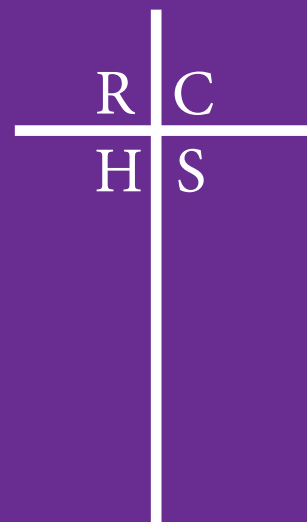




Routt Catholic High School



Annual Report:
Fiscal Year 2021

Enter to Grow . . .

CLASS OF 2021



Not pictured are: Madison L. and Bailey M.

Post Graduate Plans

Army National Guard
Augustana College
Belmont University
Colorado State University
Eastern Illinois University
Illinois College
John Wood Community College
Lewis and Clark Community College
Lincoln Land Community College
Monmouth College
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
Truman State University
University of California-San Diego
University of Hawaii
University of San Francisco
Western Illinois University

OUR MISSION

Routt Catholic High School provides a faith-based environment which promotes spiritual growth, academic achievement, physical health, and community service in each student.

OUR VISION

Routt Catholic High School will be THE high school of choice in West-Central Illinois.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Oct 1, 2021 | Homecoming Coronation and Parade |
| Dec 2021 | Fine Arts Extravaganza |
| Jan 30, 2022 | Catholic Schools Week
Open House |
| Feb 26, 2022 | Winter Celebration |
| April 1, 2022 | Ultimate Routt Day |
| May 7, 2022 | Prom |
| June 4, 2022 | Baccalaureate Mass |
| June 5, 2022 | Graduation |
| June 11, 2022 | All School Reunion & 120th Anniversary Celebration |



The beginning of my principalship at Routt Catholic High School has been a true blessing. My previous relationship with the school came as a substitute teacher and board member. Those opportunities gave me tremendous insight into the philosophy and daily routines of the school. Anticipating the start of the 2021-2022 school year with enthusiasm and excitement was quickly changed by the reoccurring COVID -19 virus and a mask mandate. God is in control and has the better plan set before us.

The meeting I had with the faculty/staff proved to me, the tremendous dedication and knowledge each one possesses. The student is a priority to all staff members. A true testament of a Routt Catholic education.

The staff and students have been exemplary in handling the COVID -19 mandates. We have kept Routt Catholic traditions and activities alive while still maintaining the COVID-19 protocols. The staff and students are working hard in their academics and extracurricular areas. We have implemented two Mass Days per month to our schedule. This will give the students the opportunity to follow God's plan for their life and learn about Catholicism.

I want the community, parents, staff and students, to know and follow the Routt Catholic High School motto: *Be it known to all who enter here that CHRIST is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.*

The annual report gives the financial facts and dealings of the 2020-21 school year, but will not describe the love, dedication, and hard work our families and friends demonstrated during the school year.

The report is a YouTube video compared to the full length film that is produced. We can't begin to thank you for your part in our success. Whether you are a first time donor, gifted for many years, or a prayer warrior, we cannot do what we do without your support. May God Bless you and your family.

Our school is a very special place that is always a part of who you are. Routt Catholic is not just a building or an education; it is each one of us using our God given talents to achieve a greater goal and a higher purpose to make the world a better place.

Yes, it is THE best choice for a high school education in West-Central Illinois.

All in Christ,

Dan Carie

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE OUR ROUTT ROCKETS



In February we caught up with two members of the Routt Class of 2017 who, despite not spending four years of undergrad together, are finding themselves back together again as they take the next step in their academic careers. Congratulations to Hannah Jackson and Morgan Pirkle - Mizzou Law students!



We love seeing alumni at various sporting events! If you know this group, you know they were fun! Pictured (L-R): Hank Suter ('83), Ryan McGuire ('97), Megan (Langdon '97) McGuire). Hank serves as an assistant coach for the team and Ryan and Megan are proud parents of Routt golfer, Claire ('24).



Susan (Althoff '79) Gorton was especially interested in NASA's historic endeavor of landing Perseverance Rover successfully on Mars. A leader of NASA's Revolutionary Vertical Lift Technology program, Susan helped design the helicopter located within the Rover that was used for space exploration.



It was a Routt reunion, of sorts, this past February at Cors Arena in Jacksonville when Brad Cors '94, Floyd Kindred '93, and Chris Kaufmann '94 met up for some basketball action. Instead of each of these graduates taking the court, however, this time it was each of their son's 6th grade basketball teams that they were all watching! Lucky for us, we were able to snag a group photo from the fun event.



Love was in the air in Milwaukee this past May as Allie Whalen, daughter of Dennis Whalen ('80), married Carlos Soria. Rockets who joined Allie and Carlos included: Hugh ('72), Becky (Russotto) '74, John ('76), Phil ('77), Mark ('78), Dennis ('80), Elaine (Beech) '82, Will ('85), Andy ('04), Nolan ('11), Ryan Lindsey ('13) Ben ('14), Juliana (Russotto) '15 Lindsey, Jack ('17), Claire Russotto ('18), and Joe ('23).



Several Routt graduates found themselves with an opportunity to explore St. Germain, WI via snowmobiles this winter! Doesn't get much better than fresh snow on the ground and the sun shining bright! Pictured (L-R): Joe Langdon ('08), Chad Schone ('11), Kyle Schone ('09), Chris Terwische ('90), Phil Sellers ('82), Alan Miller ('79), and Pat Sellers ('79).

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



As I reflect on the past year, it is difficult to dismiss the unique adversity COVID-19 has posed for us all. Despite everything our community has faced over the past 18 months, I cannot help but feel a deep sense of pride for our school and appreciation to our supporters for what we were able to achieve. While we were not able to see a full return to "normal", it was refreshing to see our students resume participation in many competitive activities and social events during the second semester, in spite of the many limitations. Sports like volleyball, football, basketball, track, softball, and baseball were offered on a condensed schedule during the late winter and spring months. Parents gave generously of their time, resources, and talent to ensure our youth were able to uphold the traditions of Homecoming week, and a few short weeks later, the school was able to sponsor a Junior/Senior prom. Most importantly, I am extremely thankful that we were able to maintain in-person instruction with only a few short-lived disruptions, when many area schools were not as fortunate. This was a direct outcome of maintained focus on the mental and physical well-being of our student body. The resiliency of spirit exemplified by our community during this time has been truly inspiring, and I am truly thankful to God and you all.

