

Feeding Our Faith



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2023/2024 CCFMM Catholic School Scholarships

On April 30th, the CCFMM closed the application window for the 2023/2024 Catholic School Scholarship process. These recipients will be announced in June. The Grants Committee will review the scholarship applications and submit their recommendations to the Board of Trustees for their review and approval.

Saint Joseph Society

The Mass and Picnic with Bishop Gruss will be held on August 8th. Be sure to keep an eye on the CCFMM website and Facebook page for updates on this event as the date gets closer. New members are always welcome to join; to sign up visit our website or call the office. We look forward to another fruitful year.

Priest Retirement Fund

As Father's Day approaches let us not forget to remember the fathers that pray for, support and serve our communities every day. You can support the retirement of the priests of the Diocese of Saginaw by donating to one of the funds listed on our website! Visit us at <https://ccfmm.org/priest-and-seminarian-endowment-funds/>.

A Time of Transition



Feed Our Faith Snapshot

With the changing demands of the faith community and the increasing capabilities of communication platforms, the Foundation has decided to convert this quarterly mailer to a quarterly parish bulletin publication.

It is our intention to publish this quarterly publication as a flyer insert for parish bulletins. Therefore, this is our last publication as the *Feeding Our Faith* quarterly newsletter. Look for us in your September parish bulletins under the *Feeding Our Faith Snapshot!*

We are hopeful that this transition will gift us the resources needed to be more proactive on our social media accounts so visibility always takes priority. Please be sure to like and follow us on Facebook as well as our website!

Website

<https://ccfmm.org/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/CCFMidMich>

Connor Rabine transitions to a new position

Connor Rabine is changing her role on the Catholic Community Foundation's team. Connor will be transitioning to a part-time position as the Grants and Scholarships Coordinator. She has been a part of the Foundation's operations since the spring of 2019 and has contributed greatly to the progress and strength of the organization. She has worked diligently and prayerfully to advance the mission and vision of the Foundation. We look forward to continuing to support her. Connor will always be a valuable part of the Foundation family.

2023 Board Members



It is with great joy that we are able to welcome three new members to the Board of Trustees!

Hector Malacara

Hector's a parishioner at St. Joseph's Parish in Saginaw. His educational credentials include Michigan Tech - MICUP S.T.E.M concentrated project experience; Associate degrees of Arts, Business Studies and Mechanical Engineering from Delta College, and an MBA from Northwood University. Hector will serve on the CCFMM Finance Committee.

Robert Miller

Robert is a parishioner at St. John Vianney parish in Saginaw. He has received a BA from the University of Detroit, with a Major in Political Science and Minors in History, Philosophy and Economics. Robert also earned a professional designation as a Chartered Financial Analyst. Robert will serve on the CCFMM Investment Committee.

Robert Warner

Robert is a parishioner at St. Michael's Parish of Maple Grove where he serves as a member of the Parish Council. He has served 16 years on the New Lothrop School Board and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Robert has received a BA in Pharmacy. He will serve on the CCFMM Governance Committee.

CCFMM 2023/2024 Catholic School Scholarships



Over the past year the Foundation worked diligently to transition more than 30 scholarships for Catholic schools from a hard copy application to an online application portal! At the beginning of 2023 we were able to launch the 2023/2024 Catholic School Scholarship application portal to aid families of the Diocese of Saginaw in their mission to send their children to Catholic school.

Through partnership with Nouvel Catholic Central's team and the CCFMM Grants Committee, we have been able to provide more than \$30,000 in scholarships for families!

This being our first year utilizing the online portal for Catholic School Scholarships, we would like to give a large thank you to all those who were involved in this year's first all-online application process. Thank you to all of our generous donors who have made these scholarships possible. Thank you to all of our scholarship committees who reviewed more than 100 student applications. It is because of your time and dedication that this process was able to move along smoothly.

We look forward to offering more opportunities to provide greater financial support for all students and families desiring to attend one of the great Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Saginaw.

You can find more information about our Catholic school scholarships at the link below:

