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Celebrating 125 Years
of the
High Schools' Origin.



Cedar Catholic Jr.—Sr. High School

**Let's Celebrate
the 125th Anniversary
of Holy Trinity ~
Cedar Catholic High School
on May 23 & 24, 2026!**



Get ready for a fun weekend celebrating our Catholic high School's 125th year!

Get your golf teams together for an **18- hole golf tournament on Saturday, May 23, 9: a.m. at Hartington Golf Club.**

On **Sunday May 24**, the Cedar Catholic Campus will be open for **tours from 1: to 3: p.m.** at the CCHS building, the Msgr. Werner Activity Center, and the Werner Annex (Wrestling) building.

Share memories with classmates and friends at the newly relocated and renovated **Skylon Ballroom** beginning at **4: p.m.**, a **BBQ Buffet Supper at 5: p.m.** until later, music throughout till midnight. For more information, or to reserve tables for celebrating classes, or to register a team for the golf tournament, call the Cedar Catholic office at 402-254-3906. Updates will be on cedarcatholic.org and Cedar Development Facebook.

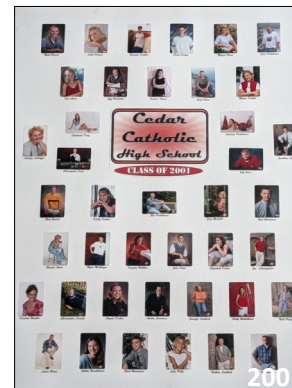
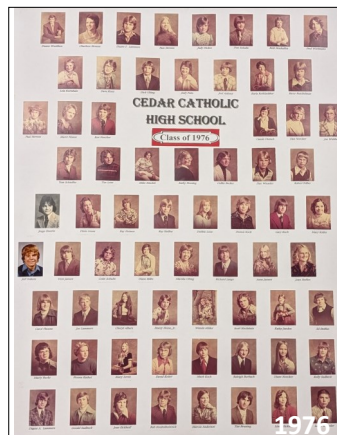
**Enjoy over
1,400 delicious recipes from
alumni and school families
in the
"Classic Creations Volume 2"**

**Advance sale orders are now
available! Reserve your recipe book
by sending \$50 per book to:
Cedar Catholic Jr.— Sr. High School
Classic Creations 2
PO Box 15
Hartington, NE 68739**

(Add \$25/book if shipping is needed.)

**Books will be ready to be
picked up at the May 24
All-School Reunion.**

**After May 24 books can be
purchased at Cedar Catholic or
Cedar Development Offices.
Call Sheila at Cedar, 402-254-3906
for more information..**



**2025
Annual Report**

President's Letter

Cedar Catholic Alumni and Friends,



In 2021, the Archdiocese of Omaha initiated a comprehensive reorganization process known as *The Journey of Faith*. Through this initiative, the Cedar County Catholic Churches were reorganized into two Families of Parishes.

The **Holy Spirit Pastorate** now includes St. Jane Frances de Chantal in Randolph; St. Michael, Coleridge; Holy Trinity, Hartington; St. Peter, Newcastle; St. Mary of the Seven Dolors, Osmond; St. Joseph, Ponca; and St. Paul, Plainview.

Our **Catholic Family of Churches** includes St. Boniface in Menominee;

St. John the Baptist, Fordyce; St. Joseph in Constance; Immaculate Conception, St. Helena; Sacred Heart, Wynot; Sts. Peter & Paul, Bow Valley; St. Andrew,

Bloomfield; St. Ignatius in Brunswick; St. Ludger, Creighton; St. William in Niobrara; and St. Rose of Lima, Crofton.

With these expanded responsibilities across 19 parishes, the demands placed upon the two Pastors and two Associate Pastors serving these communities made it increasingly difficult for them to continue fulfilling the role of President of Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School. In the fall of 2023, I was hired to assist with the transition to a Lay President, the expansion of the School Board, and the adoption of updated Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation—thereby moving the Board from an advisory body to one of limited jurisdiction.

