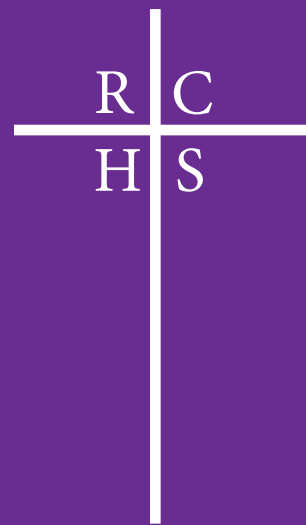




Routt Catholic High School



Annual Report:
Fiscal Year 2020

Enter to Grow . . .

Class of 2020



Because of restrictions in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our seniors were unable to partake in many “traditional” end of the year activities, including taking a class picture. The picture shown above was made possible due to the creativity and talents of Mrs. Tracy Ptacek. She invited each student to join her for an individual picture and then used PhotoShop to create the picture shown above.

Not pictured are: Chris N., Oliver N., and Meredith S.

Post Graduate Plans

Air National Guard
Carthage College
Illinois College
Illinois State University
Iowa State University
Lincoln Land Community College
Lindenwood University
Maryville University
Quincy University
Southeast Missouri State University
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
Truman State University
United States Air Force
United States Army
United States Navy
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of Wisconsin-DuLuth
Western Illinois University

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Dates To Remember

Nov 11, 2020	Veterans Day Assembly
Dec 2020	Fine Arts Extravaganza
Jan 31, 2021	Catholic Schools Week
	Open House
Feb 2021	Winter Celebration
April 1, 2021	Ultimate Routt Day
May 2021	Routt Prom
June 5, 2021	Baccalaureate Mass
	4:30pm
June 6, 2021	Graduation
	2:00pm

*Please note that all dates and events are subject to change based on regulations and restrictions that may be in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please follow us on Social Media and subscribe to our e-newsletters for more up to date information as the year progresses.

Mission Statement

Routt Catholic High School provides a faith-based environment which promotes spiritual growth, academic achievement, physical health, and community service in each student.

Now seeking award nominations for the 2021 Winter Celebration! Nomination forms can be found at www.routtcatholic.com and may be sent to cdoyle@routtcatholic.com.

Alternatively, you can submit a nomination by calling the Development Office at 217-243-8563, ext. 6.



What a year! I don't know any phrase that sums up in such a few words how we all feel about 2019-20. From the successes of many of our fall and winter sports to the crashing halt that COVID-19 wreaked on all Illinois schools, this past year was unlike any other. What was also unprecedented was the response of our students, faculty/staff, parents, and community to this challenge for which no one could have predicted or prepared.

I am so proud of our students, who didn't miss a beat in the transition to remote learning. They continued to trust the journey they were on, even though they had no idea where it was taking them. They missed so many high school traditions that we have taken for granted over the years, but they never complained and were always willing to give their best effort. I am so glad we were able to have graduation for our seniors, because they truly deserved it.

I learned more about our teachers in nine weeks than any classroom observation or evaluation could ever tell me. Their dedication to our students and willingness to "think outside the box" was unequalled. Whether it was teaching a lesson via video meeting, or coordinating a plan to deliver materials to students, they answered every challenge. What a gift it is to work with them!

Perhaps the greatest gift we received was the outpouring of support from our parents, alumni, and friends of Roult. Every time we made a request, there was an overwhelming response, whether it was a call for time, talent, treasure, or prayers. Your unwavering support continued the proud tradition that is Roult Catholic High School despite a global health pandemic.

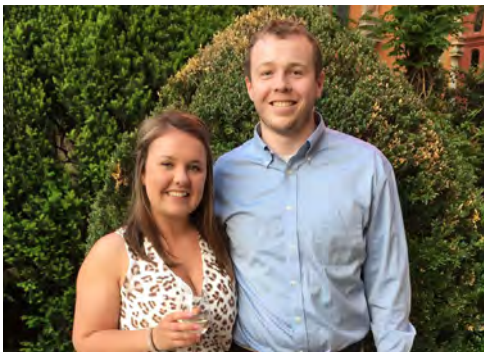
This annual report might give the financial facts and figures of 2019-20, but it will never tell the complete story. Numbers on a page can't show the dedication and emotion that went into this school year. This report is a snapshot, but there is so much more to this story, and we are so very thankful that you were a part of it.

Thank you for all that you do for Roult. Whether you are a first-time donor or have gifted to us for years, we cannot do what we do without you. You are what makes Roult Catholic a special place, and nothing will ever change that. Roult Catholic is not a building or a curriculum; we are people like you who make us "the best choice for a high school education in West-Central Illinois".

Sincerely,

Nick Roscetti

Where in the World are Our Roult Rockets



Lilly Schwiderski and Thomas Coates, both members of the Class of 2016, spent part of their 2019 summer studying abroad in Italy. They have been classmates starting with Kindergarten at Our Saviour School and both graduated from Maryville University in May!



In October 2019 a group of Roult graduates met in Baton Rouge to watch the Louisiana State University-Florida football game. Pictured (L-R): Patrick Langdon ('07), Matthew Pennell ('07), Adam Bruner, Kevin Doyle ('06), Joe Langdon ('08), Michael Doyle ('08), Scott Erthal ('05)



Members of the Class of 1972 have regular gatherings throughout the year to stay in touch with one another. Pictured (L-R): Pat (Bray) Langdon, Carol (Lockman) Dwiggins, Vickie (Forrester) McGrath, Marian (Bergschneider) Jockisch, Susan (Hanley) King, and Carol Ann (Watts) Kindred



In October 2019 the graduating classes of 1968 and 1969 joined together to celebrate their 50th Class Reunions. The weekend kicked off with a mixer on Friday night at the Knights of Columbus. They kept busy on Saturday with a golf outing, 4:30 Mass, guided tours of both Roult Catholic & Our Saviour School, and dinner at the Elk's Club. Everything wrapped up on Sunday with a breakfast buffet.



We had a great turnout at our 2019 Adult Homecoming. The event was held at the KC Hall and featured food, music, and so many friendly faces! In total we had approximately 100 alumni and friends join us, including several former Homecoming Kings & Queens, and we loved every minute! Pictured (L-R): Mike Bonjean ('71), Dan Savage ('99), Kelly Bonjean ('99), and Pamela Savage.



In November 2019, several Roult graduates gathered in California for the wedding of Brett and Kara Bergschneider. Pictured (L-R): Carlotta Kloppenburg-Pruitt, Carter Pruitt ('10), Autumn Johnson, Brandon Johnson ('10), Brett Bergschneider ('10), Kara Bergschneider, Patrick Doyle ('10), Lydia Doyle, Morgan Eilering ('10), Morgan Rowden, and Nick Duke ('11)

From the Board President



What a year 2020 has been! During this unprecedented time we have all had to make changes, experience disappointments, and have had to overcome many obstacles. Words cannot express how impressed I have been by the efforts put forth by the entire Routt faculty, staff, students, and parents.

The Routt Class of 2020 ended their time at Routt missing out on several traditional “end of the year” activities, including the last weeks of school, prom, spring sports, and the spring play. While this must have been extremely disappointing to the students, I am honored to have been a part of the graduation ceremony that was coordinated by Mr. Roscetti and his faculty and staff. Having an official graduation ceremony was very important to all involved to provide the graduating students with a proper send-off and celebration; I commend everyone involved who adapted to the sudden changes to make the best of an unfortunate situation.

