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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Bishop Dwenger High School, a diocesan Catholic school founded in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, provides a faith-centered community dedicated to academic excellence, growth in the spiritual life, a Christ-centered active life outside of class, and a Christian life of service to the community.

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The Power of Community to Inspire

Inspiration comes to us when we least expect it or when we need it most. Some people hunt for inspiration daily, while others do not worry about such things. Inspiration can come to us in many forms: letters, cards, posters, Bible scripture, coaches, teachers, parents, and music. For me, I believe the largest source of my inspiration comes from my daily interactions with people.



I draw inspiration from our students and staff each day. I am not a big believer in coincidences, and I am not superstitious. However, I do believe we receive gifts from God through others. God puts these people in our lives at the right time for a reason—not a coincidence. For those who know me, I call them “God winks.” These “winks from God” are graces presented in the form of inspiration. It is difficult not to be inspired by the student who overcomes the odds or who excels in athletics or in the arts. Or the faculty member who struggles with a very sick spouse at home, but still comes to school each day with a glowing smile and the energy, warmth, and support our students need. It is natural that we are drawn towards these stories, these people.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
(1 Corinthians 15:38)

Because we are blessed with many amazing families, faculty, and alumni, we are never at a loss of inspiring stories that help us move onward, pushing through the challenges no matter how difficult or painful. Working with children is a vocation. It is not easy, and challenges are present around every corner. However, I do believe our staff draws strength from our students through moments (big or small) of inspiration. We all draw inspiration from each other! Bishop Dwenger is an amazing community, with over 11,000 alumni.

Your stories are powerful and have an indelible quality because your experiences—your “God winks”—happened to a BD Saint. You have the potential to inspire this community more than you know! I have been blessed to be at Bishop Dwenger for the past 18 years, and I continue to be awed and amazed at the wonderful accomplishments that have come from our alumni. I sincerely ask you to write to us and tell us what you have done and/or how you were inspired. The strongest testimony to edify my point occurs when a BD Saint says they were inspired to go into a certain profession or vocation because they read or heard about your story. Our alumni truly are gifts (graces) to our present and future Saints. You have a powerful part in educating, nurturing, and transforming our students to become Citizens of Two Worlds.

Mr. Jason Schiffl

*On the Cover... The Class of 2022 shared one last Dwenger tradition as they tossed their caps after graduation in front of the Cathedral.
Congratulations to our graduating seniors!
Photo Credit: Karen Garcia '24*

“Just love ‘em.”

~Rita (Ehrman) Haifley (CCHS '42)



In this edition of *The Dwenger Times*, we ask, “who inspires you?” I am blessed to work in a place where I am inspired daily by the perseverance and fortitude of our students, staff, and other Saints. In my personal life, I find inspiration in my family. My children, parents and, especially, my husband inspire me in so many ways. Of everyone in my life that I am so fortunate to know and who influence me, my grandmother stands out. The quote above was her advice to me when, at my baby shower, each mother was asked to share words of wisdom. Of all the heartfelt responses, hers is the one I remember most.

At less than five feet tall, she is a tower of strength, perseverance, and faith. Recently celebrating her 98th birthday, she has been through much. She raised her three younger brothers and is a survivor of both The Great Depression and WWII, while still graduating as Salutatorian of the Central Catholic Class of 1942. Her life-long love, Eugene Haifley, left CCHS to spend his own senior year fighting in Japan for the US Navy. They married upon his return and were blessed with seven children whom they raised to become strong Catholics and love the Church. She never forgets a birthday or anniversary and still attends daily Mass. As a little girl, I remember visiting her and being surrounded by faith: a large painting of Christ, pictures of the Pope, and her chair next to

grandpa with a Missalette, Rosary beads and, of course, her saltwater taffy.

If we are lucky, we all can think of someone who evokes such inspiration. Inspiration is not only found in clutch moments and grand gestures, but more often in the little things. It's in the birthday cards, the beads, and the taffy. We find it in the love another person pours into their 'daily grind' to make our own lives a little sweeter. Inspiration in its most pure form is when someone can look at another and, despite difficulties, differences, or distance, just love 'em.

Mrs. Katie Slee

Director of Development and
Alumni Relations



Top Ten

Congratulations to these seniors on their hardwork and dedication, they have earned their place in the top ten!

Listed left to right - Valedictorian - Jon Ellis, Salutatorian - Mallory DeWald, Third - Emily Szczepanski, Tied for Fourth - Maria Post and Cole Carey, Sixth - Justin Le, Seventh - Robert Klein, Eighth - Hailey Lin, Ninth - Mary Baumgartner, Tenth - Erin Klingenberger.



SAINTS ALIVE! 2022 - THE GREAT HALO HEIST

This year's Saints Alive! guests put on their Sherlock Holmes and Nancy Drew hats to solve "The Great Halo Heist!" The Dinner & Auction on Saturday, March 5, hosted over 570 attendees for a night of mystery and intrigue. The SAC lobby was transformed into the AIA (The Aureate Institute of Art). Guests arrived to find a crime scene where a priceless piece of art, "The Great Halo," had been stolen. Top Secret SBI (Saints Bureau of Investigation) files were distributed with clues to help solve the mystery. Any guests who were good detectives would have guessed that the culprit responsible was the nefarious Imogen Steele!

The set included scenes from the classic Clue board game, Sherlock Holmes, and Murder on the Orient Express. Guests were greeted in the live hallway by students dressed as Colonel Mustard, Professor Plum, Miss Scarlet, Nancy Drew, Sherlock Holmes, and the Hardy Boys!

Senior, Will Gray, inspired everyone with his student testimonial speaking to how Bishop Dwenger has inspired him in his four years at our school.

The grand total revenue for the entire series of Saints Alive! events in 2021-2022 was \$573,524! The funds generated from Saints Alive! are made possible through the generosity of everyone in the Dwenger Family! This year, the Saints Alive! income will fund: tuition and financial support, a portion of the new Performing Arts Center, and the expansion of the visitors' side bleachers at Shields Field. On behalf of our event Chairs, Becky & Jeremy Reidy and Shannon & Steve Bermes, our staff, School Board and, most especially, our students, we are grateful to all of our volunteers, guests, donors, and sponsors who work together to create this exciting event that continues to have such a positive impact on Bishop Dwenger High School! Thank you for another amazing year!



