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THE IRISH CONNECTION

A publication for alumni, family, and friends of the Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo



Team DECA shines in the Motor City

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
of Greater Kalamazoo

Hackett Catholic Prep
St. Monica Catholic School
St. Augustine Cathedral School



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*A*s we celebrate Lent and the disappearance of snow mountains in parking lots, we mostly look forward to the joys of the warm months ahead.

But before locking away all the memories of winter, please enjoy some smile-inducing, thought-provoking, and heartwarming causes for celebration and reflection from the first quarter of the year.

And since the good news keeps flowing past deadline, we'll also offer a late-breaking shout-out here to St. Augustine Cathedral School's Science Olympiad team led by Mrs. Lindsay! The team placed 5th overall at their March tournament and they are headed to the state competition in East Lansing!

Fun memories to carry into spring!



Congratulations to the Hackett Concert Band on their outstanding performance at MSBOA Festival

On the Cover

Left to Right:

Vincent Walbridge
Khizar Sarwar
Chris Ogrin
Leland Berg
Tyler Beach
Gretchen Yanik
Paige Zeigler
Tori Smith
Allison Oldham

Photo by Rachel O



Congratulations to HCP senior **ISAAC ROOT** who has been named Commended Student in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program. Isaac was among the top 34,000 students throughout the nation being recognized for academic promise.

As we head into the spring AP Exam season, here's a look at last year's Hackett AP all-stars:

AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION

The highest level of AP Scholar achievement.

Earned by scoring an average of 3.5 or higher on all AP exams, with a minimum of 3 on at least five exams.

**Alexander Dugas
Charles Gordon
Sean Pierucci
Jack Prom**

AP SCHOLARS WITH HONOR

Earned by students who receive an average score of 3.25 or higher on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of those exams.

**Michael Dugas
Andrew Rann**

AP SCHOLARS

Earned by scoring 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams

**Alyse Baughman
Meredith Chenier
Evan Czuk
Lillian Davis
Aspen DeForest
Alexander Dumont
Theresa Keyte
Elizabeth Kling
Julia Marshall
Noah Matson**

**Hosanna Ndikumana
Ngoc Thuy Tien Nguyen
Cameron Nobis
Cornelius Redmond
Sophia Sarwar
Gavin Sehy
Addison Smucker
Gavin St. Martin
Grahm Zygadlo**

DATE: Friday, April 25, 2025
(Register by April 4th)

TIME: 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Delta Marriott
Kalamazoo Conference Center

Tickets: \$80

Annual Tradition

The annual Shamrock Celebration is a tradition that builds community as we raise critical funds for Hackett Catholic Prep. "Shamrock is a vital part of the funding that supports programs that make Hackett a remarkable prep environment," says MC Brian Mullally. "Athletics, faith, the arts, STEM, and a wide range of specialized interests all benefit from this event."

A NEW TWIST ON THIS YEAR'S BIG ASK

Funding needed for a new Strength and Conditioning Coach position

The climax of this event has long included a paddle-raise format to raise significant funds for a targeted item. This year we have something new in store, one of the mysteries that will be revealed in that moment.



To reserve your space, email:
HCPShamrock@gmail.com



If you are unable to attend this year's Shamrock, please consider a donation in support of our students at csgk.org/hcp, or scan this code



Or mail a check with the coupon on the right to:
HCP Shamrock
1000 W. Kilgore Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Shamrock Celebration

Cabaret Style

Please join us for an evening of festive fun and entertainment as the students of Hackett take center stage to motivate and inspire

Bid on wonderful treasures in live and silent auctions, raffles, and perhaps a game or two

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St. Augustine celebrates with energy, team building, and reflection



Daddy Daughter Dance

Dads and daughters of St. Augustine kicked up their heels at a night of boots and bandanas at the PTO's annual Valentine's dance.



Moms of sons of St. Augustine combined forces for an energy filled night in February at The Point Community Center



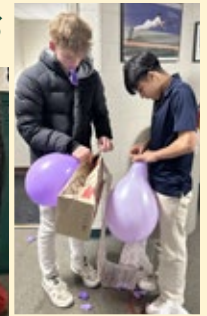
Donation Drive

During Catholic Schools Week, St. Augustine students organized a donation drive to help support the life-affirming Mission of Caring Network. On behalf of our mothers and families, we offer a huge thank you to those who donated these wonderful items. Your generous hearts support our Mission for Life. Visit www.ccdok.org to learn more about how you can support LIFE.