Despite a challenging fiscal environment, the school was able to implement some improvements whilst maintaining a favorable financial position. Gifting through the Annual Fund was at the highest level we've seen in many years, and thanks to a sizeable grant from the Tracy Family Foundation, we were able to move forward with replacement of entry doors to the school. Through an agreement with MacTown LLC, the Routt football program gained use of the former MacMurray facilities to host home football games for spring, summer and fall of 2021. Those entering the East entrance of the school may have noticed some recent improvements including the creation of a Student Prayer Garden and addition of a new cross and signage, both of which were driven by members of Student Spiritual Life Committee chaired by Joyce Nelson and generous gifts from multiple donors.

Recently, we welcomed several new faces to lead us into the new school year. In July, Gina Walker, Sara Plunk, Joe Horabik, and Devin Vaughn joined our Board of Directors, and we were able to endorse the hiring of Mr. Brian Hall (General Studies/Grammar/Research Skills), Mr. Dan Callihan (Biological and Integrated Sciences), and Mrs. Valerie Creviston (Girls Basketball Coach). We feel so blessed with the selection of Mr. Dan Carie as our new Principal. Mr. Carie's emphasis on building relationships with each and every student combined with his commitment to faith will shape this school into an institution like no other in the region. I am honored and humbled to serve as the incoming Board President and am looking forward to working with Mr. Carie to execute on the goals set forth in our Long Range Plan.

There are so many opportunities and so much to be done! As we continue to navigate the ongoing trials of this global pandemic, moving forward and growing together as a faith-based community has never been more important or necessary, and I have never been more optimistic as to what we can achieve.

God Bless,

Sean Evans '92

2021-2022

FACULTY AND STAFF

Name	Title/Department	Years of Service
Kevin Aldrich	English, Theology	6 years
Dee Arendt	Health, Phys. Ed., Study Skills	16 years
Dan Callihan	Science	1 year
Dan Carie	Principal	1 year
Janet Chipman	English, General Studies Tutor	9 years
Barry Creviston	Dean of Students, Athletic Director, Transportation Director, Phys. Ed.	4 years
Holly Dawson	Administrative Assistant	6 years
Colleen Doyle '06	Development/Enrollment Director	4 years
Kyle Graham	Custodian	4 years
Brian Hall	Freshman Skills, General Studies Tutor	1 year
Lisa Hall	Social Studies	30 years
Paul Herring	Mathematics	8 years
Jenny Rawe	Food Services Director	2 years
Eugene Link	Guidance Counselor	5 years
Matt Martin '12	Technology Director	6 years
Scott Maruna	Science, Theatre, Mathematics	26 years
Jeff Miller	Art	2 years
Amy Nickel '04	Bookkeeper	13 years
Hannah Pate	Administrative Assistant	3 years
Tracy Ptacek	Computer Science, Business	9 years
Sean Rose	Band, Choir	4 years
Mark Rood	Theology, Campus Ministry	11 years
Margaret Stinson	Mathematics	2 years
Cleta TerHark	English, Spanish	10 years
Dr. Jeannie Zeck	English	2 years

2021-2022

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Sean Evans '92
Vice-President: Maggie (Ryan) Peterson '02
Secretary: Andrew Stremlau '82
Treasurer: Chad Schone '11
Members: Mike Bartlett Chris Johnson '88 Joe Horabik Michelle May Robb Mudd Joyce Nelson Sara Plunk Reverend Joseph Ring Rita (Flynn) '83 Rossi Devin Vaughn '08 Gina Walker
Ex-Officio: Brandi Borries, Bishop's Representative Dan Carie, Principal Colleen Doyle '06, Development/Enrollment Director

Year Ending June 30, 2021

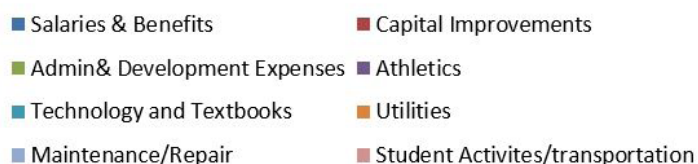
INCOME

Trust	\$714,678.72
Tuition	\$474,188.38
Dreams & Family Fun Fest	\$118,000.00
Annual Fund	\$76,536.98
Athletics	\$31,872.07
Misc. Income	\$339,081.33
Foundation	\$71,096.64
Grants	\$36,705.00
	\$1,862,159.12

Income



Expenses



EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$1,300,205.11
Capital Improvements	\$49,695.00
Adm. & Development Expenses	\$82,925.21
Athletics	\$108,029.69
Technology and Textbooks	\$60,197.55
Telephone & Utilities	\$52,877.17
Maintenance/Repair	\$28,086.64
Student Activities	\$33,097.76
	\$1,715,114.13

ENROLLMENT AND TUITION

Routt Catholic High School admits students of any race, nationality and religion without discrimination with respect to ability or achievement levels, believing that all have a right to a Christian education. Routt's enrollment for the 2020-21 school year was 120 students in grades 9 - 12 and is 123 students for the 2021-22 school year. In looking at the '21-22 student population, 68% of students are Catholic and 32% are from other faiths. 11% of Routt students are eligible for a free or reduced lunch, however thanks to a very generous program from the state of Illinois, all students have eaten free lunch since beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

The tuition at Routt is among the lowest in the State of Illinois, with our closest parochial high school charging \$10,000 annually for tuition and fees. By using funds from the Routt Family Trust, the Routt Foundation Fund, the Annual Fund, and monies from memorial funds, grants, and other fundraisers, the Board has been able to keep tuition at Routt affordable. Tuition for the 2020-21 school year was \$4,300, with an additional \$225 due to for textbook and technology fees. Tuition for the 2021-22 school year is \$4,400 with an additional \$250 due for textbook and technology fees, with the increase coming primarily because of our continuation of the 1:1 Laptop Initiative.

ROUTT DONORS

It is with pleasure and gratitude that we acknowledge those who so generously support Routt Catholic High School. Our recognition of donors includes those who made contributions to Routt from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. If we have omitted your name, misspelled it, or failed to place it in the appropriate category, we sincerely apologize and ask that you bring it to our attention. Thank you for your support!

ROUTT FAMILY SOCIETY

Ron ('86) and Meena Flynn
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Ellen Crabtree ('67)
Edward ('74) and JoAnn Doyle
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Membership in Routt Donor Societies
is based upon total contributions
made.