In coordination with the very generous Tracy Family Foundation and consultants from Partners in Mission, this year we had the opportunity to take part in a Long Range Plan. This 5-year plan is extremely important as we continue to look to make improvements in and around our school. Several Routt community

members were involved in this process as we did a thorough analysis of 7 main pillars at RCHS: Academics, Advancement, Catholic Identity, Enrollment, Facilities, Finance, and Student Life. We had over 40 individuals take part in what ended up being a very productive process! The plan is not yet complete but it is well on its way and I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish over the next few years. A sincere thank you to the Tracy Family Foundation for providing so many resources that support not only us, but Catholic education throughout our region!

Due to the global pandemic, Mr. Roscetti formed a Reopening Committee that met weekly over the summer months to formulate a plan to return to in-person learning. The committee consisted of faculty, staff, Board members, alumni, and friends of Routt, and I'd like to personally thank all who were involved in this difficult process. No one is certain what the future will bring, however I *am* certain that Mr. Roscetti, his faculty and staff, and the students will continue to adapt and see success.

I look forward to the day when we can all come together in person for events: fill bleachers in the gym, the stands at the fields, and bring back welcoming hand shakes and high fives! Until then, I wish you and your family all the best.

God Bless,

Rich Whalen '04

2020-2021 Faculty and Staff

Name	Title/Department	Years of Service
Anne Aiello	Science	2 years
Kevin Aldrich	English, Theology	5 years
Dee Arendt	Health, Phys. Ed., Study Skills	15 years
Janet Chipman	English, General Studies Tutor	8 years
Barry Creviston	Dean of Students, Athletic Director, Transportation Director, Phys. Ed.	3 years
Holly Dawson	Administrative Assistant	5 years
Colleen Doyle '06	Development/Enrollment Director	3 years
Kyle Graham	Custodian	3 years
Lisa Hall	Social Studies	29 years
Paul Herring	Mathematics	7 years
Jenny Rawe	Food Services Director	1 year
Eugene Link	Guidance Counselor	4 years
Matt Martin '12	Technology Director	5 years
Scott Maruna	Science, Theatre, Mathematics	25 years
Jeff Miller	Art	1 year
Tasha Morwell	Freshman Skills, General Studies Tutor	1 year
Amy Nickel '04	Bookkeeper	12 years
Hannah Pate	Administrative Assistant	2 years
Tracy Ptacek	Computer Science, Business	8 years
Sean Rose	Band, Choir	3 years
Mark Rood	Theology, Campus Ministry	10 years
Nick Roscetti	Principal	7 years
Margaret Stinson	Mathematics	1 year
Cleta TerHark	English, Spanish	9 years
Dr. Jeannie Zeck	English	1 year

2020-2021 Board of Directors

President: Richard Whalen III '04
Vice-President: Sean Evans '92
Secretary: Andrew Stremiau '82
Treasurer: Maggie (Ryan) Peterson '02
Members: Mike Bartlett Dan Carie Chris Johnson '88 Patrick Langdon '07 David McCartney Michelle May Robb Mudd Joyce Nelson Rita (Flynn '83) Rossi Chad Schone '11 Reverend Joseph Ring
Ex-Officio: Brandi Borries, Bishop's Representative Nick Roscetti, Principal Colleen Doyle '06, Development/Enrollment Director

Year Ending June 30, 2020

INCOME

Trust	\$735,367.32
Tuition	\$489,185.65
Dreams & Family Fun Fest	\$118,500.00
Annual Fund	\$60,236.58
Athletics	\$20,009.71
Misc. Income	\$110,516.67
Foundation	\$88,622.65
Grants	<u>\$35,000.00</u>
	\$1,657,438.58

Income



Expenses



EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$1,240,585.06
Capital Improvements	\$58,286.16
Adm. & Development Expenses	\$80,712.08
Athletics	\$59,502.32
Technology and Textbooks	\$51,970.48
Telephone & Utilities	\$46,259.80
Maintenance/Repair	\$37,381.81
Student Activities	<u>\$45,447.93</u>
	\$1,620,145.64

Enrollment and Tuition

Roult Catholic High School admits students of any race, nationality and religion without discrimination with respect to ability or achievement levels, believing that all have a right to a Christian education. Rount's enrollment for the 2019-20 school year was 130 students in grades 9 - 12 and is 120 students for the 2020-21 school year. In looking at the '20-21 student population, 70% of students are Catholic and 30% are from other faiths. 8% of Rount students are eligible for a free or reduced lunch.

The tuition at Rount is among the lowest in the State of Illinois, with our closest parochial high school charging nearly \$10,000 annually for tuition and fees. By using funds from the Rount Family Trust, the Rount Foundation Fund, the Annual Fund, and monies from memorial funds, grants, and other fundraisers, the Board has been able to keep tuition at Rount affordable. Tuition for the 2019-20 school year was \$4,200, with an additional \$200 due to for textbook and technology fees. Tuition for the 2020-21 school year is \$4,300 with an additional \$225 due for textbook and technology fees, with the increase coming primarily because of our implementation (and continuation of) of the 1:1 Laptop Initiative.

Routt Donors

It is with pleasure and gratitude that we acknowledge those who so generously support Routt Catholic High School. Our recognition of donors includes those who made contributions to Routt from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. If we have omitted your name, misspelled it, or failed to place it in the appropriate category, we sincerely apologize and ask that you bring it to our attention. Thank you for your support!

Routt Family Society

Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC
James ('77) and Susan Doyle
Scott and Holly Maruna
Tracy Family Foundation

Board's Society

David Bruner
Robert ('60) and Judy Johnson
Michael and Michelle May
Michael Moore
Ken and Marilyn (Cors '59) Pomeroy
US Bank Foundation

Principal's Society

John and Nichelle Alley
Robert Anderson ('74)
Paul and Jennifer Belobrajdic
Robert ('69) and Carolyn Bonjean
Sandy Bordenkircher
Richard Brahler
Bob and Janet Chipman
Theodore ('56) and Anne Cors
William ('65) and Sandra Cors
Raymond L. Cosgriff ('60)
Reginald ('57) and Rosemary Fellhauer
Thomas Flynn ('80)
Mark ('79) and Jennifer Landolt
Jack and Diane (Orlandini) Miller
Thomas ('59) and Helen Murray
Perma-Bound/Hertzberg
Carol L. Proffitt ('57)
Donald L. Schmidt
Fred ('69) and Linda Standley



The Ingram family won 2nd prize in the 2019 Dreams Drawing.

Donor Societies

Membership in Routt Donor Societies is based upon total contributions made.

Routt Family Society	\$5,000 or more
Board's Society	\$2,500-\$4,999
Principal's Society	\$1,000-\$2,499
Rocket Gold Club	\$500-\$999
Rocket Silver Club	\$250-\$499
Rocket Bronze Club	\$100-\$249
Friends of Routt	\$1-\$99

Rocket Gold Club

Dan ('72) and Connie Beard
Mark ('84) and Krista Bergschneider
Madonna "Mickey" Berry
James ('87) and Laura Burke
James ('90) and Catherine (Lonergan '90) Cosgriff
John ('68) Doyle
Sean ('92) and Amy Evans
Andrew Flynn ('04)
Jon and Christine (Kaufmann '69) Galloway
Toby and Patti Hobson
Mick ('73) and Jo Ann Johnson
Knights of Columbus #868
Philip ('81) and Kathleen (Tobin '81) Langdon
Gordon Lashmett ('85)
John ('65) and Theresa (Sheehan '66) Lonergan
Thomas ('61) and Kaye McGinnis
Wililam D. Merris
David and Gretchen (Bergschneider '68) Miller
Robert and Patricia Pinkerton
Joseph ('55) and Barbara Shanahan
Jerome Themig and Joanie (Carrigan '84) Schone Themig
Will ('85) and Ann Whalen
Richard "Richie" ('04) and Emily Whalen

