russo, Brandy Sponsler, and Marie Thompson.

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MONTGOMERY CATHOLIC ANNOUNCES

John and Lisa Sadie are the 2022 Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service Award Winners

John and Lisa Sadie were honored by Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School on February 19 as the 2022 Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service Award winners for their service to the school. The Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service Award was established by the Harbin family and is awarded by the school to recognize those selfless individuals who have significantly served Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and exemplified its values in their lives.

Montgomery Catholic's president, Justin Castanza, presented John and Lisa with an engraved clock at the school's 14th Annual Monte Carlo Night, in appreciation for the gift of their time.

The 26th recipients of the Harbin Award, John and Lisa Sadie have been a fixture in the halls of St. Bede, our Middle School, and our High School campuses for more than twelve years. They are parents to two Montgomery Catholic Alumni but are still involved in the school in many ways. Lisa continues to serve as a member of the Partners in Catholic Education (PICE) committee on which she has been a member for the last 15 years. She has also been a PICE Golf Tournament Coordinator and Volunteer for the last 21+ years. John has served as the emcee for a multitude of MCPS events including Monte Carlo nights and Varsity Sports banquets. They have both served on numerous committees within the Montgomery Catholic community over the years.

Over their tenure at Montgomery Catholic, they have been field trip chaperones on countless trips,



John and Lisa Sadie with children, **James '17** and Anna '20.

coordinated the relationship with the Children's Center and Vaughn Road Elementary for our High School Encounter program, and volunteered annually for Catholic Schools Week celebrations for teachers and students. Lisa has served as our Silent Auction coordinator for Monte Carlo, team mom for the Varsity basketball team and JV teams, chaperone at cheer camp, Lenten Day of Service volunteer, and as a PTC volunteer for many years.

They are also active members of their parish. They serve as group leaders for Wednesday night bible study, were weekly adorers at the Adoration Chapel before COVID, and even led girl's bible study at their home for 8 years with MCPS students.

John and Lisa's gift of their time has been an abundant blessing to our Montgomery Catholic community over the years. We are so grateful for their service to our school.

Congratulations John and Lisa Sadie and Thank you!

John and Lisa join past Distinguished Service Award recipients:

Leonard J. Mrotek, 1997

Margaret Olive Jones, 1998

Edward P. Clark, 1999

Marty & Bebe Taylor, 2000

Dottie A. Dean, 2001

"Goose" DeLongchamp, 2002

Rod & Anne Ceasar, 2003

Bill & Marian Saliski, 2004

Jeff Downes, 2005

David & Jeanne Barranco, 2006

Nora Cammack, 2007

Dennis & Karen Weber, 2008

Chip & Lisa Vercelli, 2009

Bill & Debbie Barranco, 2010

Barr & Cappy Younker, 2011

Liz Sutton & Jerry Lopez, 2012

Jack Galassini, 2013

Gaylon & Mary McAlpine, 2014

Marty Rupert Huett, 2015

Kevin Ryan, 2016

Ann Karst, 2017

Jack Lauer, 2018

Pat & Casie McGinn, 2019

Linda Belsterling Anderson, 2020

Tammy Hayes, 2021

Giving our Knights a BIG Boost!

The most common question that Booster Club receives is, "So you are a football fundraising group?"

Our answer is always "No!" We help to serve ALL the Sports and Clubs at MCPS, across all campuses. In fact, we give very little money to Football because they cover most of their budget with their Annual Drawdown and Silent Auction every August! This year has been no different than any other year.

Our year began last August with the organization and sale of reserved seating for the football program and blasting and painting the main football gate! From there, over the course of a week, we distributed "We Love Our Knights" yard signs to new families across the River Region!

We then moved into the start of the school year with over 100 hours of service for the Concession Stand! The concession stand plays a vital role for ALL sports, and proceeds go into in the General Athletic Fund. Because of the number of volunteers it takes to run 1 football game (25 adults), Booster Club helps to staff and coordinate volunteers.

Our biggest donation was over ten thousand dollars directly back to the school to assist with sports, club,s and operating costs.

Booster Club ran a Cornhole Fundraiser this past fall with amazing sponsors from our Catholic Community. Proceeds helped Booster Club cover the purchase and preparation of the roses for Fall, Winter, wrestling and Spring Senior Nights. At Senior Nights, we recognize all of our Senior Athletes, their years of accomplishments at MCPS, and where they are headed!

This fall, Booster Club was blessed to be able to cover half the travel costs for Volleyball to go to State, and they help to cover any sports post-season play when their own budget cannot meet those needs. After Volleyball, travel and assistance with goody bags for Football travel, and the Football Post Season banquet, Booster Club provided Bouquets for the Girls' Spring Signing Day and the décor and set up for the Boys' Spring Signing Day.

In the Spring season, we provided cases of water and event snack bags for the Spring Track and Field's trip to the State Championships! Snack bags included everything from drinks, liquid IV, jerky, nuts, and other healthy snacks for our athletes for their hotel rooms and after heats.

After the Track and Field State Championships, the Booster Club was able to help purchase almost \$3500 in Veo filming equipment for the soccer teams. This filming equipment helps our athletes watch and review practices and game film.

After our soccer donations were made. we were able to donate funds to the Cheer team to help cover the cost of

their tumbling Training. Tumbling Training and gym fees cost upwards of \$4500 a year. The Booster Club donated \$2500 in honor of the Top Cheer Concession Stand Volunteers - Denise Greene

and her daughter Mary Helen and **Ashlee Pickett** Durie and her daughter Maggie.

So how does the Booster Club get all of this done? Membership dues, fundraisers, individual donations, and Spirit Nights! We are so thankful for all of our Spirit Nights held around the River Region, supported by MCPS alumni, Student families, and Catholic familyowned businesses! We have amazing Catholic family-owned businesses who offer us the ability to host Spirit Nights, and we are so thankful for business like Little Donkey, Cork & Cleaver, and the Coosa Cleaver! If you want to make a restaurant recommendation, please contact us at boosterclub@ montgomerycatholic.org!

Allison Russo,

Montgomery Catholic Booster Club Chair





IN THE LITTLE THINGS

A return to normalcy. For us at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School, the 2021-22 school year was indeed a return to normalcy. We were able to go on field trips, participate in retreats, host visitors to our campuses, and, most importantly, we were able to celebrate the Sacraments and schoolwide Mass once again with everyone one in attendance at the same time! As many of you know, the Catholic Church celebrates the Liturgical Year based on seasons (for example, Advent and Lent). The longest part of the Liturgical Year is what is known as Ordinary Time. The Liturgical color during this time is green. The Church is reminding us that it is through the normal and ordinary routine of life



that saints are formed. Being faithful in the little things forms us to become faithful in bigger things (Luke

16:10). We were blessed to see our area priests, especially **Father Gilbreath, Father Plessala,** and **Father Jones,** visit our campuses on a regular basis, speaking to the students, hearing Confessions, and cheering on our teams. At Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School, it is normal to see a priest ministering to our entire school community every day. At Montgomery

Catholic. it is normal to see young men and women strive for sainthood, and this past year we were blessed as two recent graduates, **Titus Franklin '22** and **Payton Dennis '17**, entered into full communion with the Catholic Church. At Montgomery Catholic, it is normal for young people to consider a vocation to priesthood and religious life, and this past year we were blessed to see **Deacon Thomas Lapointe '07** ordained to the diaconate by **Archbishop Rodi** this past June, and please keep Deacon Lapointe in prayer as he prepares to become a priest of Jesus Christ in 2023.

Tom Riello

Director of Faith Integration

MCPS CAMPUS MINISTRY

Helps Our Faith Shine



Carter Anderson '26
Amanda Collier
Payton Dennis '17
Titus Franklin '22
Eddy and
Anthony Racancoj '32

While the world was returning to a post-COVID normal, Campus Ministry was finally able to kick off at the high school campus. Last year was full of love, laughter, and lots of events! We hosted two Worship Nights on campus, took 100 students on a retreat to Children's Harbor, hosted small groups during lunch, and had many, many conversations about the Lord. We witnessed students encounter God for the first time and vow to leave sins behind for the last time. It is the privilege of a lifetime to walk alongside the students as we teach them about our faith and learn from theirs. Please pray that the Lord continues to work through us, the students, and the entire MCPS community. All glory be

Agnes Armstrong

11th Grade Religion & Campus Ministry Team





At a January meeting of the Catholic Identity Committee, a sub-committee of the MCPS Advisory Council, the group of volunteers, faculty, and local priests identified a unique opportunity to elevate the Catholic identity of the main campus through a renovation of the campus chapel. The chapel is home to the most important aspect of our school, literally the Blessed Sacrament. It was time to upgrade and elevate the space from good to great. Through the genorous financial support of **Partners** in Catholic Education (PICE) and Dee and Sandra Miles, the project took off immediately.

Reverence and simplicity would reign as new flooring, lighting, paint, doors, and a raised sanctuary floor under the altar immediately transformed the chapel. The light fixtures were removed and repurposed through the hallway of the classic building and were replaced with LED 6in. round, flush mount, can lights that are smart lights and can change the

atmosphere through voice command in an instant. The pews remain in the chapel, but they were removed and reinstalled after new luxury vinyl plank flooring was placed throughout. The altar now features a raised platform, and the entire sanctuary space has been tiled in beautiful white marble tile. The walls were cleaned up and freshly painted, the stations of the cross consolidated to one wall, and a new crucifix was hung above the tabernacle. The doors to the chapel have been replaced with churchstyle wooden doors that immediately convey the nature of the space that lies beyond. Come join us for mass daily, and see that God is very much present in our school.

Thanks for making this dream come true: Rev. Alex Valladares, Rev. Patrick Gilbreth, Rev. Andrew Jones, Rev. Connor Plessala, Cam Gilbert, Rick Aaron, Agnes Armstrong, Rick Harris

Justin M. Castanza,

President



PRO-LIFE CLUB

While not completely out of the shadows of COVID, in AY21-22 we did start to see breaks in the clouds and gradual return of more normalcy. Despite COVID, we experienced some significant new gains, but overall the effects of COVID continue to impact our club.

On a significant note, we started the school year by opening a Middle School Pro-Life Club. Officers recruited middle schoolers to form a solid kernel of members in their new chapter.

Mrs. Tina Tynan is the Middle School PLC Advisor. The two most notable gains in membership for the Middle School came in the Sidewalk Mass kicking off the 40 Days for Life and in the Blue Jean Bar-b-cue fundraiser for Life on Wheels (see below). There is a healthy number of 15 students on the MS PLC rolls.

The HS PLC attended the Sidewalk Mass as well, and once again committed to a weekly prayer time (6-6:45AM) during 40 DFL across from the abortion clinic on their abortion day, Thursday.