This collaborative work resulted in the development, adoption, and implementation of the 2024–2027 Strategic Plan, the revision of our governing documents, and the formal establishment of the Lay President position. Additionally, the updated Bylaws now provide for the inclusion of the Development Office under the oversight of the Cedar Catholic School Board.

This is a significant and promising time for our reorganized parish communities and for Cedar Catholic. The scope of the Development Office's mission is substantial, and their dedication to ensuring that Catholic education remains both accessible and affordable for all students is deeply appreciated.

As we prepare the Annual Report for our alumni, parents, and friends, I remain profoundly grateful for the generosity, commitment, and steadfast support shown for Catholic education in Cedar County. Over the past two years, Cedar Catholic and the Development Office have embraced these changes and are engaged extensively with parents and supporters to identify the priorities that will guide the future of Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School.

May God continue to bless you, your families, and your loved ones, and may He keep you safe and well throughout the year.

Dr. Dan Hoelsing, President, Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School

Principal's Message



Our school has been blessed with many gifts from God throughout the school year. Our benefactors and supporters have truly been great for our school community.

This year we have been blessed with nineteen faculty members that enrich our students each and every day. The faculty members have been working to keep our strategic plan updated. Each teacher has a vital role in implementing the plans and utilizing them to continue to grow our school both academically and spiritually. We have begun initial work on our school improvement plan. We will have a visit from the Department of Education next school year. All teachers will help find data to update that report. The faculty has also been working this year to improve our Catholicity through a variety of areas. We have had a faculty retreat, a religious retreat with the Sophia Institute, weekly prayer sessions, and visits from our local clergy among other things. Each of these areas has helped us grow as people and as Catholics. We look forward to continuing these areas of growth in the future.

Chad Cattau, Principal, Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School

2025 CCHS Annual Drive—\$147,875.48 (Budget) Honorary Chairmen—Eric & Holly Dicks

Anonymous
Arlene & Todd Anderson
Larry & Anne Arens
Duane & Elaine Arens
Nancy & Jeff Asselin
Gayle & Rhonda Becker
Brandon & Traci Baller
Helene & Ed Bottolfsen
Joan Brice
David & Patricia Bruening
Elaine & Randy Bruening
David Buschelman
Casey & Haley Christensen
Susan & Noel Corson
Gene & Sue Dicks
Marlene & Larry Domina
Susan & Scott Driver
Mark & Carol Eickhoff
Sidney Eickhoff
Charlotte & Don Feilmeier
Beth & Brandon Fiscus
Katelyn & Chad Haiar
Alberta Hall
Allen & Cindy Heimes
Jon & Karin Heine
Steve & Carrie Heine
Gene & Aggie Heine
Scott & Jennifer Heine
Kyle & Erica Hochstein
Joan Hochstein
Kent & Molly Hochstein
Sam & Carrie Hochstein
Kenneth & Carol Hochstein
Gayle & Barbara Hochstein
Gary & Kathy Hoebelheinrich
Duane Hoelsing
Rev. Paul Hoelsing
Cynthia Howey
Delores Kaiser Memorial
Gary Kaiser
Constance Kaiser
Dale Kaiser
Glenn & Rosemary Kathol
Jolene Kathol
Dan & Marsha Kathol
Lee & Linda Kathol
Melvin Kleinschmit
Daryl & Jill Kleinschmit
Alice C. Klug

