Highlights from September 2017 to February 2018 **Spring 2018**

2018

The Legacy

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New Mid Buses at Vincennes Catholic Schools

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Congratulations Rivet Lady Patriots 2018 State Runner-Up Champions!!

Congratulations to Megan Niehaus for earning the Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Award. She is the daughter of Butch & Tina Niehaus.

FOUR STAR SCHOOL

Indiana Department of Education

Flaget Elementary was awarded the designation of Four Star School by the Indiana Department of Education. The IDOE recognizes outstanding schools with this designation indicating academic excellence among students, educators and administration. A school must receive an "A" on the state's A-F accountability system, have excellent ISTEP pass rates and show success in closing achievement gaps. Only 238 schools in the state received the designation, so congratulations to Flaget on receiving this prestigious award. We commend you for your hard work and dedication in preparing our students for the future!

A NOTE FROM THE CEF PRESIDENT

I hope you're paying attention, because 2017 just flew right by...and we're already well into 2018! I know I'm not alone in wondering how time seems to go by so quickly. And while I know it's always important to take stock of things and know where you stand, it's especially true when things move so rapidly! So enjoy the next few pages as we bring you up to date on what's been happening with our amazing Vincennes Catholic Schools and the Christian Educational Foundation!

The 2017-18 school year has been filled with many accomplishments; academic and athletic, individual and team. Our students, faculty and staff have made us proud once again. There is little time to rest though. There is always the pressure of how to do better; how to help our students be better prepared academically, mentally, socially and spiritually!

I can tell you with certainty that CEF has been on a positive roll as well! Without a doubt, we have been absolutely blessed in this last year. But it's the same for CEF, there is no opportunity to put on the brakes or even coast for a while. There is constant need; always something to be repaired, replaced or upgraded for the schools. Teacher salaries, light bills, health insurance and heating bills continue to rise, and so we must continue our work without fail.

For well over 45 years, CEF has been walking beside the Vincennes Catholic Schools, providing financial, physical and prayerful support. We are quickly becoming an organization ready to embrace the third generation of supporters and volunteers! It is a wonderful thing to see the tradition and support continue.

One thing we know for sure is that we would be nothing without the blessings of Jesus Christ and those who have a heart for Him. As long as there is one who wishes for a Catholic education...CEF will be dedicated to helping make that wish come true.

Julie Marchino
President
Christian Educational Foundation

UPCOMING CEF EVENTS:

-Golf Scramble—Friday, May 11, 2018
-Rendezvous—Saturday/Sunday, May 26-27, 2018
-Knox County Fair Food Booth—July 16-21, 2018
-Germanfest—August 10-11, 2018
-Meet & Greet—Friday, August 24, 2018
-Fall Gathering—September 15, 2018
-Mega Bingo—November 4, 2018

FAST FACT:
July 4, 1992, Rivet HS joined the annual Vincennes parade to celebrate over 200 years of Catholic education in Vincennes.

Like us on Facebook to keep up to date on our events & so much more!

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Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (Closed Tues)
9:30am - 3:45pm
Closed for lunch 11:15am-12:15pm
8:00-9:30am available by appt only

CEF Meetings:

CEF holds monthly board meetings the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm. ***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!

CEF DONATES NEW MID BUS

Julie Marchino, CEF President

It is with a grateful heart that I announce the Christian Educational Foundation fully funded the purchase of a new mid bus for the Vincennes Catholic Schools!!

In the case of the two original VCS mid buses, their wheels had really gone round and round! After about 18 years of service each, it was time for the buses to retire as they were becoming less and less reliable. These buses have traveled many miles to academic competitions, church celebrations, field trips, retreats, sporting competitions and spring break habitat trips; all the while carrying our most precious cargo…our students.

After rather quiet fundraising efforts, the first new mid bus was purchased and delivered last November. But knowing the immediate need, and after considering the ongoing concerns for the safety of our kids, CEF membership voted to make the donation for the second mid bus. And so, the second new bus was delivered the end of January!

Without a doubt, it's a great feeling for all involved to see a pressing need and be able to fill it! But, it's an even greater feeling to know we have the support of so many people who believe in our mission and that of our Catholic schools! And so we say a most sincere THANK YOU to everyone who supports CEF in any way!! Whether you've prayed for us, donated money one time or many…a little or a lot; you are a part of who we are and the reason for our success…and this donation!