The HS PLC also added a new activity in the fall. Expanding the club's pro-life activities, over a dozen members crafted spiritual bouquets for inmates. These bouquets were put into writing, and thanks to **Fr. Sreboth,** were delivered to inmates in December. The bouquets consisted of prayers and/or sacrifices made for the inmates for 60 days leading to Christmas.

In November, we continued our support of Life on Wheels by serving dinner, and now thanks to the MS PLC, we serve their fundraiser lunches, too. Just before Thanksgiving, we were blessed to meet our most generous benefactor, former MCPS faculty member, **Fr. McDevitt.** We were able to thank him in person with a picture highlighting the four years of our club.

In December, we finished our spiritual bouquets. In January, COVID again sidelined us from participating in the March for Life. Instead we said a rosary during the March, and a few of the officers attended the city's local anniversary of the finding of 19 aborted babies over two dozen years ago.

In January and February, the club had visitors from COPE Crisis Pregnancy Center and Heart to Heart Ministries attend our First Friday Feasts, a tradition established late in the first year of the club's beginnings. The First Friday Feasts are hot breakfasts generously donated by the Knights of Columbus. These meals occur on the first Friday of each month during the school year and serve as a venue for social gathering and meetings of the club. First Friday Feasts are preceded by our Thursday Prayer Group Push where PLC members attend the Life on Wheel Interdenominational Prayer Group from 6-6:30AM across from the abortion clinic followed by own our rosary prayer.

In March, we again assembled the Cemetery of Innocents in front of school for three weeks, at the end of which MCPS students repainted all of the crosses. We also added our third new event to the program: assisting Heart to Heart Ministries. Heart to Heart Ministries is a free boutique for families with foster and adopted children. The Club provided 8 hours of volunteer work, and MCPS students would add another 15+ hours on our Works of Mercy Day.

As we close AY21-22, we look forward to what a new year will bring.

Rick Aaron,

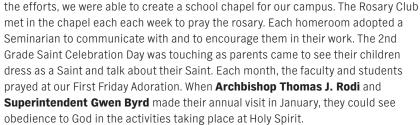
Math Teacher and Pro-life Club Sponsor

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS 2021-22

HOLY SPIRIT CAMPUS YEAR IN REVIEW

For the 2021-2022 school year, Holy Spirit participated in the Education in Virtue Program. Each morning, the principal spoke to the student body about a specific virtue. By discussing a virtue with scripture and notable Saints, students were able to understand how to incorporate it into their own life.





Our faculty and students showed industriousness, another virtue, in the learning process. Faculty members worked on professional development throughout the year to bolster their teaching. Students showed significant gains in reading and math. Fourth Grader **Justin Lee** won the Montgomery Area Spelling Bee and went on to place fourth at the state level. Twenty-six students entered the Keep Christ in Christmas Art Poster Contest, with 5th Grader **Julia Taylor** being honored at the state level. The Student Council created a plan to petition for and earn the money for a basketball goal and were successful by purchasing two. The virtue of industriousness was evident every school day.

As our campus participated in various campaigns and projects, the Holy Spirit family showed the virtue of generosity. We started the year with a new Gaga Ball Pit, built by former Holy Spirit student and Eagle Scout **Joey Rodriguez**. Current students showed generosity through two canned food drives, the Box of Joy Campaign, and raising over \$7,000 for the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart Event. Through gifts from parents and friends, we were able to purchase playground benches and picnic tables. Our students are learning that when we come together with a generous heart, we can do great things

Nancy Foley, Principal, Holy Spirit Campus

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

St. Bede Student Council

Cameron Chappelle, President

Rachel Stringer, Vice President

Michael Stringer and Matthew Reeves, Secretary

Austin Wendell, Treasurer

Cate Noell, Chaplain

Holy Spirit Student Council

Cara Barranco, President

Carly Vaughn, Vice President

Gregory Rauch, Secretary **Gae Michaud.** Treasurer

Parker Dunlap, Chaplain



Spelling Bee

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School's Elementary Campuses held their school-wide Spelling Bees last fall. Our 2021 St. Bede Campus classroom winners were Zuzu Cullen (6th), Gillian Smith (6th), Raven Blackburn (6th), Charlotte Carroll (5th), Sophia Collett (5th), Cate Noell (5th), Jack Thompson (4th), Bennett Hudson (4th), and Kendall Johnson (4th)

Our Holy Spirit Campus classroom winners were Declan McTear (4th), Bentley Porter (4th), Justin Lee (4th), James Moore (4th), Julia Taylor (5th), Landon Widmer (5th), Jaxson Dodds (5th), Alexander Zhvania (5th), Leah Lee (6th), Aly Tarkowski (6th), Claire Aaron (6th), and Ethan Levanda (6th).

After two fantastic competitions,

Justin Lee and Charlotte Carroll
were the winners from their respective
campuses with Aly Tarkowski and

Bennett Hudson coming in 2nd place.

Justin Lee went on to win the Montgomery Regional Spelling Bee on February 7, where he successfully spelled 44 words correctly during the competition. He then competed in the Statewide competition on March 26 in Birmingham.

At the state Spelling Bee, he was the youngest participant as a 4th grader competing against mostly 7th and 8th graders. Justin excelled in the competition and finished in fourth place.

ST. BEDE CAMPUS YEAR IN REVIEW

We had an amazing year! It was wonderful to start back to school with some sense of normalcy. While we weren't able to return to field trips right away, our teachers thought creatively and brought the field trips to us. We turned our field into a fall pumpkin patch for our youngest students. We were also happy to host the Three Kings as they came (with camels in tow) to help us celebrate the Epiphany. This was the first year that we added K3 students to our school. The combined K3/4 class was such a delight! The children adapted quickly, and it



seemed as if they had always been with us. This year we welcomed three new faculty members: Lauren Hudson was our K3/4 aid, Coach Cam Lewis was our new PE teacher, and **Crystal D'Andrea** was our new 5th grade teacher. One of our highlights was when Fr. Alex Valladares decided to cook lunch for the whole school. What a feast! He prepared spaghetti with a homemade bolanese sauce and French bread and green beans. The children ate it all and asked for more! We welcomed many Hispanic families to our community this year. They were happy to join us on Cultural Day when we learned all about the country of Guatemala. Many of our new moms gathered to make homemade empanadas for our Cultural Day lunch. Of course, no year would be complete without our traditional celebrations such as Saint Day, the Thanksgiving Program, the Christmas Program, and our annual visit from Archbishop Rodi. During the final few months of school, we welcomed back our traditional field trips and wasted no time in sending our students to the Montgomery Zoo, Sugar-Hill U-Pick Farms, the Planetarium, the State Capitol and the Civil Rights Memorial Museum, Space Camp, and Camp McDowell. And a good time was had by all! This year we welcomed into the Church Anthony and Eddy Racancoj and Amanda Collier and her son Carter. Congratulations and we continue to pray for them all. With great sadness, we said goodbye to two of our beloved faculty members. Lauren Hudson and her family made a military move to Texas and **Tammy Quillin**, our favorite third grade teacher, decided to retire after 36 years in the Archdiocese. We pray God's blessings on them both.

Laurie Gulley, Principal, St. Bede Campus

Celebrating the Epiphany

Montgomery Catholic celebrated the end of the Christmas season by hosting an Epiphany party for the Holy Spirit and St. Bede Elementary Campuses on January 6. The event began with a series of social media posts following the travels of our "Wise Men" across the city of Montgomery and ending on the Epiphany with them arriving at the Nativity to host a fun event for the students. The Wise Men were played by school President, Justin Castanza, Holy Spirit Parochial Vicar, Fr. Patrick Gilbreath, and St. Bede Parochial Vicar, Fr. Connor Plessala.

"The idea was to bring awareness to the Christmas season and the story of the Magi. The secular and commercial world wants us all to believe that Christmas ends on December 25th. Our faith teaches us of the 12 days of Christmas and how the Magi followed the star to find our God as a baby in a manger. Sometimes we have to be reminded that the child at the center of our nativity scene is God himself, humbled and entering the world as man. And, yes, wise men brought gifts just as we do for each other on Christmas day, but the real gift was that of our Savior," explains Castanza. "How about a little social media blitz to get that point across! Also, once we knew how we wanted these posts to unfold, we knew we should have them lead up to a big event. With the way school has been over the past two years, we knew our kids needed a happy boost. We needed to celebrate, bring the fun, and get out of our routine a bit. So the Epiphany Party idea was born. On January 6th, the three kings hosted two blow out Epiphany Parties at





Montgomery Catholic's two elementary campuses - St. Bede and Holy Spirit.
The children got to meet our camel and pet some of the other friends that were "lowing" in our nativity while also making crowns at our craft station, smelling the aromatic gifts of the magi, tasting foods from Jesus time, and ending the day with a classic sweet treat."

WE ARE DIFFERENT

One of my favorite things about Montgomery Catholic is that we are different. We are the most diverse school in the city. We educate students from all income levels, races, and abilities. We proudly share God's teachings and truths, even when they are not popular opinions. Christ is at the center of everything we do. The 2021-2022 school year was no exception. It was different. It was full of life lessons. The year began with Covid protocols still in place. We continued to practice social distance and wear masks. As the year progressed, we slowly transitioned from these protocols to what we assumed would be a relatively normal school year; however, we learned quickly that it was not to be.

Fortunately, none of our extra curricular activities or sport programs were canceled due to Covid. Our students enjoyed pep rallies, dances, and field days. They attended plays at the Shakespeare Festival again. Band members were selected for the All-State Orchestra, All-State Jazz Band, and All-State Band. Some members were even chosen to be 1st and 2nd chairs. Two of our robotics teams qualified for the world tournament in Dallas, TX. Our football team ended the season with a perfect record, that included 7 shutouts. Our girls volleyball team made it to the State Championship game.

Our cross country and track teams, as well as members of our wrestling and tennis teams, made it to their respective state tournaments, but

this was not the year to win state titles. Unfortunately, our robotics teams did not advance into the finals of their competition. Our football team suffered their first loss of the season in the semifinals. The volleyball team endured a heartbreaking loss in their final game of the state championship. Our students and athletes learned to be proud of their hard work, despite defeat. They learned that their response to winning and losing was more important than the final outcome.

The academic accomplishments of our students were also unique. Although the class of 2022 was only 58 students strong, they earned a record 22.3 million dollars in academic and athletic scholarships. This summer they headed out to 25 different colleges in 12 different states. Nine of our graduates will play collegiate sports. One of our graduates was selected as the female co-winner of the annual Jimmy Hitchcock Award for the city of Montgomery. Ten students were recognized as AP scholars, and 3 earned the title of AP scholar with honors. Two seniors, who were long-



160 hours of tutoring to their peers. Our students learned to work with and for each other to make a difference in the world.