2022-2023 Saints Alive!
Everyone is welcome to attend!

Grand Opening Night
March 2, 2023

Dinner & Auction
March 4, 2023

22-23 Event Chairpersons
Kari and Matt ('86) Smith
Katie (Wagner '96) &
Nathan ('95) Steigmeyer

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“There is no greater love than this, to lay down one’s life.”

- John 15:13



The path to parenthood for Jessica and **Jim Breckler '02** didn't unfold as they planned. “We found out fairly early in our marriage that we had fertility challenges,” shares Jessica. “Through prayer and guidance, we realized that adoption was God’s ‘Plan A’ for us.” Open to this plan, they welcomed daughter Josie, and sons, James and Luke. Over the years, they began to realize their family was likely complete. With their youngest seven years old and thinking she would be an early empty nester, Jessica was reminded God works in mysterious ways. Ten years after the birth of Josie, her birthmother, Mary*, was expecting a boy. While trying to create a loving a plan for her child, she wished she could keep them together and share the same loving home. The Breckler Family grew once more in June 2022 with Theo, Josie’s full biological sibling. Their family and community expanded, as they maintain relationships with each birthparent.

Reflecting on community, Jim shares, “Catholic communities are great at being pro-life, but there isn’t a lot of discussion about those who struggle with infertility, and what ‘pro-life’ looks like for them.” He credits Bishop Dwenger Theology teacher, Mr. Oross, with expanding his heart and, unknowingly, helping him prepare for the fatherhood God had in store. “He taught us to make our faith our own,” Jim recalls. “We read the works of great Catholic thinkers, saints, about their hard times and how God’s plan was revealed. We learned what it looked like to trust God.” As providence would have it, Mr. Oross was also an adoptive father. He showed Jim what community is and how it is different for everyone.

“Our communities have been a blessing,” states Jim. “Our children’s birthparents had a different community experience. Each birthparent had a vision for their child. They shared that they never had an example of what a stable marriage, family, or community is, yet they somehow all chose life and what was best for the children. Through their devastating experiences, they chose this love.” Jessica adds, “We, as pro-life Catholics, need to be willing to expand what community looks like. Do we welcome and love those from other community experiences the way Christ would? Do we to step out of our own comforts? What does being ‘pro-life’ look like?”

The Brecklers hope people will be inspired, not so much by them, but by the birthparents. “People say ‘give up for adoption,’ when the last thing they did was ‘give up,’” explains Jessica. “They made an intentional plan out of love. They each recognized the unique life they were carrying. Each parent wanted us to share that it was not that they just loved them, but LOVE them and always will. They thought of others the whole time. We have been blessed by them.”

It is bittersweet as she remembers these birthparents. “I always think of the verse from John 15, ‘there is no greater love than this, to lay down one’s life’ and that is what birthparents do. Their greatest sorrow is my greatest joy. We pray for them as a family every night by name. I tell the kids their birthparents love them.” This love radiates through each child. Jessica knew they truly understood when one night she watched Josie kiss her new baby brother goodnight and whisper, “I love you. Mommy and Daddy love you. And Mary* loves you.”

**Name changed to protect privacy wishes.*

Christ the Teacher Award



Congratulations to **Mrs. Elizabeth “Liz” (Schuerman ’03) Walker**, the 2021-22 Christ the Teacher Award recipient! Liz’s own experience as a student of both Saint Vincent de Paul School and Bishop Dwenger High School provided significant insight to her vocation as a teacher, as well as how she connects with students. “I was going to be an astronaut or a doctor,” she recalls, and notes she took every science course she could fit into her schedule in preparation. Opening her mind to the possibility of becoming an educator, Liz sought the counsel of Dan Loney, one of her teachers at Bishop Dwenger, who encouraged her to seek dual degrees in Biology and Secondary Education. She also earned a minor in Chemistry and went on to earn two masters degrees, one in Biological Science education and the other in Geological Science education.

While all this knowledge is important, Liz believes that connecting with the students significantly affects their comprehension. Meeting their needs as humans first with compassion, empathy, sympathy, and a shoulder to lean on is essential. In addition to the 110-120 students enrolled in her classes, she regularly sees former students and SEA Club members, for whom she is the faculty advisor. They still stop by for a quick word of encouragement, advice, or a moment of decompression. Liz challenges them “to grab onto some part of the class or lesson that inspires them and then dig deeper. Not every lesson or concept is going to do that, so pick the one and learn as much as you can about it. Explore why it intrigues you,” she explains. Bishop Dwenger High School is blessed to have Liz as an educator, mentor, and advisor since 2007. Congratulations, Liz!

Congratulations to fellow Dwenger Alumni who also received the Christ the Teacher Award this year!

Sam DiFilippo ’04, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne

Theresa (Pisula ’92) Kiracofe, St. Aloysius, Yoder

Claire (Berghoff ’04) Smith, St. Mary of the Assumption, Avilla

SEA Club Sees Green

How fitting that an organization whose purpose is to promote awareness of earth-friendly, sustainable practices and implement them, began organically and has grown both in the number of students participating and the goals it has set. The Sustainable Environmental Action (SEA) Club began with three students pitching an idea to teacher Mrs. Liz Walker that Bishop Dwenger had many opportunities to make small changes that could have a big impact on the environment. Those three students have grown to more than seventy-five.

What they have Accomplished

- Students collect recycling twice weekly
- Raised \$900 to provide a clean water well in Uganda
- Earth Week participation challenges
- Plastic bottle collection and reuseable bottle sale

What they hope to Achieve

- Become a certified green ribbon school (something only two other schools in the State have achieved)
- An outdoor green space where contemplation, experimentation, and observation may take place
- School-wide environmental learning into all curricula

Are you interested in helping our students go green? If you would like to get involved or make a donation, please contact Mrs. Walker at lwalker@bishopdwenger.com.



Lyle and Carol Cornell Memorial Scholarship



Our beloved, legendary Carol Cornell passed away peacefully December 18, 2021, at the age of 77. She began teaching Theology at Bishop Dwenger in 1973 and, by the end of her 30-year teaching career, had taught every course offered in the Theology curriculum. She was famous for her knowledge of Church history, especially the history of our Popes.