So when you see those new mid buses rolling down the street or highway, take a moment to say a prayer of thanksgiving, and be proud of what we have accomplished together!

FAST FACT: 2008 Boys' Basketball victory over rival, Loogootee, was the first time in 16 years.

Remembering LEONA CONN

Leona Conn was a long-time supporter of CEF and the Vincennes Catholic Schools.

In 2017, CEF was the recipient of a wonderful financial gift from Leona Conn, a long-time supporter of CEF and the Vincennes Catholic Schools. Miss Leona passed away in April of 2017 at the age of 87, after living a life driven by faith, hard work and frugality.

Leona was a child of the depression and her family faced many challenges. Her father served in WWI and returned from service with health complications after being a victim of poisoned gas. His service in the war changed his life and that of his family, as he died when Leona was only 12 years old. But her family stuck together and made ends meet, mostly by faith in God and "making do".

Miss Leona graduated 8th grade from Sacred Heart and then St. Rose Academy in 1947. Being a good student, she attended Vincennes University with the help of a scholarship from the VFW and graduated in 1949. And finally, she went on to graduate from Evansville College, and have a long career as a Medical Lab Tech.

She spent her own life working hard and doing without, in order to help others. Besides supporting her Sacred Heart parish, the Vincennes Catholic Schools and CEF; she believed in and was a regular supporter of dozens of other charities. She was a true example of selflessness. In a time where things like frugality, sacrifice and hard work take a pretty hard hit, Miss Leona used all of those things for the greater good of those around her.

We at CEF will always remember your generosity, and we promise to be good stewards of the most generous and beautiful gift you've given us! Rest easy and Godspeed Miss Leona!

IT'S ON!

Fundraising IS ON for a new or pre-owned big yellow school bus for the Vincennes Catholic Schools!

Currently we have a fleet of three buses, the newest of which is 15 years old and it has been on the road since January 2003. That bus, #94, is the only bus that was purchased new. The other two buses were purchased used and are even older, at 17 and 25 years old. Unfortunately, reliability, upkeep and repairs are making it more difficult (and expensive) to keep these buses on the road.

Gifts of any size are tax deductible and greatly appreciated! Please be sure to note "Yellow Bus Fund" on your donation and make checks payable to Vincennes Catholic Schools. Gifts may be mailed to: VCS, 210 Barnett Street, Vincennes, IN 47591.

For questions or more information, contact Teresa Niehaus at 812-890-4472. Thanks in advance for your support!!

We Need You!!

CEF hosts a smoke-free bingo every Sunday evening (about 49 weeks a year) at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Volunteers work in teams of 6-8 people on their assigned week, selling tips and pull tabs, checking bingos and such. Workers are offered free food and soft drinks from the K of C menu. Bingo runs from 4:45 until about 9:30 pm each week, so it's a quick and easy way to generate funds. Bingo is absolutely CEF's biggest money maker each year! In 2017, we raised almost $105,000 from Sunday night bingo alone! **CEF is in DIRE need of volunteers to work Sunday night bingo. Please consider volunteering!** If we can engage enough volunteers, teams would only have to work 2 or 3 times a year! Call CEF at 812-882-5889 to volunteer…and bring along a friend or two!! **PLEASE…we need all the help we can get!!**

Homecoming

It was so nice to see Mrs. Linda Holscher at Rivet's Basketball Homecoming in January. She was able to get a great picture with her friend, Lucy Kirk.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Where does the money go?

Each year 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 CEF assisted the Vincennes Catholic Schools and families in 2017:

General operations	$	186,000	
Grants for student tuition	$	25,450	
Student Scholarships	$	5,705	
Teacher Scholarship	$	1,000	(personal use)
1st Mid Bus Donation	$	10,000	
SGO Donation to VCS	$	4,000	(Scholarship Granting Organization)
Student Tuition	$	6,016	(for families with emergent circumstances)
Nutt Fund Disbursements	$	2,978	(for classroom equipment/supplies)
Gift Card/Scrip Payout for Student Tuition	$	3,420	
Assorted Donations	$	7,137	(for assorted programs and needs)
TOTAL:	**$**	**251,706**	

Some of the donations to CEF are gifted by families for a particular use, such as the Noland and Elizabeth McClure Scholarship, the Ralph Holscher Scholarship and the Dr. Karen Nutt Fund. But CEF still raises enough money to contribute to Rivet and Flaget in many other substantial ways, as you see above.