Our faculty and staff persevered through many changes. Teachers continued to do a heroic job of simultaneously offering live instruction and distance learning. Three members of our staff welcomed future Knights into the world during the school year. Three new faculty joined our team mid-year when others had to leave to tend to their own family's needs. In January, our varsity soccer coach and history teacher was diagnosed with Leukemia. In the Spring, he lost his four-month battle with the disease. As a school, we gathered with his family and the community on the soccer pitch to celebrate his life and pray for the repose of his soul. We turned to prayer again in April, when we learned that our senior English and Latin teacher fell and suffered a traumatic brain injury. She spent the remainder of the school year recovering. Miraculously, she is now healed and ready to rejoin us for the

2022-2023 academic year. Despite the many transitions we experienced this school year, we remained strong in our faith and trusted in God's plan.

Although the year was filled with unexpected challenges, there were opportunities for all of us to grow in our faith. Due to Covid, we began the year by celebrating Mass in the gym, but were able to transition back to the DBC mid-year. Our seniors attended the Red Mass in person, and our juniors traveled to Mobile for the annual Chrism Mass. Members of our Pro-Life Club and Kev Club served the community by praying, serving meals, cleaning, and mentoring. Our students continued to visit the medically fragile children at the Children's Center. Our Campus Ministry team organized weekly adoration and confession, class retreats, and fall and spring worship nights. We were blessed to have priests on campus regularly. Their presence and the influence of our Catholic culture led two students and a faculty member into full communion with the Church.

This past school year was different. It was not exactly the year we had planned. It was filled with many highs and lows. There were unexpected challenges and transitions, but there were also many accomplishments and successes. In everything we did, we relied heavily on our faith. The one thing that remained constant was our belief in a God that loves us and has a plan for us.

Eileen Aaron, 7-12 Principal

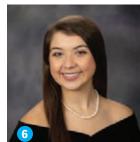














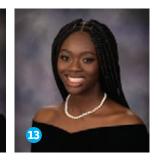












AP Scholars

- **Catherine Aaron**
- **Michael Algarin**
- 4 Esa Gancayco
- **Nate Gartland**
- **Angeles Gonzalez-Ansaldi**
- **Christopher Lathram**
- **Maynard Marlow**
- **Ella Newell** 10 Maggie Turner

AP Scholars with Honors

- 111 Zach Izer
- Will Noell
- 13 Julienne Pharrams

National Merit Commended Scholar

Catherine Aaron

HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT National Honor Society

These 22 outstanding students join the 26 current members of the Loretto Chapter of the National Honor Society. NHS members must achieve a cumulative GPA of a 3.75 or higher.

The inductees into the Loretto Chapter of the National Honor Society were:

- 2 Michael Algarin **Cannon Bach Max Barranco** Will Belsterling
- 3 Nate Berg **Brennan Binns Evy Bosko** Nick Calandra **Hannah Chitlik Kean Cullen Kayleigh Everage**
- 4 Esa Gancayco
- 5 Nate Gartland **Hunter Hodges Harrison Howell** Luci Miller **Leona Samford Josie Smith Naomi Smith Audrey Trant Alana Wilkinson** Laura Thomas Zhvania

School Honors

- 13 Julienne Pharrams, Leader of
- 6 Angeles Gonzales-Ansaldi and **Zach Izer,** Ideal Graduates
- Christopher Lathram, Sister Martha Belke Servant Leader

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

Middle School SGA

Ellis O'Connor, President Heaven Bailey, Vice President Will Tarkowski, Secretary/Treasurer Jaja Gancayco, Chaplain

Advisory Representatives:

Carter Anderson Tre Carter Kallie Hampton Ethan Harbin Frances Ann Rogers Hannah Smith Jay Williams Rylee Wilcoxson

Knight Ambassadors:

Samantha Berg **Sara Turner Burt Ava Crimi Adeline Gadilhe Alexander Greene** Olivia Harbin Chayse Jordan Kirra Mack **Erin McKenny Brooklynn Ruffin Campbell Webb**

MakerSpace Gets in the Christmas Spirit

This year Montgomery Catholic took part in the Montgomery Zoo's Christmas Tree Village by sponsoring one of the 25 trees inside the Mann Wildlife Museum. Our students used the tools

and materials available in our Maker Space to create some of the decorations. They created laser cut, wooden images of the Holy Family and a Cross to be the featured ornaments on our tree. These ornaments, along with a little school spirit, made for the perfect addition to

Our Maker Space is located at our Middle/High School Campus. It is a

the Zoo's Christmas Tree Village.



dedicated room for our students to be creative and use the tools and materials on hand to build primarily technical and artistic projects. Currently, our space consists of 3D printers, a laser cutter,

soldering stations, electronic measuring instruments, parts, hot glue guns, Arduinos, Raspberry Pi's, gears, motors, and sensors. Presently, the Maker Space is being introduced to Middle School students through an elective.

The Maker Space provides endless possibilities for creativity at our school! We look forward to seeing what our student makers create next!

Montgomery Catholic Senior, Catherine Aaron, Named a National Merit Commended Student

Montgomery Catholic Senior Catherine Aaron was selected as a National Merit Commended Student for 2022. Each year, approximately 1.5 million high school students apply for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Of these applicants, 50,000 students qualify for recognition in the program, and roughly 34,000 are eventually named Commended Students in honor of their outstanding academic achievements. These students must meet very high academic standards in their high school coursework and PSAT testing.

Two Teams Represent Montgomery Catholic at the VEX Robotics World Championships

Montgomery Catholic was blessed to have 2 teams make it to the 2022 VEX Robotics World Championships in Dallas, Texas this year. These students have been incredibly driven, spending countless hours perfecting their robot's design and programming to compete on the world stage.

This year's VEX Robotics Competition was called Tipping Point. Two alliances - one "red" and one "blue" - composed of two teams each, compete in matches consisting of a fifteen second autonomous period, followed by a one minute and forty-five second driver controlled period. The object of the



game is to attain a higher score than the opposing alliance by scoring rings by moving mobile goals to alliance home zones, and by elevating on platforms at the end of a match.

Through hard work and prayers before every match, the Middle School team went 9-1 in qualifying and made it to the round of 16. Our Middle School team consisted of Gavin Cummins, Bennett Webb, Tye Rountree, Lucy Logsdon, Erik Ojala, and Will Tarkowski. The High School team finished the tournament 25th out of 81 teams and consisted of Turner Clements and Hunter Dailey.

Julienne Pharrams of Girls State

Julienne Pharrams was elected as the Governor of Girls State by her fellow attendees. Alabama Girls State is a leadership program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary that is designed to increase awareness and knowledge of governmental processes while learning about the duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of citizenship.



Julienne is a Senior at Montgomery Catholic. She participates in Student Government, National Honor Society, varsity volleyball and basketball teams, and the YMCA's Youth in Government programs. She was also selected for the Council on National Affairs (CONA).

Montgomery County Distinguished Young Woman 2022:

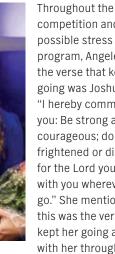
Angeles Gonzalez-Ansaldi

In August of 2021, Montgomery Catholic's very own senior, Angeles Gonzalez-Ansaldi, won the title of the 2022 Montgomery County Distinguished Young Woman.

The Distinguished Young Women is a scholarship program that enables young women to display their talents and accomplishments as well as empowering them to further their education and prepare for the future.

Angeles competed against 10 other girls with various backgrounds, dreams, and talents. With all the differences within the program, the competition is very diverse.

When asked about the environment of the program Angeles responded, "I thought the environment was going to be much more competitive than it actually was. When I started to see those around me as friends rather than the competition, it made a huge difference, and we built each other up in moments of weakness and strength. They are now some of my best friends."



competition and possible stress of the program, Angeles said the verse that kept her going was Joshua 1:9, "I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." She mentioned how this was the verse that kept her going and stuck with her throughout the entire process of

Distinguished Young Women, as well as serving as a reminder to stand strong in her faith. With this verse, she says, she was able to feel the prayers of everyone cheering her on and that she was super grateful for the support.

Angeles represented Montgomery County at the Statewide Distinguished Young Women's Competition on January 21-22, 2022, against 40 other ladies.

MARCHING KNIGHTS

The 2021-2022 school year has been another successful one for the MCPS Band Program. In the Fall, the Marching Knights were able to once again compete in marching band competitions after a year of hiatus on these in our state. Between two competitive performances at the Pride of the Valley Marching contest and the Pell City Invitational Marching Competition, the Marching Knights earned all but one Superior rating in every possible caption and multiple superlative awards, including two Best in Class awards, Best in Division, Most Entertaining Band, Highest Music Score, Best in Class Drum Major, and Best in Class Percussion. We were also able to return to our annual performance at the Krewe of Columbus Mardi Gras parade in Mobile, which is a fun experience and a great opportunity to show out in front of the Archbishop's residence. Another flagship event to return this year was the middle school and high school ensembles' performances at the annual Alabama Bandmasters Association Music Performance Assessment. At this premier educational event, both the Middle School Band and the High School Concert Band received overall Superior ratings, with the Concert Band receiving literally perfect scores, earning all As in every sub-caption from every single judge. We were also able to host our annual Christmas and Spring Concerts in the PICE Arena on the MCPS campus, featuring all of our 5th-12th grade Band members. The Band also maintained a prolific presence at Honor Bands this year with twentytwo students who earned a spot in the 2022 District Honor Band and ten outstanding students selected for the Alabama All-State Bands this year. This figure includes the standout **Michael Algarin**, who earned 1st chair in the state for Alto Saxophone for the second year in a row. With a higher-than-ever level of participation in our Band program in the younger grades, we are looking forward to a great start for the coming Fall season and kicking off another great year with a lot of momentum in 2022-2023!

Alex Johnson, Band Director



BAND ACHIEVEMENT

MCPS All-State Honor Band members:

Anna Lathram, Shannon Kille, Blaise Gartland, Olivia Harbin, Michael Algarin, Jackson Ingalls, John Scott Jackson, **Hunter Dailey, Josie Smith, Ethan Harbin**

MCPS District Honor Band members:

Kamila Diaz, Blaise Gartland, Olivia Harbin, Elly Robinson, Henry Lee, Liv Parker, Logan Marshall, Nick Dean, Ethan Harbin, Anna Lathram, Shannon Kille, Hannah Traff, Michael Algarin, Peter Riello, Nate Gartland, Jackson Ingalls, John Scott Jackson, Alan Stevenson, Hunter Dailey, Nate Berg, Josie Smith, Amy Treloar



A New Knight Era R

Year 8 of "A New Knight Era"...as I begin to turn my thoughts to the upcoming 9th year here at Montgomery Catholic, I am amazed by how fast the previous years have flown by. We have seen so many fantastic victories, but we have also had our share of heartbreak. I can tell you my excitement level for the coming year is off the charts. The Knights will field so many teams with the potential to do what we set out to establish 8 years ago...to compete for championships!