Training for Jeter's Leaders

Students selected into *Jeter's Leaders* participate in team building activities throughout the school year as part of their commitment to the program. The group gathers twice monthly to discuss leadership and community needs, while practicing the life-skill principles of teamwork. St. Augustine Cathedral School has partnered with Derek Jeter's Turn 2 Foundation since 2014.



Retreat hosted by NET

Middle school students at St. Augustine were blessed with a retreat hosted by National Evangelization Team (NET) missionaries, held at St. Catherine of Sienna in Portage. This event is hosted every three years by NET, this year surrounding the theme of "Choose Joy." Students experienced prayer, conversations, and a chance to connect with young adults committed to a Christ-centered life.



Business Preps Complete First Year with Strong Finish in DECA State Finals

In their first year participating in the DECA business development competition, Hackett students completed their year with a strong showing at the DECA Conference held at Detroit's Huntington Center, March 14-15. Hackett was recognized as Michigan's largest new chapter at the conference, with students competing in individual or team categories. Hackett qualified to participate in the conference through their strong showing at the January district competition held at WMU. Overall, eight of 19 schools competing from southwest Michigan schools qualified for the state conference.

Under the leadership of Hackett teacher Kaley Newcomer, the competition is open to students who are currently enrolled in or have previously taken a business course, with preparation beginning at the start of the school year.

"I am very proud of the students," says Newcomer. "Going into the January Districts as our first-ever event, it was hard to know what to expect. Our showing alongside the top schools in our area, and qualifying for the State Conference, was a huge confidence-builder for our students and they were magnificent in Detroit. This year's sophomores and juniors are already energized for next year and we have a 'sky's the limit' mindset. This program is such a great fit for developing a business-minded awareness surrounded by industry professionals, and we had a lot of fun along the way."

DECA (DECA.org) is an international business organization dedicated to preparing emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for college and careers.



Chris Ogrin and Leland Berg were members of the nine-student contingent in Detroit earning Hackett's recognition as Largest New Chapter at the 2025 DECA State Conference.

Photo by Rachel O

2025 DECA TEAM

Bella Basler
Tyler Beach
Leland Berg
Katheryn Brand
Max Gerl
Isabella Hentz
Addyson Holder
Christopher Ogrin
Allison Oldham
Elizabeth Redinger
Emma Riker
Emerson Ritsema
Ezra Rowekamp-Amb
Khizar Sarwar
Clara Slattery
Tori Smith
Vincent Walbridge
Lucas Widman
Paige Zeigler



Congratulations to HCP Robotics for their rising success, finishing 17th out of 40 schools in Battle Creek and 13th out of 40 at St. Joe.

L to R: Bryce Myers, Roberto Espinoza, Coach Ryne Germinder, Devyn Maney, Patrick Lucas, Mark Vogel



Congratulations

Irish women wrap up record-filled season with an eye toward '26

In a season highlighted by team and individual records, the most notable takeaway for this year's Irish season may be the optimism looking ahead to the 2025-26 season. But for the moment, Coach Erin Gallagher remains in the zone of marveling at how this season unfolded.

"This season exceeded expectations on so many levels," says Gallagher reflecting on a 20-4 season that ended in the district finals. "Our success wasn't just exciting for the

team directly but also for the impact it had on our program. This year's team kept the tradition of our program being strong, and they really caught the attention of fans and press. We had alumni returning to lend their support and having them reconnected meant a lot."

Based on newly established team and individual records, the season was noteworthy—a 20-4 overall record; 19 league victories; a 16-game winning streak; a 41-point game, and 22.1 points per game by Lucy Young. Additionally, Addie Smucker's four-year career ended with the most wins of any Hackett boy or girl basketball player with 67 wins and most total minutes played.

But in Gallagher's mind, it was how the parts came together that was special, led by the veteran players.

"Our two seniors set the tone," says Gallagher. "Their work ethic in practice and their selfless contributions in games became our foundation. Addie ran the team on the floor and this freed Lucy to focus on getting the ball to the basket. And then on the other end, Natalie (Burhans) was a ferocious throwback on defense that frustrated teams all season. Her spirit was contagious."

Already on an upward trajectory, Young's arrival added a new dimension to the chemistry.

