



Guardian Angels Central Catholic School Newsletter

# NEWS FROM THE NEST

Graduation 2021 Edition

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## 2021 Graduation



**Isabelle Kaup gives her dad, Trent Kaup, a hug as the GACC seniors proceed into the May 9 graduation ceremony.**





## *GACC's Class of 2021 says good-bye*

Several jokes in the valedictorian speech stirred plenty of laughter, especially from (from left) Audrey Daberkow, Brandi Doernemann and Emmie Dvorak.

Applauding a speech are (from left) Ethan Kreikemeier, Noah Kreikemeier and Thomas Kreikemeier.



# Class of 2021



**Josh Jansen is all smiles after receiving his high school diploma.**



**Moving their tassels over are Nicholas Landholm and Aspen Lund.**



**Above: Senior Evie Schlickbernd receives her high school diploma from GACC President Fr. Steve Emanuel during Guardian Angels Central Catholic's 2021 graduation ceremony May 9 at the school's activity center.**



**Left: The Guardian Angels Central Catholic Class of 2021 toss their hats into the air following the commencement ceremony. A total of 34 seniors graduated.**



# Thank you Bluejay nation

**By Fr. Steve Emanuel**  
**GACC High School President**

Dear Family,

For those of you who are a part of Bluejay Nation, but live outside the friendly confines of the Nest, I want to take this opportunity to extend my personal thanks to all of you as I transition to a new assignment.

As many of you know, this was my second tour of duty at St. Mary's and Guardian Angels Central Catholic and my return six years ago simply confirmed the old historical adage, "The more things change, the more they stay the same."

While many things have grown and changed since I left the first time in 1997, "the truth of faith" and "the love of place" have remained constant. I doubt that I could ever say often enough what a beacon of light and hope this extended family really is. It has been a blessing and an honor to be able to serve here.

While there are numerous drawbacks to moving, one of the positives is having to winnow through the accumulated treasures of life. While many of these treasures are physical reminders of people and places, I also have a tendency to write, scribble, and jot thoughts, quotes, and ideas on scraps of paper, legal pads and the backs of

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## *GACC seniors are top of their class*

**Tobias Steffensmeier, left, and Avery Kreikemeier were this year's valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, at Guardian Angels Central Catholic H.S. The school held its commencement Sunday, May 9.**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Attention: Alumni Banquet will be held June 5, 2021**

**Honor classes: 1925, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1980, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2010, 2020 and 1921, 1926, 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1981, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2011, 2021**

**Note: JayFest will be held June 4, 2021**



## FR. STEVE:

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envelopes.

I always think I'm going to purge myself of my own ramblings and then I stumble across something that seems providential.

Recently I found what is written below. I have no idea if I stole it from someone else, saw it on a card, or composed it myself; I only know that it seemed providential to share it with all of you.

"Thank you Lord for all the people who have helped me along the way. People who have touched my life with kindness and thoughtfulness; people who have given me guidance and encouragement. I know they were sent by you. They were placed in my path by your Divine Hand to help me. My heart is full of gratitude for them."

Please know that you will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

*Learning and leading through Christ – Fr. Steve*

## Truly rewarding year

**By Paula Peatrowsky  
GACC Elementary Principal**

As we come to the end of the school year that we thought might not happen in person, I am so thankful to God that we could share each day with your children in person.

In the middle of the pandemic and uncertain times there were so many beautiful things, events and people that touched and changed our community and family for the better. From on-line learning, quarantining and day-to-day decisions our students and staff persevered by the Grace of God.

I want to thank each child for all the warmth, the memories, and the learning that we have shared this school year.

This past year we have grown together and I hope that you will always be the best that you can be. To the

parents, I want to say thank you for allowing me to be the principal of your children. It has truly been a rewarding year.

My own words to adequately describe or commemorate this 2020-2021 school year are inadequate, but I found a prayer that somehow captures what I'm feeling.

I pray that we may always be inspired by the teaching of your Son; that we will remember to make space for silence and reflection in our own lives; and that we will always use the gift you have given us to enable our students to discover their own gifts and become the best people they can be.

May our school community be a place of faith; of hope; and of love.

Have a blessed summer.



## Attention Bluejay softball alumni:

All former players are invited to attend the Bluejay softball tournament, which will be held on Saturday, August 28.

Additional details for the Bluejay Softball Alumni Day will be provided closer to the date, but please mark your calendar.

Watch the GACC Facebook page for more details, or e-mail [mbcwestpoint@gmail.com](mailto:mbcwestpoint@gmail.com) with questions.



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