Last year we came out of the gate with possibly the strongest Fall season in this school's long history. Cross Country was on the doorstep of winning another state championship, volleyball played for the 3A state championship (making the Final 4 in 2 out of the last 3 seasons), and the football Knights set the school record for most wins in a season with 13. New Head Football coach Kirk Johnson started his head coaching career off by setting a high bar for his staff and the upcoming Knights. I know I am excited about the future, and I hope all of you are as well. Although all the teams fell short of their ultimate goals. it was a fantastic representation of the hard work and dedication our coaches and athletes put in year in and year out.

The Winter season produced fantastic achievements as well. The boy's indoor track team was a runner-up at the State Championship meet under the leadership of our outstanding new coach, **Tim Moore**. Senior **Catherine Aaron** dazzled at the state meet winning multiple individual state championships, a perfect way to cap her Indoor career.

Wrestling produced a runner-up champion, as well as multiple wrestlers competing at the last meet.

Both basketball teams had very nice seasons, both were ranked inside the state top 10, but neither reached the lofty heights they were hoping to reach.

The Spring season went by in the blink of an eye. Every team battled and overall, we were very successful. While we didn't win any team championships, I want to commend all of our spring athletes. As most of you know, we lost our beloved Coach Wulf Koch to leukemia during the season. It was one of the toughest seasons we have had in my 8 years on campus. Coach Koch was larger than life, and everyone he touched was better for having known him. Please continue to pray for his entire family...especially his lovely wife Jane and his amazing kids. He was my good friend, and I will miss him greatly.

As for year 9...come out and support the Knights! Huge things are in store for this year...trust me, I can FEEL IT!

We are #BuiltByCatholic!

Daniel Veres, Director of Athletics





ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMEN

Football:

1 TJ Dudley '22

- · 3A Lineman of the Year
- · 1st Team All-State LB
- ASWA Super All-State TeamCCC Defensive Player of the Year
- · Around the State Sports 3A Defensive Player of the Year
- · AHSAA 3A Lineman of the Year

Jourdan Thomas '22

1st Team All-State DB

Jeremiah Cobb '23

- · 1st Team All-State RB
- · AHSAA 3A Running Back Finalist
- · Finalist, 3A Back of the Year
- · JRCCC Player of the Year

Javen Augustus, '22 2nd Team All-State DL

Kylon Griffin '22 2nd Team All-State DB

Gabe Russo '23 2nd Team All-State P

Caleb McCreary '24

2nd Team All-State QB

Montgomery Advertiser AISA-4A ALL Metro:

RB: Jeremiah Cobb

Montgomery Catholic, Jr., 5'11", 180
Ran for 2,163 yards and 30 touchdowns, averaging 11.1 yards per carry. Caught 24 passes for 571 yards and eight touchdowns. First-team Class 3A All-State. Two-time All-Metro.

WR: Luke Harkless

Montgomery Catholic, Jr., 5'10", 170 Leading receiver for the 13-1 Knights. Caught 32 passes for 618 yards and seven touchdowns.

DL: Javen Augustus

Montgomery Catholic, Sr., 6'5", 215
Second on the Knights with 128 tackles playing defensive end. Had 30 tackles for loss and eight sacks. Recovered one fumble. Earned a spot in the AHSAA North-South All-Star Game. Secondteam Class 3A All-State.

LB: TJ Dudley

Montgomery Catholic, Senior., 6'3", 225
Made 138 tackles, 29 of which were for a loss. Picked off six passes and returned four of them for touchdowns. Had two sacks and two pass breakups. Led a defense that pitched eight shutouts and gave up 43 points in 14 games. First-team Class 3A All-State. Three-time All-Metro.



DB: Jourdan Thomas

Montgomery Catholic, Senior., 6'2", 196 Anchored the Knights' secondary at safety with 48 tackles, three pass deflections, three fumble recoveries, two interceptions and one forced fumble. Scored two touchdowns, including one coming off a blocked kick. First-team Class 3A All-State.

DB: Kylon Griffin

Montgomery Catholic, Sr., 6'0", 190
Made 44 tackles and picked off five
passes. Six pass breakups, five tackles
for loss. Allowed three catches in
coverage all season. Scored four
touchdowns on defense and special
teams. Second-team Class 3A All-State.
Two-time All-Metro.

P: Gabe Russo

Montgomery Catholic, Junior., 6'1", 215 Averaged 41.8 yards on his 19 punts, with a long of 53. Downed eight punts inside the 20-yard-line and four inside the 10. On kickoffs, had 74 touchbacks in 99 attempts. Second-team Class 3A All-State. Two-time All-Metro.

Montgomery Advertiser Super ALL Metro:

First Team:

Jeremiah Cobb RB, Javen Augustus DL, TJ Dudley LB, Jourdan Thomas DB, Gabe Russo P

Second Team:

Caleb McCreary QB, Kylon Griffin DB

Montgomery Independent ALL CCC Team:

Caleb McCreary QB, Jeremiah Cobb RB, Justin Rose WR, Garrett Harden OL, Javen Augustus DL, Jamarion Augustus DL, TJ Dudley LB, Pat Ryan LB, Kylon Griffin DB, Jourdan Thomas DB, LJ Green DB, Gabe Russo P

Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Game
Jourdan Thomas, TJ Dudley

AHSAA North South All-Star Game:

Javen Augustus, TJ Dudley, Jeremiah Cobb

Volleyball

AHSAA State 3A Runner-Up

Julienne Pharrams '22

- · 1st Team All-CCC
- · 2nd team Montgomery Advertiser All- Metro

Lennon McAnnally '23

- · 1st Team All-CCC
- · 1st team Super All-State Volleyball Team
- 1st team Montgomery Advertiser All-Metro





Mally Barranco '24

- · 1st Team All-CCC
- · 2nd team Montgomery Advertiser All-Metro

Allyse Rudolph '23

2nd Team Montgomery Advertiser All-Metro

Cross Country:

2 Catherine Aaron '22

- · Montgomery Advertiser Metro Runner of the Year
- · First Team All-Metro
- · 3rd place AHSAA State 5A Meet and was one of the Female All-State 5A runners

Ellis O'Connor '26 - First Team All-Metro

Andres Lemuz '22 - First Team All-Metro

Indoor Track

Boys AHSAA 2022 Class 1A/3A State Indoor Track Team State Runner Up

Indoor State 1A-3A Track AHSAA: **Boys team** finished 2nd overall.

Girls team finished 3rd overall.

Jeremiah Cobb

- · 1st, Boys 400m
- \cdot 2nd, Boys 60m

 $\textbf{Haylei Mason} - 2 nd, \ Girls \ 60 m \ Hurdles$

Titus Franklin - 4th, Boys 400m

Ann Cobb - 3rd, Girls 400m

Catherine Aaron

- \cdot 1st, Girls 800m
- · 1st, Girls 1600m
- 1st, Girls 3200m

Boys 4x200m relay team: **Jeremiah Cobb, Will Belsterling,**

- EJ Babies, Titus Frankllin
- · 2nd and School Record time · 2nd fastest time in the state

Girls 4x200m relay team:

Ann Cobb, Jessica Hankins, Haylei Mason, Jamie McGuire -1st and School Record time

Boys 4x400m relay team:

Jeremiah Cobb, Titus Franklin, Kean Cullen, Grant Eady - 2nd

There were also several school records broken for Indoor season:

Cannon Bach, Long Jump 18' 4.25"

Olivia Parker, Pole Vault 6'

















Montgomery Advertiser All-Metro Track

Shawn Sponsler '22 Titus Franklin '22 **Catherine Aaron '22** Hailey D'Andrea '25, Ellis O'Connor '26

Outdoor Track

Girls team finished 3rd overall.

Will Belsterling - 3rd, Boys 200m

Titus Franklin - 2nd, Boys 400m

Hailey D'Andrea - 1st, Girls 400m

Catherine Aaron

- · 2nd, Girls 1600m
- · 3rd, Girls 3200m

Boys 4x100m relay team:

Will Belsterling, Javen EJ Babies, Jamarion Augustus - 2nd

Girls 4x400m relay team: Hailey D'Andrea, Ellis O'Connor, Haylei Mason, Ann Cobb - 1st

Shannon Kille - 2nd, Girls High Jump

3 Julienne Pharrams - 4th, Girls High Jump

There were also several school records broken during Outdoor season:

Julienne Pharrams - Triple Jump - 29'9"

Boys 4x100m relay team -

43.59 seconds

Shawn Sponsler - High Jump 6'4"

Kean Cullen - Pole Vault 9'6

Tennis

Boys Tennis Team AHSAA State 1A-3A Runner Up

Cooper Davis and Sebastian Sayegh -Doubles AHSAA 1A-3A State Champion

Cooper Davis - Tennis All-Metro

Soccer

Soccer All-Metro:

1st team: Hailey D'Andrea '25 2nd team: Ellis O'Connor '26 1st team: Sam Rogers '22 2nd team: Joseph Reeves '24



All-Metro:

1st Team:

Carissa Gilbert '22 **Auburn Wilcoxson '22**

2nd Team:

Mallory Hildebrand '22

ALL-STATE

2nd Team: Auburn Wilcoxson '22

Hon Mention:

Mallory Hildebrand '22

Montgomery Independent All-CCC Members

Mallory Hildebrand '22

Auburn Wilcoxson '22

Carissa Gilbert' 22 -

Player of the Year

Coach Whitney Toole CCC Softball Coach of the Year

Baseball:

Caleb McCreary '24 - All-CCC

Alex Weiser '22 - All-CCC, All-Metro, Honorable Mention ALL-STATE

Pat Ryan '22 - 2nd Team All-Metro

Basketball

Girls' All-CCC:

1st Team:

Allyse Rudolph '23 Hannah Smith '26

2nd Team:

Heaven Bailey '27

Boys' All-CCC:

1st Team LJ Green '23

2nd Team:

TJ Dudley '22 Matt Reardon '22, also

2nd Team All-Metro

Wrestling

All-Metro 1st Team:

Titus Franklin,

All-Metro 2nd Team:

4 Shawn Sponsler and **Cornelius Drake**

2022 AHSAA State Wrestling Runner Ups, **Shawn Sponsler** (160lb) and

4 Joey Rodriguez (132lb)

2022 marked the inaugural season

for the Lady Knights Wrestling team: sisters **5 Charlotte**, **Pipa**, and Olivia Parker. Congratulations to these young women for starting a new chapter in Catholic Knights history.

