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**Building Faith.
Inspiring Excellence.
Creating Opportunity.**



Annual Report 2024-25

Our Mission

We are called by Jesus Christ to educate young people, in the Catholic tradition, to lead successful, faith-filled lives.

Our Prayer

Rooted in Jesus Christ and Catholic values, we aspire to achieve our personal best in all we do.

Leadership and Staff.

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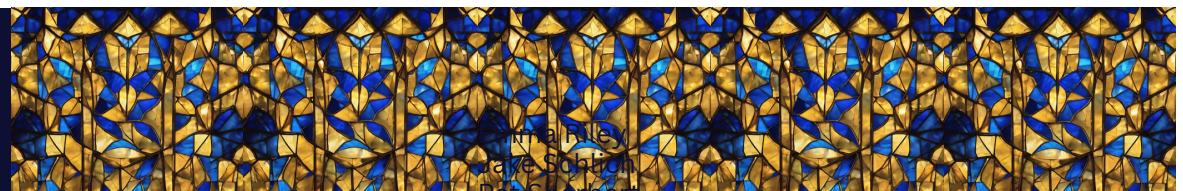
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Welcome from our Principal.

Dear Friends of Althoff Catholic,

As we reflect on another remarkable year at Althoff Catholic High School, I am deeply grateful for the generosity and faithful support of our donors. Your commitment to our mission is essential. Every gift strengthens the foundation on which our students learn, grow, and live out lives of faith, knowledge, and service.

Because of you, Althoff continues to thrive. Enrollment for the 2024–2025 school year was at its highest in seven years, and your support allows us to strengthen academics, expand arts and athletics, improve our campus, and keep Catholic education accessible to the families we serve. You help create an environment where excellence is expected, character is formed, and faith is lived each day.

Your generosity reflects a shared belief in our mission and hope for our future. Together, we are shaping the next generation of leaders—young men and women prepared to carry Christ’s light into the world.

On behalf of our students, families, faculty, and staff, thank you for your unwavering support of Althoff Catholic High School. We are truly grateful to walk this journey with you.

With heartfelt appreciation,



Jonathan Birdsong
Principal



Faith. Leadership. Success.

The Class of 2025



The Class of 2025 walked across the altar at the Cathedral of St. Peter's in May with more than diplomas in hand. They carried the **faith, leadership, and service** that defined their four years at Althoff Catholic.

From their first freshman retreat to Senior Service projects, they formed friendships that fostered strength and belonging. They **carried Christ's light into the world** for themselves and the good of others. They made Althoff Catholic a **vibrant, diverse school** where every person is valued.

The Class of 2025 leaves a lasting legacy: a class that lived their faith, lifted others, and showed that an Althoff Catholic education prepares students not only for success, but for lives of faith, leadership and service.

\$8.9
in Scholarships
Offered

100%
Graduation
Rate

98%
Enrolled in
Higher
Education, the
U. S. Military, the
Arts and Trades

Class of 2025 Matriculation

Aurora University
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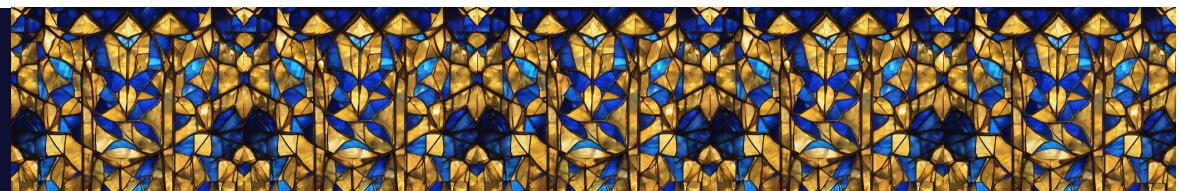
Indiana University
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McKendree University
Missouri Baptist
Missouri S&T University
Missouri State University
Murray State University
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University of North Georgia
University of Oregon
University of the Virgin Islands
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11
Illinois State
Scholars

39
National Honor
Society
members



Faith in Action: Service.