While enriching their lives through religion, Carol also enriched students' lives through culture. She and other chaperones took hundreds of students to destinations all over the world. Carol retired in 2003 from Bishop Dwenger and went on to enjoy a successful second career as a highly ranked travel agent. Meanwhile, she continued to keep stats for Dwenger football with Dave Scudder, a tradition of theirs for 40 years.

She was heavily involved with fundraising for Saints Alive!, especially serving on the committee for the Holiday Tables Luncheon, hosted at the home of Patsy Dumas, her dear friend and "partner in crime" for over 35 years. She also volunteered for Christ Child Society, Euell Wilson Center, and Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Carol will forever be remembered for her quick wit, sense of humor, compassion for her students, and legendary stories. She provided an excellent Catholic education for students, preparing them to become "Citizens of Two Worlds." Well done, good and faithful servant. May you rest in peace.

After Carol's husband, Lyle, passed away in 2000, Carol established the Lyle Cornell Scholarship in his memory at Bishop Dwenger. We would like to continue this scholarship for future Saints, renaming it "The Lyle and Carol Cornell Memorial Scholarship." If you would like to help us carry on Carol's legacy of enriching students' lives with a Bishop Dwenger education, you may donate online or via check, mailed to Bishop Dwenger, with "Cornell" in the notes section. Thank you!

Bill and Ruth Ann Hayden Christian Spirit Scholarship

When our mother, Ruth Ann Hayden, died in April of 2020, we searched for something special that we could do to honor both of our parents while contributing to a cause that really mattered to them. A scholarship in their names awarded to a student at Dwenger was the perfect choice. Catholic education was so important to them. And they loved Dwenger!

Bishop Dwenger High School played a significant role in each of our lives. As each of their six children attended Dwenger and even after the youngest graduated, this wonderful community became and remained an important part of our parents' lives, as well. They created so many memories - hundreds of football games and after parties, too many Saints Alive! events to count, and so much more with cherished, lifelong friends they met through Dwenger. We can only imagine how excited and proud our parents would be to have this scholarship in their names awarded to deserving students at Dwenger.

The Bill and Ruth Ann Hayden Christian Spirit Scholarship award goes to a Junior or Senior who exemplifies Christian spirit - kindness to others, compassion, respect, honesty, and integrity. To our scholarship recipients, please know that you are very special to us! We will carry each of you in our hearts and will keep you in our prayers always. You were recognized for your Christian spirit and we are so proud of you! As you go forward on your life journey, know that all of us will be cheering you on.

On behalf of our parents and our entire Hayden family, we would like the BDHS faculty and staff, our scholarship recipients, and all of the student body to know that it is an honor and our great privilege to give back to the Bishop Dwenger community that has given so much to us. Go Saints!!!

- The Hayden Family

Marcia ('69), Joe ('70), Mike ('74), John ('76), Lynne ('80), and Lisa ('84)



EXPANDING EDUCATION OPTIONS IN INDIANA

In 2021, the Indiana General Assembly significantly increased the income threshold used to determine eligibility for the Indiana Choice Scholarship Program. As a result, more Indiana families are able to choose Catholic schools for their children's education. This program significantly reduces a family's tuition bill. Award amounts are based on the school district in which the family lives and pays property taxes.

By recently increasing the program's household income eligibility guidelines, lawmakers expanded the number of Indiana students who are now eligible for the Choice Program. These changes also increased award amounts. Since these changes took effect, more Dwenger families have benefited, as follows:

2020-2021 School Year: 400+ students received the School Choice Scholarship, totaling approximately \$1.9 M

2021-2022 School Year: 500+ students received the School Choice Scholarship, totaling approximately \$3.1 M

SGO STATS

2019-2020 – 31 students received the SGO
 2020-2021 – 43 students received the SGO
 2021-2022 – 41 students received the SGO

2022 - 2023 ESTIMATED AWARD AMOUNTS

School District	Estimated Award Amount
FWCS	\$6,392.22
EACS	\$6,147.97
NWAC	\$5,564.39
SWAC	\$5,614.18

SCHOOL CHOICE/SGO

Household Income	Income Guidelines
2	\$101,620.50
3	\$127,816.50
4	\$154,012.50
5	\$180,208.50
6	\$206,404.50
7	\$232,600.50
8	\$258,796.50
9	\$284,992.50
10	\$311,188.50

CREATING A PATHWAY

Establishing income eligibility is the first step toward receiving the Choice Scholarship. The second is determining a pathway or qualification for the award.

Families that are income-eligible but have always attended Catholic schools are advised to contact their school to begin the process of securing a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) Award. This will provide a pathway to receive the Choice Scholarship the following year, if still income-eligible. The most common pathways are attendance at a public school for the last two semesters, a previous SGO for the enrolling child or sibling, or a special education need and documented IEP or SIP.

Ultimately, our goal is to make Catholic Education affordable for everyone! Approximately 65% of our families receive some form of tuition assistance. In addition to SGO Awards and Choice Scholarships, BDHS offers the following to qualifying students and families: Merit-based Scholarships, Need-based Scholarships, and Tuition Assistance.

DWENGER BY THE NUMBERS

Bishop Dwenger High School offers academic core courses in English, Math, Science, World Languages, Social Studies, and Theology. Various levels are taught, including Honors and Advanced Placement. There are also a variety of elective courses in the departments of Art, Music (vocal and instrumental), Business, and Vocational Programs at the Anthis Career Center.

We are confident that for generations to come, Bishop Dwenger High School will provide the quality of academic excellence that our parents have come to expect by teaching the whole person in the Catholic tradition. We will always look forward to ensure that Dwenger's future remains bright.

