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MARQUETTE ACADEMY INTRODUCES **CROWD FUNDING** AT MMM XL



In lieu of our traditional Fund-a-Need ask during the annual auction, Marquette Academy introduced the concept of **Crowd Funding** at this year's May Merriment XL event, The Greatest Show. We celebrated 40 years of excellence and community support under the big top, and are thrilled to say it was a huge success, having grossed over \$255,000 for our school!

Crowd Funding is an internet program that streamlines fundraising through the practice of financing a project(s) or venture by eliciting smaller donations from a larger pool of donors. Projects will be ongoing until we reach our goals. Please consider donating to one of our summer/fall projects.

Currently, our projects consist of: Bader Gym Refresh, Cafeteria Facelift, Technology (Smart TV's) at both campuses, and the ongoing MAES Gym Floor Fund.

You can choose the project, the amount, and then donate online at www.bidpal.net/crowdfunding.

Donate to as many projects as you like today, or until our goals are met! You can also stop by the Advancement Office at the high school campus to make a crowd funding gift, or mail it to Marquette Academy, 1000 Paul St., Ottawa, IL 61350.

Marquette Academy exists because of financial support from three primary sources: tuition, parish assessments, and fund-raising. We are able to offer students an exceptional faith-based education, extracurriculars, and athletics because of generous donors.

Thank you for your support!



Next year's MMM 41 Chairpeople:

Terry & Amanda Muffler,
Dan Patton & Michelle Patelli,
Honorary: Don & Judy Kiesig

A theme will be announced at the Rip's party!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10, 2022
Saints & Sinners Golf Outing
Pine Hills Golf Course

September 16, 2022
4-6pm Homecoming
Alumni & Family Tailgate
7pm HOCO Game - GO CRU!!
Gould Stadium

October 30, 2022
Annual Rip's Trip
Meet at the Knights of Columbus

November 6, 2022
Turkey Dinner Drive Through
Elementary Campus

November 11, 2022
Merry Everything
Calendar Raffle

May 6, 2022
Marquette May Merriment 41
Bader Gym



ALUMNI
& Family
TAILGATE

HOCO 2022 (Sept 16)

Friday, September 16 - Calling all alumni & fans! Tailgate with the Marquette family across from Gould Stadium starting at 4pm. Then watch some Crusader Football! The CRU take on Kewanee Wethersfield at 7pm. Great food, drinks, raffles and Marquette spirit! After the game, enjoy a tenderloin at the Knights of Columbus.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus (Starved Rock Council #634) for your recent generous donation, and continued support to Marquette!



OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

Mark Geiger '78

Mark Geiger, alumni of the class of "78" hailed from Grand Ridge where he grew up with his sister Lynn Geiger Niehues, class of "74", and his brother Bill Geiger class of "79". He now makes his home in Lombard, IL.

Mark is currently working part time as a personal assistant/house manager for a prestigious family in Elmhurst after being furloughed from an international corporate travel consultant career due to Covid.

This unfortunate situation opened up an opportunity to pursue an acting and modeling career where he signed an exclusive contract with Bravo Talent Management in South Barrington, IL.

He has performed with Fox Valley Community Players as Monsignor O'Hara in "Sister Act", Little Mountain Theatre's production of "Mama Mia" in the role of Father Alexandrois and "Barnum" as "Bob the Barker", Grove Players in "You Can't Take it With You" as Mr. DePinna, "The Laramie Project" playing 9 characters, and various roles and productions in Chicago and the suburbs.

We are excited to announce that he will be making his worldwide debut in a feature film "Twenty one Pilots Livestream Event" at theatres around the world and in your local areas, on May 19th, 2022. www.twentyonepilots.film for details.

Last year he filmed another feature film in Evansville, IN with a working title "Runner", The movie is currently in post-production at this time and hopefully will be out soon at a theatre near you.

Since we have talked, he has had quite a few auditions for TV, Film and theater roles. We wish you all the best Mark in your new chosen career.

As they say in theatre, **Break A Leg!**



To sponsor an event, donate, or view the full calendar of events and athletic schedules visit: marquetteacademy.net