At Althoff Catholic, we believe Christ teaches us to serve others, and we embrace service as a vital part of living out our Catholic faith. This year, through the Service Learning Project, our seniors spent three weeks in full-time **volunteer service in people-serving agencies** in our community:

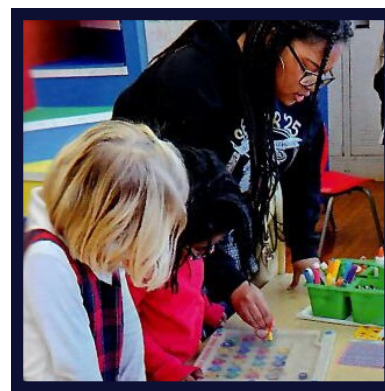
Abraham Lincoln Elementary
 Belle Valley School
 Benedictine Living Comm.
 Blessed Sacrament School
 Four Fountains
 Catholic Urban Programs
 Community Link
 Douglas Elementary
 Ellis Elementary
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 Good Shepherd Preschool

High Mount School
 Holy Trinity School
 Illinois Center for Autism
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 Roosevelt Elementary

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 Wolf Branch Elementary/Middle
 Zion Lutheran School

When asked about what Senior Service taught her, senior Kamora Davis said, **"I learned how important it is to be someone that others look up to...just taking the time to listen, answer questions or share honest advice can mean a lot to someone who is trying to figure things out."**

This is what faith in action looks like—thanks to you.



Growing in Faith

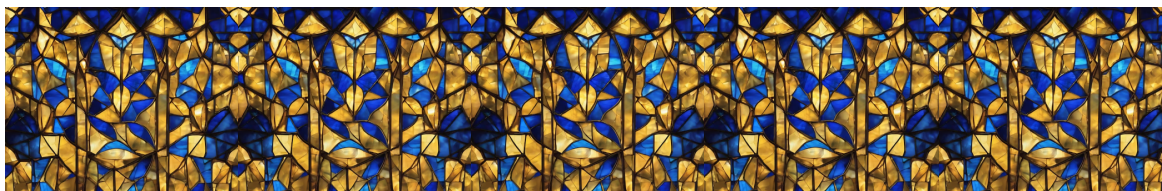
"Rooted in Jesus Christ and Catholic values, we aspire to achieve our personal best in all we do."

For many, our freshman, sophomore, and junior retreats are often the turning point where faith becomes personal and lived, not just taught.

Because of you, our students:

- Experience belonging, trust, and shared vulnerability in a space that is safe, supported and compassionate.
- Form bonds rooted in faith and empathy—not just social circles.
- Hold deep discussions, spend time in quiet reflection, seek and find peace.
- Experience a deep personal transformation that reinforces a lifetime of spiritual growth.

Althoff's faith formation cultivates a lasting sense of community and connectedness that is especially critical in today's environment of isolation, anxiety, and disconnection.



Academic Excellence.

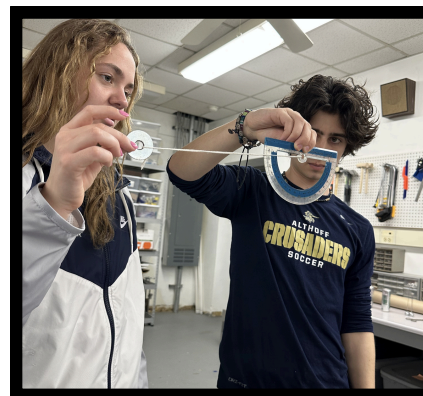
Althoff Catholic fosters a dynamic academic environment where curiosity thrives, learning is engaging, and every student is encouraged to grow, lead, and excel.

The results speak for themselves. Our **AP English students achieved a 90% pass rate**—well above the 74% state and global averages. Among 92 graduates, six valedictorians averaged a 33 ACT, while 37 earned honors, including 10 achieving *Summa Cum Laude*.

Our students benefit from more than **100 courses across 10 departments**, including 55 electives, 24 honors, 13 accelerated offerings, dual enrollment through Saint Louis University and SWIC, and expanding AP opportunities alongside innovative science courses like Animal Behavior, Astronomy, and Environmental Science.

Through the CEO Belleville program, **22 Althoff Catholic students gained real-world entrepreneurial experience** that empowers them to take risks, think creatively, and learn directly from real-world outcomes - preparing them to become confident, enterprising leaders in our community.