FACULTY

Number of Teaching Staff..... 63
 Master's Degree..... 37%
 Average Years of Teaching..... 16
 Student/Staff Ratio..... 15:1

STUDENT BODY

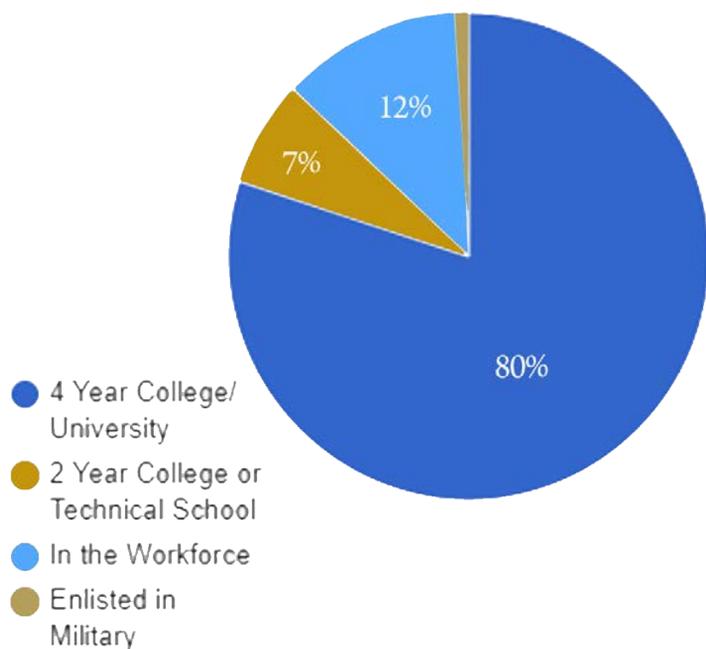
Seniors.....213
 Juniors.....254
 Sophomores.....255
 Freshmen.....210
 Total.....932

DIPLOMA STRENGTH

Diploma strength measures whether students completed the requirements of Indiana's Core 40 diploma designation or higher and did not receive a waiver from any graduation requirements. With our rigorous curriculum, our Saints are well-prepared for life after high school.



NEXT STEPS FOR OUR GRADUATES



*Numbers based on the 2021-2022 school year

ALLEN COUNTY COLLEGE-GOING RATES

School	2020
Bishop Dwenger	82.1%
Blackhawk Christian	72.7%
Bishop Luers	72.4%
East Allen University	72.1%
Concordia Lutheran	71.4%
Carroll	65.1%

*The Indiana Commission for Higher Education tracks data about college-going rates. This table percentage of high school graduates from Allen County schools who are entering college. Information from the graph was pulled from The Journal Gazette.

Who Inspires You?

We asked a few members of the Class of 2022 to share with our readers what about BDHS has inspired them in the last four years to help them become “Citizens of Two Worlds.” We hope that, by reading these testimonials, you are moved to reflect on who has inspired you in your own life.



As a freshman, I never knew how impactful Bishop Dwenger would be in my everyday life, particularly in my faith life. The opportunity to go to adoration twice a week in the chapel has helped my heart grow in the faith. The chapel provides an escape from the stress of life and has benefitted me immensely. Knowing this is a safe place where I can just be one with Christ, I meditate on what has happened throughout the week and upcoming plans in my life. Even if it is only for a few minutes, I can feel a burden lifting off my chest. I am so grateful to Dwenger for giving their students that opportunity to be with Christ in adoration throughout the school day because it benefits the wellbeing of the students. Students profit from this chance to be with Christ, since no other high school in the surrounding community can offer something so beautiful.

The Pastoral Ministry staff are wonderful to be around and have helped inspire me to push through hard times, as well as to turn to God for everything. With the realization of college coming up, I will miss the welcoming warmth and impact the staff have made on my life. Bishop Dwenger has truly made a beautiful home that will help countless students throughout their time in high school and into the future. - **Karly Ewing '22**



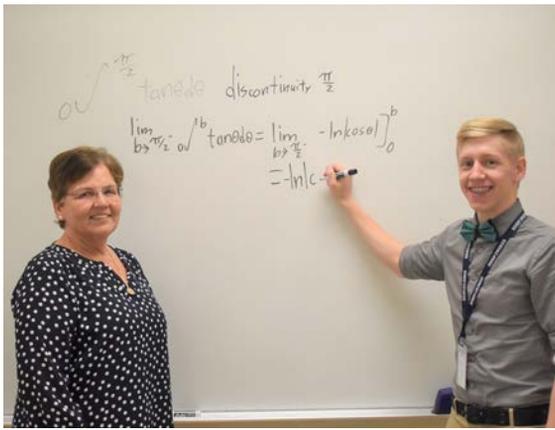
Since entering Bishop Dwenger, I've found inspiration through countless people. My teachers, coaches, priests, and fellow students have always encouraged me to be ambitious and put forth my best effort. I would most like to thank my parents, Peggy and **John ('71) Klein**, for their model of dedication and unwavering commitment that has been my guiding principle throughout high school.

In addition to my parents, I would also like to give a big thanks to my coach and one of the coolest teachers at Dwenger, **Mr. Joe Garcia ('96)**, the “Jedi Master.” Since meeting him freshman year, I'm continually inspired by his tireless dedication to the Catholic faith and his devotion to teaching. As the head coach to both the Cross-Country and Track teams, Mr. Garcia has led many athletes to victories both on and off the track. I've had the

opportunity to witness Mr. Garcia's humble yet determined leadership. Whether it's sharing words of wisdom or leading us in prayer before a race, Mr. Garcia has an innate ability to inspire those he encounters.

Finally, Dwenger has also inspired me to be a Citizen of Two Worlds through the alumni pictures that decorate our hallways. As students roam our school, they can't help but look up to these models of excellence and perseverance. Their accomplishments and triumphs challenge future generations of students to make their own mark on this school.

I would also like to give a huge shoutout to all the amazing teachers here at Dwenger that have helped students get to where we are today. GO SAINTS!!! - **Rob Klein '22**



I will never forget my days at BDHS. For me, what seemed like four years of endless homework assignments and studying has ended up being formed into a single word: Inspiration. In each classroom, I was greeted by smiling faces of teachers who really wanted the best for me. I would also see my friends who were always making me laugh and look forward to going to school every day instead of dreading the inevitable Mondays that came every week.

One teacher who has greatly inspired me is Mrs. Derheimer or, as we call her, "Mrs. D." She was the teacher of my five-student class Calculus AP BC or, in simpler terms, the really hard math class. She is one of the kindest people I have ever met, and she genuinely cared about us when it came to both our mental health and doing well in the class. She would always make

sure we understood what we were doing, and had boundless patience when it came to explaining things. She never gave up on us and was willing to sacrifice her own time just to help us better understand the problem.

This trait can be found all across Dwenger. Every classroom has at least one person willing to try and help you. This is what has given me such a strong sense of hope and belonging. It is the reason why I am ever so inspired in my life and even want to become a doctor to help others, just like the people at BDHS helped and inspired me. - **Tyler Minnich '22**



There is so much that inspires me to be a Citizen of Two Worlds. I think of our teachers and staff leading us in prayer every day. I am inspired during our All School Masses, rosaries, and weekly opportunities to experience the Sacrament of Confession. I am proud of the way this school has helped me with my faith the past four years.

