

KNIGHTS FOREVER

FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, SERVICE



2017-2018

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FR. WALTER NOLTE

PASTOR & SCHOOL PRESIDENT



The mission of Saint Patrick Catholic Church in Fremont, Nebraska is to equip souls with the spiritual and intellectual tools necessary for them to continue to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ in their own lives by loving God and neighbor. We strive to accomplish this august task by our daily celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, adult faith formation opportunities, youth programs, and social gatherings.

Saint Patrick Parish believes wholly in her missionary call to teach God's children how to recognize Jesus Christ in their own hearts, as well as in the world around them, so that we all can serve Him with a generous heart. To that end, we long ago answered His call to educate our youth by working with you to form them both spiritually and intellectually. Learning to live an integrated life bridges the gap between faith and work making the ordinary extraordinary encounters with grace.

Archbishop Bergan is proud to journey with your child as they grow stronger in the virtues of faith, knowledge, and service. We are blessed to have you and your child as part of our family.





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THY KINGDOM COME

This year we strive to build the Kingdom of God
 in Fremont, Nebraska

TWO CAMPUSES, ONE FAMILY



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER (ECEC)

The ECEC provides loving, faith based childcare for students who are 3 years old through 12 years old. Students enrolled in Preschool will explore their faith, social development, gross motor skills, fine motor development and an introduction to an academic environment.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Archbishop Bergen Catholic Elementary School serves students Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Archbishop Bergen Catholic Middle School/High School serves students grades 7th through 12th.



MISSION

Archbishop Bergen Catholic School exists to instill a passion, as exemplified by Christ, for faith, knowledge and service.

VISION

Archbishop Bergen Catholic School provides an exemplary Christ-centered education that develops the whole child through service, active learning and innovative instruction in order to achieve high expectations in a global community.

98%

OF GRADUATES
CONTINUE EDUCATION
AFTER HIGH SCHOOL



24

AVERAGE ACT
SCORE

510

STUDENTS ENROLLED
PRESCHOOL - 12TH GRADE



13:1

STUDENT:FACULTY RATIO
K - 12TH GRADE



\$14,500

AMOUNT OFFERED IN
SCHOLARSHIPS PER
GRADUATE OVER THE
LAST 10 YEARS



HOUSE SYSTEM



Each student is assigned a mixed grade level group or House, each named for a Saint that the students would like to emulate. Students participate in faith sharing activities, mild competitions, service projects, and school activities to earn points for their Houses.

1

Nurture caring relationships among students and encourage a sense of family through faith, knowledge, and service.

2

Enable all students to embrace their potential for leadership while preparing them to make a positive changes in the community.

3

Throughout the school year each House is challenged and rewarded for their growth in faith and learning

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LIFE LONG RELATIONSHIPS

The small size of our school allows students to get to know each other very well. Our HOUSE system provides students the opportunity to get to know students in other grade levels as well. Older students are given opportunities to mentor the younger students and younger students in turn are given positive role models to emulate. These opportunities provide students to grow in faith together and build life long friendships that do not fade away.



KNIGHTS GIVING BACK

SERVICE

Students are given multiple opportunities to provide service to others regardless of what grade they are enrolled in. Throughout the year students are nurtured into understanding why caring for others is so important and how they can have a positive impact on the world by providing service to society. Some examples of service include food drives, a non-profit service day, raising money for the less fortunate and elderly care facility visits.



SERVICE

Mr. Michael Vanek, Theology Instructor and Campus Ministry Director, states “*I make it my goal that no student graduates from Bergen without directly serving the poor. Saint Teresa of Calcutta once said in reference to the poor, ‘Each one of them is Jesus in disguise.’*”

**K-12 PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE
978 HOURS OF SERVICE IN ONE DAY
4,500+ HOURS EACH YEAR**

K-12

**978
HOURS**

**4,500+
HOURS**



FAMILY OF KNIGHTS, WHAT IT MEANS AT BERGAN



A day in the life of a Bergan Knight is a special thing. It's something that we do everyday without realizing just how special it is. When I walk through the halls of Bergan, I see one committed family. Our family at Bergan is always in things together. We get up early to go to one-act, dance, and cheer practices because we are committed to the team, to each other. During school we are constantly helping each other in the slightest of ways without even realizing it.