Your investment ensures Althoff remains the school of choice for families seeking academic excellence and faith formation in a small, supportive environment.



13:1

Teacher/Student
Ratio

99%

College Acceptance
Rate

New Courses for 2026-27

AP Biology

AP Cyber Security

AP World History

AP U.S. History

AP Business &

Personal Finance

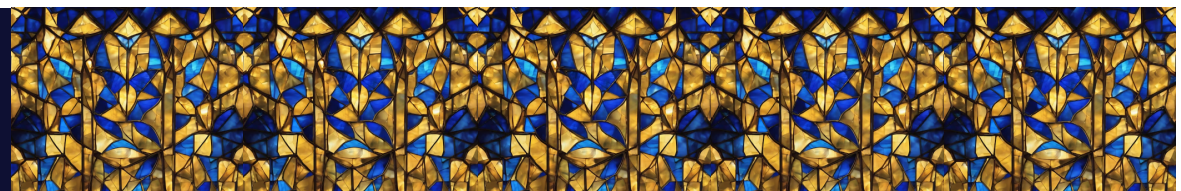
Business Management and

Principles of Business

Pep Band and Jazz Band



Learn more about Althoff's
excellent academic program!



Extracurriculars.

Because of your gifts, student life at Althoff Catholic High School is a vibrant and transformative powerhouse, shaping young men and women into leaders on and off the field. Astoundingly, 109 of our 333 students were state champions!

This year, our students celebrated incredible success, **including the first City Championship in Girl's Golf in 15 years, and four Illinois State Championships:** Boys Football (Class 2A), Boys Soccer (Class 2A), Girls Soccer (Class 1A), and an individual State title in Dance. Crusader student athletes continued to shine across every level of competition.

Beyond athletics, our Math Team earned **top honors at the SWIC Math Competition**. Our arts and music programs invited students to discover their God-given talents and express themselves with confidence and joy.

Through countless clubs, leadership opportunities, and service experiences, students discover their gifts, grow in confidence, and deepen their faith.

As student leader Dierre Hill, Jr. shared, **“Stay faithful and be a leader...while encouraging others to play their hardest.”** Words to guide a life well lived!



Student Life

At Althoff Catholic, student life is full of opportunity—and every student is encouraged to get involved, step out of their comfort zone, and become the best version of themselves.

- BASIC
- CEO
- Chess Team
- Crusaders for Life
- Culturally Harmonious Unification Group (C.H.U.G)
- E-sports
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- French Club
- Jazz and Pep Band
- Liturgical Chorus
- Math Team
- Model UN
- National Honor Society
- Performing Arts
- Rotary Interact Club
- Scholar Bowl
- Science and Engineering Team
- Speech Team
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Council
- St. Clair County Teen Court
- Theology/CAAD Club
- Yearbook



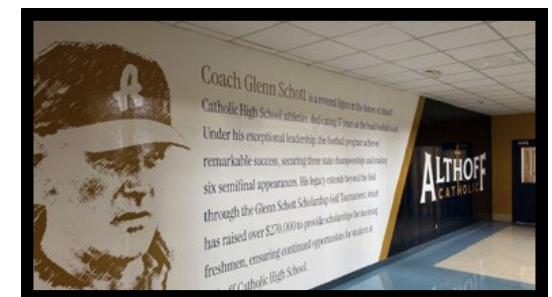
Annual Gala - Legacy of Impact.

Althoff Catholic's 10th Annual Gala and Awards in Excellence marked the culmination of the school's 60th anniversary Diamond Celebration. The Althoff family gathered to honor alumni and volunteers whose **faith, professional achievements, and service** have made a lasting impact, while raising over \$150,000 to support the school's mission.

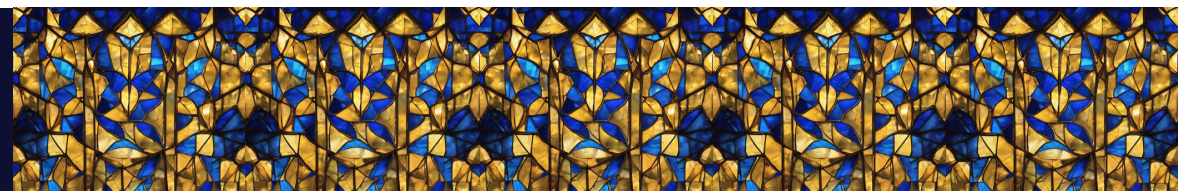
Honorees included **Colonel Gregory Walsh '00** (Distinguished Alumni), **Bob Buelhorn '65**, and **Kevin and Ginny Bouse '92 & '82** (Crusader Spirit), **Greg Leib** and **Jim Igel** (Salute to Catholic Education), and **Damon Davis '03** (Rising Star).