This spring, the Senior class had a chance to go on a retreat to Saint Felix and, wow! That was an experience to remember! We got the chance to bond as young women. We sat in the chapel and had a healing service, Confession, Mass, and time to talk as classmates. This was definitely an eye-opener for some of us, and I want to thank our staff for inspiring us to open our hearts to Christ.

I am very thankful for my time at BD and the way my faith has grown along the way. It is easy to take advantage of the resources we are blessed to have that other schools could only dream of. I hope that every student who attends Bishop Dwenger feels this in touch with our Catholic faith. - **Avery Ellinger '22**



Inspiration is defined as the process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially to do something creative. When I think of who inspires me most, it is my teachers and classmates at BDHS. Whether it is our English teachers encouraging us to read in between the lines to find the deeper meaning, or our Theology teachers guiding us to ask the deep philosophical questions to further our knowledge of our faith, teachers constantly aim to make us better people. Each day I am inspired to try something new. **Mr. Joe Garcia ('96)** and Mrs. Brady inspire me daily both in school and on the track and cross country course. They are always putting in the extra time in order to further prepare for class and challenge students and, because of that, we learn so much.

I am so thankful to have all of the Dwenger Family surrounding me every day, and inspiring me to constantly better myself and improve what I have already accomplished. - **Paige Aselage '22**



Joyous Ordination

PC: John Martin

Fr. Brian Isenbarger '08 fell deeper in love with Jesus during his Theology classes at the University of Saint Francis (USF). After getting involved with the youth group at Our Lady of Good Hope, Campus Ministry at USF, and attending daily Mass, Fr. Brian felt the call to the priesthood. He was ordained to the Diaconate last summer. In his words, "Diaconate has been a joy. I especially enjoyed my summer assignment at St. Mary of the Annunciation in Bristol. I was able to preach nearly every day and baptize several babies. In fact, my first Baptism was on Father's Day last summer! And, of course, it is one of my greatest joys to elevate the chalice during the Mass and pray for particular intentions. I think the only thing that would be better than serving as a deacon will be serving as a priest!"

Fr. Brian is looking forward to being able to celebrate Mass and hear Confessions, and having a particular part of the Lord's vineyard entrusted to him to love and care for at St. Vincent de Paul, where he is assigned. His advice to our readers: "Fall in love with Jesus. He wants greater things for us than any of us can imagine. Cling to Him and follow where He leads. Pray every day. Read the Scriptures daily. Confess your sins monthly. And receive Him in the Eucharist as often as possible. His love never fails."

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• Congratulations to **Deacon Jacob Schneider '13**, who has been assigned to Corpus Christi Parish in South Bend. •
• Please join us in praying for the upcoming ordination of **Sam Anderson '13**, which will take place on •
• September 29, 2022, at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. •
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Well Done, Faithful Servants!



Proudly serving our students delicious and nutritious lunches for 23 years, Vivian Hanke is retiring from her Cafeteria Manager role. Over the years, she has worked with parents, teachers, and students for NHS Pizza Day, SADD Ice Cream Day, and the Summit Sound Invitational. She fondly recalls having student helpers during lunch periods, and she said getting to know them was a real joy.

When reflecting on her years at BDHS, Vivian said, "Bishop Dwenger is a great place to work. The students are so respectful. You know if you are having a personal issue, the staff will support you and pray for you." She will miss working with the staff throughout the building, and will miss the bond she has with the "great Christian ladies" in the cafeteria.

Vivian is looking forward to spending time with her family and siblings, and working on her bucket list with her sister. Those plans include taking an Alaskan cruise, seeing the Redwood trees, visiting Niagara Falls, traveling to Nashville, and driving around Indiana exploring the parks and wineries. Thank you, Vivian, for your hard work over the years in keeping our Saints well fed! May you have safe travels and continued blessings throughout retirement!



Dave Moyer began working at BDHS as Business Education teacher in 1996. He was the Chair of the Business Department from 2001 – 2015, after which he did a short stint as teacher at Hamilton High School, close to his home. He returned to BD in 2017 to resume teaching Business Education. Over the years, he was active outside of the classroom, coaching Freshmen Girls' Basketball, and JV and Varsity Softball. He was also Sophomore Class Moderator and FBLA Assistant Advisor. His favorite memory of BDHS is of winning the State Softball Championship in 2010.

When asked what his retirement plans are, his response was: "Wide Open!" He and his wife, Melinda, moved to Turkey Lake last summer, so Dave plans to finish their new garage and entertainment room. They are looking forward to family time with their three children: Brent, Mackenzie '05, and Madison. Dave and Melinda also plan to go camping and fill their free time by enjoying their grandchildren.

Dave says he will miss conversing with his fellow teachers and that he never dreaded coming to work each day, but it's time for his schedule to change and he's going to enjoy it! Join us in thanking him for his service to our school! We trust that he will enjoy his well-deserved retirement!



For the past 24 years, Tom Tidwell has worked as the school's Business Manager. When he wasn't working in the Business Office, he could be found judging the Speech Team for several years. When reflecting on his role, Tom said, "Before I came to BD, a major focus of my career was the bottom line of my employers. While that is important here, I have also been able to help people. I have helped parents in my role with tuition assistance, scholarships, SGO awards, and the Choice Scholarship program. I have also made sure that BD teachers and staff were paid according to the terms of their contracts and according to labor laws."

Tom is looking forward to his trip to New England for his youngest child's wedding this fall. In the meantime, he plans to play a lot of golf. He and his wife hope to visit their children and grandchildren more often. He also plans to frequent the Allen County Public Library, and will enjoy long walks in his neighborhood as well as at Foster Park.

While he will miss the challenge and the routine of the job, Tom related he will also miss the people. "I have been fortunate to have had Fred Tone and Jason Schiffler as bosses, and there are so many others (both past and present employees) that I have had the good fortune to have known and worked with. While the job is still (mostly) fun and rewarding, I realize that it is time to retire. In the past few months, I have lost a brother-in-law and my sister. I hope to have several more years to enjoy life and my family." May God fill his retirement with many blessings and much joy!



Karin Bouza has worked at Bishop Dwenger for 26 years. She was hired in 1996 to raise funds for the school's capital campaign. In 1997, Principal Fred Tone asked her to stay to create an attendance office.

