

Feeding Our Faith



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We are accepting applications for Catholic High School Scholarships

The second application window for the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan's Catholic High School Scholarships opened on May 9, 2022 and will close on July 15, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.

Visit the CCFMM website at <https://ccfmm.org/catholic-school-scholarships/> to find the online application portal, how-to-register tutorials, and a list of available Catholic School scholarships!

CCFMM Upcoming Events

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page, upcoming newsletters, and our website for special events with Bishop Gruss, virtual meetings regarding the Saint Joseph Society Bible Program, and our Priest, Parish Staff and Parish Volunteer Appreciation Luncheons in October.

We are excited to be meeting in person once again.

Remember we have New Phone Numbers!

The CCFMM began the New Year with a new phone number! The new main number for the Foundation is * 989.303.9200. To contact each staff member at their new extension, look to our Staff Page in this newsletter.

First Annual CCFMM Investment Forum



At the first annual CCFMM Investment Forum May 11, donors had an opportunity to hear from financial experts who manage the Foundation's assets, including return on investments and the policy of socially responsible investing.

CCFMM sets its own asset allocation and investment strategy working with National Catholic Investment Pool consultants from CAPTRUST. Heidi Spencer, senior financial advisor and relationship manager at CAPTRUST, told the group that CAPTRUST consults to the largest number of Archdioceses and Dioceses in the nation from Maine to Alaska. It has been advising Catholic institutions for more than 36 years.

Investments are made only in Catholic socially responsible companies by using screening criteria based on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines. For example, companies that engage in fetal tissue research, human cloning, pornography, embryonic stem cells, recreational cannabis and gender reassignment, among others, are on a "do not invest list" that is continuously updated.

Andy Marino, investment strategist, said the global economic outlook has been clouded by growing inflation concerns, tightening monetary policy and the uncertain economic implications of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. He expects that markets may generate subdued returns for the foreseeable future. On the upside are wage gains and stimulus checks, individual savings, healthy corporate profits and improving COVID conditions.

Written by Joan Ramm

**Please contact the CCFMM Staff for more information about our Investment Policies
as well as our Investment Performance at 989.303.9200 or ccfmm@ccfmm.org!**

Mark Your Calendars!

Our next Annual Investment Forum is scheduled for May 10, 2023. If you would like to be added to our invitation list please email us at ccfmm@ccfmm.org with your name and contact information.

Joshua Robert Jasman: A Joyful Life of Caring

Joshua Robert Jasman was truly one in a million. According to his mother, Michelle Jasman, Josh was born caring about others. When he was very little and still in a car seat, he would ask her to stop along the road to help someone who looked needy—even if that someone was on the other side of the highway! This was just the beginning of a life lived for God and for others.

Josh was smart and loved reading, and when he received treat coupons after reading books/passing book tests in 4th grade, he didn't cash his coupons in right away. Instead, he saved them up until he had enough for the whole class. Then he bought all of his St. James classmates a treat.

As a teen, Josh was visiting cousins in California before his illness. They had all just ordered pizza, but then Josh noticed a homeless man looking through the trash for food. He immediately got up and gave his pizza to that man.

Shortly after, Josh was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma, a rare cancer that usually affects people from ages 10-20. Michelle said that even in the final stages of his disease, when Josh's father Thomas had taken time off to help his son, Josh encouraged him to go hunting, a sport they both enjoyed.

With his family at his side, Josh fought a valiant five-year battle with Ewing's sarcoma. He passed away in 2009 at age 20.



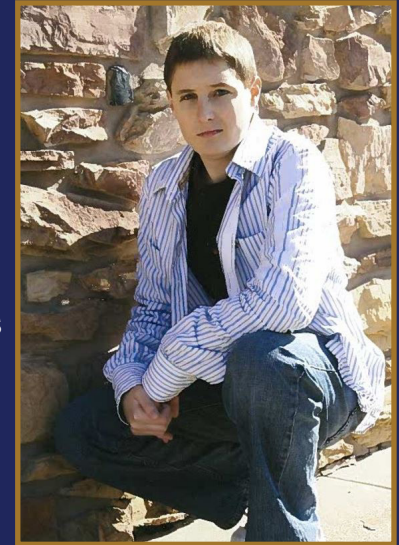
and Sharing



Josh attended St. James Grade School, where his mother said he received a wonderful education. He continued his education at All Saints High School and was a graduate of Bay City Central. He enjoyed playing and watching hockey, football, basketball, hunting, fishing, and playing cards.