When someone drops something walking down the hallway or from their locker there is always one, or more, people by their side helping them. A special time in our day is activity period. On Tuesdays we are all gathered in the gym where we do activities that bring us together. In our houses we build relationships with people we never thought we would. After school we go to activities like football, golf, and volleyball because we are committed to the team and each other. We devote our time to our family. Being busy is a common thing as a Bergan Knight. Students are involved in things like math club, band, and choir where they spend more of their free time because they're committed to a team.

These things are the things I see when I walk through the halls of Bergan. These are the things that make our days as a Bergan Knight special.

by Garrison Mendlik, Junior

THE BERGAN EXPERIENCE

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

For a small school, Bergan offers a variety of clubs/organizations, fine arts and athletics. From the time that students are in elementary school until the time that they graduate, students have the ability to become extremely well rounded by investing themselves into multiple activities. Students are encouraged to be involved in as much as possible so that they can gain the true Bergan experience.

CLUBS

FINE ARTS

ATHLETICS





**Bergan is a mission
of St. Patrick
Catholic Church**



**“I love God and Mary and
Jesus. I love my teachers.
God made the sun.”**

SOPHIA, PRE-KINDERGARTNER

UNIQUE TO BERGAN

FAITH

Jesus is at the center of all that we do. Our mission is to instill a passion into our students and to ultimately lead them to discipleship. Through daily prayer, weekly prayer services, school mass and classroom theology our students are exposed to the teachings of the Catholic Church daily. In the end, our vision is that each student develops a personal relationship with Jesus.



ONE PARISH, ONE SCHOOL, ONE FAMILY

ST PATRICK CHURCH MISSION

St. Patrick Catholic Church exists to encounter Jesus by loving as commanded by Jesus Christ, serving as exemplified by Jesus Christ, and making disciples as commissioned by Jesus Christ.

GREEN AND GOLD

As a ministry of St. Patrick Parish, the school colors of Kelly green and gold link to the Parish's Irish Heritage.



NISI DOMINUS FRUSTRA

**NISI DOMINUS FRUSTRA
CAN BE TRANSLATED TO
'WITHOUT THE LORD,
EVERYTHING IS IN VAIN'.**

- In the Catholic Church, each Bishop or Archbishop chose a shield to represent their servant leadership in the Church.
- Our school is named after Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan who led the Archdiocese of Omaha from 1948 to 1969.
- The Archbishop Bergan Catholic School Crest or Shield is the same that represented Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan himself.



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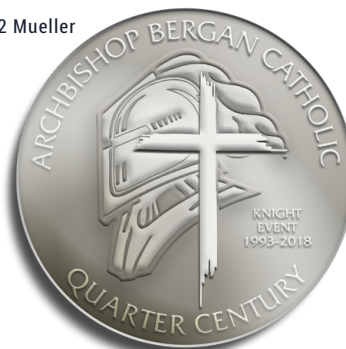
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Nov 16, 2018*

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- Moostash Joe Spellerberg on May 17, 2017. Father of Joey Spellerberg ('08) and John Spellerberg ('11).
- Jeffrey Joseph Delaney ('69) on June 2, 2017. Father of Kathleen Delaney Fager ('64), Tom Delaney ('71) and Jerry Delaney ('77).
- Gerald Mahlberg on December 18, 2016. Father of Kathy Mahlberg Belsky ('70), Patty Mahlberg Friesz, ('72), Cindy Mahlberg Nielsen ('73), Mary Mahlberg Jacobs ('76), Terri Mahlberg Devine ('78), and Jodi Mahlberg Farley ('84). Grandfather of Heather Devine Menn ('05), Krissy Jacobs ('05), Ryan Nielsen ('05), Shelly Sommerfeld ('08) and Matt Jacobs ('12).
- Cynthia Harden Schuler on July 16, 2017. Wife of Bill Schuler ('78) and mother of current student, Haley Schuler (10th grade).
- John W. Schuler ('71) on Monday July 24, 2017. Father of Sue Schuler ('68), Robert Schuler ('68), John Schuler ('71), Betty Schuler-Weingarten ('72), and Bill Schuler ('78).
- Gloria Bart on August 7, 2017. Grandmother of Katie Belak Nielsen ('06) and Emily Belak ('14).
- Kevin Smith ('71) on August 13, 2017. Brother of Michael Smith ('68), Patricia Smith McNaught ('69) and Gary Smith ('75).
- Kathleen Smutz on August 17, 2017. Grandmother of Jeremy Smutz.
- Donald Emanuel on August 14, 2017. Father of the late Monica Emanuel ('65), Kathy Emanuel Shehtanian ('66), Mary Pat Emanuel Cheshier ('67), Dan Emanuel ('69), Ellen Emanuel Leifeld ('73), Margaret Emanuel Springer ('77), Martin Emanuel ('78), Joan Emanuel Wiesen ('80), Suzy Emanuel McDonald ('86).
- Chuck Wasiak on August 29, 2017. Husband of Rona Rockwell Wasiak ('59).
- Wanda Brabec on September 4, 2017. Mother of the late Bill Brabec ('66) and Marlin Brabec ('69).
- Patricia Costello Fleet ('60) on September 19, 2017. Sister to the late Mary Jo Costello Olmstead ('52), the late Martin Costello ('53), Margaret Costello Rivas ('55), the late Judith Costello Kay ('62) and Catherine Costello Unger ('71).
- Priscilla McIntosh McNamara ('52) on September 1, 2017. Sister of Grace McIntosh Mowatt ('55), Sheila McIntosh ('57) and the late Dr. Michael McIntosh ('61).
- Leslie Mlnarik on October 2, 2017. Grandfather of Ryan Mlnarik ('91), the late Ross Mlnarik ('01), Heath Mlnarik ('93), Alicia Smeal Zoucha ('06), and Brea Smeal Paulson ('08).
- Gladyses Gilligan on October 4, 2017. Mother of Tom Gilligan ('81).