Karin has worn many hats in these hallowed halls, including moderating the Pom Pom Team for two years, the Dance Team for seven years, and the Yearbook Committee for eight years. She also volunteered many years for Saints Alive!, working on the catalog, hosting a chef demonstration, performing in the Lip Sync contests, participating in Christmas Walks, and helping with the Saints Open Golf Outing.

She will cherish her memories of BD, among her favorites being the many trips she took with students and parents to Europe in the summers. With the help of Carol Cornell, she organized and chaperoned trips to more than nine countries. Both of Karin's children graduated from BD. **Chris '98** has two children and lives in Omaha, NE. **Lindsey '02** has two children and lives in Indianapolis.

During retirement, Karin plans to spend more time with her 95-year-old mother who lives in Michigan. She is also looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren, volunteering her time and energies with infants and toddlers, traveling, and remodeling her home.

"To my coworkers, thank you for the many friendships I have made over the years. We have laughed and cried together and shared many stories. I feel very blessed to have been a part of this team. To the many students and parents who have crossed my path, thank you for letting me make a difference. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with all of you for so many years. Now it is time to say "good-bye" and shut my attendance window, for the last time."

Thank you, Karin, for your many years of dedication to our school and our Saints!



Dan Conroy has been working maintenance at the Diocesan schools for over thirty-two years. He started his Diocesan career working part-time at St. John the Baptist, New Haven. He then moved to St. Joseph on Brooklyn Avenue for eighteen years, and has spent the last twelve years here at BD keeping our school clean, comfortable, and functional.

Dan oversaw many changes at Dwenger, including the construction of the Queen of All Saints Chapel, Multi-Purpose Room, and the Shields Field stadium. In addition, the remodeling of the Main Gym, Main Office, and almost every classroom took place under his tenure. As the Director of Maintenance, Dan had to be available day and night to answer any calls from the school. Locker won't open? Security alarm going off in the middle of the night? Boys' bathroom toilet overflowing? Classroom too hot or too cold? Who do you call?!? Dan Conroy!

Dan's favorite memory from his time at BD was the first home football game at the new stadium. While he will miss the fellowship of the Dwenger Family, Dan is looking forward getting a full night's sleep without a school phone call waking him up once he retires! He also plans to travel and enjoy his lake house with Rosie, his wife of thirty-seven years, as well as spend time with his seven grandkids.

Thank you, Dan, for all you have done for the Diocese and Bishop Dwenger High School. As the saying goes, "Cleanliness is next to godliness." You truly are a "Saint!"

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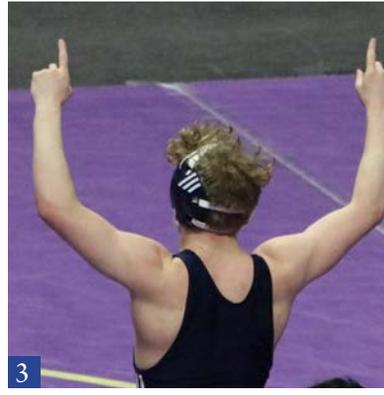
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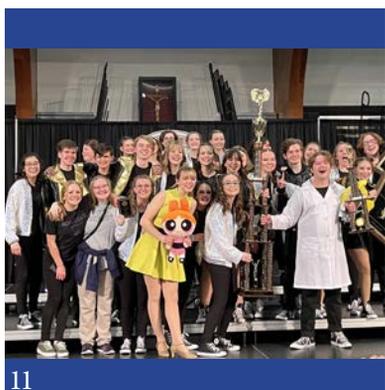
- 1 - Men's Rugby tackled their way into Nationals
- 2 - These Saints ran their way into the Indoor State Track meet: Brendan Nix '23, Evan Smith '22, Pablo Sutter '23, Noah Thurber '23, Rob Klein '22, Adam Lee '22, Ted Steele '23, Logan Felkner '24, Corbin Till '22, Domenico Yep '24, and Gavin Groves '22
- 3 - Elliott Cornewell '22 wrestled his way to State, and broke the career wins record



- 4 - Rob Klien '22 earned his spot as a National Merit Finalist
- 5 - The Rifle Team and the Winter Wind Percussion teams ran side by side on their way to State

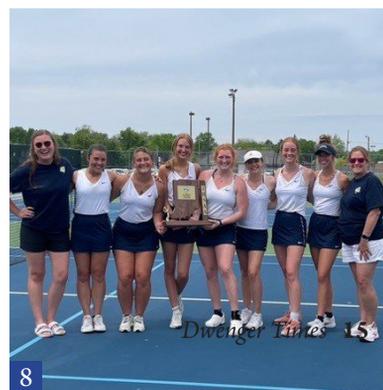


- 6 - Lauren Munson '23 won a USF scholarship during an annual Art Exhibition. This piece is titled "Beauty Within" while Elizabeth Kaufman '22, Maria Post '22, and Lily Stowe '24 were National Scholastic Art Award Gold Key winners.
- 7 - The Boys Soccer team were Regional Champions



- 8 - Football, Girl's Tennis, and Baseball all brought home Sectional Championships

- 9 - Students traveled to D.C. to walk in the March for Life
- 10 - Ava Reed '23 flipped her way into State Gymnastics
- 11 - Both Show Choirs won Grand Champions as well as best vocals and best choreography at the Luers Midwest Invitational
- 12 - Eva Hudson '22 earned her third Glass Spike Award and the Sertoma Award
- 13 - The Speech team talked their way into a State meet
- 14 - Marie Scudder '22 was named District Student of the Year, and Chad Chenoweth was named District Coach of the Year



CLASS NOTES

REUNIONS

Visit bishopdwenger.com/reunions for more information

Class of 1967 – 55 Year Reunion

When: Saturday, August 20

Where: Holiday Inn – PFW/Coliseum

Time: 6:30 pm**

** Mass at 4:30 pm in the BDHS Queen of All Saints Chapel with school tours to follow
Contact: Margaret Ankenbruck
allenbruck@comcast.net, 260-424-4217
See BD website for more information

Class of 1972 - 50 Year Reunion

When: Saturday, July 23

Where: Parkview Field, Lincoln Room

Time: 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Contact: Shib Neddeff, (260) 417-7003 or
shibneddeff@gmail.com