Cheer

2021 All-American Cheerleaders:

A'Niya Lowery **Jessica Hankins Anna Nekic Abby Baker Jaden Martin Bebe Neeley**

Overall Awards:

Middle School Tim Turner Athletes of the Year

6 Hannah Smith and

Jamarion Williams

High School Knights of the Round Table Athletes of the Year

Julienne Pharrams and TJ Dudley

Bryant Jordan Scholarship Winner

8 Will Noell

Jimmy Hitchcock 2022 Award Winner

Julienne Pharrams

Jimmy Hitchcock Nominees Catherine Aaron and TJ Dudley

8th grade Jimmy

Hitchcock Nominees

Caden Dees, Daniel Burns, Eliis O'Connor and Hannah Smith

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Mark & Diane Wootan

A special THANK YOU to the Voices of Montgomery Catholic Football, bringing the action to life: the talented Justin Castanza '01 and Deacon Michael Castanza '78.

If you would like to join the Friday Night Lights Roll-Call, visit montgomerycatholic.org/radio or contact vdickson@montgomerycatholic.org for details. Thank you and GO Knights!

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Scholarships



2022-2023 Scholarship Winners

- 1 COACH RALPH FURLONG SCHOLARSHIP Brennan Binns
- Zaria Rudolph Andrew Pitts
- 3 FRYE, ARBAN, ORTEGA SCHOLARSHIP Leona Sanford Kayleigh Everage
- 4 ANNE CEASAR ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP
 Cannon Bach
- 5 ANNA AND HAROLD PAIGE SCHOLARSHIP
 Ireyda Perez Mendez
 Amelia Pettah
 Kamden Miller
- 6 CAITLYN MARIANNE WIGGINS '08 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

 Maria Schwarz
- 7 PADRE PIO ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP Monica Nguyen Leona Sanford
- 8 HELEN FAIRCLOTH GROSS & CHARLES J.
 "C.J." GROSS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
 Isabella Shin
 Maria Schwarz
 John Scott Jackson
 Harper Howell
- 9 JJ BEDNARZ, SR.
 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
 Andrew Koerner
 Nate Gartland
- CAROLE SKONEKI CLARK ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP Kayleigh Everage
- NORMA MUNGENAST SCHOLARSHIP
 Zaviyon Jackson
 Rylee Wilcoxson
 Amari Iverson
 Garrett Sanford
 Nate Gartland
 Alexander Austin
- class of 2009 JUSTON MARTIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
 Chaise St. Julien
- DR. TOM DOYLE
 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
 Teresa "Esa" Gancayco
- MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
 Thomas Castanza
- LARRY RUSSO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Ameliah Pettah Ireyda Perez Mendez
- dottie dean memorial Alumni scholarship Auburn Wilcoxson
- ANNA "ANYA" CECILE BENNETT '18
 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
 Auburn Wilcoxson
 Aniya Lowery
 Angeles Gonzalez-Ansaldi
- BEN AND ALICE TOKARZ
 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

 Hanna Ojala
 Kate Fleet
 Evan Parker
 William Tarkowski

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #12150 Carlos Medina





Coach Ralph Furlong Scholarship

Established 1998. Initiated by a member of his 1946 football team, the intent of this scholarship is to honor one of Catholic's greatest coaches, whose record of 24 straight wins from 1947-1949 remains a school record. The Furlong scholarship is given to a high school student who demonstrates a commitment to both extra-curriculars and his or her studies.

The Legacy Scholarship

Established 2006. Named in honor of teachers of MCPS, this tuition scholarship gives scholarships of \$2,500 each to two new students. It was originally established through the generous benefaction of Mrs. Catherine Martin, class of 1937, and her family to give students the chance to attend Catholic who could otherwise not afford to do so.

Frye, Arban, Ortega Scholarship

Established 2007. The Frye, Arban, Ortega (FAO) Scholarship seeks to honor Mr. Bernard Frye, Coach Joseph Arban, and Mrs. Alice Ortega, teachers who have given over 100 years of combined service to Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. In their name, it rewards a half-tuition scholarship to one rising senior.

Anna and Harold Paige Scholarship

Established 2013. The Anna and Harold Paige Scholarship is a non-denominational, need-based, full tuition scholarship to be awarded to one Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School High School student and one St. Bede Elementary Campus student. Qualified students will demonstrate good moral character and leadership qualities.















The Caitlyn Marianne Wiggins '08 Memorial Scholarship: *Established*

in December of 2013. A half tuition scholarship awarded annually in Caitlyn's honor, a 2008 MCPS graduate and varsity athlete who was killed in an automobile accident in 2013. The scholarship is given for one school year to a female student athlete at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School's (MCPS) High School Campus. Caitlyn's family and friends endowed this scholarship to give another child the opportunity to achieve the type of success that Caitlyn enjoyed in life.

The Norma R. Mungenast Endowed Scholarship: Established October 2014 by The Colonel Andy Mungenast Investment and Charitable Trust, in honor of Mrs. Mungenast. The Scholarship Fund was established to work with Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School in order to share God's blessings to further His kingdom. The Scholarship is awarded annually to one or more High School students annually.



Padre Pio Endowed Scholarship:

Established December 2014 by a grateful benefactor in appreciation for answered prayers. The Scholarship Fund was established to work with Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School in order to share God's blessings to further His kingdom. Annually funds one (1) full tuition scholarship and one (1) half-tuition scholarship. Applicants should indicate a serious commitment to learning, exhibit positive Christian characteristics and have good character, positive community involvement, and/or strong involvement in extracurricular activities.

Helen Faircloth Gross & Charles J. "C.J." Gross Endowed Scholarship:

Established 2014, as a lasting memorial by their son Charles J. "Joe" Gross, Jr. to honor his loving parents. This Endowed Scholarship Fund was established to work with Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School in order to share God's blessings and to further His kingdom. Awarded annually to one or more students enrolled at the High School Campus.













Anna "Anya" Cecile Bennett '18
Memorial Scholarship: Established 2018
Jim, Murray, and Jack Bennett, along
with family friends Jimmy and Laura
McLemore, established this scholarship
fund in memory of their loving daughter,
sister, and friend. This scholarship is
given for the Montgomery Catholic
Preparatory School yearly charity and to
a student's post-high school education.
Anna's family and friends endowed this
scholarship to give to a student that
exemplifies an unselfish desire to benefit
the human spirit through community
involvement.

The Juston Martin Memorial Scholarship Established in April 2019 in Juston's honor after he was killed in a motor vehicle accident in February 2014. The Class of 2009 developed this scholarship in light of their 10-year class reunion and as a way to celebrate the life of their fallen classmate. The Award will be given annually for a partial scholarship to a rising senior who possesses many of the characteristics that Juston exhibited in life.







The Anne Ceasar Endowed
Scholarship (ACES): Established in June
2020 upon the retirement of the school's
third President, Anne Ceasar. Endowed
by Montgomery Catholic Preparatory
School, the Ceasar family, friends, and
the larger MCPS community as a tribute
to her 16-year career and devotion to
the school, as well as her faithfulness
to tuition assistance and Catholic
education. Awarded annually to one
student current grades 7-11 that has
been enrolled at Montgomery Catholic
Preparatory School for a period of at
least two (2) years for half-tuition.

The Barry & Bob Robichaux Memorial Scholarship: *Established in October 2020* by their children, Michelle '94, Robert '94, Richard '98 and Ryan '00 Robichaux. Awarded annually to an MCPS student.

The Larry Russo Memorial
Scholarship: Established in September
2021 in memory of Larry Russo, by his
family and by gifts made to Montgomery
Catholic Preparatory School, in his
memory, to honor his love of Catholic
education and St. Bede parish. Awarded
annually to a St. Bede Campus student.

Established in September 2021 by
Montgomery Catholic Preparatory
School with founding gifts made by the
three school Presidents that followed
him: Faustin Weber, Anne Ceasar, and
Justin Castanza. The scholarship is
meant to honor the lasting legacy "Doc"
had on the school and his students, his
aptitude for math and science, and his
love of Catholic education. At least one

award will be made annually.

The Dr. Thomas L. Doyle Memorial

Scholarship for Math & Science:

If you are interested in starting a scholarship at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School, contact our Development Office at 334-272-2770 ext. 302 or email vdickson@montgomerycatholic.org.

You may contribute to existing scholarships by designating your gift to a specific scholarship on-line at montgomerycatholic.org/giving, or mail to 5350 Vaughn Road, Montgomery, Ala. 36116.

The following scholarships are independent of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and award criteria and submission dates may differ from other MCPS scholarships:

Ben and Alice Tokarz Memorial Scholarship: Presented by The Knights of Columbus, Council 893. Partial tuition scholarships to be given to rising seventh grade students from the St. Bede Campus and two scholarships to be awarded to rising ninth grade students from the Middle School Campus in memory of the parents of the Reverend David Tokarz, previous MCPS faculty member and former Pastor of Saint Bede the Venerable Catholic Church.

Knights of Columbus Council 12150 Scholarship: Presented by The Knights of Columbus Council 12150. Partial tuition scholarship given to a rising seventh grade student from the Holy Spirit Campus. Applicants should exhibit superior academic achievement, have active involvement in student in-class or extra-curriculum activities, demonstrate student leadership ability and have been selected for advancement to the seventh grade.

Montgomery Catholic was blessed with the establishment of Two New Scholarships in 2022.

The Coach Wulf Koch Memorial Scholarship

Established in May 2022 after his 4-month battle with Leukemia came to an end. A beloved coach and history teacher at Montgomery Catholic since 2019. Our school was blessed by the Koch family when they requested that memorial gifts be made to the school in his name. A generous donor and friend to Montgomery Catholic and Coach Koch matched all memorial gifts to ensure a scholarship was established in his name.

The Luke J. Whetstone, Class of 2018 Memorial Scholarship Established in July 2022 in Luke's memory. A generous donor and all memorial gifts given in his honor will provide a \$1,000 tuition scholarship to a Montgomery

Catholic high school student in 2023.



Carole Skoneki Clark Endowed

Scholarship: Established in December 2015 by Partners in Catholic Education, to honor Carole for her many years of Service to the School. The Scholarship is awarded annually to one rising 10-12th grade Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School student for \$1000. The scholarship is endowed for a minimum of 10 years.

The JJ Bednarz, Sr., Memorial Scholarship: Established in 2018, the scholarship was created by a trust funded by the Estate of JJ Bednarz, Sr., a US Air Force veteran, businessman and long time St. Bede parishioner whose children attended Montgomery Catholic. The scholarship will fund one (1) full tuition scholarship annually to an enrolled high school student.

























Volunteers

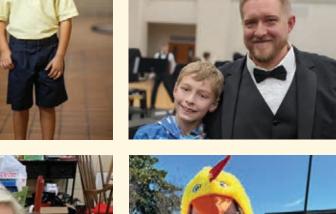




















Faculty









Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School celebrated Homecoming week on October 18-22. During half-time of the varsity football game vs. Goshen, Montgomery Catholic Principal Eileen **Aaron** crowned the 2021 Homecoming Queen and King, Miss Julienne Pharrams and Mr. TJ Dudley. "The Stud Class of 1971" were selected as honorary captains for the varsity football game while celebrating their 50th class reunion.