MATCHLESS KNIGHT PRIDE

FAMILY

The ability for a student's entire family to get involved in all aspects of Bergan is a unique aspect of our school. We have the opportunity to educate students from age 3 to 18. The result of these offerings are that we often have an entire set of siblings enrolled in our school system. Parents have the ability to volunteer in multiple facets of our school. Parents of alumni are still actively involved in the activities of the school also. Alumni are encouraged to be involved and 12 of our staff are graduates of Bergan. These are just some of the examples that lend us to calling ourselves a true family of faith.



Dodge County Deputy &
Bergan Alumnus, Sgt. Dustin
Weitzel ('93) visits our
Preschool Class



A NOTE FROM ARCHBISHOP BERGAN SCHOOL

Dear Faithful Bergan Supporter,

The Bergan Fund is generously supported by four pillars of individuals: Alumni, Alumni Parents, Current Parents, and Friends of the School. Giving to education is an investment, and one of the most critical investments we can make. By supporting the Bergan Fund you are providing the opportunity of life changing Catholic education to our students, you are helping to better our community, and strengthening the St. Patrick/Bergan Family. Giving a child the gift of a Catholic education from Archbishop Bergan allows them to be a part of a unique family with Jesus Christ at the core while they grow and learn together. Your gift will make an immediate impact on the programs, we offer to the students we are called to serve, such as Campus Ministry, the House System, and Service Learning Projects.

2017-2018 FINANCIAL AID NUMBERS



\$310,997

TOTAL TUITION
ASSISTANCE GRANTED

31

AVERAGE
GRADE SIZE
K - 12TH

45%

OF BERGAN FAMILIES RECEIVE
TUITION ASSISTANCE



117

FAMILIES GET TUITION ASSISTANCE
FROM BERGAN, ST PATRICK'S, OR
ARCHDIOCESE OF OMAHA





FIRST GRADE WITH ARCHBISHOP LUCAS

EDUCATION OF THE WHOLE CHILD

We provide an exemplary Christ-centered education that develops the whole child through service, active learning and innovative instruction in order to achieve high expectations in a global community.

KNIGHT HIGHLIGHTS



ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



ALUMNI REUNION CLASS OF 1967

1

Nicole (Cerny 2002) McCloud married Shawn McCloud (of Boston, MA) on May 27, 2017. Their celebrations took place in Chicago where they live.

2

Fremont native William Emanuel (1956) was nominated by President Donald Trump on June 28 to serve on the NLRB (National Labor Relations Board). William moved with his parents, Lawrence and Etta, to Fremont when he was 10. His siblings Michael, Tim, Jan, and Patti live in the Fremont area.

3

Brad Ottis (1990) was among the picks for 2017 Nebraska Football Hall of Fame class. The All-America defensive end was taken by the Los Angeles Rams in the second round of the 1994 NFL draft. Ottis played in 81 NFL games with 23 starts.



SUPPORT THE BERGAN FUND

Support from the Bergan community is essential to the success of the school, its students, faculty and staff. It's largely due to the generous gifts received from alumni, alumni parents, current parents, grandparents, and friends of the school that we are able to provide a rich and diverse Catholic education.

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