Class of 1977 - 45 Year Reunion

When: Saturday, September 24

Where: Lucky Turtle, 622 E. Dupont Road

Time: 6:30 pm

Contact: Gail Watkins,

bdhs1977@gmail.com

Facebook: [bdhs1977](https://www.facebook.com/bdhs1977)

Class of 1982 - 40 Year Reunion

When: Saturday, August 13

Where: Fraternal Order Police Hall (FOP)

Time: 5:00 pm

Mass at Queen of All Saints Chapel

Facebook: Bishop Dwenger Class of 1982

Questions: chillerz2011@yahoo.com or
260-483-8952

1997 - 25 Year Reunion

In Planning Stages

2007 - 15 Year Reunion

When: Saturday, July 30

Where: Parkview Field,

Lincoln Life Event Center

Time: 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Contact: Mary Jane (Manning) Hendricks,
maryjane.manning@gmail.com

Facebook: Class of 2007

2017 - 5 Year Reunion

In Planning Stages

1970's

The current class of candidates for the Permanent Diaconate in the FW-SB Diocese has three members with connections to BD. Two are alumni (**Dan Avila '76 & Joe Cochran '78**) and another taught theology at BD (Andrew Cross). The picture with Bishop Rhoades was taken January 16, 2022, after the candidates were instituted as Acolytes at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. They have one more year of formation classes and discernment. Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate is scheduled for January 7, 2023, at St. Pius X in Granger. *Dan is third from left and Joe fourth from left in the second row of candidates, while Andrew is the first on the left in the top row.*



1980's

Christina Dhillon '82 writes, "Aloha from Hawaii! My company, Kenworth Hawaii, is opening a new store on Oahu and celebrating 5 years in business! Mahalo Nui!"

Indiana State University retired the number 15 jersey belonging to **Amy Hile '83** this past February. Amy graduated from BD as the city's career scoring leader at 1,301 points, and averaged 22.8 points and 14.7 rebounds as a senior. At Indiana State, she set the scoring record at 1,944 points, a record that still stands today. She is a member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame as well as the Bishop Dwenger Hall of Fame.



Last December, **Mitch McKinney '85** and **Matt Newbauer '88** led the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) in shopping programs to assist those in need. The FOP adopted all 85 of the Salvation Army Angel Tree children and completed all the shopping for their Christmas.

1990's

Jeannie (Ferckel '90) and husband **Jason Schlatter '90** celebrated their 30th

anniversary in 2021. Jason is the General Manager at Glaze Tool & Eng. and together they own and operate Jeannie World Accessories, LLC. They are excited to meet their 3rd grandchild in Summer 2022!

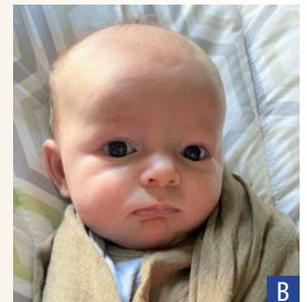


Staff Babies!



Jade MaKay was born on April 12, 2022. Her proud parents are Julia Schultz, our Communications Coordinator, and husband Derek Schultz. [A]

Barrett Lee was born on April 23, 2022, to Sara Henderlong, Math teacher, and husband Adam Henderlong. [B]



CLASS NOTES

Lori (Omo '92) Pagan has joined Orthopaedics NorthEast "ONE" as Chief Executive Officer.

2000's

Patrick Tanesky '00 is the master distiller at local distillery, Three Rivers Distilling Company. He has been the distiller since the company opened in 2016. The distillery made over 9,000 gallons of hand sanitizer for local hospitals, police, and first responders during the Covid-19 pandemic. The distillery has since returned to making over 20 different types of artisan spirits. When Patrick is not distilling, he enjoys spending time with his wife of 14 years, Rachal, and their two daughters, Addison (11) and Aria (5).



Zach Parrish '03 wrote and directed "Us Again," a short film about an elderly couple who revisit their youth through dance. It was shown during theater screenings as well as streamed on Disney+. It picked up nominations from the Hollywood Critics Association and the NAACP Image Awards. Formerly with Walt Disney Animation Studios, Zach is currently the Animation Director at Netflix on "The Sea Beast." The movie sets sail July 8, be sure to check it out!



Lindsay (Harris '09) Bessen and husband Matthew welcomed their second child, Andrew Christopher to the world on October 21, 2021. [C]

Alex (Fuller '09) and husband Matt Tippmann '09 welcomed their third boy, Eli Gerard, in February, 2022.



Sophia (Korson '09) Wells and husband Roydon are happy to announce the birth of their son Oliver on November 3, 2021. Big brother James has loved getting to know his new playmate! [D]

2010's

Mack Thomas was born on May 3, 2022. His proud parents are **Aubrey (Zehr '10) Dwyer** and Ryan Dwyer. Nellie and Hank are proud siblings of their new baby brother! [E]

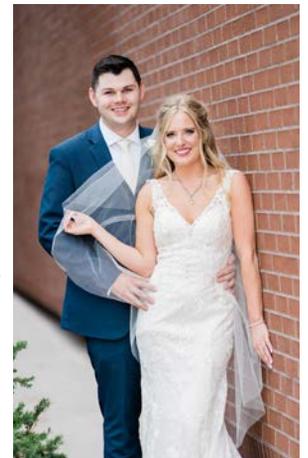


Amanda (Tomlinson '10) and husband Bill Khorshid '10 welcomed Shamus Jude to the world on February 5, 2022. He joins big brother Liam (3). [F]



Victoria (Myers '11) and Nathan Kincaid were married on July 24, 2021. The celebrant was **Fr. Daniel Koehl '11**.

Canterbury High School teacher **Trevor Campbell '12** received an Outstanding Educator Award through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Winners were chosen from student nominations.



John Kelty '14 and Grace Wharton '18 were married at St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church on August 1, 2020. 16 months later, through lots of powerful prayer and intercession, Grace gave birth to their first child. Jack Michael (Future Class of 2039) was born on December 31, 2021. [G]

Braxton Miller '18 graduated from Indiana University Kelley School of Business in May, 2022. He is now the full time owner and CEO of 'Cup of Grow.'

Forty Under 40

Congratulations to these alumni who were named on the 2022 Forty Under 40 list. Way to go, Saints!

Autumn (Dennis '04) Law

Christopher Polhamus '07

Scott Campbell '10

Once a Saint...Always a Saint!