In Josh's memory, the Josh Jasman Scholarship Fund was established in 2010 with the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan (CCFMM). This advised fund was created in loving memory of Josh, who lived his life with the same fearless passion he lived his faith. Those who were touched by him during his life will be forever blessed. The intention of this fund is to create additional opportunities for others to be blessed by Josh.

Each year a golf outing for the fund is held in Bay City and the recipients of the scholarship are announced. This year's event will be held in June.



**For more information about the scholarship,
check out our website at www.ccfmm.org/collegescholarships/ or contact CCFMM at 989.303.9202.**

Written by Mary Beth Looby

CCFMM 2022 College Scholarship Recipients



All Saints Central School Scholarships Lori Stillwell Memorial Scholarship

Lyndsay Hammel

Want to learn more about these scholarships?

Visit our website at

www.ccfmm.org/collegescholarships/

Here you will find how to apply, submission
deadlines, and a full list of our scholarships.

Feel free to contact the CCFMM at
989.303.9200 for assistance.

Scholarships Still Under Review:

Josh Jasman Scholarship Fund

Maria Elizabeth Paquette Scholarship

Regina Graveline Family Scholarship

Nouvel Catholic Central School Scholarships

Berberovich Memorial Scholarship

Jonathan Tunney | Joseph Tunney | Marianna Collison

Cesario Hernandez Memorial Scholarship

Christian Zamora

Craig Siler Scholarship

Joseph Tunney

Fr. E.C. LeFevre College Scholarship

Alec Lipinski | Colette McConnell | Joseph Tunney

Carl Schmidt | Jonathan Tunney

Larry J. Oswald Memorial Scholarship

Carl Schmidt

Northwest Kiwanis Scholarship

Alec Lipinski

Nouvel Catholic Central School Scholarships

Patrick Ackerman Scholarship

Carl Schmidt

Rod Luplow Memorial Scholarship

Alec Lipinski | Jeamy Pascual II | Sam Bartels

Scott Dangel Scholarship

Grace Buckingham

Shannan Marie Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Riley Hirschenberger

St. Thomas Aquinas Slominski Scholarship

Alec Lipinski

Timothy Horny Baseball Scholarship

Sam Bartels

School Abbreviation Key:

All Saints Central High School (ASCHS)

Homeschooled (HS)

Nouvel Catholic Central High School (NCCHS)

Reese High School (RHS)

Aquinas College (AC)

Millington High School (MHS)

Sacred Heart Major Seminary (SHMS)

General Scholarships

Anthony & Elizabeth Brenske Memorial Scholarship

Alec Lipinski (NCCHS)

Grace Buckingham (NCCHS)

Alexis Yatch (NCCHS)

Grace Giroux (AC)

Ava Yatch (NCCHS)

Grant Bouvy (RHS)

Brooke DuRussel (MHS)

Jeamy Pascual II (NCCHS)

Caleb Adcock (ASCHS)

Mackenzie Sprague (NCCHS)

Carl Schmidt (NCCHS)

Malinda Schmidt (NCCHS)

Christian Zamora (NCCHS)

Marianna Collison (NCCHS)

Clara Gross (NCCHS)

Sam Bartels (NCCHS)

Colette McConnell (NCCHS)

Sophie Lubbe (NCCHS)

Faith Buckingham (NCCHS)

Sterling Solek (NCCHS)

Edward & Marie Abele Memorial Scholarship

Alec Lipinski (NCCHS)

Josh High (SHMS)

Charles Warner (SHMS)

Molly Hugo (HS)

Grace Giroux (AC)

Sam Bartels (NCCHS)

Jeamy Pascual II (NCCHS)

William Buchalski (NCCHS)

CCFMM 2022 College Scholarship Recipients Cont.

General Scholarships

Cyril William Brenske Memorial Scholarship

Alec Lipinski (NCCHS) | *Grace Buckingham (NCCHS)*

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Ava Yatch (NCCHS) | *Grant Bouvy (RHS)*

Brooke DuRussel (MHS) | *Jeamy Pascual II (NCCHS)*

Caleb Adcock (ASCHS) | *Mackenzie Sprague (NCCHS)*

Carl Schmidt (NCCHS) | *Malinda Schmidt (NCCHS)*

Christian Zamora (NCCHS) | *Marianna Collison (NCCHS)*

Clara Gross (NCCHS) | *Sam Bartels (NCCHS)*

Colette McConnell (NCCHS) | *Sophie Lubbe (NCCHS)*

Faith Buckingham (NCCHS) | *Sterling Solek (NCCHS)*

Fr. Robert G. Navarre Scholarship

Alec Lipinski (NCCHS) | *Colette McConnell (NCCHS)*

Alexis Yatch (NCCHS)

LeFevre and Rokita Families Catholic College Scholarship

Amelia Molitor (HS) | *Clara Gross (NCCHS)*

Caleb Adcock (ASCHS) | *Jeamy Pascual II (NCCHS)*

Colette McConnell (NCCHS) | *Molly Hugo (HS)*

We would like to thank the following groups of individuals who were involved in the 2021/2022 College Scholarship Process:

All students who applied for this year's scholarships.