Rocket Silver Club

ADM Foundation
Thomas and Ann Marie (Malone '67) Berger
James ('75) and Gayla Bernardini
Abby Bonjean ('01)
Clara (Ridder '38) Chumley
William ('61) and Joyce (Lonergan '62) Clancy
David ('89) and Kirstin Clancy
Harry ('59) and Kaye Coop
Thomas ('71) and Eileen Doyle
Terry ('67) and Rose (Chumley '68) Fernandes
Brian ('92) and Kelly (Settles '93) Hamilton
Michael and Lynn Hollahan
Mary (Coop '53) Jackson
Darryl ('80) and Stacy Johnson
Michael Johnson ('97)
Martin ('89) and Jennifer Kaufmann
Paul ('72) and Karen Kaufmann
Tom ('73) and Cathy Lockman
Duane and Connie Mallicoat
Jerry ('65) and Linda (Shanahan '66) McGinnis
Julie Moore
Frances (Sansone '65) Panzke
Peter and Kathleen Roodhouse
Bill and Kay (Landolt '71) Rountree
Dennis ('80) and Michelle Whalen
Patrick ('73) and Lynn (Clancy '74) Whalen



RCHS students were on hand to help with a Trivia Night, where funds were raised for the Class of '22.

Rocket Bronze Club

Connie (Watt '65) Axton
Helen Baldwin
Steve and Elaine (Whalen '82) Beech
Chad and Stacy Beeley
Tony and Dana Bergschneider
Brett ('10) and Kara Bergschneider
Boeing Gift Matching Program
Michael E. Bonjean ('71)
Robert Bonjean ('47)
Kathleen (Curtis '60) Brennan
James and Mary (Bergschneider '67)
Burrus
Michael ('64) and Jane Cain
Richard ('70) and Paula (Sheehan '72)
Cisne
CNB Bank & Trust
Charles "Tony" ('50) and Betty Cobb
Colleen Cooksey
Gerald and Charlotte Denight
Katherine Doyle ('00)
Colleen Doyle ('06)
Kevin ('06) and Rachel (Castleberry
'07) Doyle
John and Brenda Drea
John and Elizabeth (Meyer '61) Duray
Joseph ('82) and Linda Eilering
Jeffrey ('81) and Lisa (Bergschneider
'81) Elliott
Connie (Long) Esslinger
Barbara Farrar
Chris (Baulos '68) Fernandes
Sandra (Eoff '54) Fisher
Ms. Patricia A. Fitzpatrick
T. Michael ('66) and Patricia (Leetham
'66) Fitzpatrick
David ('78) and Karen (Kindred '79)
Flynn
Craig Green ('88) and Dana Fortado
'89)
Craig and Patricia (Magner '78)
Galasso
Terry and Jenny (Stremlau '89)
Geirnaeirt
Gene and Jeannette (Reavy '65)
Gourley
John Hall ('68) and Alicia Martin-Hall
George and Gina Hamilton
Theodore and Molly (Lockman '83)
Harris
Mary Jane (Doolin '58) Hart
Donald and Pearl Hawrysz
Annette (Fernandes '71) Hayes
Maryann Hayes
Thomas ('60) and Barbara Henderson
Steve Hermes ('68)
Dianne (Sassenberger '60) Hoffman
Amanda Hutton
Jamie Wisdom Designs
James A. Johnson ('61)
Jerry ('71) and Cynthia (Jennings '74)
Johnson
Ralph ('50) and Agnes (Jackson '50)
Johnson
Barbara (Bergschneider '69) Kaufmann
Richard ('81) and Erin Kaufmann
Stephen ('71) and Carol Kaufmann
Thomas Kaufmann ('79) and Amy Stevens-
Kaufmann
Patrick ('63) and Betsy Kennedy
Nick and Brenn Killion
Michael ('75) and Karen Kindred
Tim ('81) and Julie Kindred
John Knepler ('63)
Virginia "Ginger" (Keehner '64) Komiskey
Connie Kurfman
Dan LaCount ('81)
Rusty and Debbie Landes
Mark Langdon ('65)
Patrick ('07) and Rachel Langdon
Richard Langdon
Christinia Lashmett ('88)
John and Juliana Laumakis
Mike and Mary (Doyle '04) Lawlor
Leach-Remmers Heating & Air
Gary and Connie (Zeller '64) Leach
Richard ('55) and Sue (Bonjean '54) Lewis
John and Margaret (Angelo '70) Little
Daniel and Jackie (Farmer '80) Manker
James and Carolyn (Quinlan '73) Marker
Scott and Mirtie Marshall
Gregory and Linda Mathews
Kevin McGinnis ('94)
Rosemary (Hermes '45) Miller
John and Vickie Millik
Kenneth and Beth (Bergschneider '65) Mraz
Robert Mudd and Karen Day-Mudd
John ('85) and Luanne Murray
Vivian M. Mussatto
Gray Noll
Marcy (Wood '84) Patterson
David ('79) and Lisa (Stapleton '81)
Pennell
Jacob and Maggie (Ryan '02)
Peterson
Mary Pranger ('63)
Mary (Langdon '59) Preis
James Proffitt ('66)
Abby Radcliffe ('96)
Jerome Regan ('56)
Eugene and Janet Roach
Charles and Sarah (Blough '86)
Robinson
Karolyn Robson
Routt Class of 1988
Peter and Rebecca (Whalen '74)
Russotto
Tyson and Lynsey (Yording '06) Ryan
Timothy M. Schmalz
Paul Schuh
Tim and Lana Shea
Brian ('85) and Jill Sheehan
Patrick ('78) and Terri Staples
Janet Staples
Patricia Stapleton
Michael ('74) and Jan Steele
John and Kathy (Lonergan '64)
Swanson
Ellen Tarzwell ('47)
William ('74) and Julie Tennill
Ron and Cleta TerHark
Bill Tobin
Joyce (Roesch '51) Todd
Kathy (Sheehan '74) Turner
Lucas ('03) and Sarah Turner
Thomas Vieira
Kurt M. Wade ('75)
H. Michael ('60) and Kathy Walker
Thad and Gina Walker
Steven and Joyce (Baulos '70) Wayne
R. Sid and Evelyn Welles
Tamra Winters
Matt and Jamie Wisdom
Chris ('75) and Alison Yording
Mark ('71) and Virginia (Farmer '70)
Yording
William ('65) and Margaret Zachary
Bradley A. Zeller ('75)
John D. ('66) and Pamela Zeller

Routt Donors

Jeffrey and Kristy Abell
Thomas and Brenda (Brooks '80) Addy
Anne Aiello
Kevin and Jane Aldrich
Brad A. Anderson ('78)
Jeff Andrews
Brian and Jennifer Baptist
Beverly Barfield
Michael and Donna (Robinson '69) Barnes
Ronald and Joan Beyers
Rebecca (Sheehan '81) Birdsell
Bobby ('90) and Cortney Bonjean
Jennifer Bonjean ('03)
Lillian Bowen
Susan Brosmith
Jason and Jessica (Bartlett '01) Brown
Joshua and Milee Butcher
Emily Bystry ('12)
Matthew Bystry ('08)
Rick and Susan Bystry
Christopher ('83) and Melinda Caldwell
Kevin and Lisa (Megginson '81) Callis
Charlie's Ice Cream Shop
Brian ('90) and Stacey (Fernandes '92)
Chumley
Steve Copper and Bre Linstromberg
Copper
Bradley ('94) and Sarah (Bordenkircher '95)
Cors
Maria L. Cox ('02)
Barry and Valerie Creviston
Jeremy Decker ('91)
Bruce and Amy Dietrich
Matthew ('99) and Courtney (Welch '99)
Dodsworth
Christina Doss
David and Barbara "Bo" Dow
Michael ('08) and Kaitlyn Doyle
Patrick ('10) and Lydia Doyle
Russell ('95) and Rebekah Dunmire
Barbara (Cosgriff '54) Dunseth
John ('80) and Carolyn (Johnson '80)
Eilering
Morgan Eilering ('10)
Richard ('66) and Mary (Farmer '66) English
Terry ('65) and Jane (Watts '66) English