Central Catholic

CCHS Alumni Association

To the alumni who visited our office during our Annual Open House, it is always great to see you. To the builders at the Saint Vincent de Paul Store who constructed a fantastic large bookcase for the Alumni Office, thank you. To Mark Linker, our President, who constructed several picture frames for the very large early Alumni Class pictures – they look great on our walls!

CCHS Membership

We need you! We currently have 357 members.
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Mary Lou Morris '65
Elaine Gocke '53
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Visit to Saint Anne's

On April 20, the CCHS Alumni Board hosted a tea for Central Catholic High School alumni now residing at Saint Anne's. Attending were 17 members who graduated from CC in the classes of 1944, 1946 – 1948, 1950 – 56, and 1964. The alumni residents enjoyed looking at yearbooks, pictures of the Memorial Plaza at the former site of CC, and other memorabilia from the CC Alumni Office. As special favors, the grads were given a CCHS pen and purple and gold beads. It was a special time for all as they remembered their high school days. The tea ended with the rousing singing of the CC Fight Song!



Congrats!

Congratulations to essay contest winners!
Bishop Dwenger – **Jack Ellis '22**
Bishop Luers – **Joshua Plascencia**
This is a \$500 cash award available to High School Seniors. Donations to the award are welcome.



Alumni Meetings

Our Annual Alumni Meeting/Luncheon dates are:
September 21, 2022 and September 20, 2023

New Lifetime Members

Michael Barnet '63	Mary (Avilla) Miller '68
Sally J (Laughlin) Lill '53	Janice (Palmer) Pac '65
Richard Leeuw, Jr. '72	Joseph Sablic '66
Arthur Miller '68	Donald Smith '70

IN MEMORY

*Since our last mailing, we have been notified that the following individuals have passed away.
Please keep these alumni, extended family members, and friends of Bishop Dwenger and Central Catholic in your prayers.*

Bishop Dwenger

Janet (Atkinson) Bockhaus '69
James Neu '69
Virginia (Gladieux) Hoekman '75
David Junk '75
Scott Brown '77
Kathleen (Ondecker) Hoff '77
James Koher '87
Kellie (Coy) Hockemeyer '89
Suzanne (Pelkington) Tippmann '89
Joshua Schmitz '01

Central Catholic

Marcella (Hayes) Morgan '40
Marcella Rogawski '41
Sr. Alice Giere, SSND '43
Garda Lauretta (Miller) Manuilow '43
Junella (Vachon) Burns '44
Vincent Gocke '45
Irma (Getty) Vanderbosch '45
Victor Vorndran '45
Alice (Murphy) Weldon '45
Rita (Zurbuch) Berghoff '46
Jeanette (Ueber) Harber '46
Roselyn (Rockey) Ream '46
Elizabeth (Brennan) Bailey '47
Joan (Main) Finton '47
Phyllis (Winkler) Senesac '47
Marietta (Ehinger) McCutcheon '48
Ruth (Fleckenstein) Beyer '49
Charlene (Heinzelman) Hewitt '49
Theresa (Schenkel) Overmyer '49
Teresa (Kleinrichert) Granahan '50
Marilyn (Todd) Creason '51
Mary Katherine (Zollinger) Troutner '51
Eugene Brames '52
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Irwin Henry '53
James Huhn '53
Donna (Boxberger) Neireiter '53
Ora Secrest '53
William Sohaski '53
George Alter '54
Carol (Tancey) Kelty '54

Sue Ann (Schible) Slane '54
Betty (Romary) Hallgren '55
Daniel Harges '55
Kathleen (Baron) Jarboe '55
Robert Morris '55
Yvonne (Belot) Paliganoff '55
J. Marshall Sillaway '56
Joann (LaMaster) Ueber '56
Roslyn (Boschet) Roth '57
James Studinski '57
Mary (Hamrick) Wilhelm '57
Anna Mary (Burkhart) Stump '58
Thomas Dillon '59
John Segyde '59
Shiela (McVey) Swinehart-Barchak '59
Joseph Weigel '59
Suzanne (Steinbacher) Wolf '59
Marjorie (Monnier) McCurdy '60
Michael Perriguy Sr. '60
Patricia (Bramas) Snow '60
Thomas Cranston Sr. '61
Dewey Tagtmeyer '61
Stephen Papai '62
Charles Joseph '63
George Wilenski '63
Marcia (Kortenber) Widdifield '64
Roberta Smith '65
Judith (Thomas) Suelzer '65
Patricia (Harber) Gensic '67
Michael Oetting '67
Eve (Pietraszewski) Sauve '68
Michael Schnurr '69
James Geary '70
Peter Federspiel '72

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Alisa Gabriel
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Raymond Schowe
Patricia Schubert
Irene Schumaker
Edward Simon
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Mary Stump
Barbara Thompson
Frederick Toenges
Dixie Warner
Rita Weber
Doris Wessel
George Wessel Sr.
Stephen Wiwi

The information for this listing is provided by many individuals; we apologize for any inaccuracies. Please contact Bishop Dwenger's Development Office at (260) 496-4775 with submissions and corrections. You may also submit an online notification at bishopdwenger.com/Address-and-News-Updates.

At the instruction of the Diocese of Fort Wayne South Bend, Bishop Dwenger High School is required to print the following message regarding the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. Please direct any communication regarding this message, or any similar circumstance, to the Diocesan Office for Youth Protection.

Susan Whitten, a deceased former member of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, has been accused of the sexual abuse of a minor. Whitten left the Poor Handmaid Congregation over 50 years ago when she was dispensed from her vows in 1967. Whitten's last assignment prior to her dispensation was at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, IN. A member of Bishop Dwenger's class of 1967 has accused Whitten of engaging in an inappropriate relationship. Out of respect for the privacy of the individual who made this credible allegation, the Poor Handmaids will not say anything further regarding the allegation or the response to it.

The Poor Handmaids are saddened to hear of this abuse. The safety and well-being of all children, including all those served by the ministry of the Poor Handmaids, is of the highest importance to us. Abuse of any kind is appalling. The mission of the Poor Handmaids affirms our desire to respect and value each person we serve and to search for justice. Poor Handmaids are committed to responding to any allegation of abuse pastorally, with compassion and sensitivity to all those who may be affected. The Sisters' prayers go out to the individual who brought this allegation.



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