The 2021 Montgomery Catholic Homecoming Court, pictured from left to right: Freshman attendants, Kamden Miller and Maria Schwarz; Junior attendants, Jeremiah Cobb and Alana Wilkinson; Senior attendants Aidan McNeely and Anna Nekic; Homecoming King and Queen, TJ Dudley and Julienne Pharrams; Senior attendants, Zach Izer

and A'Niya Lowery; Senior attendants, Sam Rogers and Ella Newell; and Sophomore attendants Cornelius Drake and Jehle Dickson.

Homecoming 2021 saw the return of our Alumni Under the Tent event. This year's event was held on the softball field and featured a wonderful meal sponsored by The Little Donkey restaurant and 3 Squared Technology Group.

The week leading up to the Homecoming football game was full of activities and excitement, including themed spirit days, and special events at all campuses. The week ended with a pep-rally to pump up the school spirit and a shut-out victory over Goshen, 56-0. A great conclusion to our Homecoming week!

Photo Courtesy of Total Image

God is Bigger

On Good Friday, one of our teachers, Kerri Moore, went with her husband (Mike) and mom to visit her nephew, Ripley, just north of Atlanta to celebrate his sixth birthday. While playing with Ripley and her sister, Kerri was riding a kick-scooter and fell, landing head-first literally in the middle of the road. EMS took her to Wellstar Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, Georgia.

She was diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury from a severely broken skull, several small bleeds and swelling. She stayed in ICU for 9 days and another 12 in their inpatient rehab unit.

They were told it would be six months before any meaningful testing could be done to look for permanent impairments. They were told that the brain would reabsorb the blood but that it would take many months to clear up. And then, at 18 days, Kerri got Bell's Palsy.

Bell's Palsy triggered an early CT scan to look for a new bleed, possibly stroke. Much to the doctors' surprise, but not to God, not only had there been no new bleeds, the blood that was supposed to take months to clear up was gone. After just 18 days. She returned to Montgomery in early May and was cleared by her doctors to return to work



To quote Junior Asparagus, "God is bigger than the Boogie Man."

Since the beginning, Mike and their family have prayed specifically for a full and complete healing and restoration. And God, in His mercy and grace, is working that miracle.

Kerri is so thankful and grateful to this amazing prayerful community at Montgomery Catholic. She can't remember what happened during her bad days, but her family does, and the constant prayers have blessed them all. Kerri is ready for what God has planned next!



- Installed new school signs at all 3 campuses including new shrubs
- Completed Chapel renovation including a new floor, lights, paint, and a new tiled platform for the altar
- Replaced ceiling lights in Classic Building hallway to brighten the hall
- · Installed new luxury vinyl plank in Classic Building hallway
- Replaced the roof on the Belke Building
- Installed new breezeway lights in High School courtyard
- Removed old whiteboards and projectors and installed 29 new touch screen Smartboards in both the High School and Middle School
- Installed wrought iron fence around one edge of the Holy Spirit Elementary School playground
- Demolished damaged breezeway and constructed a new overhang at St Bede at the end of the north hallway
- Installed new glass entryway at St Bede main entrance

Cam Gilbert,

Faculty Updates



teacher Brook Scoggins and her husband, Jeremi, welcomed their first child into the

world on November 24, 2021; Lyra Rose Scoggins is one of our new little Knights.

Our head football coach, Coach Kirk Johnson was named as a 2022 recipient of the Huntingdon College Outstanding Young Alumni Award. Coach tweeted "Thank you to my Alma mater for the recognition, I'm extremely grateful and honored!! #HawkEm #Blessed" Congratulations, Coach J!



Holy Spirit sixth grade teacher Jack **Barton** married **Lindsay Dawson** on June 25, 2022, in Oxford, Mississippi. It was also the same weekend that Ole

Miss won the national championship in baseball which was super cool! (Jack sends his apologies to Mr. Castanza for the brag).



Coach Jill Clark participated in the National Senior Games 3.5 level. She won gold

in the partner's Pickle Ball competition with Mary Chen and bronze in singles. Congratulations, Coach!





Crystal D'Andrea really enjoyed this school year teaching 5th grade at our St Bede campus. She said "God truly blessed me with a great group of

Holy Spirit Campus students and families. We actually got to go to Space Camp in May." Since her son Evan was a 5th grader she acted as his teacher and Mom on the trip. She is proud to "Mom brag"; Evan achieved A Honor Roll this year, and enjoyed Band (thank you Johnsons) and Robotics. Her daughter Hailey '25 was 2x state champ in Track and Field for Catholic, and played soccer for a BUSA/Alabama FC 07 ECNL team in Birmingham. Her husband Nick graduated ACSC, and will be a Fellow Instructor for SOS this next year.



Band Directors **Alex** and Kristine Johnson welcomed their 4th child, Lincoln Ambrose 9 lbs 11 oz, 21 inches long, on August 12, 2022. He is loved by big siblings Liam (10) Lorelei (9) and Lucy (22 months).



Three Montgomery Catholic Teachers have been invited to score AP exams. Mrs. Mindy Walski AP Computer Science since 2016, and Mrs. Sinead Turner and Mrs. Kerri Moore have scored English AP exams for the last three years.

New K5 Holy Spirit Campus teacher **Toni Sarris** married 2017 alum **Payton Dennis.**

RETIREMENTS



Tammy Quillin Retired in May 2022, she spent 36 years in Montgomery beginning at Queen of Mercy and retiring from our St. Bede campus 3rd-grade classroom. Tammy taught our

school president to read and we are eternally grateful for that and her service to Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School.

In May, we said farewell to the following faculty members. Thank you for your service to Montgomery Catholic!

Jennifer Alexander - Middle/High School Art & Key Club Sponsor, 2 years

Kate Berry - Middle/High School Drama & Choral teacher, 4 years

Karla Gier - Middle School Science

Marla Howell - Holy Spirit Campus Administrative Assistant, 10 years

Lauren Hudson - St. Bede Campus Teacher Aid, 1 year

Michelle Newell - Middle/High School Campus Administrative Assistant, 5 years

Tammy Quillin - St. Bede Campus 3rd Grade Teacher, 36 years

Arnold Stringer - Middle/High School Math Teacher, 4 years

Diane Wootan - High School Science Teacher, 3 years

We also want to warmly welcome our new faculty members for the 2022-23 school year!





Blessed Family

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is entering its 149th school year. That's right your alma mater is 149 years old! After the best of the pandemic, we are excited to open our campuses back up and hope you will stop in to see all the great things going on in the halls of your school! Come for daily Mass, a school tour, volunteer your time, join us for Homecoming... we are ready to see you!

Montgomery Catholic continues to build young minds and hearts, helping students look toward the future rooted in the faith, ready to make an impact in the world. Your love and support of our mission enable us to continue the work entrusted to us by the Sisters of Loretto! We are blessed to have you as part of our family.

Please reach out and let us know what you are up to. We love to share your good news!

Once a Knight, Always a Knight!

Vicki Downes Dickson, Class of 1991

Director of Development & Alumni Relations

We want to know all about what you and your classmates are up to!

Visit montgomerycatholic.org/alumni and click on Alumni Nowadays Update or email **Vicki Downes Dickson '91** at vdickson@montgomerycatholic.org or **Brittany Bradley '03** at bbradley@montgomerycatholic.org.

150 Years - Planning Committee

We are planning for a 2-year celebration in honor of our 150th year!

We would love volunteers to help make this special occasion the BEST! Let us know if you are interested in helping with the Party!

Alumni Association Leadership

We would like to invite you to be a part of the Alumni Association Leadership Committee.

Reach to find out how you can help!

Contact Director of Development, **Vicki Downes Dickson '91** *vdickson@montgomerycatholic.org* or call 334-272-7220 ext 302

Save the DATES!

PICE Golf Tournament

Friday, September 30, 2022

RTJ - Prattville

Homecoming
Friday, October 7, 2022
Alumni Mass 5pm
Under the Tent Event 5:30pm Half-time

Monte Carlo Night **Saturday, February 4, 2023**Montgomery Catholic Gym

Class Reunions

Class of 1971 50th Reunion

The Class of 1971 celebrated their 50th class reunion by hosting our 4th Annual Alumni Mass Homecoming weekend, October 22-23, 2021. After Mass, they enjoyed a tour of their alma mater and dinner at the Alumni Under the Tent Event. The class football players in attendance were invited to be honorary captains for the game. On Saturday, "the fellas" enjoyed a round of golf at Lagoon Park before heading over to **Sid and Mary Shea Schroll's** home for dinner and more reminiscing about their good 'ole days at Catholic High.

1 Pictured at Mass left to right: Nick Cvetetic, Sid Schroll, Monsignor Troncale, Mary Shea Schroll, Wade Adams, Gerry Gentemann, Sharon Henderson, Jim Thorne, Bobbie Jehle Vinson, Steve Casey. Others in attendance throughout the weekend were Jan Jehle Beale and her husband Cad, Steve Schroll, Steve Casey and his wife Mayumi, along with Barbara and Jim Garrett and Jeanne and David Barranco.

2 Class of 1971 Football players introduced at the Homecoming game: Steve Casey, Jim Thorne, Gerry Gentemann, Wade Adams, Nick Cvetetic, Ed Mungenast, Sid Schroll.





Class of 1994 25thish Reunion

Better late.... The Class of 1994 celebrated its 25th Class reunion in February 2020 right before the pandemic! We are so thankful they were able to celebrate together!

3 Pictured: From left to right Marla (Mendez) Howell, Ron Sutton, Father James Dean, Jeff Long, Chris Vucovich, Hyung Mi (Kook) Nam, Brandon Bender, Dave Currence, James Skinner, Paul Davis, Paul Hayner, Suzanne (Thrash) Roberson, Mike Gowan, Alice (Wilson) Hicks, Jenny (Hagan) Mann.

Upcoming ReunionsMark your calendar!

Class of 1972

The Class of 1972 will host their 50th reunion on Homecoming weekend, October 7-9, 2022. The Class will host our Alumni Mass on Friday, October 7 at 5 pm and attend the Alumni Under the Tent event during the game. Please contact **Jeanne Barranco** with any questions.

1960's Decade Reunion

The Classes of 1960-1969 will be getting together over Homecoming weekend, October 7-9! Contact **Carl Tatum '67** with questions at cdtatum45@gmail.com. Plans include the Homecoming Football game on Friday, October 7, a school tour, and dinner on Saturday night.