Routt Family Society	\$5,000 or more
Board's Society	\$2,500-\$4,999
Principal's Society	\$1,000-\$2,499
Rocket Gold Club	\$500-\$999
Rocket Silver Club	\$250-\$499
Rocket Bronze Club	\$100-\$249
Friends of Routt	\$1-\$99

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David Bruner
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Andy Flynn ('04)
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Darryl ('80) and Stacy Johnson
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Thomas ('61) and Kaye McGinnis
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Patrick ('73) and Lynn (Clancy '74) Whalen
Richard ('71) and Janet Whalen



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Phillip and Theresa Lehnhausen
John Levins ('66)
Eric and Jessica (Yording '97) Lightfoot
Greg and Barb (DeGroot '82) Lindsey
Ryan ('13) and Juliana (Russotto '15) Lindsey
Martin ('76) and Sandy Lonergan
Michael and Alice (Kaufmann '80) Lowry
Tyler and Michelle (Fernandes '95) Lundquist
Justin and Robyn Maher
Rebecca (Leach '90) and Michael Mahoney
John and Julie (Keller '78) Mangano
Scott and Mirtie Marshall
Jamie and Krista Martin
Jason and Monica (Baulos '96) Martin
Matthew ('12) and Amanda Martin
Phil and Kimberly Martin
Tom and Jan Maruna
David and Keri Mason
William ('03) and Baylyn McFadden
Joe and Brooke Merwin
Marilyn Mitchell
Jerry ('80) and Ann (Kaufmann '80) Mullen
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William and Melissa Naeve
Joyce Nelson
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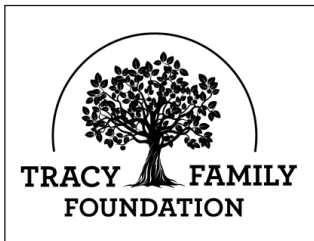
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Lisa (Hayes '99) Stambaugh
Hillary Stice ('03)
Justin Stout ('05)
Toni Surratt
Jennifer Suttles ('99)
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Mike and Erica (Yording '06) Wilson
Eric Winters ('99)
Matt and Jamie Wisdom
Ellen (Kennedy '60) Wynn
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Lawrence and Elizabeth Zettler

GRANT PROGRAMS

In addition to the very generous individuals/businesses who have chosen to support Routt Catholic High School over the past 12 months, we would also like to recognize those organizations who have so generously selected us as a partner in their grant programs. Grants allow us to continue to enhance the entire academic experience for our students, faculty, and staff. Grant monies go on to support anything from academics, to technology, to facility enhancements, and everything in between. We sincerely thank each of the groups listed below as they continue to support our mission.



Monies received from the Tracy Family Foundation allowed us to replace all exterior doors at RCHS, to help us from a safety and efficiency standpoint.

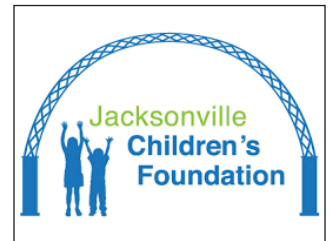
Additional funds were provided to our Development Office for a continued education opportunity.



Monies received from the Walmart Foundation allowed us to provide classrooms with additional "extras" to ensure a better place of learning for our students. Supplies purchased with these funds include: 3d printer filament, yarn, a stepstool, electric pencil sharpeners, and additional paint supplies.



Monies received from the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln went towards expenses incurred of providing student bussing to and from Beardstown, IL every single day. This was a free service that Routt Catholic High School provided to any Routt or OSS students.



Monies received from the Jacksonville Children's Foundation allowed us to add interior and exterior classroom numbers to every room in RCHS. This was done not only from a safety perspective, but also to help create a more welcoming environment for any new students or teachers.

We are always looking for new grant programs to participate in so we can continue to offer our students, faculty, and staff the best experience possible. If your organization or community has a grant program and you think Routt Catholic High School would be a good fit, please contact Colleen Doyle.

2020-21 MEMORIALS

Frank Baptist

John ('57) and Rosemary Baptiste
Sandy Bordenkircher
Richard and Kathleen Cook
Robert and Patricia Frost
Richard and Brenda Matthews
Thomas ('59) and Helen Murray
Donna Settles
Richard Thing
Gary and Sandy West
Gary and Peggy Whewell

Martin Burke ('54)

Patricia Ater
Paul and Joann Bergschneider
Sandy Bordenkircher
Brian and Rachael Borgman
John and Mary Buchanan
James ('56) and Sylvia Burke
David Casey ('59)
Joyce Casey
Paul Casey ('63)
William and Evelyn Coates
Harry ('59) and Kaye Coop
Michael and Rhonda Cors
Raymond L. Cosgriff ('60)
Ted and Chris Deen
Gail (Standley '66) Eck
Francis & Becky Fitzgerald
Agnes Gaw
Theresa (Kindred '79) Haas
James and Nancy Hamilton
Lynette Hamilton
Janet (Casey '60) Hansen
Trevor and Monica Huffman
Joseph and Betsy Hutchison
Hutchison Engineering, Inc.
Amanda Hutton
Jamie and Angela Jackson
Raymond and Patty Johnson
Dan and Shannon Keller
Bethany Kershaw
Eric and Christina Lakin
Howard "Ed" Langdon ('60)
Philip ('81) and Kathleen
(Tobin '81) Langdon
Frances (Casey '57) Lawless
James ('69) and Cathy
(Mitch '69) Lonergan
Martin ('76) and Sandy Lonergan
Robert Lonergan ('98)
Gordon and Cheri Mason

Mary Catherine Mason
Richard and Brenda Matthews
Jackie and Beverly McNeece
Michael and Marje Meier
Anthony and Karen Miller
Andy and Stephanie Parlier
Don and Heather Peters
Karl Peters and Kathy Fisher
Lori Quigg
Timothy and Lorraine Quigg
Karolyn Robson
Doug and Sarah Schmidt
Kris and Amy (Robson '87) Schwiderski
James and Debra Sheehan
Bill and Arlene Sims
Richard and Robin Snelling
Janet Staples
Kip and Brenda Stevenson
Joseph and Sue Tapscott
Ellen Tarzwell ('47)
Connie Walker
John and Eloise (Lahey '54) Wheeler
Janet (English '68) Wood
Laura Wood ('64)

Matthew "Pat" Clarke

Tonya Elliott

William "Billy" Costello

Helen Baldwin
Bob and Janet Chipman
James ('54) and Ruth Costello
Don's Place
Michael and Betty Goldasich
Dallas and Dolores (Costello '55)
Ingemunson
Karmen Kruse
John "Jack" and Shirley Lukeman
Kathleen Madigan
Charles ('67) McNeely
Robert W. Piper
Joseph Shanahan ('55)
Lois Van Bebber
Vicki (O'Connell '74) Vaniter
Doug Wagner