Rosalie & Roger Koch
Kathy & Robert Kuebel
Lyle & Rhonda Lammers
Karen Lange
Regis & Sherry Leise
Preston & Emily Leise
Andy & Karen Leise
Martha & Michael Masgai
Dean McGregor
Keith McGregor
Bette & Roger Merkel
Don & Carla Noecker
Sarah & Shawn Peed
Peg Peitz
Frederick & Carol Pinkelman
Steve & Violet Pinkelman
Russell & Jeannie Pinkelman
Ben & Stacie Pinkelman
Jim & Joani Potts
Jennifer & Jerry Promes
Dr. James & Mary Reifert
Memorial
Cecilia Rohan
Mary Rohan
Stanley Rupiper
Mary & Ed Sanders
Dennis & Ruth Ann Schulte
Eugene Schwartz
Ronald & Lisa Schwartz
Cindy & Hal Somer
Kelly & Greg Sosso
Paul & Kay Steffen
Kelly & Patty Steffen
Daryl & Diane Sudbeck
James & Debbie Tierney
Sylvan & Leane Thoene
Drake & Josee Turner
Janice Tuttle
Larry and Valerie Walz
Hank & Thelma Wesseln
Michael & Kelly Wesseln
Rodney & Cindy Wiebelhaus
Jeff & Kristi Wieseler
Al & Chrissie Wieseler
Jim & Carla Wintz
Plumbing Electric Tiling
& Irrigation Service
Terry & Janet Wuebben
Debbie Lucht

Cedar School Bd.—\$500
Tuition Scholarship
Dan & Jill Hoelsing
John & Jean Pinkelman

Patrick Hoelsing
Memorial Tuition
Scholarship—\$5,000
Pamela Howell

Tuition Scholarships Class of 1979—\$1,175

Leonarda & Joe Arens
Gary & Amy Dicks
Kent & Kim Hoelsing
Rosanne & Dan Koch
Debra and Mike Korth
Ann & David Lund
Dave Marron In Memory of
Kathy (Noecker) Marron
Mary Beth & Duane Miner
Don & Carla Noecker
Sidney & Teresa Sudbeck
Jolene & Neal Suess
Mike & Jackie Wortmann
John Wieseler

Marlan Rolfes Memorial Tuition Scholarships—\$1,160

Ralph & Mary Davini
Nick & Lynn Wilhelm
Chris & Jacqueline Wallman
Joan Vance
Martin & Deborah Sudbeck
Dan & Brenda Steiner
Joellen & Brad Sorenson
Susan Smith
Krista Sisco
Marlan Rolfes Memorial

Development Blue
Ribbon Committee
—\$78,000
(Budget Assistance)
78 Member-

2025 President's Appeal— \$65,800.46 CCHS President Dr. Hoelsing

Anonymous
Joan & James Andrew
Brandon & Traci Baller
Darin & Angie Becker
Jane Becker
Joan Brice
David & Patricia Bruening
Don & Millie Buschelman
Memorial By David Buschelman
Susan & Noel Corson
Gene & Sue Dicks
Marlene & Larry Domina
Mark & Carol Eickhoff
Sidney Eickhoff
Charlotte & Don Feilmeier
Beth & Brandon Fiscus
Katelyn & Chad Haiar
Alberta Hall
George Hays
Rev. Jeremy Hays
Hartington Feed & Chick:
Mark, Stan, Zach Becker
Allen & Cindy Heimes
Diane & Ronald Hochstein
Frank & Andrea Hochstein
Karen Hochstein
Kenneth & Carol
Hochstein
Kent & Molly Hochstein
Kyle & Erica Hochstein
Gary & Kathy Hoebelheinrich
Duane Hoelsing
Gary & Kate Hoelsing
Joann Hoffart
Dennis Huss
Cynthia & Gene Jones
Dolores Kaiser Memorial
Jolene Kathol
Daryl & Jill Kleinschmit
Melvin Kleinschmit
Alice C. Klug
Steve & Kathy Kneifl
Rosalie & Roger Koch
Debra and Mike Korth
Michael & Laurie Lammers
Karen Lange
Preston & Emily Leise
Jeff & Julie Lentz
Debbie Lucht
Annette & Jim Mahoney
Sarah & Shawn Peed