"We knew Lucy was coming in with a unique talent, but she exceeded expectations," says Gallagher. "Early in the season she was finding her place as the new kid, and I give Addie a lot of credit for taking her under her wing and giving her the confidence to cut loose as the team's premier scorer. Addie has been our leader the last few years, and it was a powerful gift for the senior to pass this baton to the freshman."

As the team celebrates this season's success, it is notable that all but the two seniors will be returning next year, including five juniors, each with two to three years of varsity experience.

"When you look at the varsity players returning and a solid JV team, there are a lot of legitimate reasons to be excited about next year," says Gallagher. "At some point we'll shift our focus to '26. But for now, we're happy keeping the spotlight on this year's groundbreaking team."

Freshman Lucy Young broke several Irish scoring records in her debut season



Senior Addie Smucker finished her Hackett career with 67 wins, most of any Hackett boy or girl basketball player.



Senior Natalie Burhans led the Irish with confident ballhandling skills and tenacious defense.

Congratulations to the HCP Ski Team on their exceptional season!

The girls team ended the season in 2nd in conference with the boys placing 4th



Individual accomplishments left to right:

Abby Ulbrich (*senior*) 3rd in Slalom
3rd in Giant Slalom
3rd place overall in Conference

Sean Siems (*junior*) 4th place in Giant Slalom

Brie Siems (*sophomore*) . . . 7th place in Giant Slalom
7th place overall in Conference

Katelyn Gillen (*junior*) . . . 6th place in Giant Slalom
12th place overall in Conference



TRACK THE TREK PREP!

Check in on HCP Spanish teacher Mark Voegel and his wife Sharon, Principal of Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Three Rivers, at www.on-our-way-with-a-purpose.com as preparations continue for their summer pilgrimage on El Camino de Santiago Trail.

Words of Wisdom from a College Freshman



As a 2024 Hackett grad, it was fun to return for a visit in March and revisit fun and fond memories of my four years! I'm currently finishing my freshman year at Loyola, and I treasure Hackett as an amazingly special place, and I've come to realize how it prepared me for college.

I remember being really nervous signing up for AP classes, but I am so glad I at least tried them. The classes have been extremely helpful preparing me for the workload of my classes, especially the learning skills useful for studying.

I took AP Biology with Mrs. Stone, and it has reduced a lot of studying time for my Intro to Biology class at Loyola. I also felt confident with the more difficult test questions because Mrs. Stone's tests were similar.

AP Statistics with Ms. Williams helped me understand research data significantly easier for my psychology classes. I feel ahead of other students since I've been able to answer questions that the professor only expects more advanced students to know, but because of Ms. Williams I am familiar with many answers.

Most importantly, Mr. Deschamp's AP Language and AP Literature classes have helped me in ALL areas of study. Most of my midterms this semester were essay questions, and I have gained so much confidence in my writing abilities because of Mr. Deschamp. And because I received a 4 on AP Stats and AP Literature, my core requirements for Math and English were waived. This is definitely a time and money saver!

Take advantage of the AP classes that Hackett offers—they are extremely helpful!

Another piece of advice is to take advantage of Hackett's theology classes. Pay attention now, or else it will be much harder later. Almost everyone in my Intro to Philosophy class was struggling with how to understand Aquinas. I was already familiar with this, thanks to Ms. Gergely, and I barely had to study.

I feel so blessed to have gone to Hackett. Hackett is always on my mind at college because I am so grateful that it has prepared me in so many ways. I want to encourage students already there to take advantage of everything it has to offer, and I hope I can encourage students in other places to come to Hackett. It is truly the smartest decision I believe someone can make if they want to be prepped and confident for college!

Sincerely,
Aspen DeForest, Hackett '24

The contagious joy of **CHRIS STEFANICK** comes to Hackett

With warmth, joy, humor, and passion, Catholic evangelist Chris Stefanick brought his message of joy through the Savior to Kalamazoo March 6 and 7. "I have no idea how big of a transgression you're struggling with," said Stefanick. "But I do know that the power of the cross is bigger. It's simple Catholic math."

Stefanick presented to a broad community audience filling the Hackett auditorium Thursday evening and made a return Friday to present his message of hope and joy through Christ to Hackett students, joined by middle schoolers from St. Augustine, St. Monica, and Light of Christ Academy. Stefanick is an internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and television host who has devoted his life to sharing the love of Jesus, and helping others do the same.



Fun facts about Hackett super sub Pam Shebest

Before Pam Shebest became a substitute teacher at Hackett in 2009, she was a reporter covering the area's sports beat for the *Kalamazoo Gazette*. But did you know...

