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# Central Catholic Schools Foundation

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Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration of the important role that Catholic schools across the country play in providing a values-added education for America's young people. Grand Island Central Catholic is proud of our educational network that emphasizes intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical and social values in their students.

This year Catholic Schools Week is celebrated from January 30 through February 5 with the theme:

**Catholic Schools-A+ for America.**

The purpose of Catholic Schools Week is to build awareness of and involvement in our school throughout the Grand Island area.

This year Catholic Schools Week activities include:

- Monday: Faculty and staff day of prayer and reflection.
- Tuesday: All Grand Island Fifth Graders and their parents as well as other interested students are invited to Central Catholic for our information day beginning at 8:15am. Additional Parent Information Session Tuesday night at 7pm in the Library/Media Center.
- Wednesday: All School Mass at 8:15am in the Crusaderdome with Bishop William Dendinger. Students will then spend the day in community service at GICC and throughout Grand Island.



Pictured above: GICC 7th Graders:  
Brianna Aguilar, Jordyn O'Brien, Haliagh Cunningham

**Lifelong Traditions, Values, Friendships,  
and Successes.  
It's an investment in everyone's future!**

## December Memorials

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Roger Arthur        | Ken Kulus                 |
| Fr Andrew Augustyn  | Mike Lewandowski          |
| Rose Ann Brott      | Bob Ley                   |
| Franklin Broehl     | Marcia McDermott          |
| Margaret Bukowski   | Mildred McDermott         |
| Howard Chiarbos     | Bishop William Murphy     |
| James Davidson      | George & Irene O'Brien    |
| Mary DeBacker Miner | Father Walter Phelan      |
| John DeBacker       | Gerherd & Florence Placke |
| Richard DeBacker    | Syl and Mary Placke       |
| Jessica DeMay       | Darrell Rork              |
| Mary Jo Dowd        | Connie Schmitz            |
| Dr. William Fowles  | Tom Shomsor               |
| Jack Grange         | Lucy Bell Simon           |
| Mary Cathryn Grange | Dolores McNelis Stafford  |
| Arnold Harders      | John Stokman              |
| Harry Hoch Sr.      | Jack Tagel                |
| Dan Jacobsen        | Pat Vejvoda               |
| John Kennedy        | Bernard & Ann Volk        |
| Tom Koehler         | John & Florence Wagoner   |
| Al Kosmicki         | Tom & Cecelia Wagoner     |
| Gerald Krolikowski  | Kathleen Whetstone        |
|                     | Doug Zastrow              |

*Keeping these special people in our hearts and prayers.*

*Stop by the Foundation to see our Book of Memories.*

*See our Book of Memories on the GICC Foundation Website at:*

[centralcatholic-development.com](http://centralcatholic-development.com)

Phone Central Catholic with your questions regarding enrollment at:  
School: 308.384.2440  
Foundation: 308.382.5499

## Central Catholic Foundation Board

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The Central Catholic Foundation  
Board meetings for 2011 are:  
January 19, February 16, March 16, May 18

*Thanks to our Foundation Board Members  
for their unwavering dedication, care and  
concern for Central Catholic.*

## Foundation News

- The Central Catholic Book of Memories has recently been added to the Foundation website. Since the hard covered books are kept in the Foundation Office you now have the opportunity to view the Book of Memories anytime online.
- Plans are being made for a recognition of the Crusader Cornerstones early in 2011. Watch for details.
- **Special Thanks** to Cheryl and Randy Kosmicki who have made an additional gift to Central Catholic to honor everyone who worked to make the 2010 Knight a success!
- **SAVE THE DATE!**  
**The GICC All School Reunion** will be this July 23rd. *Everyone* is invited to attend! Honor classes include: 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006. Phone the Foundation Office with your questions and watch for details in the mail and Spring Update!

### December Crusader Calendar Winners:

Steve Walker    Glorene Harders    Patrick Phelan  
Mike & Bonna Wanek    Harlan & Anne Puncochar  
Father Charles Torpey

## Building the Faith Capital Campaign.... Race to the Finish Line

**\$3,853,808 pledged  
toward the \$4,000,000 Goal**

**Is Your Brick on the Wall of Honor?  
Contact the Foundation Office  
For Details at 308.382.5499**

The *Building the Faith* Capital Campaign Cabinet has been meeting to make plans regarding the completion of the note for the Athletic Center and Fine Art Classrooms.

Details of Campaign plans will be shared throughout 2011.



## Knighttime News

- Congratulations to Randy and Cheryl Kosmicki and their Dickens of a Committee for an extremely successful 2010 Knight!
- Because of their hard work the Knight proceeds will support the school and development foundation as promised as well as provide an additional \$25,100 for teachers wishes in *A Dickens of a Dream* Fund-an-Item.
- Best Wishes to the 2011 Chairpeople; Neal and Judy Jacobs and Rod and Karen Rieke!!
- The 2011 reorganizational meetings will be held at **two** times for your convenience; February 8th at Noon and February 10th at 5:30pm in the GICC Conference Room.
- **Everyone is invited to join in the planning for the Knight 2011!**

## Crusader Band of Angels Appeal

The Band of Angels Appeal has raised \$103,961 with 133 gifts to date on the way to our \$200,000 goal.

***If you haven't joined us already, dust off that halo and send your Angel Gift to the Central Catholic Foundation.***

Or make your gift online at [centralcatholic-development.com](http://centralcatholic-development.com)

***Move those wings from sputter to flutter!***



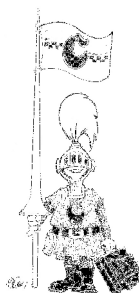
## Father Jim Golka '85 Awarded

Central Catholic's own Father Jim Golka, pastor of St Patrick's Catholic Church in North Platte has been named the recipient of Creighton University's Archbishop Daniel E. Sheehan Award.

A 1985 graduate of GICC, Father Jim graduated from Creighton in 1989 with degrees in theology and philosophy. He attended the St Paul Seminary School of Divinity at the University of St Thomas in St Paul, MN receiving a Master of Divinity degree in 1993 and Master of Arts in Theology degree in 1994. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Grand Island in 1994.

The award recognizes a priest or brother from the Archdiocese of Omaha or nearby dioceses who have distinguished themselves for service to society, the church and Catholic education.

The award will be presented on January 19 during Creighton's Priests and Brothers annual dinner and basketball game.



Visit the Central Catholic Foundation Website to view a copy of the 2008-2009 Annual Report  
[Centralcatholic-development.com](http://Centralcatholic-development.com)  
2009-2010 Annual Report Coming Soon!