Jim & Joani Potts
Ben & Stacie Pinkelman
Cecilia Rohan
Mary Rohan
Stanley Rupiper
Mary & Ed Sanders
Henry & Ann Schaefer
Dana Schmidt
Carole & Lyle Schulte
Gene Schwartz
Eugene Schwartz
Nancy Smith
Cindy & Hal Somer
Cliff Steffen
Daryl & Diane Sudbeck
Deborah & Jim Tierney
Al & Chrissie Wieseler
Ronald & Danette Wortmann
Patty & Kevin Zavadil

Christmas & Year-end
Gifts—\$6,775 Budget
Gayle & Rhonda Becker
Gene & Sue Dicks
Marlene & Larry Domina
Mary Jean & Wayne
Elliot

Jolene & Robert
Fleissner
Audrey & John Freeman
Gene & Aggie Heine
Frank & Andrea
Hochstein
Joan Hochstein
Sam & Carrie Hochstein
Cynthia Howey
Patrick Kavanaugh
Daryl & Jill Kleinschmit
Michael & Mary Ann Litz
Jeannie & Stan Lucke
Annette & Jim Mahoney
Jim & Joani Potts
Stanley Rupiper
Cindy & Hal Somer
Kelly & Greg Sosso
Marcel & Deb Sudbeck
Patty & Kevin Zavadil

Annual Report Costs—
\$5,000
Anonymous

Special Projects—Choir
Trip & Girls Basketball
Fund Raisers—\$5,530
Multiple Donors

Class of 1975
Tuition
Scholarship—\$450

CCHS Endowment Gifts—\$63,400

James E. Pick—Aviation, Auto, & Agriculture
Memorial Endowed Scholarship-Anonymous
Memory of Donna Belenchia CCHS Class of 1968
Memory of Sandra Bohlken
Gayle & Barbara Hochstein
Joan Hochstein
Jim & Joani Potts
Roger & Bette Merkel
Rod & Cindy Wiebehaus
Memory of Michael Noecker Class of 1968
Memory of Marcel Sudbeck
Rod & Cindy Wiebehaus

Lee Lammers Memorials
Lois Lammers & Family
Roger & Bette Merkel
Rod & Cindy Wiebehaus
Leo & Clara Kathol Endowed
Funds—Robert Kathol
Ed Meyer Memorial
Roger & Bette Merkel
Edward Pinkelman Memorial
Mike & Debra Korth
Plumbing Electric Land Tiling & Irrigation Service

CCHS Technology Gift—\$25,000 Anonymous

Robotics Club Gift—\$23,804.02
David Fickel & the Late Marilyn Sudbeck

Tuition Credit Gifts Program—\$39,000
Anonymous Donors

2025 Catholic Schools Gala—\$393,374.50
Multiple Donors

Gala Auction Gifts Values: \$267,393

Faculty & Staff Christmas Gifts—\$10,000
Pamela Howell

2025 Ford 150 Lariat Truck Gift—\$73,545
Anonymous Donors

Truck Raffle Ticket Sales—\$166,900.
1,669 Ticket Buyers

Cedar Catholic Contingency Gifts—\$116,690
Margaret & Leonard Korth Memorial
Dorothy & Norbert Whittle

Holy Trinity Gym Fund—\$11,000
Anonymous
Tim Haley

CCHS 300 Club - \$10,000

Multiple Donors
Msgr. Center HVAC Unit Replacement—\$21,000
Eric & Katelyn Becker
Gayle & Rhonda Becker
Pamela Howell
Jim & Carla Wintz

2025 Christmas Online Auction—\$10,930 (Budget Assistance)
Multiple Donors/Buyers

Tuition Assistance—\$9,837
Anonymous
Rich & Sue Bruening
Dan & Marsha Kathol
Evelyn Lange
Alice C. Klug
Henry & Thelma Wesseln

Children's Scholarship Fund—\$2,150

Catholic Daughters of America #457
Gene & Aggie Heine
Sam & Carrie Hochstein
Duane Hoising
Jolene Kathol
Lyle & Rhonda Lammers
Dean McGregor
Paul & Kay Steffen
Charles & Jan Sudbeck
Rodney & Cindy Wiebehaus
Ronald & Danette