Class of 1978



Michael Castanza
'78 and Diane
Castanza '80 are
pleased to announce
Michael's Ordination
to the Diaconate on

June 11, 2022, Archdiocese of Mobile, Assigned to St. Bede's Parish.

Class of 1995



Jenny Schroll Garland and her husband Rob celebrated their oldest son's graduation on May 14, 2022, from Father Ryan High School in Nashville. Jacob will attend The University of Dayton where where he received a golf scholarship. Jenny's family is pictured: Jenny, Stephen, Andrew, Jacob, Mallory and Rob Garland.

Class of 2001

Cyle welcomed their fourth child, Mary Evans on February 22, 2022.

Class of 2002

Ben and Alana Hataway Barranco

welcomed their third child, a sweet little girl, Margaret Jane Barranco on August 19, 2021 at 11:31 am. She was 7lbs 6oz 20 in.



In June, **Joseph Cochran** was
named the new
Principal of
Prattville
Primary for the
2022-23
academic year.

Class of 2003

Shannon Cash has moved back to Alabama after spending a little more than a decade building her family and career in South Carolina and Virginia. She is excited to share all Alabama has to offer with her husband Robert and two sons Luke (12) and Marvin (7). It is great to be back closer to friends and family!



Brandy and Wesley Cox welcomed their third child Smith Gabriel Cox on July 17, 2022.

Class of 2004



Brad Parker married Mendi Kallam on September 25, 2021.



Daniel and Audrey '06 Phillips welcomed their second child, a little girl. Margaret Eleanor was born on June 23, 2022.

Class of 2005

Kelly Cavan married Nick Gentry on January 15, 2022, at St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church in Montgomery.



Jimmy Forsyth and his wife Ali welcomed a daughter in August 2022, Olive James Forsyth.

Class of 2007



On September 1, 2021, **Roman Tubner** was announced as the new Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator for Alabama Women's Basketball.
Congratulations Roman! **Emily Cutts** and her family attended a game in January to support him!



Matt and Jessica (Balchunas) Shirley, welcomed a little girl on September 11, 2021, Ella Claire Shirley. They live in Dothan.

Kristin Sutton Walston and her husband Robert welcomed their second son, William James in August 2021.

Abbie Redden Lamborne and her husband Brady welcomed son Nolen Edward on May 3, 2022, weighing 6 lbs 14 oz and 18 inches long.

Rachel (Forsyth) and Tomas Nation '04 welcomed their third daughter, Cecilia James Nation on May 11, 2022.

Class of 2009



Roscoe Anderson and his wife Lexi welcomed their first child, a little

girl, Julia on February 1, 2022, in Nashville, TN.

Taylor Belsterling and **Sydney O'Connor '14,** welcomed their first child, Wynston Katherine Belsterling to the world on March 17, 2022.

Nelson Jancaterino received a Master's Degree in Political Science from AUM on May 7, 2022.

Class of 2011

Andy and Sarah Telofski welcomed their first child on January 27, 2022, a little boy, Andrew James, Jr.





Emily Starr and Eric Scott welcomed their first child, Amelia Eloise Scott on March 12, 2022, in Harrogate, England.

Class of 2012



Elizabeth Karst
graduated from the
University of
Alabama in
Birmingham (UAB)
Nurse Anesthesia
Program with a
Doctorate of Nursing
Practice on April 29,

2022. Elizabeth will be working with the Cardiovascular Anesthesia team at UAB Hospital. On May 21, 2022, Elizabeth and Jon Gam were married at St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Kevin Norris is planning the Class of 2012 reunion; he is currently a lieutenant in the Navy and serves as an instructor at the Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC. He is married to Courtney Rose, and they have one son named James.



Madison Roberts
graduated with a
degree in Criminal
Justice with an
emphasis in Ethnic
Studies from the
University of Nebraska-

Lincoln. After finding her home in business, in 2021 she and her business partners started a real estate brokerage, S&P Realty in Savannah, GA, with the intention of expanding nationwide.

Class of 2013



Megan Karst graduated from the University of Louisville, KY, on May 13, 2022, with her Doctor of

Dental Medicine. On June 11, 2022, Megan and John Jackson were married at St. Peter's Catholic Church. She will begin her dental practice in Mobile.



Mary Frances (Miles) and Dylan Martin '14 welcomed their first two children, twin girls on May 25, 2022, Elizabeth "Libby" and Beatrice "Bea".

Class of 2014



Tara Bourke married Blake Richards on February 5, 2022, in Auburn, Alabama.

Ashley Barranco married Nick Galanopoulos on September 26, 2021.



Dylan Martin accepted a position at the Beasley Allen Law firm in Consumer Protection.

Class of 2015

Paige Barranco finished her master's at Oklahoma State University and has been hired on at the University of Alabama as a coordinator at the Rec Center. She will be living in Northport.

Ashley Karst graduated from Auburn University with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in May of 2020. She continues to work in the Neurology Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Emory Hospital.



Tucker Wilkinson and his wife Tori welcomed their second child to the world on June 18, daughter, Kennedy Jean.

Class of 2017

Nadine Back married Brett Foxworth '14 in March 2022.

Tori Barranco moved to Nashville and has started her own videography business. Specializing in weddings. Check her business out on Instagram @toribarrancofilm.

David and Mary Bender welcomed their first child, Dymphna Rose Bender on September 1, 2021. He is currently pursuing his MBA at Auburn University.



Payton Dennis was engaged to Toni Marie Sarris on September 25, 2021; the wedding took place at St. Peter

Catholic Church in Montgomery on August 20, 2022. Toni is a new Holy Spirit campus Kindergarten teacher.

Trey Downes graduated from Auburn University in December 2021 with a degree in Kinesiology and, after interning with former MCPS football Coach Aubrey Blackwell, is working with Alexander City Schools.

Lauren Smith graduated from Auburn University in December 2021 and accepted a position with HCA Healthcare in the new year as an Associate Recruiter.

Class of 2018



Katelyn Stark was engaged to Cody Stolar in Feb 2022. She graduated in May from Auburn University School of

Human Sciences with a BS in Hospitality Management-Event Planning with a minor in Business Administration. She started her career at IP Casino Resort in Biloxi, MS.

Class of 2021

Gracie Barranco accepted an internship in the U.S. House of Representatives with Congressman Jerry Carl in Washington, D.C. for the summer of 2022.



Class of 2022

Auburn Wilcoxson
won the Dottie Dean
Memorial Alumni
Scholarship.





















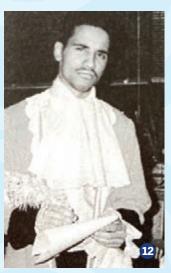






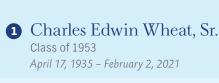


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2 David R. King
Class of 1963
December 20, 1944 - March 21, 2022

3 Dan Allen Class of 1968 Passed away in September 2021

Peggy Cox Struthers
Class of 1952
September 15, 1933 - November 27, 2021

Mary Ann "Ann"
Sweeney Fossi
Class of 1949
March 22,1931 - December 13, 2021

6 Charles Steven Jehle
Class of 1966
February 19, 1948 - December 18, 2021

7 Jean Fischer Moore Class of 1956 Passed away on January 9, 2022

8 Mary Ann Clark Milton
Class of 1957
Passed away on January 10, 2022

James Anthony "Tony" Rogers Class of 1965 August 31, 1945 - January 10, 2022



Marsha K. Lushington
Class of 1968
August 5, 1950 - February 15, 2022

2 Steve Johnson
Class of 1991
1973 - February 24, 2022

Rita Reese Locker
Class of 1957
1939-March 15, 2022

Rebecca "Becky"

Hawsey Jehle
Class of 1960
September 10, 1942 - May 17, 2022

Class of 2005
January 9, 1987 - June 14, 2022

Luke J. Whetstone
Class of 2018
Passed away July 2022

Wim Wanous
Class of 1964

Passed away August 16, 2022

13 John "Jack" Richard Davis
Class of 1963

August 3, 1945 - March 16, 2022



Joan Shinn Segrest
Art & Spanish Teacher
April 7, 1936 – March 9, 2022

20 Coach Wulf-Dieter Koch High School History Teacher & Varsity Soccer Coach 2019-2022 May 21, 1966 - May 5, 2022

2 Colonel John "Jack" Carroll Lauer, Jr.

First High School Dean of Students, 9th Grade Religion Teacher, the voice of Montgomery Catholic for boys and girls basketball, volleyball, baseball, and softball; Harbin Award Winner & Knights of Columbus Grand Knight #893 1941 - May 13, 2022

We memorialize alumni for which we have been notified. Please contact us when you know of an alum who has passed away. vdickson@montgomerycatholic.org or 334-272-7220 ext. 302 Please join us in prayer & remembrance.

Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord. And let
perpetual light shine
upon them. May they rest
in peace. May the souls of
all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of
God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Growing

Montgomery Catholic has grown into a bright future thanks to the incredible support of alumni like you! For the current 2022-23 academic year, we are blessed to have welcomed over 85 new families, offering over 200 tours, yielding growth by over 160 new students (and growing!) across our four

campuses! Our MCPS family is proud to welcome new families from across the United States and around the world. We have a record breaking total enrollment of 800 students (and also growing!) for the 2022-23 year!

MCPS Admissions debuted a brand new software platform for the 2021-22 season called SchoolAdmin which offers prospective families a much more immersive and interactive experience throughout their admissions journey. Additionally, SchoolAdmin allows families to schedule tours, book appointments, and receive automated communication from our admissions team to ensure each applicant continues forward in the admissions process in the most expedient manner possible.

SchoolAdmin will also allow MCPS to transition to a paperless, online registration process for the 2023-24 school year! This new platform will allow both new and current families not only to begin their application process with MCPS, but also re-enroll for the following year - all from the comfort of their own home. Look for more information and details to come!



Since 2018, our online application has provided a convenient opportunity for families, both near and far, to begin their admissions journey with Montgomery Catholic from the comfort of their own home. In addition to our new online application, did you know we also offer:

- Application Fee waived for MCPS Alumni
- · Half and Full Day K3/4 program
- Discounted Catholic parishioner tuition rates
- · Multi-child discounts
- Over 15 MCPS scholarship opportunities
- · Variable Tuition
- · New Student Referral Program
- · Campus tours
- · Student Shadowing opportunities

Montgomery Catholic continues to experience tremendous growth thanks to the continued support of alumni like you! If you, or someone you know, are eager to learn more about what Montgomery Catholic has to offer in grades K3-12, please contact me directly at jlopez@montgomerycatholic.org or visit us online at montgomerycatholic.org/admissions, and together we will ensure each student continues to be Called to Sainthood!