Special recognition was given to **Honorary Gala Chair Coach Glenn Schott**, whose 37 years of leadership built Althoff football into a powerhouse with 245 wins and three state championships. His legacy lives on through the Glenn Schott Scholarship Golf Tournament, which has raised over \$300,000 to **support current Crusaders and inspire future generations.**

As Mr. Birdsong stated, **“Our honorees are committed to giving back. They honor Althoff's legacy by ensuring future students benefit from a strong, supportive community. Their faith and service truly embody the Crusader spirit!”**



Some of the school improvements made possible by your gifts to the 2025 Gala Fund a Need



Giving Back - Paying It Forward.

Althoff Catholic has always been dedicated to giving back to those in need and recognize the importance of community and support. Through various charitable initiatives, our students actively **contribute time, talent and treasure** to uplift individuals facing hardships.

This culture of service and philanthropy remains in the hearts of our supporters and alumni, who often return to Althoff Catholic to share their experiences.

Judge Heinz Rudolf presented “7 Reasons to Leave the Party” reminding our students what can happen when wrong choices are made.

Dr. Hans Moosa visited our Anatomy classes to assist our students with dissection and surgery/suturing techniques, spurring interest in careers in the medical field.

Here are some of the ways our Crusaders gave back to our community this year:

*American Red Cross
Blood Drives
Toy Drive for the Costas
Center at Cardinal Glennon
“Standing Strong for Adam”
Cancer Fundraiser*

*Christmas Tree Decoration
for The Way of Lights/Shrine
of Our Lady of the Snows
Christmas Program at Caritas
Family Solutions
PTOEC Holiday Party*

*Wounded Warriors Project
Ponies for Polio
Tackle Hunger for Operation
Food Search
St. Vincent de Paul Food Bus
Trees for Life Rosary Circle*



You Can Always Come Home!

We are so blessed to have these alumni in our school every day! These graduates have come back to serve as educators and mentors to carry forward the faith, values, and traditions that shaped them while investing in the next generation of Crusaders.



Dave Fahrner '77



Dave Woesthaus '79



Patty Torch Tepas '79



Susan Wolf Morford '82



Connie Edgar Lanaghan '82



Kathy Crotty Wuller '83



Christy Gundlach '88



Brent Haar '88



Beth Ferrara Regensberger '89



Austin Frazier '04



Bryce Miller '13



Jacob Shields '19



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We are deeply grateful to our corporate and event sponsors whose generosity helps strengthen the Althoff Catholic community. By supporting our school, you invest not only in our students' academic, spiritual, and personal growth, but also the vitality of the community we share.

Together, we are forming the next generation of leaders - guided by faith and values – who are prepared to make a difference in our community and in our world.

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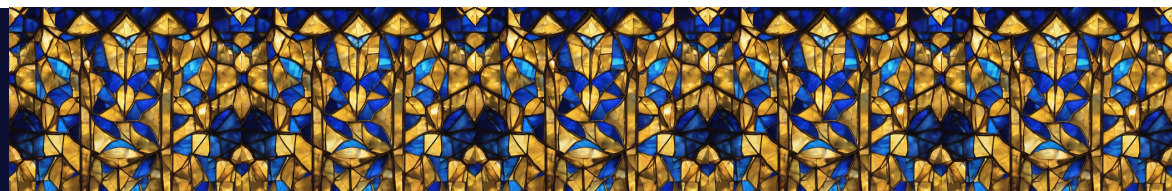
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Because of you, Althoff continues to thrive—expanding opportunities in academics, arts, and athletics while remaining accessible to the families we serve. Together, we are **fostering Althoff Catholic’s strong, connected family that will thrive for generations to come.**

