



THE LEGACY

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A Note From the CEF President

TAMMY CATT

Welcome to Spring 2025!

As we step into a new season, it's incredible to reflect on how quickly time is moving. Another school year is nearing its end, and with that, we celebrate the Class of 2025! Congratulations to each of you—may you always cherish the memories of your time walking the halls of the Vincennes Catholic Schools. Remember, no matter where life takes you, you will always be part of the Vincennes Catholic Schools family. We look forward to hearing about your exciting adventures after graduation and wish you all the best as you begin this next chapter.

Each of us is writing our own story, page by page. As we do, let's take a moment to pause and appreciate the beauty of spring—the fresh air, the blooming flowers, and the opportunity to spend time outdoors in God's magnificent creation. Each day brings a new masterpiece, a reminder to slow down and embrace the simple joys around us.

Thinking back to the celebrations that marked the transition from 1999 to 2000, it's hard to believe we are now in 2025—time truly flies! Looking back, some of my fondest memories come from volunteering—whether at school events, church, or through the Christian Educational Foundation (CEF). The saying “giving is more rewarding than receiving” rings true. There are countless ways to share your time and talents, from helping at our schools and churches to participating in CEF events like Sunday Night Bingos, the Golf Outing, Rendezvous, Fair Booth, Germanfest, Fall Gathering, and Mega Bingos. Life is busy, but when the right moment arises, I encourage you to find ways to give back—your efforts make a meaningful impact.

To each of you reading this issue of the Legacy, thank you. Your prayers, participation, and volunteer efforts make CEF's mission possible. We are grateful for your ongoing support of Vincennes Catholic Schools. As you enjoy this edition, I hope to hear your stories and see you at our upcoming events!

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (Closed Tues)
8:00am - 3:00pm (closed for lunch 11:00-11:30am)



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our events & so much more!

COVER PHOTOS

2024 Homecoming Court: Natalie Earley, Helena Miller, Elexus Frey, Lissa Willis, Mary Herman, Fisher Lemon, Gage Letts, Gabriel Dodd, Walker Lane, Zachary Bottoms, Mini escorts are Hanna Hamilton & Jensen Letts.

2024 Homecoming King & Queen: Fisher Lemon & Mary Herman
Fisher is the son of Janelle Lemon & the late Bill Lemon.
Mary is the daughter of Eric & Katie Herman.

CEF Meetings: 1st Monday of the month - 6:00pm

CEF holds monthly board meetings the first Monday of each month at 6:00pm. All are welcome to attend. The office is located inside the “Old Catholic School” across the parking lot from Rivet. Come and join us in our support of our Vincennes Catholic Schools!

FALL GATHERING 2024

We want to give a big thank you to all of our many volunteers, donors, guests, and supporters for making our 2024 Fall Gathering so amazing! Help us make 2025 even better in September!



Alumni News



ST ROSE ACADEMY ALUMNAE REUNION

The annual St Rose Academy Alumnae Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2025. The day will begin with Mass at St John's at 10:00AM. The Mass Intention is for all deceased alumni of the Vincennes Catholic Schools. All are welcome! Following Mass, the St Rose Alumnae will proceed to The St Francis Xavier Parish Center at 3rd and Vigo. A buffet luncheon will begin at noon. The donation for the luncheon is \$20.00. There will be no mailings sent again this year.

Checks in the amount of \$20.00 may be sent to St Rose Academy Alumnae, PO Box 176 - Vincennes, IN 4759. Deadline for reservations is September 5, 2025.

For more information contact Mary Ann Thacker at 812-890-2902 (call or text) or email her at marypearl66@yahoo.com.

Rivet Class of 1971 Raises Money for Rivet Athletics Booster Club

What began as a suggestion from a classmate turned into a challenge as a class to support the athletes who proudly wear the purple and gold as they represent the Vincennes Catholic Schools. Our goal was to reach the Varsity Member level of \$350, but we received a grand total of \$1,115! Many thanks to all of our classmates who participated. We are so proud to be the first class to graduate from Rivet High School!