- Pam has covered the Kalamazoo Wings for 40 of their 50-year existence
- Originally hired by the *Kalamazoo Gazette* in 1985 to cover hockey, tennis, and auto racing
- Grew up in Williamsport, PA, home of the Little League World Series
- Was a Wings season ticket holder before being hired to report on her beloved team in 1985
- Became a sports writer pioneer at a time when only about 300 of the 10,000 sports scribes in the U.S. were women – “Girls weren’t allowed to cover sports”
- Is a recipient of the Al Genovy Ambassador Award, given each year to an individual who reflects the former Wings player’s character and selflessness
- Is a recipient of the ECHL Outstanding Media Professional Award
- Still covers sports assignments for MHSAA



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2025 HONOREES ANNOUNCED

Please plan on joining us during Homecoming Week on the evening of Thursday, September 25, at the Kalamazoo Country Club for a reception and celebration of our 2025 honorees. Watch for ticket information.

Distinguished Alumni Award — JOE CEKOLA

Awarded each year to an alum of the Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo, recognized for their significant contributions to society as demonstrated through the practice of the guiding principles of their Catholic education, for the betterment of others

Bishops' Service Award — MSGR MIKE HAZARD

Awarded each year to a member of the Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo community through their spirit of volunteerism and caring, presented in honor of the Bishops of the Diocese of Kalamazoo whose collective vision is lived out through the mission of the schools

Hackett Alum and AF Vet Instrumental in 988 Suicide Hotline

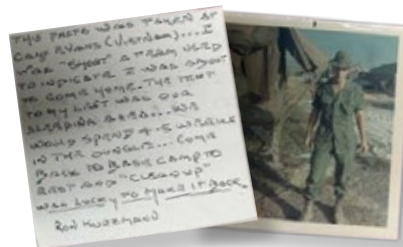
988 | SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE



A big Irish shoutout goes to Joseph Hurlbert, Hackett '71 and U.S. Air Force 1972-1976 for his passionate work establishing the nation's 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. “It makes me proud that the VA provided me with the opportunity and platform for my most significant career accomplishment,” says Hurlbert.

Coming up on its third anniversary of operation this July, the hotline went live following more than seven years of work to establish the need, process, and logistics for the network. 988 operates under the Department of Health and Human Services and is available nationwide.

Veterans and active service members continue to reconnect with HCP



Over the past year, more than 60 students have received responses to letters thanking them for their service to our country, including this latest, received by sophomore Earl Higdon from Ron Kurzmann, St. Augustine '64.

If you are a veteran or an active service member who would like to connect with a current Hackett student, please contact Tyline Zimmerman at tzimmerman@cskg.org.

Hall of Fame Inductions

Hackett Women's Soccer Team 2006

Hackett Men's Track & Field Team 2018

Heath Baldwin '19

Tom Drake '71

Mo el-Mohammed '95

Mikey Olsen

May 3, 1931 – January 26, 2025



Frank Caro

Alumni share their fond memories

One of my all-time favorite teachers! He was one of those teachers who kept his class engaged at all times. Everyone knew you didn't talk or screw around during his classes. Also used to crack us up on a regular basis. Nothing but love for Frank.

My favorite teacher! I even took an extra math class. He instilled a work ethic in me: To get to the end of a problem and "show your work."

I'll always remember sitting in his class about 1980, and he's talking passionately about leaving for two weeks for his military reserve commitment. Classmate Dennis Nurrie starts whistling that familiar piece from the movie, Bridge on the River Kwai. Soon, the whole class is whistling, and Mr. Caro is getting more and more emphatic in his speech. Red, white, and blue this, and red, white, and blue that, as we are all whistling. It was great.

Love Mr. Caro. Best teacher ever!

He was definitely one of my favorite teachers at Hackett.

"Continuity" will forever be ingrained in me! That, and making sure you caught the candy he threw it you!

A man everyone looked up to and I've never heard an ill-word said about him. I will never forget him or being in one of his classes.

At age 90 years, I think about how it all started. I was a student at St Augustine School for 11 years. This experience was the basis of my life. The nuns prepared me well for this life. There was lots of religion. Each school day we started with mass at the old church. Msgr. Hackett said mass every day in Latin and we all joined in, in Latin. Each mass was a requiem mass and sometimes with funerals and caskets present.