If you donate to CEF, know someone who does, or maybe don't know why you should; hopefully you'll find the above information enlightening. **We invite one and all to join CEF in our mission to support the Vincennes Catholic Schools.** For questions, to make a donation, volunteer your time or for more information, please contact CEF at 812-882-5889!

Many thanks to the individuals who donated through the Legacy envelope: September 2017 - February 2018

Michael & Julia Beaman
Earnest & Gayle Bledsoe
Joseph & Mary Rae Bodart
Monica Carie
William & Phyllis Chansler
William & Mary Ellen Coates
William & Caren Frigge
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John & Genevieve Goss
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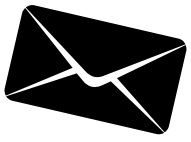


Your Help Is Greatly Appreciated

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.

Reunions

CLASS OF 1987

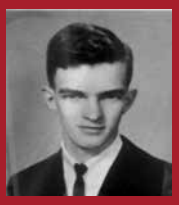
Rivet's Class of 1987 met at the Germanfest for its 30th class reunion. Fifteen of the twenty-six were present to walk down memory lane.

The eight girls met at Brenda Vantlin Donovan's house in the afternoon before meeting up with the boys at the K of C. After awhile, the group made its way to the fest.

It was great re-living our high school days.

✍ CLASS NOTES... *from the Legacy Fall 2017 issue*

William J. Frigge: William attended St. John's Grade School and graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1960. He attended the US Naval Academy and graduated in 1965, and followed with a thirty-year career in the US Navy spanning from 1961-1991. This included three tours in Vietnam. Over the span of his career, he rescued 11 people at sea and served as a member of the Matthews Volunteer Rescue Squad from 1991-2013. He retired from the U.S. Navy with the rank of Captain.



C. Maurice Theriac: Maurice graduated from Central Catholic in 1964. He joined the US Navy and served from 1964-1967, which included two tours in Vietnam. He retired from the US Postal Service as a Postal Supervisor in 2002. He is currently the Manager of the VFW Post #2244, in Lawrenceville, IL.

Monica Wolfe Telles: Monica grew up in Vincennes and attended St. John's Elementary. She graduated from St. Rose Academy in 1940. Monica is 96 years old and enjoys receiving and reading the Legacy newsletter, to stay connected to Vincennes and the Vincennes Catholic Schools.

CLASS OF 1972

Rivet Class of 1972 met for their 45th class reunion during Germanfest weekend, August 11 & 12, 2017. There were approximately 32 of 83 classmates in attendance. We celebrated at the Germanfest on Friday and then met on Saturday evening at the Knights of Columbus. Several of the guys went golfing during the day, while others met at Rivet for a tour. Saturday at the K of C's, name tags were provided, as some were afraid they wouldn't remember everyone! A remembrance table was set up for the 8 classmates who have already passed away, much too young. Most everyone ordered their favorite meal, breaded tenderloins and fries. Besides the great food, we played a trivia game "Down Memory Lane" which we kept lively by tossing Mardi Gras beads into the crowd. Lots of pictures were taken as a group as well as small groups of their respective grade school classes. A good time was had by all and plans for the 50th are in the works!!

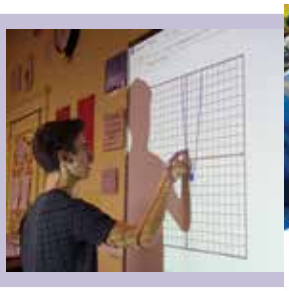
DR. KAREN NUTT FUND

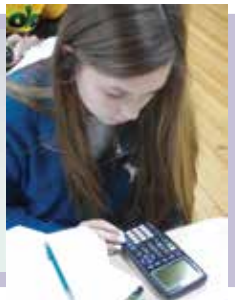
HELPING TEACHERS & STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOLS

This fund was set up a little over a year ago to help encourage the study of Science, Engineering & Mathematics in the Vincennes Catholic Schools. Since then, CEF has been able to help several teachers purchase items for their classrooms with these funds.

"I was able to purchase another projector for my classroom so that I can use my smart board. I was also able to purchase more TI-83+ Graphing Calculators to replace the ones that we have had for a long time and were wearing out from use. I really appreciate the opportunity to purchase items to help my students in their learning."