Julie Emerson,

Director of Admissions

Established 1995
Making a Difference in the Lives of Our Children

27 YEARS AND COUNTING

In Proverbs King Solomon said, Without a vision, the people lose restraint; but happy is the one who follows instruction. This quote demonstrates authoritative guidance which comes from God and the resulting happiness in following this instruction. Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School (MCPS) also seeks the true happiness of its students through the outcomes of faith, wisdom, and virtue with a Catholic foundation in education. In alignment with Montgomery Catholic's vision, Partners in Catholic Education or better known as PICE, serves as a fund-raising arm to assist in providing enhancements to the students' education not covered by a line item in the school budget. Liz Sutton, the founder of PICE, created a vision of supporting key needs of the school securing the school's relevance for new generations of students to engage in a quality Catholic education.

One of the first PICE fundraisers was a golf tournament that raised approximately \$10,000 and a Fat Tuesday pancake breakfast that raised a couple of thousand dollars. PICE was off to a good start! This year will be the 22nd year for the golf tournament which has become increasingly successful at raising upwards of \$150,000 each of the last several years. Other fundraisers add about \$20,000 per year. Through 2022 PICE has raised nearly \$2.2 million for MCPS schools.

To list the enhancements provided by PICE through these years would be impossible to do without omitting some in the process. However, everywhere you or your student looks or sits, there are enhancements that are there because of PICE, from items as large as the windows across the front of the building or lights

on the football field down to the smallest technological device in his or her hand.

In addition, PICE sponsors the Senior Success Forum each year and a scholarship in memory of Carol Skoneki Clark who helped guide the committee through its earlier years as its secretary.

PICE operates without any overhead, therefore 100% of the monies raised go to the school. PICE is a committee of eleven unselfish people, most of whom no longer have children attending MCPS but whose hearts are still firmly entwined with the school and the quality of education provided in a Catholic community-based system.

PICE exists for your children's education. With PICE's support, quality Catholic education in Montgomery thrives through the vision of our founder, the dedication of our volunteers, and the professionalism of the MCPS staff. Supporting a Catholic education requires the talents of many; please support us with your participation and willingness to volunteer.

Barry Waite, PICE Member

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We appreciate all of our sponsors who made this such a successful year!





2021-2022 BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Montgomery Catholic
Preparatory School's
financial results for the
2021-2022 school year
benefited significantly
from the enrollment of 770
students, a surplus of 63
students above the budget
of 707. Excluding nonoperating and government
assistance program revenues, we
reported an operating surplus of
approximately \$285,000.

Federal Government's "Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools": The School qualified for and participated in the Federal COVID-19 relief program known as "EANS" during the 2021-2022 school year. The program provided reimbursements to the School for expenditures which enhanced our ability to serve our students and faculty during the COVID-19 pandemic. The School received reimbursements of approximately \$546,000 primarily for (i) technology networking equipment and software and (ii) educational technology devices such as additional laptops, chrome books, and "Smartboards."

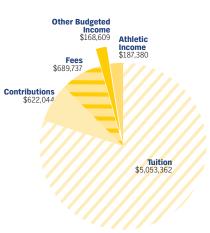


Capital expenditures: Aside from the EANS program, other capital expenditures of approximately \$252,000 included the replacement of the Belke building roof, high school hallway improvements, a new 25-passenger bus, Apple MacBooks for high school students, and

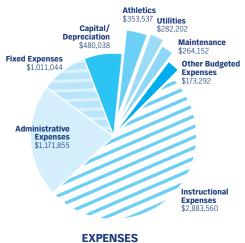
air conditioning equipment at all campuses. In addition, PICE generously committed to fund approximately \$121,000 of projects which include renovations to the main campus chapel, the St. Bede Elementary School entryway, and improvements to signage and logos at all campuses.

AAA Scholarships: We continued to enroll students who are awarded Alabama Accountability Act ("AAA") scholarships. The annual awards range from \$5,000 to \$8,000, and we had a total of 48 students who received the awards in 2021-2022. This program allows families to apply and, if accepted, enroll at MCPS, which is an opportunity they may not otherwise have.

David Schwarz, Business Manager



REVENUE \$6,721,132



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Athletics	\$45,820.00	\$32,373.00	\$75,494.00	\$56,658.00
Band	\$1,370.00	\$11,736.00	\$4,735.00	\$3,940.00
Capital Campaign **	\$644,186.00	\$396,462.00	\$329,271.00	\$224,182.00
Miscelleneous	\$7,865.00	\$127,869.00	\$124,251.00	\$130,479.00
Scholarships	\$174,581.00	\$36,332.00	\$189,053.00	\$89,429.00
Tributes	\$887.00	\$3,388.00	\$1,674.00	\$1,025.00
Tuition Assistance	\$9,737.00	\$31,284.00	\$42,573.00	\$78,912.00
TOTAL	\$955,682.00	\$715,734.00	\$875,174.00	\$691,190.00

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2022 MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Take a Gamble for a **Great Cause!**

The 2022 Monte Carlo Night was a tremendous success raising more than \$93,000 to support Montgomery Catholic! We could not have accomplished this without our amazing volunteers, sponsors, auction donors,

and attendees!

We give a special thank you to the head chef **Mark Bruton** and head pastry chef Maureen Neighbors for, among many other dishes, the best seafood gumbo in the state and the delectable desserts. Our volunteer food committee coordinators Bakeba Thomas and **Marilyn Hannah** made sure the food was seamlessly delivered throughout the evening.

The red, black, and white decorations turned the PICE Knights Arena into a magnificent European Casino through the hard work of **Bonnie McClure** and **Brittany Bradley.** The Montgomery Catholic Alumni Band stole the show entertaining the more than 300 attendees.



Our live and silent auctions raised more than \$35,600 which can be attributed to the fabulous auction committee including Jennifer Rogers, Christine Noell, Colleen Reardon, Kathryn Perry, Angela Washington, and Erin Fleet. A new addition to the excitement was a Wine Pull where attendees could buy a \$20 ticket and pull a bottle of wine from the display - always a gamble to see if you will select an expensive, rare bottle!

Finally, we thank our sponsors, many of whom have supported us since the first Monte Carlo Night 14 years ago!

We are looking forward to our 15th Annual Monte Carlo Night on February 4, 2023. Mark your calendars you don't want to miss it!

Gina Izer, Monte Carlo Chair

We appreciate our generous sponsors for our 2022 Monte Carlo Night!

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Our 6th day of giving, #iGiveCatholic,

the day in a HUGE way! The Goal = \$40,000 and at least 200 donors in one day who supported the Annual Fund & our K3-12 campus-

specific needs. A big thank you to our road crew: **Justin** Castanza, Alana Barranco, and Tom **Riello** who went live on Facebook from each campus and kept the momentum going all day long! It was a gift to have

Mary Kelley, Mary Thaggard, Brittany Bradley, Julie Lopez, Heather Ryan, **Elizabeth and Daniel Harbin, Christina** Parker and Meg Castanza as part of our Thank You Crew in the "War Room." We could not have made the day happen without their creativity and hard work to

Thank you for your support!!!! We had a huge day and could not have done it without your support!

thank our amazing donors.

Giving Tuesday over the years:

2016: \$1,550 2019: \$12,806

2018: \$8,895 2021: \$57,031

2017: \$3,845

Goal 2022: \$58,000

2020: \$30,468

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Annual Fund & Unrestricted Gifts: \$22.412

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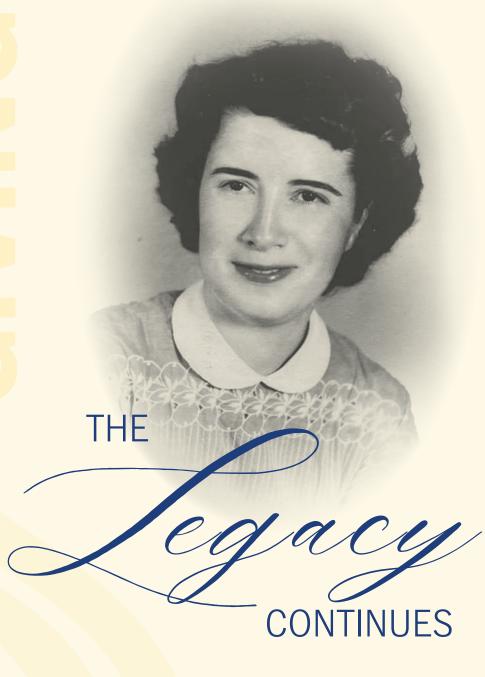
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My Grandmother, Catherine Martin, was a 1937 graduate of St. Mary's of Loretto. She grew up in Montgomery but lived many places in her adult life due to my Grandfather being in the Air Force. After all of their travels and raising four children, they settled back in Montgomery. My Grandmother attended church at St. Bede's for many years. She enjoyed daily mass and the community that was fostered between the church and school. She was able to see some of her children and grandchildren benefit from the education provided by St. Bede's and Catholic High just as she did.



My Grandmother wanted to give back to a place that had meant so much to her in her life. One of the ways she decided to do this was to start the Legacy Scholarship. The scholarship seeks to honor the teachers of Montgomery Catholic who have provided a lasting legacy of excellence to students for almost 150 years. The second very important piece of this scholarship is to provide new students an opportunity to learn from these teachers.

My Grandmother and I both had teachers in our journeys through the Montgomery Catholic system that had profound influences on our lives. She knew that opening the doors to others to be able to get the same experience that we both had would have a great impact on them. Grandmom wanted to have a vehicle for others to show their appreciation for these teachers. This scholarship allows all of the Montgomery Catholic family to participate in honoring the teachers that served them while starting off new families with a special gift as they continue their educational journey.

Ken Martin, Class of 1993

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We are grateful for those who have supported the mission of our school over the past year. It is a privilege to share these tributes with our Montgomery Catholic family.

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MONTGOMERY CATHOLIC CELEBRATES

The Class of 2022

On the evening of Tuesday, May 24, 2022, the 147th graduating class of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School gathered in the PICE Knights Arena at the MCPS Middle and High School Campus. Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi, Superintendent of Education Gwendolyn Byrd, Montgomery Catholic President Justin Castanza, and High School Principal Eileen Aaron were joined by Reverend Fathers Patrick Gilbreath, Connor Plessala, Victor Ingalls, Saleth Mariadoss, Alex Valladares, Sherwin Monteron, Chris Boutin and Charles Troncale.

The 57 members of the Class of 2022 have earned \$22.3 million in scholarship offers from 25 colleges and universities across 12 states. 73% of graduates were awarded scholarships. The top 20 percent of the class achieved an average ACT composite score of 31 and an average GPA of 4.21. Our graduates participated in over 1500 hours of service in our community and 9 students signed to play collegiate sports. 23% of the class has attended Montgomery Catholic since Kindergarten and 45% of graduates are in the National Honor Society (3.75 GPA). We are so proud of their achievements and the example they set for future generations.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

Valedictorian: Will Noell

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