Friends of Routt

Christopher Foote ('99)
Christopher ('95) and Paitra Gibson
Patrick W. Gibson ('89)
David and Barbara (Zeller '75) Gross
Judith (Symes '66) Hagerman
Charles and Jan Hagloch
Paula Haley
Brian and Lisa Hall
James ('03) and Laura (Beard '03) Hankins
Janet (Casey '60) Hansen
Hayes Memorial Fundraisers
Steve and Katie (Bergschneider '77)
Hembrough
Maeve Hollahan ('16)
Trevor and Monica Huffman
James and Angela Jackson
Rebecca Joyce
Mike and Jennifer (Chumley '95) Kafer
George ('54) and Judith Kennedy
Edward Preston ('70) and Mary Kennelly
Bryan ('04) and Rikki Langan
Joseph P. Langdon ('08)
Frances (Casey '57) Lawless
Billy and Mandy (Lockman '04) Leib
Greg and Barbara (DeGroot '82) Lindsey
Jeff ('80) and Laura Ann Lonergan
Martin ('76) and Sandra Lonergan
Michael and Alice (Kaufmann '80) Lowry
Michael Magill ('85)
Michele G. Magner ('69)
Carla Malottke
Jason and Monica (Baulos '96) Martin
Matthew ('12) and Amanda Martin
David and Keri Mason
William ('03) and Baylyn McFadden
Mathew ('01) and Rachel McGuire
Joe and Brooke Merwin
James and Gladys (Drake '55) Miller
William and Melissa Naeve
Joyce Nelson
Sanford and Michele (Watt '68) Nelson
Daniel "D.J." ('97) and Erin Newport
Clint and Amy (Johnson '04) Nickel
Matthew ('07) and Samantha Pennell
Greg Pennell ('67)
Cecelia Peters

Ruth Phillips
Brandon Phillips
Lauren Pierson
John ('77) and Kelly Pine
Brandon ('90) and Melanie Pine
Michael A. Preston ('74)
Carter Pruitt ('10) and Carlotta
Kloppenburg-Pruitt
Robb Mudd Agency Inc.
Dylan Robinson ('09)
Pat Robinson
Chad Schone ('11)
Kris and Amy (Robson '87) Schwiderski
Michael and Bree Scott
Robert and Julie (Nolan '84) Sellars
Lawrence ('59) and Janet Sellers
Jeffrey and Beth Shade
Joseph F. Sheehan ('77)
Duane and Carrie (Flynn '92) Sieren
Jasper Sleeman ('15)
Robert ('69) and Catherine Spencer
Lisa (Hayes '99) Stambaugh
Richard and Debra Stevens
Justin Stout ('05)
Andrew J. Stremlau ('82)
Mary (Reavy '64) Sullivan
Toni Surratt
Albert and Noreen (Flynn '53) Taylor
Christopher ('90) and Leslie (Beyers '87)
Terwische
Erica Thomas
Dixie Thompson
Mary Ann Twitty
Michael and Suzanne Verticchio
Joseph H. Walker ('62)
Joan Walters
Berri West
John ('76) and Lori Whalen
Charlie and Amy White
Mike and Erica (Yording '06) Wilson
Eric Winters ('99)
James ('03) and Emily Woosley
Randy and Marty Wright
Ellen (Kennedy '60) Wynn
Robert J. Zeller ('62)
Lawrence and Elizabeth Zettler



The 2019-20 School Year: One for the History Books

Roult Catholic has been blessed with many generous donors who have a special place in their hearts for the mission of our school. Despite the COVID-19 global pandemic taking place during the 2019-20 school year, we were blessed with donors who continued to show support for our school, in prayer or through financial gifts. While it ended different than anyone could have imagined, the 2019-20 school year was certainly one for the history books.



7 seniors were selected as Illinois State Scholars, an outstanding feat from a class of 39 students! Andrew A., Ben H., Kirsten H., Bella M., Tony R., Meredith S., and Sydney W.



The boys' basketball team enjoyed another 20-win season, including a 2nd place finish at the 2019 Waverly Holiday Tournament which was the school's best finish in the tournament since 1994.



October 2019 marked the 19th straight year that RCHS physics students competed in the famed trebuchet "Pumpkin Chuck" challenge.



For the third straight year, the volleyball team earned the privilege of celebrating a 20-win season and hoisting a Regional Championship plaque.

Follow us on social media!
 Facebook: facebook.com/RoultCatholicHighSchool
 Twitter: twitter.com/RoultCatholic
 Instagram: Instagram.com/RoultAlumni
 YouTube: Search for Roult Catholic High School for our channel!
#WeAreRoultCatholic



Despite March 13 being the last day our students were in session, our teachers continued to provide daily live classes for the remainder of the year using Google Meet, of the Google Classroom platform.



Roult kicked off a 1:1 Laptop Program for the 2019-20 school year which was perfect timing given the fact that all classes were remote for the entire 4th quarter. In the program, students were given a laptop, a charger, and a case in August 2019 and kept them until the the end of the year.



In lieu of many senior events that had to be cancelled, each senior was delivered a yard sign, sweet treats, and well wishes from the RCHS faculty/staff.



For the third consecutive year, the RCHS Chess Team qualified for the IHSA State Tournament.



For the first time in school history the girls' bowling team had two individuals qualify for sectionals: Makenna B. and Alexa S.



Led by four seniors who finished their careers with an outstanding record of 100-26 and 3-straight WIVC Championships, the girls' basketball team finished the season in the Sweet Sixteen with a 29-3 record.



The track teams hosted a Chili Lunch to kick off Catholic Schools Week 2020.



Kirby P., Emily C., Abby B., and Grace R. all traveled to Washington, DC in January for the March for Life

2019-20 Memorials

Clara (Ridder '38) Chumley

Steven and Marjorie Aper
Benjamin and Michelle (Elliott '92)
Brickey
Joey and Debra (Elliott '83) Buster
William ('61) and Joyce (Lonergan '62)
Clancy
Raymond L. Cosgriff ('60)
David and Barbara "Bo" Dow
Gregory Elliott ('82)
Jeffrey ('81) and Lisa (Bergschneider '81)
Elliott
John P. Elliott ('88)
John "Bud" ('59) and Kay Elliott
Terry ('67) and Rose (Chumley '68)
Fernandes
Annette (Fernandes '71) Hayes
William ('66) and Mary Imboden
Ben and Amanda (Chumley '94) Kluge
John and Patricia (Bray '72) Langdon
Philip ('81) and Kathleen (Tobin '81)
Langdon
Joseph ('52) and Christine (Hermes '54)
Lawless
John and Margaret (Angelo '70) Little
Jerry ('65) and Linda (Shanahan '66)
McGinnis
Dan and Anita Nash
Nicholas Roscetti
Donald L. Schmidt
Rose Sheeley
Carol Spangenberg
Joseph and Patricia Stephenson
Steven and Joyce (Baulos '70) Wayne

Mary (Cosgriff '48) Farmer

Patti Andrews
Tonya Elliott
Robert Joseph
Gary and Leslie Lahey
Jo Ann (Cosgriff '49) Mansfield
Lou, Debbie, Keaten, Lea Ann, Steve,
Brooke & Joe Mansfield
Brian McKillip
Rose Mary (Milburn '49) Reveal
Donald L. Schmidt
Guy and Delores Sell
Joni Sell
The Voyager Group, LTD

Leo Flynn ('55)

Marie Coonen
Benjamin and Kathleen (Kindred '76)
Denney
Donald R. Kindred & Family

Greg ('78) and Cindy (Bergschneider '78)
Kindred
PFA Tax and Accounting Professionals
Charles and Heidi Pumphrey
Loren ('59) and Linda Rogers
Carol Spangenberg & Family
Patrick ('73) and Lynn (Clancy '74) Whalen
Whalen Trucking, Inc.