The Evaluation Committees 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 over 20 scholarships to students seeking to attend college.

CCFMM 2021/2022 Scholarship Award Process



In the Fall of 2021, the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan announced our new online process for registering and applying for both college and Catholic School Scholarship opportunities. Through the installation of our new software system called CommunitySuite, we have been able to provide more easily accessible scholarship opportunities for students and families.

While our high school scholarships are still in process, we have been able to wrap up our college scholarships and officially award over \$60,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors, current college students and seminarians!

It is at this time that 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 225 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 and continue their post secondary education through college.

You can find more information about our college and high school scholarships at the links below:

<https://ccfmm.org/collegescholarships/>

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

Stewardship: Giving from the Heart



We introduced the four areas of stewardship in our 2021 newsletters and thus far we have elaborated on being Disciples as Stewards and being Stewards of Creation. In this issue we focus on being Stewards of the Church.

What does it mean to be a Steward of the Church?

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church.

All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- Parents, who nurture their children in the light of the faith
- Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community
- All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and the universal Church

Source: To Be a Christian Steward: A Summary of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship by the USCCB



Parish Stewardship Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into its worship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion,

charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is,

am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of the Lord,

I now dedicate myself to the task of being

all the things that I want my parish to be. Amen.



The Saint Joseph Society

of the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan

Since the start of 2022, the Saint Joseph Society (SJS), has received over \$10,000 in donations resulting in over \$44,000 in donations since its inception! We are so grateful to all those who have supported the SJS. It is because of this support that we have been able to distribute 59 Bibles to 6th graders at two participating schools!

Starting in August, we will be hosting multiple online events to offer religious education teachers at the Catholic schools and parishes the opportunity to participate in the SJS program.

In March of 2022, the SJS had the opportunity to host our first Giving Level Events, the Dinner with the Bishop and the Lenten Retreat. We look forward to the Summer Picnic and the Annual Mass on August 2nd.

Please see the CCFMM website for details: www.ccfmm.org/st-joseph-society/

The link above provides more information about the SJS. It also displays stories about how the students use their Bibles as well as the beautiful thank-you letters and cards we have received from 6th graders at our diocesan schools.

We invite you to join the Saint Joseph Society, make a difference in the lives of 6th grade students through Biblical study, attend faith community events with Bishop Gruss and help fund the current and future operations of the CCFMM.

Thank you.

For direct gifts to existing endowments:

Go to www.ccfmm.org

Click on our donate button and choose a category or favorite endowment.



Inspired to give spontaneously?

Become a member
of the *St. Joseph Society!*
Use this QR code to be taken
directly to our donate page.



We are ready to assist you in planning your gift to the church!



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Be sure to find us on social media!



Letter from the President



Greetings to All!

The entire team of the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan wishes you and your families the Love, Joy, Grace and Peace of the Risen Christ! With spring in full bloom and summer fast approaching, we are excited to share with everyone a couple of CCFMM updates.

We recently held our first CCFMM Investment Forum. The CCFMM works with the excellent investment professionals at CAP TRUST, as well as our investment committee and our Board of Trustees in the management of CCFMM endowment and donor advised fund assets. The CCFMM assets are invested in a diversified portfolio in alignment with the ethical principles and investment guidelines endorsed by Bishop Gruss and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Individuals interested in pursuing their Catholic mission aspirations, can make donations to existing endowments or establish their own endowments or donor advised funds within the CCFMM. Whether your passion may be support for the poor, parish needs, seminarian education, helping with liturgies, sanctity of life, Catholic education, scholarships or any one of a number of other Catholic ministries, we would be delighted to connect and partner with you and your family.

The CCFMM wishes to congratulate and extend our prayers and best wishes to Deacon Matt Gembrowski, who was recently ordained to the traditional Diaconate. We thank Bishop Gruss, Deacon Matt and all priests, deacons, sisters and religious for their service to the Church!

Wishing all of you a wonderful summer!



Mike Wolohan, President
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Thank You



Helping People Help People!

We hope you enjoyed the eleventh edition of Feeding Our Faith, a quarterly publication by the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan. New stories and endowments are featured monthly.

Mission Statement

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

Check out the CCFMM Staff's new phone extensions!

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