<https://ccfmm.org/catholic-school-scholarships/>

CCFMM Announces the 2023/2024 College

All Saints Central School Scholarships

Lori Stillwell Memorial Scholarship

Ryan McDonald

General College Scholarships

Fr. Robert G. Navarre Scholarship

Jacob Alexander | *Faith Buckingham*

Grace Buckingham | *Brooke DuRussel*

Laken DuRussel | *Max Hammis*

Colin Kaul | *Jacob Miros*

Max Novak

Nouvel Catholic Central Scholarships

Craig Siler Scholarship

Jacob Miros

Fr. E.C. LeFevre Scholarship

Jacob Miros | *Jessenia Olascuaga* | *Colin Kaul*

Larry J. Oswald Memorial Scholarship

Jessenia Olascuaga

Northwest Kiwanis Scholarship

Colin Kaul

Patrick Ackerman Scholarship

Ashley McDonald

Scholarship Recipients



Nouvel Catholic Central Scholarships

Rod Luplow Memorial Scholarship

Max Hammis | Max Novak

Scott Dangel Scholarship

Iris Patel

Shannan Marie Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Max Hammis

St. Thomas Aquinas Slominiski Scholarship

Max Novak

Timothy Horny Baseball Scholarship

Max Hammis

Val and Julie Kostrzewa Nouvel Scholarship

Max Novak

We are grateful for another year that we are able to award scholarships to those seeking a college education.

We would like to thank all who assisted in making the 2023/2024 College Scholarship Process possible:

The Evaluation Committees and Donor Advisors who took time to review and select applicants for the scholarships.

The Grants Committee and the Board of Trustees of the CCFMM who oversaw the process.

And thank you to the donors. It is with your stewardship that the CCFMM is able to award these scholarships.

Letter from the President

Dear CCFMM supporters,

I'd like to take a few minutes to introduce myself as the new president of the Catholic Community Foundation. Mary and I have been Midland residents since 2004 and call Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary our parish home. We were fortunate enough to raise our seven children and hold established careers here. Our three youngest attended St. Brigid's. While I worked, first at Dow and then Hemlock Semiconductor, and sat on the board at Covenant Hospital, Mary managed the home and volunteered at our parish, St. Brigid, and Open Door.

Retiring as the CEO of Hemlock Semiconductor in Saginaw was driven by many decisions, but a large one was the urge to see if I could help make a difference in the Diocese of Saginaw. When I learned the Foundation needed a new president, I was honored to be considered and excited about what could be done as a tremendous foundation had been laid by those before me — especially Mike Wolohan who I replaced in March.

When I reflect on the outlook of the Foundation and the Catholic community, I am immediately drawn to the opportunities we are gifted to support the efforts of Bishop Gruss, the parishes, and our Catholic



schools. That makes my goal in this position simple: to work collaboratively with the bishop, priests, parishes, parishioners, and board members to harness the tremendous resources within the region that support our Catholic faith.

I believe the key to achieving these goals is greater visibility, awareness, and collaboration. The board's goal is to meet with stakeholders in our diocese to better understand the immediate and long-term needs within diocese, our parishes, our schools, and amongst our parishioners. I'm hopeful the open dialogue will create alignment within the Catholic community to move forward together. It is my belief that if we can work together, we have far more power than if we work individually.

As the year continues to progress, I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible as we strive to grow our faith within our region. Thank you for the warm welcome—I'll do my best to give back to this faith community, as it has gifted my family more than I could have ever imagined.



Mark Bassett, President

Stewardship Reflection



We are Easter People!

No matter what we have endured the past few weeks, let us remember that we are an Easter people. The joy of Easter is celebrated not only during the liturgical season we call Easter. It is celebrated every day of the year. The Mass is the Paschal Mystery, and every time it is celebrated, we participate in the sacrifice, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As St. Paul teaches, we die with Christ and rise with Him in the Holy Spirit. We are transformed into new creations. We are renewed.

Stewards of God's abundant gifts hold dear the promise of renewal and pledge themselves to the work of reconciliation, healing and proclamation of the risen Lord no matter what the cost is to themselves. For Christian stewards, each day is a new dawn for living in the light of Christ. There is much about dying and rising with Christ that we do not know; much about the Paschal Mystery we do not understand. But stewards of God's love are always open to learning more; to being called out of their fears and anxieties and into the light of faith which comes with an ever-deeper understanding of its peace and joy.

Easter is a good time to reflect on how we can rise above tensions and troubles and experience the joy of Christ's peace. It is also a time to ask ourselves how we can experience the gift of Easter each day of our lives.

Source: Stewardship Reflection: We are Easter People by the International Catholic Stewardship Council



Helping People Help People!

The Catholic Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization that inspires faith-filled charitable giving and manages assets to provide perpetual funding for Catholic parishes, schools, ministries, and nonprofit organizations in the Diocese of Saginaw community long into the future.

The Foundation receives, grows, and distributes funds on behalf of our donors. We offer donors a personal and highly effective investment vehicle completely in line with Catholic values; the finest professional stewardship of those funds; optimal tax benefits; and the opportunity to create meaningful and lasting legacies through generous and responsible giving to the community.

Please call us anytime!

Kristin Smith, *Executive Director*

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*We encourage faithful giving that is responsibly managed
and reflective of the teachings of Jesus Christ.*