Girls sat on the left with heads covered and boys on the right. Youngest in front. After mass we 500 students walked a mile to school sometimes with Msgr. leading the way. My job for 11 years was to ring the bell to call the students into mass. I never missed.

I remember watching the new church being built from my desk on the second-floor study hall. I remember those sand lot baseball games we had for exercise and the wild football games at the "Irish" stadium.

I remember eating lunch in the basement with the nuns. I remember working on the school and church

buildings, also the long walks from school to home.

Most of my classmates stayed in Kalamazoo. Only a few of us went on to

continue our education, the way it is now. I graduated in 1952 and went on to study at Kalamazoo College on a scholarship. I graduated in 1956 with a BA in physics, math, and chemistry and I was hired by the US Navy Bureau of Ordnance as a research scientist. I then went on to work in California aerospace companies such as Bell Aerospace-Textron, Hughes Aircraft, American Standard and General Motors, from which I retired in 1996. I earned my master's degree in engineering from UCLA in 1967.

All thanks to the education I received from the Sisters of St. Joseph at St. Augustine. This education helped to place me in the eye of the world events.

*Justin M. Ruhge, Lompoc CA
St. Augustine High School, '52*



CLASS OF 1975

55th Reunion

Friday, June 27

SOCIAL TIME: 5:00 pm until close

Jac's Cekola's Pizza
3112 S. 9th Street, Kalamazoo

Saturday, June 28

Golf outing—morning tee time
Contact Bob Moore, (630) 240-3385

Dinner at Martell's
5:00 pm until close
3501 Greenleaf Blvd, Kalamazoo
Contact Bob English, (269) 497-7768
email: rjenglish2@comcast.net

CLASS OF 1970

60th Reunion

Friday, September 12

**Parkview Hills Clubhouse/
Willow Lake Clubhouse**
3707 Greenleaf Circle, Kalamazoo

Please register your
contact info online at
hackett-obrien1970.org

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR**
More info
to follow



ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

THE PASTORS:

V. Rev. Frank A. O'Brien.
Rev. Eugene Cullinane.
Rev. T. Lochbihler.



THE TRUSTEES:

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Carl Meisterbein.
John H. Ryan.
John Schlick.
John Brown.
John Flanigan.
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10:30; Sunday School at 3:00; Ves-
pers at 7:20.

Baptisms.

Francis Esther Osborn.
Felicitas Matilda DeWindt.
Rosalia Locher.

Masses.

Monday, Purgatorial Society.
Tuesday, Michael and Mary
Blaney.
Wednesday, Father Buysse.
Thursday, Decoration Day Re-
quiem.
Friday, Fred. Rebman.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

LONGFELLOW.

Oh, had I faith, as in the days gone by,
That knew no doubt, and feared no
mystery.

This is indeed the blessed Mary's land,
Virgin and Mother of our dear
Redeemer!

All hearts are touched and softened at
her name;
Alike the bandit with the blood-stained
band,

The priest, the prince, the scholar and
the peasant,
The man of deeds, the visionary
dreamer.

Pay homage to her as one ever present!
And even as children, who have much
offended

A too indulgent father, in great shame,
Penitent, and yet not daring unattended
To go into his presence, at the gate
Speak with their sister, and confiding
wait

'Till she goes in before and intercedes;
So men, repenting of their evil deeds,
And yet not venturing rashly to draw
near

With their request an angry father's ear
Offer to her their prayers and their
confession,

And she for him in heaven makes inter-
cession.
And, if our faith had given us nothing
more

Than this example of all womanhood,
So mild, so merciful, so strong, so good,
So patient, peaceful, loyal, loving, pure,
This were enough to prove it higher,
truer,

Than all the creeds the world had
known before.

Musical Festival.

The Annual Festival will be given
by the pupils of the Institute on the
evenings of the 4th and 5th of June.
Tickets for the first night will be
50 cents, for the second evening 35
cents. See that we give the Festival our
usual cordial support.

Independence Celebration.

At a meeting of the Trustees, it
was decided to celebrate the evenings
of the 3rd and 4th of July with a
social and band concert on the
church grounds. The following
committees were appointed:

President—John McGoff.
Treasurer—John Ruppert.
Secretary—John Ryan.

Executive Committee—Father
O'Brien, Jas. Butler, John Lamb, J.
McGoff, J. Ryan, Thomas Carroll.

Music—Father Cullinane, James
Morrissey, Chas. A. Blaney, T. J.
McHugh.