James DeVore ('56)

Raymond L. Cosgriff ('60)
Erich and Becky Crismore
Robert and Sandy Crowe
Marc and Sally Dahman
Mickey and Jennifer Donarski
Brian and Kristin Girard

Donald and Pearl Hawrysz
Ralph ('50) and Agnes (Jackson '50)
Johnson
John and Margaret (Angelo '70) Little
David and Jennifer Longanbach
Thomas and Neva McKula
Tim and Kelley Messmer
Winifred Probst
Donald L. Schmidt
George and Nancy Schultz
Michael and Grace Sposato
Janet Staples
Lily Steele
Marc and Dianne Steinberg
Charles and Marilyn Taylor

George Eck ('66)

Sandy Bordenkircher
Kevin and Nancy (Knepler '66)
Brodie
Donald and Therese Davis
Gail (Standley '66) Eck
James Eck
Robert ('57) and Lola (Peters '58) Eck
Don ('62) and Kathleen (Romang '62)
English
Richard ('66) and Mary (Farmer '66)
English
Terry ('65) and Jane (Watts '66)
English
Kay Foster

Thank you to all the families who named Routt as a memorial and to all who made a memorial donation from July 2020 to June 2021.

Memorials that are listed in this publication were given to Routt Catholic High School by way of undesignated funds, the Routt Education Foundation, general tuition assistance, or specific projects/areas of interest.

For more information on memorials to Routt, please contact the Development Office.

George Eck ('66) (cont'd)

Kirk and Melissa Fulton
Sharon Fulton
Michael and Betty Goldasich
Bonnie Heitz
James ('62) and Catherine (Lockhart '63) Johnson
Jerry ('71) and Cynthia (Jennings '74) Johnson
Linda (Stout '68) Johnson
Philip ('81) and Kathleen (Tobin '81) Langdon
Joseph ('52) and Christine (Hermes '54) Lawless
John and Margaret (Angelo '70) Little
John ('65) and Theresa (Sheehan '66) Lonergan
Charles ('67) McNeely
Thomas ('66) and Lora Murgatroyd
William and Juanita Rees
Donald L. Schmidt
Howard and Jane Schone
Fred ('69) and Linda Standley
Lily Steele
Rob and Maureen Vidakovich
Sam and Jean Wagner
Ronald Whitacre
Dixie Thompson
Randy and Margaret 'Marty'
(Johnson '74) Wright

Mary (Cosgriff '48) Farmer

Margaret (Cosgriff '54) Clarke
James ('90) and Catherine
(Lonergan '90) Cosgriff
Raymond L. Cosgriff ('60)
Eugene and Janet Roach

Jenny (Stremlau '89) Geirnaeirt

Colleen Doyle ('06)
Terry Geirnaeirt
Knights of Columbus #868

Mary Kay (Henderson '45) Hogan

Marjorie Breckon

Margaret Ann Jennings

Gail (Standley '66) Eck

Robert "Bob" Johnson

Chad and Stacy Beeley
Tony and Dana Bergschneider
Elizabeth "Betty" (Hermes '53) Bourn

Paulette (Chumley '61) Carochi
Phil Clark
Terry ('67) and Rose
(Chumley '68) Fernandes
Chris ('95) and Paitra Gibson
James ('62) and Catherine
(Lockhart '63) Johnson
Mick ('73) and Jo Ann Johnson
Ralph ('50) and Agnes
(Jackson '50) Johnson
Philip ('81) and Kathleen
(Tobin '81) Langdon
Joseph ('52) and Christine
(Hermes '54) Lawless
John and Margaret (Angelo '70) Little
Richard and Judy Morrison
Cliff and Yvonne Nolte
Paul and Michelle (Hermes '75) Osborne
Lyn Pignon
Danny ('68) and Mary (Wallbaum '69)
Welsh
Margaret 'Marty' (Johnson '74) Wright

Charles Kaufmann ('69)

George ('72) and Connie Reavy

Marianne Kaufmann

Larry and Christine (Dubielczyk '71)
Crabtree

Donald Kindred

Ann Ash
Barb Black
Rita Bourn
Mark and Cheryl Bumgarner
Ed and Kathryn (Hodgson '82) Burnett
Bob and Diane Cooley
De Castro Apartment Residents: Phyllis,
Ida, Loawana, Willie, Peggy, Ron,
Wiltetta & Lyle
Keith and Karole Devlin
David and Barbara "Bo" Dow
Jeffrey ('81) and Lisa (Bergschneider '81)
Elliott
David ('78) and Karen (Kindred '79)
Flynn
Mike and Karen Garrett
GR Consumers Credit Union
Theresa (Kindred '79) Haas
Johanna Jackson
Terry and Marian (Bergschneider '72)
Jockisch

James ('62) and Catherine (Lockhart
'63) Johnson
Patty and Raymond Johnson & Mike,
Mark, Matt, and Kelly
Constance (Magner '51) Kindred
Mark ('84) and Terry Kindred
John and Mary (Lockhart '60) Kindred
Tim ('81) and Julie Kindred
Wayne Johnson and Agnes Kindred-
Johnson ('82)
Linda Kirbach
Howard "Ed" Langdon ('60)
Philip ('81) and Kathleen (Tobin '81)
Langdon
Owen and Melissa (Kindred '80)
McGlasson
George ('72) and Connie Reavy
James and Kay Robinson
Donald L. Schmidt
School District of the City of Holland
Bobby and Julie (Nolan '84) Sellars
Dustin and Abbey (Haas '04) Sexton
Ron Smiljanich
Lily Steele

John Langdon

Terry and Mary Beth Airsman
Mike and Kimberly (Fellhauer '94)
Anderson
Anonymous
Donna Barbian
Mike and Nancy Bartlett
Dan ('72) and Connie Beard
Robert and Harriet Beard
Reginald and Cynthia Benton
Tony and Dana Bergschneider
Theodore and Betty Bergsrom
Michael and Blanca Bernasek
Fletcher H. Blackburn
Bobby ('90) and Cortney Bonjean
Robert ('69) and Carolyn Bonjean
Kent and Mary Bozarth
Skip and Margaret "Peggy" (Flynn '77)
Bradshaw
L. W. and Joan Brannan
Lori Brannan
Susan Bray ('66)
Marjorie Breckon
Daniel and Vickie Brooks
Marcy Burrus
Reginald and Nancy Carls
James and Mary Carrigan