Ray Green

Newton and Adah Mitchell

Tami (Gruber '77) Hammers

Robert and Jayne Kunz

Lois Henninger ('57)

Frances (Casey '57) Lawless

Sandra (Schickedanz '60) Hockensmith

Jerome and Janet (Lindsey '60) Beyer

Michael Hosp ('73)

Routt Class Of 1973

Betty Kindred

Mark ('84) and Krista Bergschneider
Maymie (Spren '44) Bergschneider
Nick Bormida
John Brogdon
Bob and Diane Cooley
Harry ('59) and Kaye Coop
Kathleen Cross
De Castro Apartment Residents - Phyllis,
Millie, Mr. Willie, Ron, Ms. Willie, Peggy,
Bill & Marilyn
Benjamin and Kathleen (Kindred '76)
Denney
David and Barbara "Bo" Dow
Ryan and Rebecca Elliott
David ('78) and Karen (Kindred '79) Flynn
Christine Garde
Brooke, Jason, Alx & Theo Greenwood
Theresa (Kindred '79) Haas
Jennifer Hull
Johanna Jackson
Lanny ('77) and Betty Jarvis
Terry and Marian (Bergschneider '72)
Jockisch
James ('62) and Catherine
(Lockhart '63) Johnson
Chris, Rachel (Kindred '05), and
Charlie Kesler

Constance (Magner '51) Kindred &
Family
Daniel ('70) and Carol Ann (Watts '72)
Kindred
Mark ('84) and Terry Kindred
John and Mary (Lockhart '60)
Kindred
Tim ('81) and Julie Kindred
Howard "Ed" ('60) and Marilyn
Langdon
Philip ('81) and Kathleen (Tobin '81)
Langdon
Jeff ('80) and Laura Ann Lonergan
Owen and Melissa (Kindred '80)
McGlasson
Newton and Adah Mitchell
Jerry ('80) and Ann (Kaufmann '80)
Mullen
Edward and Michelle (McGuire '71)
Patches
John and Connie (Kindred '77) Satlar
Donald L. Schmidt
Robert and Julie (Nolan '84) Sellars

Thank you to all the families
who named Routt as a
memorial and to all who made
a memorial donation from July
2019 to June 2020.

Memorials that are listed in
this publication were given
to Routt Catholic High School
by way of undesignated
funds, the Routt Education
Foundation, general tuition
assistance, or specific projects/
areas of interest.

For more information on
memorials to Routt, please
contact the Development
Office.

*May the souls
of the faithful
departed
rest in peace.*

Betty Kindred (cont'd)

Ron Smiljanich & Deanna Patrick ('78) and Terri Staples
 Marc and Dianne Steinberg
 Julie Stremlau ('84)
 Dixie Thompson
 Howard and Catherine (Kindred '53)
 Timmons

Daniel N. McGinnis ('71)

Terry and Mary Beth Airsman
 Dan ('72) and Connie Beard
 Chris Brooks
 Raymond L. Cosgriff ('60)
 Thomas ('71) and Eileen Doyle
 Chris (Baulos '68) Fernandes
 Terry ('67) and Rose (Chumley '68)
 Fernandes
 Golden Eagle
 Maryann Hayes
 Dee Hildebrahct
 Kathy Korte
 Kathryn Korte
 John and Margaret (Angelo '70) Little
 Jeff ('80) and Laura Ann Lonergan
 Andy Maloney
 Jim Maloney
 Rick Maloney
 Rock Maloney
 Greg and Liz May
 James and Carol Ann McGinnis
 Charles ('67) McNeely
 Eugene and Janet Roach
 Robert Chick Fritz
 Carol Spangenberg
 Linda Terwische
 Jackie Trendley
 Danny and Susan Wood
 Denise Wood
 William ('65) and Margaret Zachary

Omar Panella

J.D. and C.L. Cox
 Thomas ('71) and Eileen Doyle
 Forrest and Helen Keaton
 Linda Leonard
 Thomas and Neva McKula
 Joseph and Sharon Panella
 James ('53) and Mary Phalen
 John and Karen Plunk
 Raymond Santiago ('82)
 Mrs. Elaine C. Sorrell

Michael and Teresa Tendick
 Michael and Suzanne Verticchio
 Rob and Maureen Vidakovich
 Philip and Margaret Rathbun

Helen (Doolin '44, '19) Paugh

Bill and Linda Kruzan, David & Family

William Reed

Lynn and Rebecca Ruby

Evelyn Suess

Charlene Anderson
 Douglas and Janet Bailey
 Brad and Jennifer Baptist
 Brett and Stephanie Baptist
 Stephen and Martha Barker
 Maymie (Spren '44) Bergschneider
 Tony and Dana Bergschneider
 Reginald Black
 Boeing Gift Matching Program
 Skip and Margaret "Peggy" (Flynn '77)
 Bradshaw
 Richard Brahler
 Daisy Brunk
 Bob and Janet Chipman
 Brad and Melinda Clark
 Cheri Clement
 Edward and Catherine Colburn
 Christopher and Dawn Douglas
 JoAnn Drake
 Louis and Janice Eason
 Doris Frank
 Robert Frost
 Terry and Jenny (Stremlau '89)
 Geirnaeirt
 Rex A. Ginder
 Dean and Brenda Havens
 Greg and Joan Hillis
 Gene Hinckley
 Illinois Petroleum Marketers
 Association
 Brenda Lane
 Darrell and Deborah Little
 John and Margaret (Angelo '70) Little
 Gary and Linda McCandless
 Ted and Donna McDonald
 Ed and Sandra Meier
 Jerry ('80) and Ann (Kaufmann '80)
 Mullen
 Thomas ('59) and Helen Murray
 Ray and Carole Naylor

Michael and Noemi Neidorff
 Neighbor Friends of Forest Park E
 Susie Pennell
 Edward Preston ('70) and Mary Kennelly
 Michael A. Preston ('74)
 Mike and Tammy Shepherd
 Sharlene Smith
 Janet Staples
 Patrick ('78) and Terri Staples
 Michael ('74) and Jan Steele
 Marc and Dianne Steinberg
 Julie Stremlau
 Ryan and Michelle Suess
 Jane Surratt
 Larry and Dianna Tebrugge
 Donald and Heather (Burrus '88) Viele
 Doug Wagner
 Cheryl Ware
 Jim and Leslie Ware
 Bev Watson
 John and Dixie Williams
 Eric and Genevieve Woratschka
 Leroy and Mary Ann Young
 William ('65) and Margaret Zachary
 Bradley Zeller ('75) and Susan Gaudio



In June 2019, RCHS was proud to confer an honorary diploma to Mrs. Helen (Doolin) Paugh who, following her mother's death, had to drop out of Routt as a junior in 1943. Helen went on to help raise many of her nine younger siblings, several of whom later graduated from Routt. Mrs. Paugh passed away in April 2020.