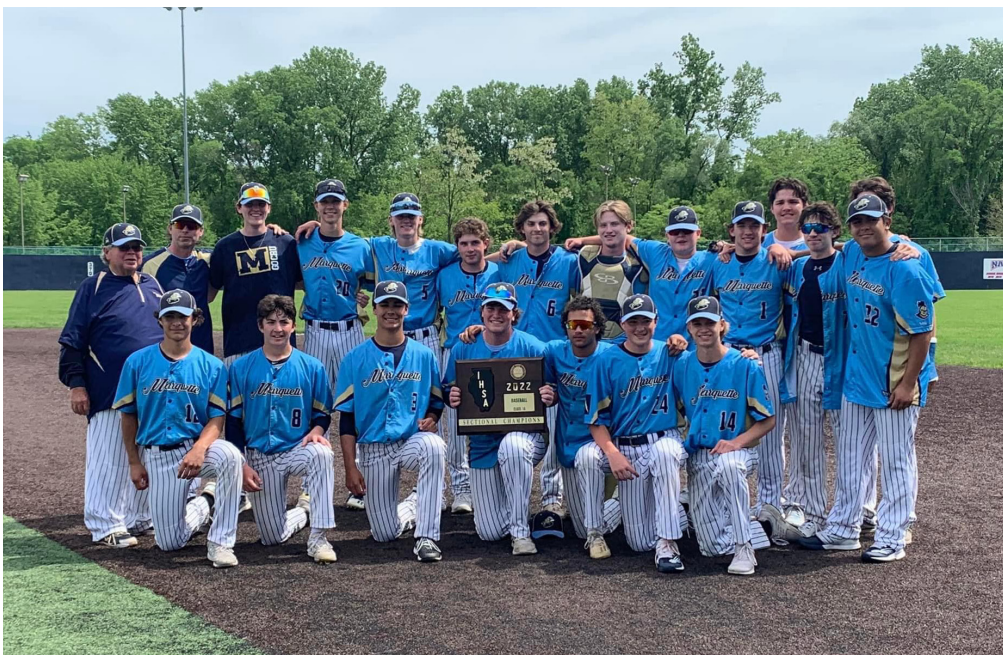
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



We could not be prouder of these 2022 graduates!
This Spring, both graduated from IVCC with Associates degrees.
Kaitlyn Magoonaugh received an Associates in Art - Magna Cum Laude, and Isabel Garkey received and Associates in Art and an Associates in Science - Cum Laude. Congratulations Kaitlyn and Izzy!

Marquette Academy is the only school in the area that offers college degrees through the use of dual credit and dual enrollment courses. Most area schools offer some dual credit, but we are the only school with the Running Start Program. **The future is bright!**

Pictured left to right: Kaitlyn Magoonaugh & Isabel Garkey



The CRU is 3rd in STATE!

Todd Hopkins' Crusader baseball team made its way to the Final Four of the IHSA 1A State Championship again this year. The CRU won the 3rd place title against LeRoy 12-0.



KUDOS

There was an expectation for a season of improvement from Taylor Waldron, and the Marquette ace delivered on his way to being named The Times 2022 Baseball Player of the Year. Taylor is a senior this year at MA. Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Lady Cru Softball player, Kaylee Killelea, for being named to the Tri-County Conference 1st Team, and also Pitcher of the Year! Kaylee is a senior this year at the Academy.



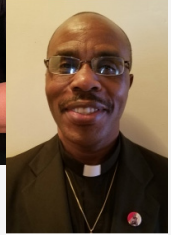
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FOND FAREWELLS, AND WARM WELCOMES!

We have recently undergone some big changes at the Ottawa Catholic Community and Marquette Academy. In June, we said farewell to Father Kipfer and Father Bruno as they were reassigned. Father Kipfer has served our community for 25 years, and Father Bruno has been with us for over 4 years. We will all miss them and wish them well in their new assignments. Both were very supportive of Marquette Academy and its families. Father Kipfer is now at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Metamora, Illinois, and Father Bruno is at Holy Family in Peoria, Illinois.



Fr. Kipfer



Fr. Bruno

Then, on June 15, we welcomed Monsignor Mark Merdian and Father Nicolas Wilson to our Ottawa Catholic Community. Both are very excited to be involved in the Academy!

Monsignor Mark Merdian

Born in Peoria, Nov. 13, 1966. Ordained May 29, 1993. Parochial Vicar, St. Matthew, Champaign, 1993. Adm. asst. to Bishop Myers and vice-chancellor, 1997. . . . Episcopal Vicar for Health Care, 2010. While remaining Episcopal Vicar for Healthcare and Episcopal Vicar for Young Clergy, President, Peoria Notre Dame High School (2012) Pastor St. Pius X, Rock Island, Vicar of Rock Island Vicariate (2014). On June 15 becomes Pastor of

St. Columba, St. Patrick and St. Francis of Assisi, Ottawa (2022). *Read his full Bio at www.cdop.org.*



Msgr. Merdian

Father Nicolas Wilson

Born in Peoria October 13, 1994. Ordained May 29, 2021. Parochial vicar of St. Pius X, Rock Island (2021). On June 15 becomes Parochial vicar at St. Columba, St. Patrick and St. Francis of Assisi, Ottawa (2022).



Fr. Wilson

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