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John Langdon (cont'd)

Ervin and Marian Caselton
Bob and Janet Chipman
Brian ('90) and Stacey (Fernandes '92)
Chumley
Colleen Cooksey
Harry ('59) and Kaye Coop
William ('65) and Sandra Cors
Raymond L. Cosgriff ('60)
Guy and Alexa Crumley
C.D. and Kristen Davidsmeyer
P. Devon and Kay Davidsmeyer
David and Barbara "Bo" Dow
Colleen Doyle ('06)
Edward ('74) and Joann Doyle
Thomas ('71) and Eileen Doyle
Rick and Carol (Lockman '72) Dwiggins
Jay and Gina Eckhouse
Patrick and Ann Egan
Jeffrey ('81) and Lisa (Bergschneider '81)
Elliott
Don ('62) and Kathleen (Romang '62)
English
Michael ('94) and Lindsay English
Terry ('65) and Jane (Watts '66) English
Howard Enke
Lauren Faems
Ginny Fanning
Jane (Bray '71) Farmer
Farmers Automobile Insurance Association
Chris (Baulos '68) Fernandes
Terry ('67) and Rose (Chumley '68)
Fernandes
Fidelity Charitable Donor-Advised Fund
Craig and Karyl Findley
Susan Flynn
Bill and Joan Forney
Randy and Drenda Forrester
Jacob Freeman
Jon and Sue Freeman
Paul and Betty Freeman
Dixie Garner
Gary and Joyce Ginder
Ralph and Evelyn Gonzalez
Gail Green
David and Alisa Groesch
David and Barbara (Zeller '75) Gross
Roque and Rebecca Gwaltney
Jessica Handy
Demond Harris
James and Sherry Hayes
Lori Hayes ('97)

Maryann Hayes
Jean and Robert Hill
Michael and Lynn Hollahan
Judy Hoots
Bob and Pam Hull
Bill and Janet Irlam
Ken and Barbara (Lahey '72) Jackson
Michael and Marney Jackson
Jacksonville Country Club
Jeffrey and Joyce Jacobs
Ralph ('50) and Agnes (Jackson '50)
Johnson
Donald and Nancy Jolly
Thomas ('68) and Peggy Jordan
Rebecca Joyce
Just Give-Great Nonprofits
Patricia A. Kant
Paul ('72) and Karen Kaufmann
Joseph and Lana Keen
Dean and Kim Killion
Danny ('70) and Carol Ann (Watts '72)
Kindred
Jennifer Krier
Dan LaCount ('81)
Gregory and Kendra Langdon
Howard "Ed" Langdon ('60)
Kimberly Langdon
Philip ('81) and Kathleen (Tobin '81)
Langdon
Nick ('82) and Eileen Lawless
Jeffery and Angela Leach
William ('54) and Celeste (Flynn '54) Lenth
Phillip and Joellen Leotta
Joann (Watts '68) and Edward
Lindemann
John and Margaret (Angelo '70) Little
James ('69) and Cathy (Mitch '69)
Lonergan
Jeff ('80) and Laura Ann Lonergan
Martin ('76) and Sandy Lonergan
Nathan and Carrie Lowe
Michael and Laura Marks
The Martin Family
Kay (Bray '65) and Wayne Martin
Greg and Liz May
Jerry ('65) and Linda (Shanahan '66)
McGinnis
Kenneth ('67) and Ann (Bray '67) McGinnis
Vicki (Forrester '72) McGrath
Mathew ('01) and Rachel McGuire
Thomas and Neva McKula
Charles ('67) McNeely

Bill and Joena Meier
Geraldyn (Lemon '70) Merritt
Shaun (Sumpter '71) and David
Mifflin
David and Cindy Miller
Richard and Stephanie Mitchell
George ('70) and Mary O'Connell
Jim Orr
Nancy Orr
Diane Ortiz
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Contemporary Choir
Marcy (Wood '84) Patterson
Scott and Christiane Pennell
Sharon Peters
John and Sarah Peterson
Jake and Maggie (Ryan '02)
Peterson
Rick and Debbie Pettitt
Thomas and Diana Phillips
Lauren Pirkle
Tom Prather
James and Barbara Raabe
George ('72) and Connie Reavy
George and Pauline Rexroat
Marty and Nancy Rhoades
Eugene and Janet Roach
Charles and Sarah (Blough '86)
Robinson
Mary Ellen (Flynn '77) and Paul
Scheerer
Thomas and Marilyn Schierl
Donald L. Schmidt
Schone Brothers Farms
Kyle and Sara Schumacher
Neil and Colleen Settles
Patrick Sheehan ('70) and Linda
Feleky
Lynda Skinner
Clark and Teresa (Beadles '73)
Smith
William Smith
Richard and Robin Snelling
Elaine C. Sorrell
Janet Staples
Patrick ('78) and Terri Staples
Bill and Lynn Stendeback
Les Stevens
Virginia Stockton
Jerry and Eileen Suttles
Jerome Themig and Joanie
(Carrigan '84) Schone Themig

John Langdon (cont'd)

Bill Tobin
John and Jo Ann Turner
Kathy (Reiser '72) Turner
Lois Van Bebber
Debora Van Tuyle
Judy Vieira
Cheryl Ware
Steven and Joyce (Baulos '70) Wayne
Marilyn Werries
Jay and Shelley Wessler
David and Emma Westberg
Gary and Peggy Whewell
Dude and Anne Wildrick
Judy G. Williams
Robert and Deborah Willis
Eric and Genevieve Woratschka
Mark ('71) and Virginia (Farmer '70) Yording
William ('65) and Margaret Zachary
Richard Lee ('67) and Cindy Zeller
Brian and Elizabeth (Hamilton '97) Zuercher

Marilyn Langdon

Terry and Mary Beth Airsman
Richard and Mary (Cisne '80) Heise
Patricia (Bray '72) Langdon

Tracy (Wallbaum '79) Orr

Douglas and Marsha Awe
Brad and Sherry Blair
James and Janice Bonds
Christine (Million '81) and Lewis Brant
Wendy (Stein '79) Coyle
Karen (Twitty '80) and Michael Davis
Christine Garde
Mark and Susan (Althoff '79) Gorton
Dan Hallam and Cindy Bushur-Hallam
William and Linda Hull
Johanna Jackson
Jacksonville Country Club
Roger and Melissa Johnson
Joseph ('52) and Christine (Hermes '54) Lawless
John and Margaret (Angelo '70) Little
John ('72) and Ellen Lonergan
Marcella Million
Jerry ('80) and Ann (Kaufmann '80) Mullen
Dan and Anita Nash
Marcy (Wood '84) Patterson
Perma-Bound/Hertzberg