2019-20 Memorials

Beth (Standley '67) Teague

James Eck
Kay Foster
Philip ('81) and Kathleen (Tobin '81)
Langdon
Fred ('69) and Linda Standley
Lily Steele
Ronald Whitacre

Robert "Bob" Winstead

Earl and Joan Adam
Anonymous
Larry and Judy Armstrong
Paul Bahan ('63)
Peggy (Phalen '64) Baker
Darryl and June Beard
Maymie (Spreen '44) Bergschneider
Earl and Bertha (Craddock '62) Bettis
Richard ('63) and Marcella Blough
Gerald ('59) and Katherine (Paisley '59)
Bonjean
Sandy Bordenkircher
Mike and Denise (Jacques '64) Brady
Kathleen (Curtis '60) Brennan
Gary and Becky Butler
Michael Cain ('64)
Glenda (Beeley '58) Callahan-Kinner
Paulette (Chumley '61) Carochi
Connie Carper
Robert ('64) and Joann Chumley
William ('61) and Joyce (Lonergan '62) Clancy
Harry ('59) and Kaye Coop
Joseph ('61) and Ellen Cors
Gary ('61) and Eva Craddock
William ('61) and Sharon Critchelow

Elizabeth A. Curtis ('59)
Fred ('61) and Linda (Zeller '63) Curtis
Mary (Todd '63) Darwent
Mary (Rogers '60) Davis
Mancel and Julie Day
Mary (Allen '62) and Harland DeGroot
Randall and Cathy Dolen
Don ('62) and Kathleen (Romang '62)
English
Thomas ('63) and Judy (Ferry '65) Eoff
Roger and Sally Ezard
Reginald ('57) and Rosemary Fellhauer
Bernard ('64) and Donna Ferry
John Fitzpatrick ('59)
Jack ('64) and Judi Gilmore
Mary Ellen (Fitzpatrick '58) Gordon
Janet (Casey '60) Hansen
Robert and Karla (Jarvis '64) Havens
Thomas ('60) and Barbara Henderson
Charlotte Henry ('63)
Shirley (Doolin '57) Howell
James A. Johnson ('61)
Mary (Meyer '62) Johnson
Robert ('60) and Judy Johnson
James L. Keehner ('62)
Patrick ('63) and Betsy Kennedy
John and Mary (Lockhart '60) Kindred
Charles Lahey ('62)
Howard "Ed" ('60) and Marilyn Langdon
Richard Langdon ('57)
Frances (Casey '57) Lawless
Jack ('61) and Kay Lawless
Ronald E. Lawless ('59)
Gary and Connie (Zeller '64) Leach
Jerrold ('57) and Elizabeth (Watts '59)
Lewis

Michael Lonergan
Jack ('57) and Rosemarie Long
Vickie McClure
Thomas ('61) and Kaye McGinnis
Gene and Sharon (Simmons '60) Miner
Thomas ('59) and Helen Murray
Charles ('64) and Linda (Blesse '63)
Newport
Daniel L. ('64) and Connie Newport
James ('58) and Judith (Barnes '61)
O'Brien
Thomas ('61) and Sharon (Gaudio '61)
O'Brien
John and Mary Lou (Shanahan '62)
Owen
James ('53) and Mary Phalen
Ken and Marilyn (Cors '59) Pomeroy
Glenn ('64) and Karen Reside
Peggy Shanle Rieman ('63)
Lee and Beverly (Lonergan '64)
Schwartz
Michael Spellecy
John ('62) and Nancy Sullivan
John and Kathy (Lonergan '64)
Swanson
Bill Tobin
Willy and Carol (Craddock '62)
Tranbarger
H. Michael ('60) and Kathy Walker
Joseph H. Walker ('62)
Judy (Hazelwood '64) Watt
Ellen (Kennedy '60) Wynn
Gary ('60) and Lauren Zeller

Jack Wood

Brent ('91) and Tiffany Bordenkircher



The Board of Education and the Administrators of Routt Catholic High School are constantly looking for ways to improve the school. Improvements could include anything from upgrading the sound and light system in the Martha Routt Room which was completed in 2017, to purchasing the latest technology like 3-D printers, which was done this summer. Whether it's a cosmetic change or a change to the physical space, improvements of any kind ensure that Routt Catholic High School will remain in the minds of our students, prospective families, alumni, and friends as the best choice for a high school education in West-Central Illinois.

With that said, if you've been by the school anytime over the last two months you may have noticed some changes that have taken place in the lawn located just north of the school. Thanks to the leadership, persistence, and hard work of our Student and Spiritual Life Committee which consists of students, Board members, members of our faculty/staff, and friends of the school, the area has been transformed into what will be called the Routt Memorial Garden. It is an ongoing project - a space of this magnitude will take time to develop - but the beginning stages have been completed and the area looks fantastic.



A centerpiece of the Memorial Garden would not have been possible without the help of several Routt graduates who contacted the Development Office with an idea.



In December 2019, Mr. Bernie "Bunky" Ferry ('64) contacted me to discuss the possibility of some sort of long-term memorial that could be done in honor of Robert "Bob" Winstead, a former head football, basketball, and baseball coach of Routt who passed away in November 2019. Mr. Ferry informed me that he had already spoken to several other alumni who were interested in learning more about how they could honor their former coach. On February 3, Mr. Ferry joined me at Routt along with Mr. John "Bucky" Sullivan ('62), and Mr. Tom Eoff ('63), with plans to meet Mr. and Mrs. Fred ('61) and Linda (Zeller '63) Curtis later that afternoon. The group discussed what sort of memorial options are in place at RCHS and ultimately decided that they wanted to contribute to the forthcoming Routt Memorial



Garden with the purchase of an engraved, granite bench.

From there, the committee took off. They worked with me as far as gathering contact information for members of the Class of 1957 through the Class of 1964, but other than that - they pretty much took over. They had a goal of raising \$5,000 which would cover the bench and additional needs for the Memorial Garden in its beginning stages.

From March to July over 69 gifts were received towards this project - an astonishing 32% response rate! Gifts were received from AZ, CA, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, MN, MO, NC, OR, PA, and TX - and even one from Canada! In total, over \$6,700 were raised and on behalf of the Development Office and Routt Catholic High School, I'd like to say thank you - not only to those who contributed financially to this project, but also to Pat Ward who helped design the Garden, Jacksonville Monument Company for constructing such a beautiful piece, and most importantly, the committee members of Bunky, Bucky, Tom, Fred, and Linda who made this idea become a reality.

It is situations like this that give me an opportunity to sit back and think about how truly blessed I am to be sitting in this chair. This project came to life because a group of individuals - half of whom I had never even had a chance to meet before now - wanted to give back to the school that means so much to all of us. And that's one of the main reasons what makes our community so special. When we work together as a community, great things will continue to happen. Some things change, but our mission remains the same. We were. We are. We will be. #WeAreRouttCatholic

Colleen Doyle '06



Winter Celebration

For the 16th consecutive year, on February 29, 2020 we hosted the Routt Winter Celebration (formerly known as the Winter Ball) where we had the opportunity to celebrate with our alumni, parents, and friends to acknowledge the importance of Routt Catholic High School in our community. We also use this opportunity to recognize some of the wonderful supporters Routt has had, specifically over the last year.