Pictured: Chris Yochum Kidwell, Pam Fields, LouAnne Linn Ditsler, and Kari Land (CEF Secretary)

September 2024 through February 2025

Donations to CEF In Memory of

Jim Ballow	Margaret Dilly	Ralph Ruppel
Doris Biggs	Harold Glass	Mike Schmidt
Kenneth Bottoms	Darren Lane	John Teising
Paul Brown	Carolyn Pohl	Mike Zanetis
Mary Jo Davis	Danny Robinson	

In Memory

OF OUR RECENTLY DECEASED ALUMNI

Mary Gladys Wheeler – 1944
Dorothy (Arnold) Titsworth - 1946
Patricia McCarthy – 1947
Mary Joan (Valley) Vieck – 1947
Mary Lou (Cardinal) Bauer - 1951
Barbara (Gluck) Butler – 1952
Bridget (Brochin) Jerome - 1952
Walter L. Cary Sr. - 1953
Marvin Richardville - 1953
Lawrence P. Carie - 1954
Thomas E. Bailey – 1955
Noel Carie - 1955
Patty (Grove) Dillon - 1955
Shirley (Cardinal) Wagoner – 1955
Mary Jo (Halter) Davis – 1956
Carolyn (Kotter) Pohl – 1956
Jack G. Shots – 1956
Edward “Short” Halter - 1957
Jackie (Brown) Keller – 1957
Gary P. Walker - 1957
William J. Frigge - 1960
Donald J. Halter – 1961
George R. Harrison - 1962
Philip Quinet – 1962
Agnes (Painter) Brown - 1966
Brenda (Kelly) Pruitt - 1966
John Cardini - 1967
Mike O'Toole - 1968
John M. Teising – 1972
Mary Beth (O'Dell) Gavney - 1978

Where does the money go?



Each year, the CEF hosts a number of annual fundraisers, receives donations, memorial gifts and even the occasional estate gift. Perhaps you are wondering where the money goes, but were afraid to ask! Take a look at how the CEF assisted the Vincennes Catholic Schools and students in 2024:

General operations	\$ 204,000
Grants for student tuitions	\$ 24,500
Student Scholarships	\$ 9,105
Teacher Scholarship	\$ 1,000
Building Maintenance and Improvements	\$ 441,816
Gift Card/Scrip Payout for Student Tuition	\$ 2,183
Other Support	\$ 27,255
TOTAL:	\$ 709,859

Some of the donations to the CEF are gifted by families for a particular use, such as the Noland and Elizabeth McClure Scholarship, the Ralph Holscher Scholarship, the Hugh Wickens Scholarship and the Dr. Karen Nutt Fund. But the CEF also raises enough money to support general operations, building maintenance and improvements, classrooms and academic teams of Rivet and Flaget.

Without the support, involvement and enthusiasm of thousands of committed supporters it would not be possible for us to continue to invest in our Vincennes Catholic Schools. We want to thank every donor who makes it possible for us to continue to increase our annual investment in our schools.

We invite one and all to join the CEF in our mission to support the Vincennes Catholic Schools. If you have any questions, want additional information, wish to make a donation, or want to volunteer your time, please contact the CEF at 812-882-5889.

Many thanks to individuals who donated through the Legacy envelope:

September 2024 — February 2025

Mike & Julia Beaman
Joseph & Mary Rae Bodart
John & Cindy Bratton
Lawrence Keller
Harry & Nancy McAdams
Ginger Mullis
Barbara Newton

Paul & Joyce Scholl
Ann Telles
Rocky & Mary Ann Thacker
Linda Thompson
Linda Trant
Tim & Young Ae Tresslar

Your Help Is Greatly Appreciated



The envelope attached in the middle of the booklet is for your use! Please consider donating to the Christian Educational Foundation. We can also accept donations through PayPal on our website, www.vincennescef.org. Your donations will help us meet our monthly obligations to the Vincennes Catholic Schools. We truly appreciate your support.

A Year Full of Ancient History

for Ms. Parkes' Social Studies Students!

In the summer 2024, 14 students traveled to Europe with Ms. Parkes and visited Rome and Athens. In Italy, the group visited the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Roman Forum, Pompeii, and the Vatican, along with other historical sites. They feasted on authentic Italian food and tried so many new things. The group was extremely excited when they were able to attend Mass with the Pope in St. Peter's Square on the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul, and hear remarks from the Pope following Mass. To say the days in Rome were life-changing is an understatement! In Athens, the travelers saw the Parthenon, The Acropolis Museum, Ancient Temples, Delphi, and swam in the Aegean Sea. They enjoyed Greek cuisine and especially loved Baklava! They also took a Greek Dance lesson and had so much fun!

Several of the students who traveled last summer are taking World History with Ms. Parkes this year. They had a lot of fun studying even more about the places they visited and sharing stories and experiences with classmates. Since not everyone got to travel to Europe, Ms. Parkes brought as much from ancient times to life as she could here at home! The World History students researched and studied the ancient Romans in depth. Once they had a good grasp on the people and the events, they participated in a game called "Provide or Conquer", where they had to decide how they would have managed the events and happenings in Rome had they been here hundreds and thousands of years ago. At the end of the game, the team who had made the best decisions and earned the most "gold" won!