Dick Kuehn Memorial Bus Fund—\$84,600

Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Bill Kuehn
Cale & Nicole Haberer
Casey & Haley Christensen
Cedar Catholic
Chuck & Linda Steffen
Cliff Steffen
Dan & Jill Hoising
Dan & Marsha Kathol
Don & Karen Hoising
Eric & Holly Dicks
Gary & Lisa Kruse
Gary & Marilyn Kleinschmit
Gene & Sue Dicks
Glenn & Rosemary Kathol
Holy Trinity
Jane Kuehn
Jay & Miranda Bernecker
Jeff & Julie Lentz
Jesse & Gina Hochstein

Coach Bus Repairs—\$13,400

Anonymous
Eric & Katelyn Becker
Gayle & Rhonda Becker

Jim & Carla Wintz
Jim McGregor
Jimmy & Sheri Christensen
Joan Steffen
Joe & Amanda Potts
John & Jean Pinkelman
John & Sheila Lange
Justin & Raina Hoebelheinrich
Keith & Bette Becker
Kevin & Jackie Kathol
Kyle & Erica Hochstein
Nick & Leigh Haselhorst
Pat Kuehn
Paul & Kay Steffen
Mark & Denise Kuehn
Rick & Stacy Kuehn
Roman & Nancee Sudbeck
Sam & Carrie Hochstein
Stan & Julie Becker
Terry & Darla Frank
Tim & Fay Burbach
Tom & Wanda Schieffer

Casey & Haley Christensen
Paul & Kay Steffen
Thomas & Colleen Vlach

Memorial Scholarship Gifts—\$11,320

Ella Noecker

Debra and Mike Korth
Jacqueline Kahler
Dave Marron
Bob & Delores Lammers
Mike & Debra Korth
Fr. Beran School
Mike & Debra Korth
Kory Kaiser
Dale Kaiser
Judy Gade
Sheila Zimmerman
Dale Kaiser
Judy Gade
Mary Arens
Jeff Arens
Eric & Brian McTaggart

Kyle & Leah Ahlers
Terry & Mary Albrecht
Bryan Arens
Margarete Armstrong
Dale & Kathleen Baker
Brandon & Traci Baller
Eric & Miranda Becker
Mark Becker
Gregory & Kellie Brink
Casey Christensen
Christopher & Sheryl

Robert & Rita Christian
Connie Christensen
Allison Curry
Annie Duncan
Patrick Feilmeier
Terry & Darla Frank

Chris & Sheryl Connolly
James & Marci Dooley
Suzanne Dorcy
Dean Griepentrog
Sally Habrock
Heidi Hassler
Michael & Connie Hassler
Alton Heimes
Steve Heine
Corey Hochstein
Gayle Hochstein
Reggie Hochstein
Don Hoising
James & Rita Howe
Cynthia Howey
Caleb Kalin, Sharon Kalin
Rosalie Koch
Debra Korth
Elaine Larson
Ron & Carmen Lauer
Karen Lemunyan
Jason & Molly Masat
Scott McGregor
Bill McTaggart
John McTaggart
Steve & Traci McTaggart
Susan McTaggart

Tim McTaggart
Bette Merkel
Glendon & Lorie Meyer
Ted Miller
Paul & Ann Morrison
Donald Mueller
James & Glenda Mueller
Justin & Brenda Mueller
Don & Carla Noecker
Michael Norder
Nila Norder
Karen Oetken
Paul Ridder Feed Lots
Michele & Eric Phillips
Robert & Betty Rager
Richard Rutar
Douglas & Carla Schmidt
Tom, Joyce Schoenfelder
Gary & Kaye Sorensen
Brad Stapleman
Onya Stein
Daniel & Michelle Story
Roman, Nancee Sudbeck
Kristine Buchholz
James, Marlene Wagner
Bridget Whitmire
Roger Wortmann

2025 Truck Winners

Lisa Schmit, McLean NE was the winner of this year's Ford F150 Lariat Truck, pictured with her husband Joe.