Business Friend of Routt Catholic High School
Bellatti, Fay, Bellatti, & Beard, LLP
Accepted by Dan Beard ('72); Presented by Nick Roscetti



Friend of Routt
Sue Brosmith
Presented by Joan (Lockman '67) Ryan



Routt Ambassador Award
Don Schmidt
Presented by Kristi (Schmidt '99) Rocca & Nik Schmidt ('02)



Catholic Education Distinguished Service Award
Stacey (Fernandes '92) Chumley
Presented by Stevie VanDeVelde



Marilyn Merris Distinguished Service Award
Janet Chipman
Presented by Meredith Schilsky ('20),
Bella McCartney ('20), and Kirby Peters ('20)



Routt Alumni Citation Award
Joseph Kindred '88
Presented by Colleen Doyle '06



Routt Young Alumnus of the Year
Johnathon Garde '15
Presented by Keith Hufendick

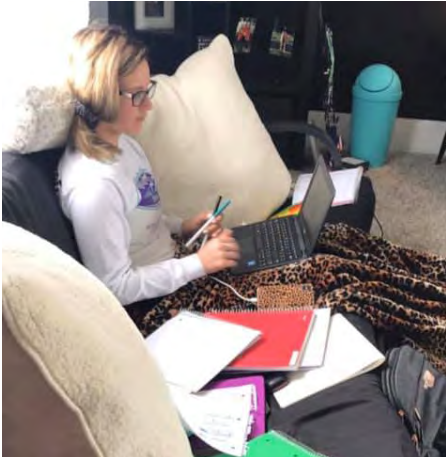


Routt Alumnus of the Year
Joan (Carrigan '84) Schone Themig
Presented by Rhonda Cors



“**S**tudents: we’ve been informed by the Diocese of Springfield that all in-person learning has been cancelled for the next two weeks. We are on Spring Break during the second week of this closure, but in order for you to be prepared for next week, please take your laptop and all of your books home with you. Your teachers will be in touch via e-mail on Monday with more instructions on how we will handle next week’s classes.”

This sums up the message that students received from Principal Roscetti at 2:43pm on Friday, March 13. Rouff students are dismissed for the day at 2:45pm. 2 minutes is all that our students, teachers, administrators and parents had to prepare for this unprecedented action. What happened next is, quite honestly, a bit of a blur. Things were changing so quickly and we desperately needed a plan that we could effectively communicate with our community in a timely manner.



It’s always interesting to see how people react to situations out of their control and if anybody was paying attention to the actions of Mr. Nick Roscetti over the few weeks following this announcement, it would be impossible not to be impressed. On Monday, March 16, he met with his faculty and staff and informed them that it would be their choice how to conduct classes during that first week, reminding them that week 2 of the closure was Spring Break. Meanwhile he began working on a Remote/Distance Learning plan in the event that the closure was extended. He was quite literally working all hours of the day and if you spoke with him during this time you probably heard him say something to the effect of: “We need to have something ready. Our students deserve this. Our families deserve this.”

As you all know the closure was ultimately extended and our school year of in-person classes was over, but on March 31 we kicked off our Remote/Distance Learning plan that allowed our students to continue their education, despite not being in the physical building.

Instead of a traditional school day of 8 class periods, Remote Learning Days were broken up into “A” days (class periods 1-4) and “B” days (class periods 5-8). The “A” and “B” days alternated

Monday through Thursday, and Friday was reserved for students to catch up on homework or to reach out to their teachers via their virtual office hours. Most of the teachers utilized the Google Classroom platform to host their classes, giving them a chance to have live interaction with their students. Through the 1:1 Laptop Program each student had their own laptop at home, and at 8:30am they were expected to use their laptop to log-in to their first class of the day. From 9:15-9:30am the students had a short break but by 9:30am the students were expected to log-in to their second class of the day. The schedule carried on like this for four class periods, each day we allowed for a 12:15-1:00pm lunch break, and each teacher was available from 1:00-2:00pm for office hours.

It cannot be said enough that the Rouff teachers were absolutely incredible throughout this entire process. They were creative, patient, and determined to keep the students engaged and most importantly, learning. Equally as important are the Rouff students themselves. The self-discipline that is required to do this when it’s just as easy to sleep in or go play outside, was on prominent display. Instead of focusing on all of the disappointments - because it was a disappointing end to the school year - they carried on stronger than ever.

To all who made Remote Learning possible and successful - kudos!

DISTANCE LEARNING

BY THE NUMBERS

130 LAPTOPS
provided to 130 students

5,040 MINUTES
of face-to-face teaching
from 3/31/20 to 5/15/20
(via Google Meet)

24-HOUR
student access to
RCHS Help Desk

RCHS

9 WEEKS
of instruction

6,761 GRADES
awarded to students for
tests, assignments,
and projects and applied
to their GPA from
3/31/20 to 5/15/20

**OVER 95%
AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE**
for every class period

2,160 MINUTES
of faculty/staff office hours
from 3/31/20 to 5/15/20

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Ultimate Routt Day

Our second annual Ultimate Routt Day was scheduled to be held on April 1, 2020. Similar to the 2019 event, plans for 2020 included a virtual Day of Giving along with an in-person celebration with our students, faculty, and staff. Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the state mandated school closure, all of our in-person plans had to be suspended but we decided to carry on with a virtual event.

We invited our students to participate virtually by having them submit videos of themselves describing something about Routt, whether it be what they love most, what they missed most about being in school, or a favorite memory. We had over 30% of our students submit videos and the final product turned out great; find it on our YouTube channel today!



We approached our Day of Giving unsure how it would go. Nationwide things began shutting down just two weeks before and everyone was experiencing an immeasurable amount of uncertainty of what was to come in the days, weeks, and even months ahead. We set a goal of 200 individual donors but knowing the challenges that people were facing, we made it known that if a financial gift was not feasible, we would appreciate sending positive prayers our way along with a “share” on social media to help us get word out about the event!

While we did not meet our goal of 200 donors, the Routt community showed up! Thanks to the incredible support from generous alumni, parents, and friends, we finished Ultimate Routt Day 2020 with gifts from 152 donors - up 12 from 2019 - with gifts totaling \$15,236.77 - a 22.8% increase from 2019! Gifts came from all over the United States, including: AL, CA, CT, IL, MN, MO, OK, SC, TX, UT, DC, and WI. The 2000-2009 decade provided the largest number of gifts with 25, followed closely by the 80s with 24. Another fun fact is that all other decades from the 1950s until today were represented with at least one gift! It was absolutely incredible to hear from so many alumni and friends; humbling to say the least.

We are so grateful for the enthusiastic responses of so many and we sincerely thank you for making it a success. Looking forward to seeing you in 2021! #WeAreRouttCatholic

From the Development Office



Greetings from the Development Office at Routt Catholic High School!

Stacy Beeley has been a teacher at Our Saviour School for the last 10 years. She’s been an assistant volleyball coach at Routt for the last 5 years. She’s in her 2nd year as a Routt parent and she’s been a member of Rocket Nation ever since she switched out her Winchester colors for the RCHS purple and gold. Through her roles at RCHS and OSS she teaches junior high and high school students all day, but at the 2020 RCHS Graduation where she was asked to give the Commencement Address, she was a teacher to everyone in the room. Her words were easily one of my favorite parts of the 2019-20 school year, and my dear friend’s words are ones that I will always remember.

The primary message she shared to our graduates is that “**life is all about choices**: there are things that you can control and there are things that you can’t.” When I think of the 2019-20 school year, I cannot think of a message that is more perfect. She went on to say, “we often spend so much time focusing on what we can’t control that we lose sight that every day we can control the choices we make.”

In the 2019-20 school year we saw 130 students and families **make the choice** to attend Routt Catholic High School. We saw over 90% of our students **make the choice** to participate in at least one extra-curricular activity. We saw over 70% of our students **make the choice** to put their studies first and make the Honor Roll at least one time during the year. We saw 15% of our graduating seniors **make the choice** to serve our country by way of the Navy, Air Force, Army, and National Guard.