Thomas and Marilyn Schierl
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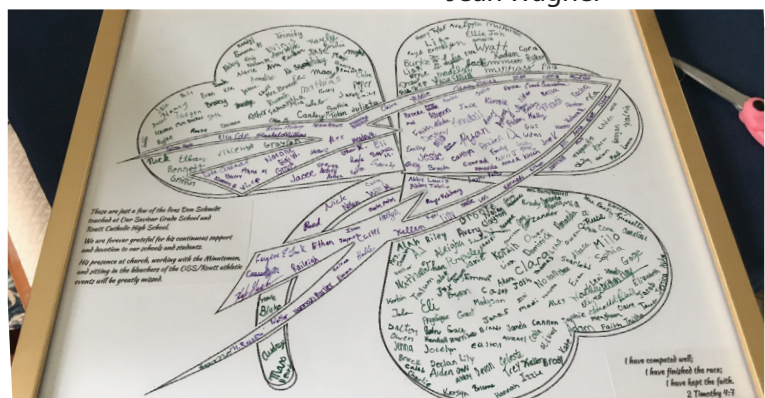
Donald Schmidt

Anonymous
Dan ('72) and Connie Beard
David ('68) and Susan (Ryan '71) Bergschneider
Brent ('91) and Tiffany Bordenkircher
Sandy Bordenkircher
Susan Brosmith
Cambridge Investment Research, Inc.
Cambridge Investment Research, Inc.
Legal Department
Wendell and Peggy Clayton
Harry ('59) and Kaye Coop
Raymond L. Cosgriff ('60)
Bruce and Valorie Daniel
Cameron and Tiffany DePenning
Linda and Richard Dunseth
Gail (Standley '66) and George ('66) Eck
Joseph ('82) and Linda Eilering
Robert ('62) and Judith Farmer
Theresa (Kindred '79) Haas
Michael and Patricia Heady
Diane and Matt Hollendonner
Ralph and Donna Korte
Victoria Korte
Kelli Langdon ('01)
Patricia (Bray '72) Langdon
Philip ('81) and Kathleen (Tobin '81) Langdon
John and Margaret (Angelo '70) Little
John ('72) and Ellen Lonergan
Michael ('73) and Linda Lonergan

Nimmie and Geraldine McDannald
Jerry ('65) and Linda (Shanahan '66) McGinnis
Ryan ('97) and Megan (Langdon '97) McGuire
Carol Middendorf
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Linda Terwische
Thomas and Sharon Vieira
Frank and Susan Whitney
Chris ('75) and Alison Yording
Barbara Shanahan
Adah Mitchell
Janet Staples

Gloria (Bentley '44) Standley

James Bentley ('45)
Michael E. Bonjean ('71)
Susan Brosmith
Jim and Jeanette Devereux
Thomas ('71) and Eileen Doyle
James Eck
Philip ('81) and Kathleen (Tobin '81) Langdon
Charles ('67) McNeely
George ('72) and Connie Reavy
Fred ('69) and Linda Standley
Lily Steele
Jean Wagner



Following the untimely death of Don Schmidt, Routt parent and OSS teacher, Stacy Beeley, presented the above picture to his family. Signed by every student in both schools, it reminds his family that "These are just a few of the lives that Don Schmidt touched... We are forever grateful for his continuous support and devotion to our schools and students. His presence at Church, working with the Minutemen, and sitting in the bleachers of the OSS/Routt Athletic Events will be greatly missed."

2020-21 MEMORIALS & DEDICATE A DAY

John "Bucky" Sullivan ('62)

David Ashworth
Jean Barnett-Weitekamp
Don ('62) and Kathleen
(Romang '62) English
Thomas ('63) and Judy (Ferry '65) Eoff
Bernard ('64) and Donna Ferry
Gene and Jeannette (Reavy '65)
Gourley
Roger and Barbara Haberer
Timothy and Angela Howieson
Timothy and Lynnette Hunter
Illinois AFL-CIO
Eugene and Diane Jontry
Kathleen Key
John and Lorraine McIntyre
J. Andrew and Heather O'Daniel
George Reavy
Charles Sullivan
Mary Sullivan

Paul Tillery

David and Barbara "Bo" Dow
Gail (Standley '66) Eck
John and Margaret (Angelo '70) Little
Mary Sue (Critchelow '56) Tillery
Margaret 'Marty' (Johnson '74) Wright

Robert "Bob" Winstead

Don Barnes
Fred ('61) and Linda (Zeller '63) Curtis
Donald and Fern (Doolin '61) Parks
Mary (Reavy '64) Sullivan
William D. Merris

Randy Wright

Mario and Virginia (Johnson '69) Camacho
Jack and Patricia (Beard '74) Clinton
Brad and Rachel Dobson
Mary Stella (Johnson '73) Duffy
John ('80) and Carolyn (Johnson '80) Eilering
Joseph ('82) and Linda Eilering
Paige Eilering ('08) and Clint Mueller
Kay Foster
Mike and Karen Garrett
Janet (Casey '60) Hansen
Stan and Theresa (Johnson '83) Hansen
Judy Hudson
Thomas ('78) and Joan (Johnson '78) Huot & Family
David and Debbie (Eilering '67) Johnson
James ('62) and Catherine (Lockhart '63) Johnson
Kevin ('98) and Courtney (Stendebach '96) Johnson

John and Mary (Lockhart '60)
Kindred
Stephen and Sharon (Todd '70)
Little
R. and Tracy Mulquin
William and Melissa Naeve
George ('70) and Mary O'Connell
Mark and Gail (Eilering '73) Petras
Charles and Sarah (Blough '86)
Robinson
Don Schillinger
Gary and Diane (Eilering '68)
Schone
Michael ('74) and Jan Steele
Norman and Barbara (Eilering '75)
Strang
Michael and Suzanne Verticchio
Patrick ('73) and Lynn (Clancy '74)
Whalen
Richard and Kathleen
(Johnson '72) Wright
Randy and Margaret 'Marty'
(Johnson '74) Wright
Brandon and Bailey (Eilering '09)
Yeager

DEDICATE A DAY

This summer we kicked off a new program at Routt Catholic High School: Dedicate a Day.