The World History classes also studied the first Greek Olympics and were each assigned a city state. Once they wrote an anthem for their city state and created a flag, the groups competed in their own "Greek Olympics" in events such as foot running, javelin, shot-put, chariot racing, and more! The day after the Olympic Games here at home, the Junior class World History students traveled to Nashville, TN where the group got to see an exact replica of the original Parthenon that some of them saw earlier in the year in Athens.

Through field trips, games, activities, and traveling abroad, it's easy to say that the Rivet students now have a greater knowledge of and appreciation for the Ancient Greeks and Romans, and also recognize the effects that their societies still have on ours today!

Our adventures aren't over, though! In 2026, Ms. Parkes will be leading a group of students on a WWII tour that will begin in London, travel to Portsmouth, then to Normandy, and finally to Paris. The tour will focus on WWII but will most specifically zero in on the events of D-Day when the Americans and their allies stormed the beaches of Normandy. If you are interested in making a donation to this trip, please contact Lindy Parkes at lparkes@evdio.org.



Rivet Spell Bowl Squad

The Rivet Patriots Senior Spell Bowl Squad participated in the 2024 IASP Spell Bowl State Competition on November 16, 2024, at Purdue University, where they placed 19th in Indiana. This marks the first time since 1996 that the high school squad has qualified for the state competition. Earlier this year, the senior team achieved first place at the Blue-Chip Competition held at Northeast Dubois High School and also took first place at the area spell bowl competition at North Knox High School.

The members of this year's high school squad are Jaclyn Campbell (Captain), Elle Stoelb, Miley Catt, Chloe Frye, Bryn Duckworth, Allen Dong, Drake Bellessa, Conrad Graham, Isabella Pacheco (Co-Captain), Geovanni Ralston, Madison Will, Danica Hooper, Elexus Frye, and Bridget Stine. Nick Carrithers and Trey Desjardin have coached the spell bowl squad for the past four years.

Additionally, the Rivet Junior/Senior Spell Bowl teams have competed at the state competition in three of the last four years. In 2021, the middle school team secured third place in Class 4 at the state level, and the following year, they achieved a top twenty placement in Indiana.

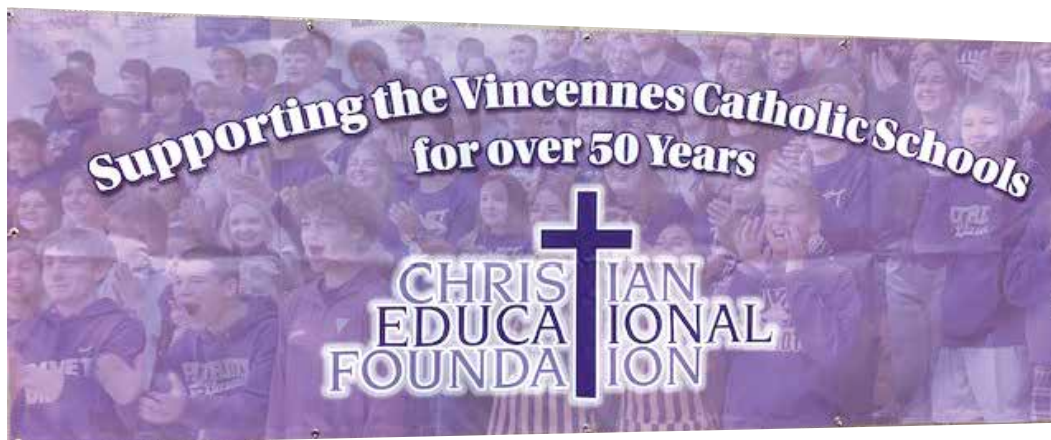
On Wednesday, November 20th, Geovanni Ralston and Allen Dong competed in the IASP Individual State Spell Bowl competition. They aimed to achieve a perfect score by spelling correctly at either the area competition, the state competition, or both. Both competitors were required to spell 75 words of increasing difficulty, with point values ranging from 0 to 3 points per word.

At the end of an hour, Geovanni Ralston had accumulated 70 points out of a possible 97, while Allen Dong earned 96 points out of 97. The following day, Thursday, November 21st, the IASP Individual Spell Bowl State results were released and Allen Dong received a silver medal placement. Allen is currently ranked as the 9th best individual speller in the state of Indiana for 2024.



Congratulations to Drake Bellessa

Drake has received the National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program from CollegeBoard. This program recognizes excellent academic achievement and is a testament to Drake's hard work.