The most profound choice that I had the opportunity to witness occurred from March 31 through May 22 when we had to transition to Distance Learning. Despite the building being closed, I witnessed our students **make the choice** to further their education, even if it meant receiving lessons over a computer screen. I witnessed our esteemed teachers **make the choice** to get creative with their lesson plans to make sure our students kept learning. And I witnessed our administration **make the choice** to come up with a plan that would guarantee forward progress. These groups could have made the choice to try to control things that they couldn’t. They could have thrown in the towel, called it a year and moved on, but they didn’t. Instead, they chose to focus on what that they *could* control and finished the year with more grace than I can possibly describe.

As a graduate myself, I was so proud to witness this reaction to such an unprecedented time, and because you’ve made the choice to support us through your time, treasure, and talent, I hope we have, and will continue to, make you proud, too. Thank you for a great year and I sincerely look forward to seeing you again.

Colleen Doyle '06

Rocket Nation Planned Giving Society

Have you thought about including Routt Catholic High School in your planned giving? Donors who arrange to benefit Routt through planned gifts provide transformational support enabling us to continue secondary Catholic education to future generations. The Rocket Nation Planned Giving Society was created to honor individuals who have shown this commitment to Routt through planned gifts. These individuals will leave, or have already left a lasting legacy to Routt Catholic High School!

Planned gifts can take many shapes:

1. Include Routt in your will by using a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder of the estate after other designations have been paid.
2. Designate Routt Catholic High School as a beneficiary of your retirement account, life insurance, or annuities.
3. Make gifts of stock. Your financial advisor can help you make this a direct gift to us!
4. Establish Gift Annuities or Charitable Trusts.
5. Use creative approaches personal to your own financial situation.

The above information is not intended to be used as legal or tax advice. Please contact your appropriate advisors to discuss the benefits and effects of any particular gift.

Routt Catholic High School is the school we know today because the Routt family had both foresight and great expectations for Catholic education. Members of the Rocket Nation Planned Giving Society have joined the Routt family in their commitment to Routt and to Catholic education.

Joining the Rocket Nation Planned Giving Society means:

1. The amount of your gift is never disclosed (unless you instruct us otherwise).
2. Your name will appear in the Rocket Nation Planned Giving Society membership list.
3. Complimentary tickets to the Annual Routt Winter Celebration and invitations to other special events.

There is no minimum planned gift amount to become a member of the Rocket Nation Planned Giving Society!

Rocket Nation Planned Giving Society Membership

To be listed as a member of the Rocket Nation Planned Giving Society, please notify the Development Office that you have included Routt Catholic High School in your planned giving by contacting Colleen Doyle at cdoyle@routtcatholic.com or calling 217-243-8563 ext. 6.



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Routt High School Education Foundation

The Routt High School Education Foundation, Inc. was formed in May of 1990 by Sr. Philip Neri Crawford and the members of the Routt High School Alumni Association. These individuals felt it important to create a legal entity controlled locally with the purpose of receiving contributions for the benefit of Routt. Since the 503C's inception, the Education Foundation has received numerous gifts for the support of Routt; over 40 individual and family funds have been established!

The funds in the Education Foundation have many different purposes:

- Several of the named funds are designated for perpetual scholarships to RCHS. Once established, these perpetual scholarships will continue to benefit Routt Catholic families for years to come. To talk about setting up a named scholarship in memory of your family or a loved one, please contact Colleen Doyle at cdoyle@routtcatholic.com.
- Some funds help specific programs or department, like fine arts, biology, athletics, or technology.
- Some funds are specifically used for general tuition assistance to make a Catholic education more affordable for our families.
- Some gifts were given without a designated purpose, allowing the Board to use the funds where they feel the school would most benefit.

Scholarships to Routt Catholic High School

Alumni Association Legacy
Alumni Association Universal
Angelo Memorial Scholarship
Bordenkircher Leadership
Bordenkircher Memorial
Brad Schone
Charlie Kaufmann Memorial
Class of 1957
Collin Evans
Dick Casler
Drake and Hart
Edgar "Jack" McGinnis
Elynor Nergenah
Enter to Grow/Leave to Serve
Father Ken Venvertloh
Henry Hynes
J.T. Hayes
Jill Lawless
John E. & Mary Rose Doyle
Linda F. Dinelli Belobrajdic
Lockman Family
Mardelle Fellhauer

Marilyn Merris
Mary Ellen Lonergan English Memorial
Matthew Langdon
Matthew R. Chumley Memorial
Maymie and Joe Bergschneider
Monsignor Bud Spreen Memorial
Moore Memorial Music
Norbert McGinnis / K of C #868
Peter B. Orlandini
Placement Exam
Lawrence and Helen Quinlan
Robert Gary Bangert
Rosetta Magner Doyle Memorial
Routt Board of Directors
Sally Eoff Baptist Leadership
Sister Cecilianne Duello
Tony Gaudio Leadership
US Bank
Vince Lonergan Family Scholarship in Memory of Kevin Clancy
Virginia and Joe Farran
William & Elizabeth Kindred Memorial

2020-21 Routt Education Foundation Board Members

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Bob Johnson '60
Patrick Langdon '07
Mike May
Sr. M Loyola Miller
Maggie (Ryan '02) Peterson
Joan (Lockman '67) Ryan
Joanie (Carrigan '84) Schone Themig
Fred Standley '69
Dude Wildrick

Ex-Officio
Colleen Doyle '06
Fr. Tom Meyer
Nick Roscetti
Richard Whalen III '04



It is because of the generosity of those around us that our students are able to continue the traditions of Routt Catholic High School. We could not be more grateful for the love and support you continue to show our school!



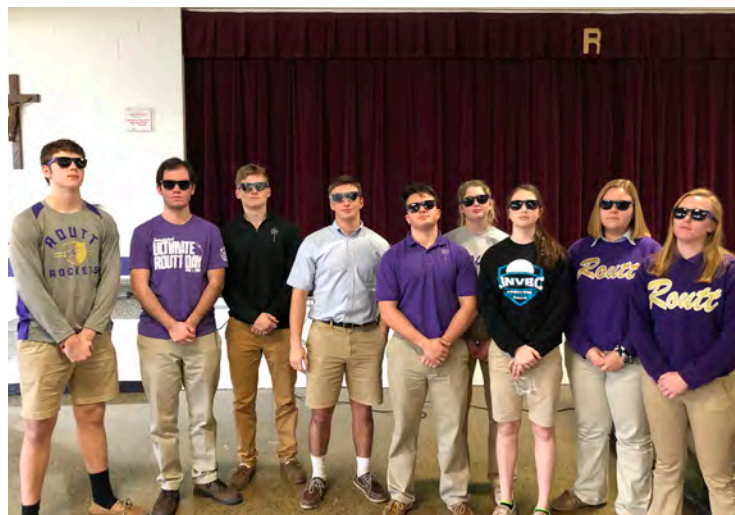
Members of the senior class gather for a picture at the Homecoming Bonfire, a Routt tradition that has spanned several decades.



On Student Appreciation Day during Catholic Schools Week, the Senior Class got to join the 8th graders from Our Saviour School for some afternoon bowling!



For the last several years, our students have organized a Service Fair, inviting local charitable organizations to make presentations to the student body describing any volunteer opportunities.



To give the students a mental break as they prepared for 1st semester finals, Coach Creviston and Ms. Doyle led the student body in a friendly round of Christmas movie trivia. The boys were victorious on the day, but the girls put up a good fight!



For the first time in school history, the girls' basketball team won the Carrollton Invitational Tournament. Following their championship victory over 3A Jerseyville Community High School, the senior girls posed for a picture with their dads.



Over 100 people joined us for our 2nd Annual Adult Homecoming. Pictured (L-R): Jenny (Stremmlau '89) Geirnaeir, Jessica (Yording '97) Lightfoot, Brent Hicks, Sarah (English '97) Hicks, Brian English ('00), Craig Wood ('91), Joe Merwin, Julie Stremmlau ('84)



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