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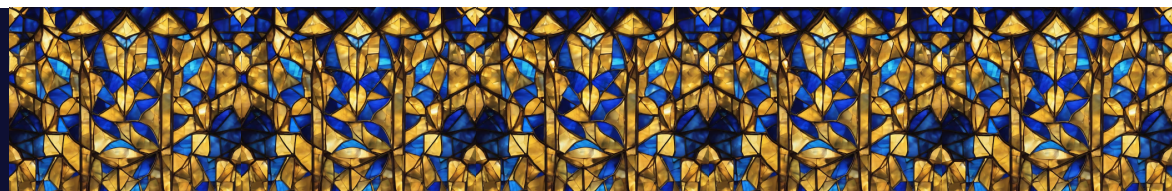
All of the gifts listed (\$250 and above) were received July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025. Gifts received after July 1, 2025 will be listed in the next fiscal year's Annual Report.

Every effort has been made to ensure that these lists are accurate and complete, and we are grateful for every gift.

If your gift level was incorrect or missing, or your name is incorrectly represented, please accept our sincere apologies and contact Connie Edgar Lanaghan at 618-235-1100 x110 or clanaghan@althoffcatholic.org.

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Althoff Monthly Stewardship Circle

Monthly giving is a simple, impactful way to support Althoff Catholic through sustaining contributions. Your monthly gifts provide reliable support that reliably bolsters our mission and meets the evolving needs of our students. This steady commitment reflects your values and creates lasting a impact all year long.

\$83.33/ month = \$1,000/year
\$62.50/month = \$750/year
\$41.66/month = \$500/year
\$20.83/month = \$250/year

Your gifts are securely processed online at the frequency of your choosing - weekly, monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually.

The 1964 Heritage Society

A **planned gift** to Althoff Catholic is a meaningful contribution made as part of your financial or estate plan—whether given now, over time, or as a future gift. It is a powerful way to reflect your values and create a lasting legacy. Through planned giving, you help ensure Althoff Catholic remains an enduring institution and can forever be a place of growth in faith, knowledge, and leadership.

Other Ways to Give

Gifts of stocks, annuities, life insurance and IRA charitable distributions offer a meaningful, sustainable way to support Althoff Catholic. These gifts can maximize your impact with potential financial benefits to you.

2024-25 Financials.

\$14,066
Cost to Educate a Student

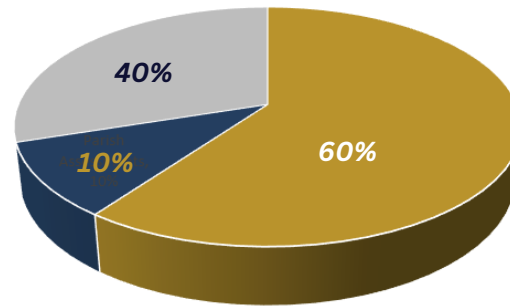
\$1,154
Diocesan Parish
Assessments per student

\$8,900
Catholic Student Tuition
*(\$10,185 Non-Catholic
Student Tuition)*

100%
Families Receiving
Tuition Assistance

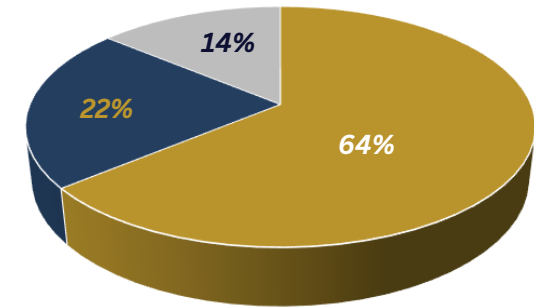
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Avg. 2024-25 Student
Enrollment

Income



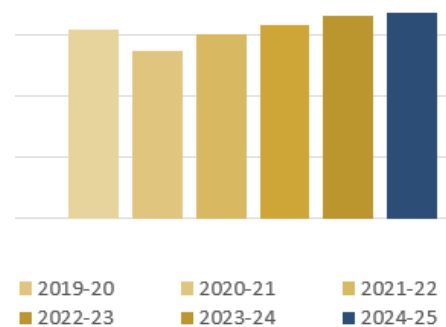
Tuition and Fees	\$ 2,864,849
Parish Assessments	\$ 381,000
Events/Donations/Other	\$ 1,723,924
Total	\$ 4,969,773