Beverly Adams, Rivet HS Math





"I had the opportunity to purchase 5 OSMO's, which work with our IPad's for our first-grade classes. This gave me the ability to allow my students to have hands on learning that they enjoy. These are their favorite learning centers and they request them even on free play! First grade more than appreciates this opportunity and feels very fortunate to be able to make learning fun!"

Kalena Thompson, Flaget Elementary 1st Grade

"Flaget was able to purchase 12 document cameras & interactive pens to use in our classrooms. Thank you CEF! The new pens work great. Preschool is doing a weather report. Thanks for helping us get this great new equipment!"

Lori Wissel, Flaget Elementary Principal

LANE WINS SCIENCE COMPETITION

Karley Lane, 7th grader at Rivet Middle/High School, displays her 1st place trophy in the annual Diet Coke Racing Can competition. Students in Mrs. Mary Miller's science class built self-propelled vehicles using pop cans, rubber bands, pencils, washers, and hex nuts. Karley defeated 16 students in the double elimination physics principles event. Her device rolled over 10 meters.

FAST FACT: 1998 JETS (Junior Engineering Technical Society) came in first out of four in the Division 1 competition.

SPLINTERS
BY BERNIE NIEHAUS

The Herman Legacy
Doc and Mary Herman

Doc Herman passed away December 27th, peacefully surrounded by his children. They were comforted knowing that he left them to be with their mother, Mary, who preceded him in death exactly one month to the day. The Herman family legacy of faith, family and Christian Education will be carried out by his seven children and their spouses: Dan Herman Jr., John Herman, Pat Herman, Molly Weiss, Maria Earley, Eric Herman, and Lynn Stine.

After graduating from medical school, Doc went into the Army. At Ft. Campbell, KY, he met and fell in love with Mary, a nurse, and married his wife of 52 years. Mary was truly the matriarch of the Herman family. She was a wonderful cook and she took great pride in feeding everyone who came into her home. She loved her 30 grandchildren. One of her greatest joys was attending their sporting events.

Doc completed his orthopedic surgery residency at St. Louis University. In 1971, he and Mary moved to Vincennes and his legacy remains as a founding member of the Vincennes Orthopedic Surgery Clinic.

Doc loved hunting, fishing and farming. At the age of 52 he took up snow skiing. He became an expert and could ski just about any trail. He was a man of great faith. Faith in God's plan gave him the courage and strength to be an instrument of the Lord, in his work and his family.

Our family friendship with the Hermans goes back almost 60 years. Gary and Mike Doll from Olney went to Vincennes University with Patty and I. They were best friends with Doc and introduced us to him. Later in 1971 when Doc and Mary moved to Vincennes our families became good friends. We had wiener roasts in our Lakewood woods before we built our home and took a trip to Kentucky Lake on our old houseboat.

All seven Herman kids, plus our five, helped swell the enrollment at Rivet. As I stated previously, faith, family, and Christian education is a Herman legacy. Doc and Mary loved the Catholic Schools and worked hard on so many projects to help keep them open. The famous Herman barbeque with all the fixings was a big draw at our Fall Gathering. With the seven Herman's and their thirty grandchildren, I am sure they will keep the great legacy alive – faith, family and Christian education.

Bernie

Bernie can be reached at bgniehaus@niehausinc.com

*Parts of this story were taken from the obituaries of Doc and Mary

Coaches vs. Cancer

Two area teams were able to come together for one great cause….the Knox County Relay for Life! Players, cheerleaders and fans of the Rivet Patriots and South Knox Spartans were decked out in purple 'Hoops for Hope' t-shirts supporting the event. Jared Thomas, Rivet Alumni 2012 and Knox County Relay for Life Chair 2018, had a great time heading up the event. It was good to see such a great outcome & awesome community support. SK won both the JV & Varsity games. The 2018 Knox County Relay for Life event will be held on Saturday, May 19th at Lincoln High School from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please come out and join us for this wonderful event.

Rivet Grad Plays in NCAA Volleyball Championship

In a year's time, Rivet alum Gabi Hancock went from playing high school volleyball to playing in the biggest match of her life, the championship game of the NCAA Division III Volleyball Tournament.

Hancock continued her academic and athletic career at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. This season the Tigers had a banner year with a 27-3 record. They finished National Runner-up in NCAA Division III tournament, losing to Claremont Mudd Scripps from Claremont, CA. It was a great run for Wittenberg who lost only one set in the tournament before the championship match. The Tigers have been to the title game three times in the last six years.