Dedicate a Day
at
Routt Catholic

Select a day
and dedicate
it to someone
important
in your life.

Celebrate and Commemorate
Birthdays, Anniversaries, Graduations,
Weddings, Reunions, and more...

Contact Colleen Doyle for more information:
cdoyle@routtcatholic.com | (217) 243-8563 x6

For just \$75, we're offering families, friends, parishioners, and alumni to dedicate a day of learning to someone important in your life. A day can be dedicated just out of love or in honor of a birthday, anniversary, or special event. It's also a meaningful way to remember a loved one!

Participants and dedications will be included as a special prayer intention in morning prayer and morning announcements, they will be recognized on the Routt website and all social media, and will even be gifted a special commemorative item from us here at Routt Catholic High School. All funds raised through the program will go on to support tuition assistance.

To date, we've received dedications for 10 different school days but we're looking to dedicate as many as possible this school year. Dedications have ranged from honoring those we've lost too soon, to honoring the entire senior class, to celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. If you're looking for a fun way to recognize someone important in your life, this might be the perfect program to try. Contact Colleen Doyle today to make your special dedication for the 2021-2022 school year.

Dedicate a Day
at
Routt Catholic



September 10, 2021
Bill ('65) and Sandra Cors
by Brad, Sarah, Braden, Evan, Bryce, Eli, and Ava Cors



“Unprecedented.” Before the days of COVID-19, not many things were described using this word. These days, though, we’re hearing the word all too often and when it does get used, it’s usually followed by an announcement that something has been cancelled; that another experience or opportunity has been altered or lost. It’s a disappointing reality to people of all ages, but it represents actions being taken to keep COVID numbers down and our community safe.

Since last May, the administration, faculty, and staff at Routt Catholic High School has been working tirelessly to keep our students in the building for full school days, 5-days a week. We have had a couple setbacks, but for the majority of the school year our students have been here all day, every day, receiving the high-quality, faith-based education that is expected when a family makes the “Routt” choice.

The nationwide event known as Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2021 kicked off on Sunday, January 31. The theme of the week was faith, excellence, and service. As communities of faith, Catholic schools instill in students their destiny to become saints. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person - mind, body, and spirit. Finally, service is intended to help form people who are not only witnesses to Catholic social teaching, but also active participants through social learning.

In a typical year, CSW activities at Routt include a bowling and/or movie theater outing, planned events with the students of Our Saviour School, special breakfasts, and much more. As we were preparing for this year’s activities, we quickly realized that given COVID restrictions, things were going to have to be different. We knew we wanted to provide a memorable experience for our students, but what we didn’t realize was just how “good” something different can be.

We began our CSW activities early, kicking everything off on Friday, January 29. The students arrived to their first hour classrooms only to be given a piece of paper with their CSW team name and homeroom, with instructions to report to that room immediately. Once all 12 teams were situated, we utilized a Google Meet to explain to the students that throughout CSW they would be competing in a variety of events with opportunities to earn their team points; events like trivia games, dress-up themes, and room decorations for their team’s homeroom. There would also be a week-long service project where students could bring in items to help support three Prairieland United Way agencies; the top three teams would go on to receive bonus points. Throughout the week there would be other activities going on, including (virtual) guest speakers, a volunteer appreciation drive-thru breakfast, and every single student receiving a heartfelt, handwritten card from a faculty member that shared why we appreciate them. At the end of the week, the team with the most points would be declared the winner of Catholic Schools Week!

As the week began it was evident that the students were a little apprehensive about completely buying in. Possibly they weren’t sure how serious we were about giving them 4 non-uniform days in a row, maybe they wanted to see if other students really got into it before they did anything, or maybe throughout the last 12 months of us asking them for so much compliance, they temporarily forgot how to be silly high school students. Whatever it was that might have been bothering them that first day, by Tuesday there was a certain buzz in the air that helped remind everyone in the building what makes our school community so special. The interactions between students of different grade levels, the creative outfits, and the complete buy in to the week-long service project left me speechless. One student in particular, Kiersten G. (junior), was so inspired by guest speaker Sherie Trace (founder of Jacksonville Serial Tipper) that she promoted our week-long service project on social media and within hours received over \$400 from people wanting to help her with the cause! To see Kiersten pull up over two carloads of items and witness students of all ages helping her unload these items into the school left this Routt graduate with serious goosebumps.

All this to say that I’m so unbelievably proud of the students, teachers, and administrators for allowing this week to happen. It was a bright light during a trying year that will hopefully serve as a reminder to all in the building that things will get better; an opportunity for our students to see that our daily actions can change the world, if we put our minds to it. There’s no doubt that Catholic Schools Week 2021 wasn’t what we are used to, but maybe this unprecedented stuff isn’t so bad, after all.

Colleen Doyle ’06 (February 2021)
Development/Enrollment Director



ULTIMATE ROUTT DAY

On April 1, 2021 we celebrated our 3rd annual Ultimate Routt Day. The school day consisted of a half day schedule, followed by an afternoon full of celebration and fun activities for our students. The afternoon consisted of a wonderful lunch, courtesy of My Buddy's BBQ (owned by Buddy and Kim (Hill '03) Fore), an all-school picture and some other candid shots taken by El Crow Photography, the Safe-Co Ice Cream Trolley, bags/cornhole, and an all-school kickball tournament. During the kickball tournament our seniors and juniors won their semifinal games and then the seniors ended up victorious in the championship game. All in all, it was a wonderful day!!

In addition to the celebration at school, for the third consecutive year we invited

all of Rocket nation to participate in Ultimate Routt Day - Day of Giving - by making a financial gift, with the goal of reaching 200 donors. There was no minimum amount of money required to give, but all those who gave \$25 or more earned a free tshirt. We are thrilled to announce that the Routt community showed up and we met our goal!! We finished Ultimate Routt Day 2021 with gifts from 239 donors - a whopping 57.2% increase from 2020 - with gifts totaling \$23,144 - a 51.8% increase from 2020! Gifts came from all over the United States, including: AL, AZ, CA, CT, FL, GA, IL, IN, MN, MO, NV, OK, TX, UT, and WI. In terms of the Alumni Battle of the Decades, the '80s led the way with 36 gifts, followed by 30 gifts from the '00s and 29 from the '60s. The Battle of the Decades is certainly something we will look to continue as this event continues to grow, so please share the news with your classmates and friends! We will see next April if the '80s can hold on to their top spot or if another decade will prove to be victorious!