2025 CEF UPCOMING EVENTS:

Golf Scramble — May 9

Rendezvous Sausage Booth — May 24 & 25

Fair Food Booth — July 14-19

Germanfest — August 8 & 9

Fall Gathering — September 13

Mega Event — November 2

Sunday Night Bingo — Every Sunday Evening

Flaget NEWS

Mrs. Fisher named Elizabeth Ann Seton Outstanding Educator

On Oct. 25, 2024, Kristie Fisher, a prekindergarten teacher at Flaget Elementary School in Vincennes, was named the October St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Outstanding Educator by the Diocese of Evansville Catholic Schools Office. Fisher was surprised by Diocesan Superintendent Michelle Priar, Associate Superintendent Kari Ford and School Support Administrator Lynde Anquillare, who presented her with a certificate and a small gift.

Fisher is the 10th educator to receive the honor since its inception in 2023. She is in her 24th year of teaching for the diocese.



Family Literacy Night

In September, 87 Patriots and 63 families attended our first Family Literacy Night and was deemed a success! Readers and their families were having fun and celebrating books with guest readers, storybook characters, crafts, and costumes.



Flaget Elementary School recently won Indiana's Literacy Achievement Award!

We're thrilled to share that 95%+ of our students passed IREAD in 2023-2024. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our amazing students, teachers, and community for making reading a priority!



Design and Innovation Studio

Flaget is grateful for the support of our stakeholders and partnerships with local organizations. We recently celebrated the opening of our Design & Innovation Studio with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Our D & I Studio was made possible by Vincennes University, Purdue IN-MaC, and several private donors.

While working in the D & I Studio each week, Flaget students are challenged to develop their active listening, problem-solving, and decision-making skills to collaborate on projects. Dobots, KaiBots, 3D printers, and Sphere Bolts are just a few of the pieces of equipment that students work with to develop these skills.



Flaget Patriotic Rosary

Flaget hosted a Patriotic Rosary on November 11, 2024 at St. John's Church. The 5th grade students led the Rosary in celebration of Veteran's Day. We were honored to host many veterans at the Mass while also remembering those in our parish that have served.



Flaget's Etiquette Project

In the 24-25 school year, Flaget launched a year long Etiquette Project. Students learned a new Manner of the Week every Monday, participated in a Fancy Day, and were served a lunch where they learned table etiquette. Throughout the year, students were constantly reminded of the current manner while also practicing past manners. The students did a great job of sharing, saying "please" and "thank you", learning how to be a good guest in a friend's home, and many more useful and practical manners.



2024 Soccer Sectional Champions!

Congrats
**LADY
PATRIOTS**



Congratulations Carter Stevenson

Rivet Swimmer Carter Stevenson finished 1st Place in the 100 & 200 Free at the County Meet and recorded a new PR in the 200 Free!

Carter advanced to Sectionals in the 100 Backstroke and finished 7th overall. Way to go, Carter!!!



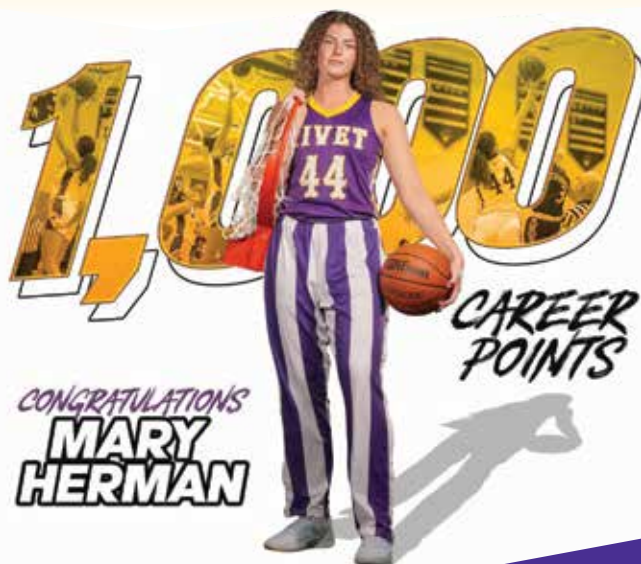


**2024 Evansville Diocese
Tournament Champions
Congrats to the Rivet MS
Boys Basketball team!**

**Congratulations to
Mary Herman
as she signed to
play volleyball at
Bellarmine!**
Go Knights!



**Congratulations to Lexi Frey
for scoring 1000 points!**



CLASS OF 1975 RIVET ALUMNI



WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

Congratulations....you will be celebrating your 50th class reunion this year!

We would like to put together information pertaining to each individual, such as:

- *Name*
- *Spouse/# of years*
- *Current City, State*
- *# of Children*
- *Occupation/Retired*
- *Education*
- *Hobbies*
- *Words of Wisdom*

We would like to share all of your information in the Fall Issue of the Legacy. Please email us at office@vincennescef.org with any information about yourself that you would like to share with fellow Rivet, St. Rose, Gibault, Central Catholic alumni in the fall issue. We are excited to see what everyone has been up to over the years!!!