Wittenberg also won the North Coast Atlantic Conference and were undefeated at home. Hancock is a middle hitter for the Tigers finishing the season hitting .318.

Gabi looks forward to volunteering with RLPV, Coach Jill Ballinger and Jensen Ballinger, current setter for Blackburn University, in summer open gyms. Jensen and Gabi will continue to focus on keeping touches on the ball while volunteering with players for next year's team.

Gabi graduated from Rivet in 2017 where she was a member of the volleyball and basketball teams. She was an All-Conference and All-Area selection for volleyball. She was the Student Council President, a member of the National Honor Society, the Interact Club and she participated in Youth Leadership Knox County.

Hancock is the daughter of Tammy Catt.

FAST FACT: Rivet 1973 GAA Track Regional Qualifiers Carol Cary, Coach Pam Fay, Beth Roellgen, Karen Anslinger, Carol Theriac, Kathy Pea

Alumni News

The 24th annual St Rose Academy Alumnae Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 22nd at the Green Activities Center on the Vincennes University Campus! Doors will open and registration begins at 9:30 AM. Tables will be reserved for each class. Please come early!!! We will celebrate the Liturgy at 11:00 AM. A buffet luncheon will follow. There will also be a short program and a presentation by the Class of 1968. Reservations must be made in advance. We will not be able to accept money at the door. Registration forms will be mailed out by the first of June.

The SRA Class of 1968 will be celebrating their Golden Anniversary. Many of their class members will be participating in the liturgy. We encourage ALL members of the class of 1968 to attend!

We will be honoring those classes whose graduation year was: 1938 - 1943 - 1948 - 1953 - 1958 - 1963 - 1968 and 1973 (Rivet). If you are planning a special event and need mailing addresses / e-mail addresses, please contact Mary Ann Thacker at 812-890-2902 (call or text) or e-mail at: marypearl66@yahoo.com

REUNIONS PLANNED FOR 2018

1963 – 55 Years – Contact Judy Kiger
1966 – 70th Birthday Party – Contact Mary Ann Thacker
1968 – 50 Years – Contact Susan Hurst
1978 – 40 Years – Contact Margaret O'Donnell
1998 – 20 Years – Contact Zoe Lukens or Monica Gilmore
2003 – 15 years – Contact Porsche Cleghorn

CLASS OF 1998

Rivet Class of 1998 will celebrate their 20th Class Reunion at the Germanfest on Friday night 8/10/18. A family friendly cookout at Monica (Carpenter) Gilmore's home will be held on Saturday 8/11/18. Time, address and further details will be discussed on the class Facebook page or contact Zoe (Anderson) Lukens at 812-890-9048.

In Memory

Our Recently Deceased Alumni

Nora Ramsey Hunckler - 1942
Laura Carie Phillippe - 1943
Julianne Nardine Richardville – 1946
Joan Wetzel Jewel - 1947
Geraldine Ruppel Westfall - 1947
Patricia Richardville Zeabart – 1951
Esther Williams Lavely - 1952
Shirley Christian Farley – 1954
Marjorie Souligney Kaiser - 1954
George Lavely - 1955
(Vincent) Paul Pace – 1955
Ellen Kahre - 1957
Ray Keller - 1958
Robert M. Day - 1960
Wilma Primus Petty – 1960
Anthony "Tony" Sanneman – 1960
Alberta Rafferty Crews - 1961
Donna Witsman DeLisle – 1961
Donald I. Jackson – 1961
Vickie Ueding Glass - 1962
Janet Wieter Burgos - 1964
Bob Nierste – 1964
David Lane - 1965
Paul Tougaw – 1965
Michael E. Fredrick - 1966
Dexter Cardinal - 1969
Sally Anderson Ziccardi – 1971
Ann Gouverneur - 1972
Dave Siewers – 1972
Rose Briody Sullivan - 1976
Christopher James - 1988
Will Morris – Faculty
Brian Udovich - Faculty

Donations to CEF In Memory of

September 2017 through February 2018

Mary Herman
Dan Herman Sr.
Ellen Kahre
Chuck Kaiser
Marjorie Kaiser
Joel Kirkwood
George Lavely
John & Dorothy Ueding

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

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