Gate—John Hastings, John Ches-
leck, Wm. Murphy, Joseph Klose.

Tickets—Wm. Bryar, Jno. Brown,
Patrick Bown.

Police—Wm. Kealey, Albert
Whitenfield, James McGrail, John
Lamb, John Cagney, J. Welch.

Games—Father Lochbihler, John
Bowen, Frank Woods, Wm. Mc-
Grail, Frank Schied, John Corryne,
Gny Mahoney.

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ton, Joseph Hipp, Michael Redmond,
Will Redmond, Joseph Nolan, Ed.
Locher, R. Casey, M. Welch, Fred
Neumaier.

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O'Meara, W. McGrail, F. Hunt, Jas.
Howard, John Sherby, M. Dietrich,
S. Schelb, J. Donahue, M. Harshey,

L. Keller, C. Butine, J. Fleckenstein.
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Mary Grant, Jennie Fields, Mary
Bott, Amelia Robischung, Maggie
McNally.

Candy and Lemons—Misses Mag-
gie Mallon, Lizzie Nolan, Katie
Grant.

Committee on Tables.

No. 1, Miss Mary O'Brien.
" 2, Miss Minnie McHugh.

No. 3, Miss Maud Doyle.

" 4, Miss Clara Coogan.

" 5, Miss Kate Carroll.

" 6, Miss Ellen Doolan.

" 7, Miss Carrie Holden.

" 8, Miss Kate Wall.

" 9, Miss Anna McGrail.

" 10, Children of Mary.

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Kinast.

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Mary Redmond, Emma Robischung,
Carrie Neumaier, Sara Lyons, Mary
Hastings, Kate A. McSweeney, Julia
Jeffrey, Mesdames Metzger, Huwil-
er, Lamb, Garrow, Moye, Muir,
Sykes, Kinest, Casey, Dugal.

The committee will meet at their
convenience and arrange work. The
chairman of each committee is
authorized to appoint such assist-
ants as may be required.

LOCALS.

Fast next Saturday.

Big head, little sense.

Easter time is nearly over.

School Society after Mass.

Mass at Watson to-morrow.

Young Ladies' Sodality at 4:15.

Keep your children off the street.

New tan shoes at the Three B's.

Bishop Foley sailed last Saturday.

Don't forget the School Festival.

With prayer we can do all things.

Have you made your Easter duty?

Branch 17 C. M. B. A. Monday.

In diplomacy lying becomes a fine

art.

Conference of this Deanery June

4th.

Pentecost one week from to-mor-
row.

Feast of the Sacred Heart June

21st.

We will celebrate the Fourth of

July.

Value depends upon quality, not

price.

June is the month of the Sacred

Heart.

Never take a wife who has no
faults.

The priests will visit the asylum
June 5th.

Don't forget that fast day next
Saturday.

Tell your children to be careful of
strangers.

It is not all the big men that reap
the harvest.

We need a new side walk in front
of the church.

Did you pray for an abundant har-
vest this week?

Young Men's Sodality meeting
Monday evening.

It is easier to make a congregation
yawn than yearn.

The legislature will adjourn the
last of this month.

Meeting of St. Anthony's Society
to-morrow at 2:00.

Men will abandon a principle to
die for a sentiment.

Holy water will be solemnly
blessed next Saturday.

The premature is always in dan-
ger of being frostbitten.

There is hope from the sea, but no
hope from the cemetery.

Get your tickets now for the
Annual Musical Festival.

Fr. Lochbihler was in Watson on
the feast of the Ascension.

When the hand ceases to scatter
the mouth ceases to praise.

A bad wife takes advice from
every man but her husband.

Fr. O'Rourke was in Ypsilanti Sun-
day in behalf of the orphans.

Caution your children about going
with any one they do not know.

Mr. Dan McCarthy and wife, of
Chicago, are visiting in the city.

Never indorse as a partisan what
you would not do as an individual.

The hundred men did not material-
ize at the cemetery last Thursday.

It requires considerable originality
to state an old truth in a new way.

The Festival this year will be
better than ever, which is saying a
great deal.

Thank you to Patrick McNally (Hackett '71) for donating
his priceless archives of Kalamazoo Catholic memories.

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St. Monica Catholic School's shamrock shuffle

Friday, April 25

Help support our school's
biggest annual fundraising event
as we seek to raise \$30,000 for
school improvements, events,
and exciting new playground
equipment!

To make a donation in support of our
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