Expenses



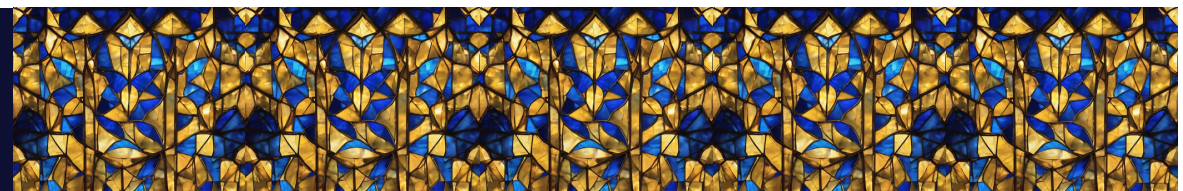
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 2,989,004
Operations	\$ 1,022,481
Building Maintenance	\$ 630,451
Total	\$ 4,641,936

Enrollment Trends



Annual Giving

Annual Fund Drive	\$ 122,866
Gala	\$ 71,264
Fund a Need	\$ 65,910
Mega Raffle	\$ 66,288
Bingo	\$ 110,000
Golf Tournament	\$ 31,438
Other Contributions	\$ 117,067
Total	\$ 584,883



Opportunities to Support Althoff Catholic High School.

Every gift of time, talent, and treasure you share is a gift of possibility for our students. Because of you, young people at Althoff Catholic discover their purpose and gain the confidence to shape a bright, faith-filled future. Your generosity opens doors, creates opportunities, and inspires hope.

When you stand with Althoff Catholic, you do more than support a school. You join a community of care that lifts up students, their families, and their communities. The ripple effect of your kindness has reached thousands, transforming lives in ways that extend far beyond our classrooms.

We are deeply grateful for the heart you bring to our mission. Thank you for believing in our students and for walking alongside them on their journey.



Annual Giving

The ACHS Annual Fund is used to cover what tuition does not. These funds are used to update instructional tools, provide competitive teacher salaries, and cover building maintenance.



Annual Gala/Auction

Our Annual Gala and Auction is an evening of celebrating Althoff's mission, students and supporters. Our largest fundraiser, it supports operations and special projects.



Scholarships

Althoff Catholic High School scholarships provide an opportunity to give the gift of an Althoff Catholic education to future generations of students.



Althoff Partners

The Althoff Corporate Sponsorship Program invests in students, business partnerships, long-term educational success and community impact.

For more information about how you can get involved and support Althoff Catholic, please contact our Advancement office at (618) 235-1100 x110.

Scholarships Currently Offered to ACHS Students

- Assumption Alumni Scholarship*
- Bielke Scholarship*
- Brian D. Vogt Memorial Scholarship*
- Bruce Young Memorial Scholarship*
- Berkel Family Memorial Scholarship*
- Capt. Eleanor Lebeau-Cooke Memorial Scholarship*
- Catherine and James Gleeson Scholarship*
- Catholic Knights and Ladies of Illinois Class of 1969 Scholarship*
- Crusader Merit Scholarship*
- Demo's Scholarship*
- Denise Chomicki Scholarship*
- Dorothy L. and Freddie L. Jones Family Memorial Scholarship*
- Edmond Bauer Scholarship*
- Ella Pricket Memorial Scholarship*
- George Martz Memorial Scholarship*
- Glenn Schott Scholarship*
- James H. Wuller Scholarship*
- Jeanne Murphy Memorial Scholarship*
- John and Verginia (McGovern) O'Brien Scholarship*
- Klinge Family Scholarship*
- Knights of Columbus Council #1058*
- Knights of Columbus Council #592*
- Pamela Schumacher Scholarship*
- Schindler/Jansen Scholarship*
- St. Thomas Aquinas Academic Excellence Scholarship*
- Steven Miller Scholarship*



Mark Your Calendars

First Day of School | August 17, 2026

ACHS Golf Tournament | September 16, 2026

Homecoming | September 11, 2026

Gala and Dinner Auction | TBA

Crusader Alumni

Once a Crusader, Always a Crusader! Plan your next reunion on campus, update your information and stay informed at advancement@althoffcatholic.org

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