We cannot stress enough the sincere thanks we have for the generous alumni, parents, and friends who participated in Ultimate Routt Day 2021. We were absolutely blown away by the generous gifts that we received! The contributions that were made went on to support a wide range of opportunities at RCHS, including academic programs, technology, extracurricular activities, and many others. We are so grateful for the enthusiastic responses of so many and we sincerely thank you for making it a success.

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE



This marks my fourth year serving as the Development/Enrollment Director and I must admit, I am more enthusiastic this year than I have been since I accepted the position. Every year has had its positive moments, but this year? I don't know. It's hard to put words to it; it just feels different.

For one, the students here have made every day great since I first accepted this position in 2018. They are funny, curious, and kind; I've sincerely enjoyed getting to know each and every one of them. But if you don't know me that well, you need to know that I can get a little enthusiastic about all things Routt. And when I was just a newbie here the students weren't quite sure what to think about me taking pictures, taking video, and (politely) demanding they sing along with the fight song. Now that the seniors and I are celebrating our fourth year together, I'm not getting (as many) strange looks as I did, and even better than that - many of them have embraced that same love of Routt!

Secondly, more than ever before I humbly believe that we are able to provide students with the best educational experience in all of west central Illinois. I believe our faculty are pushing our students to be the best they can be. I believe our staff are some of the best in the area, working constantly to better our school. And I believe our Administration and Board of Directors are having the right (sometimes hard) conversations, not only about how we sustain what we have, but how we can grow so we can make an impact on even more lives.

Lastly, a recent experience helped me to put some things into perspective. In August I attended the Seminar for Catholic School Leaders, presented by Advancement Partners and held at the University of Notre Dame. Attendees included school leaders from Catholic schools all over the country; the conference included interactive sessions about advancement activities, keynote speakers, and a lot of opportunities for networking. The knowledge I gained about certain aspects of my job was fantastic, but what really hit me, and what really encouraged reflection and a refocus, was the passion for Catholic education that each and every attendee had. It was electric - I don't know how else to describe it, and simply being in their presence made me do a lot of thinking.

This will sound cheesy, but it made me think a lot about the Routt family. Specifically it made me feel incredibly thankful that they had both the forethought and initiative to start our community, 120 years ago. It made me think about the struggles we have - nobody said what we do is easy! - but more importantly, it made me thankful for all those who have come before me who have worked so hard to get us where we are today. It made me remember that the sole purpose of why I do what I do is to get more and more students in our building so we can both grow and continue to educate young minds in a Catholic-based setting. And it made me realize that I can't lose focus of that purpose, even though distractions will undoubtedly arise.

We have a rich history filled with many achievements to remember and celebrate, but if I have anything to say about it? Our future is going to be just as exciting.

Colleen Doyle '06

Have you thought about including Routt Catholic High School in your planned giving? Donors who arrange to benefit Routt through planned gifts provide transformational support enabling us to continue secondary Catholic education to future generations. The Rocket Nation Planned Giving Society was created to honor individuals who have shown this commitment to Routt through planned gifts. These individuals will leave, or have already left a lasting legacy to Routt Catholic High School!

Planned gifts can take many shapes:

1. Include Routt Catholic High School or the Routt Education Foundation in your will by using a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder of the estate after other designations have been paid.
2. Designate Routt Catholic High School or the Routt Education Foundation as a beneficiary of your retirement account, life insurance, or annuities.
3. Make gifts of stock. Your financial advisor can help you make this a direct gift to us!
4. Establish Gift Annuities or Charitable Trusts.
5. Use creative approaches personal to your own financial situation.

The above information is not intended to be used as legal or tax advice. Please contact your appropriate advisors to discuss the benefits and effects of any particular gift.

Routt Catholic High School is the school we know today because the Routt family had both foresight and great expectations for Catholic education. Members of the Rocket Nation Planned Giving Society have joined the Routt family in their commitment to Routt and to Catholic education.

Joining the Rocket Nation Planned Giving Society means:

1. The amount of your gift is never disclosed (unless you instruct us otherwise).
2. Your name will appear in the Rocket Nation Planned Giving Society membership list.
3. Complimentary tickets to the Annual Routt Winter Celebration and invitations to other special events.

There is no minimum planned gift amount to become a member of the Rocket Nation Planned Giving Society!

Rocket Nation Planned Giving Society Membership

To be listed as a member of the Rocket Nation Planned Giving Society, please notify the Development Office that you have included Routt Catholic High School in your planned giving by contacting Colleen Doyle at cdoyle@routtcatholic.com or calling 217-243-8563 ext. 6.



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ROUTT HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Routt High School Education Foundation, Inc. was formed in May of 1990 by Sr. Philip Neri Crawford and the members of the Routt High School Alumni Association. These individuals felt it important to create a legal entity controlled locally with the purpose of receiving contributions for the benefit of Routt. Since the 503C's inception, the Education Foundation has received numerous gifts for the support of Routt; over 40 individual and family funds have been established!

The funds in the Education Foundation have many different purposes:

- Several of the named funds are designated for perpetual scholarships to RCHS. Once established, these perpetual scholarships will continue to benefit Routt Catholic families for years to come. To talk about setting up a named scholarship in memory of your family or a loved one, please contact Colleen Doyle at cdoyle@routtcatholic.com.
- Some funds help specific programs or department, like fine arts, biology, athletics, or technology.
- Some funds are specifically used for general tuition assistance to make a Catholic education more affordable for our families.
- Some gifts were given without a designated purpose, allowing the Board to use the funds where they feel the school would most benefit.

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It is because of the generosity of those around us that our students are able to continue the traditions of Routt Catholic High School. We could not be more grateful for the love and support you continue to show our school!



On April 1, 2021 the students, faculty, and staff of RCHS celebrated the third annual Ultimate Routt Day.
Photo provided by El Crow Photography



The following seniors were named Illinois State Scholars (L-R): Aniya Pallera, Makenna Baptist, Emily Cosgriff, and Victoria Fellhauer



Thanks to the coordination of Routt parent, Missy Naeve, several Routt students took time during the winter months to ring bells for the Salvation Army.



In May 2021, Routt Catholic High School bid farewell to 24 young men and women as they left our hallways and headed out into the world. Fly high, Class of 2021!



All gifts are instrumental in supporting us to continue offering secondary Catholic education to future generations. Annual Fund contributions are necessary and appreciated because it is those funds that help support operating costs and annual programs that we offer to students.

To learn more about making a donation to Routt Catholic High School, contact Development/Enrollment Director, Colleen Doyle, by calling (217) 243-8563 or e-mailing cdoyle@routtcatholic.com.

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