Thank you so much to the donors of the truck for this tremendous gift. Thank you to all who bought tickets and the Truck Raffle Committee.

Development Director's Message

Dear Alumni, Catholic Families & Friends,

This annual report is an opportunity to observe Cedar Catholic's annual accomplishments. It's a glimpse of student life, leadership, and benefactors' generosity; all are essential for Cedar's advancement.

A way to express sincere thanks to benefactors and supporters is by properly and purposefully managing your investment in a strong faith-based school with educational excellence.

The Development program shares the school's financial responsibility while embodying the faith as articulated in the school's strategic plan. Serving our Catholic system as Development Director for 31 years has been a calling to be instrumental in God's plan to provide for our Catholic schools. From the peaks of progress to the channels of challenge, God has guided and blessed Development efforts to keep our Catholic schools affordable and vibrant. All accomplishments would not be possible except for the prayers and generosity of many to whom I am tremendously honored to thank. Working beside many wonderful people is as exhilarating as being consumed in the mission.

With deep appreciation, I will retire from my current position as Development Director, effective at the end of the fiscal year in June. I am confident there are many great possibilities for the next phase of progress for our Catholic schools.

It is time for the next step in the Development program and for me. I look forward to more home and family time. I also thank my husband and family for their support of my job.

The search process for my successor has begun, to whom I extend best wishes and God's blessings. I have appreciated the mutual trust and friendship with benefactors, volunteers, businesses, and friends. I've been privileged and blessed with all ages; kind and fun to work together, and truly reflect Christ's love. My prayers for all and our Catholic system.

With Much Gratitude, Joani Potts, Cedar Development Director

Cedar Catholic Faculty & Staff



Cedar Catholic Teachers—back row: Vergil Nelson, Joanne Hamilton, Renae Mainquist, Rob Bengston, Chad Cattau, Baily Koch, Shanna Dendinger, James Kaiser. Front row: Lori Christensen, Erin Pfeifer, Audrey Freeman, Brellynn Wurdinger, Grace Pinkelman, Shelley Larson, Nicolas Paltz, Heather Showen. Not pictured—Office Staff: Sheila Jueden, Cassie Gubbels.

Attend the 31st Annual Gala ~ Online or In-Person

"Gala2026—A Night in Havana" on March 21 will be a fun night with stunning decorations as extra fun.

The Grand Oral—Online Auction will begin at 6:15 p.m. after dinner. In person Silent Auction closings will be throughout. If you can't attend, view the auction on creamerbid.com for great items to bid on. Thank you to Creamer Auction Co. for their gift of services every year.

The Gala provides budget funds for Cedar County Catholic Schools.

Cedar Catholic Corporation Priests

Rev. Kevin Vogel Holy Trinity & St. Michael Pastor (Holy Spirit Catholic Parishes); Rev. Will Targe, Holy Spirit Parishes Assistant Pastor; Rev. Marcus Knecht, All Saints & Holy Family Pastor (Our Catholic Family Parishes); Rev. Elliot Schwer, Our Catholic Family Assistant Pastor.

Cedar Catholic School Board Members

President; Daryl Kleinschmit, Vice President; Jesse Hochstein; Secretary; Mike Reifenrath, John Pinkelman, Eric Dicks, Wendy Stevens, Tom Kuchta, Missy Bowers, and Beth Fiscus.

2024-25 Cedar Catholic Budget Summary

Cedar Catholic Income Sources:

Parish Subsidies	\$514,111.54
Tuition	\$583,025.00
Catholic Development	\$400,000.00
Endowment Earnings	\$146,988.84
Other	\$203,431.39
	\$1,847,556.77

Cedar Catholic Expenses:

Payroll, Employee Benefits, Taxes, Academic & Other Supplies, Transportation, Utilities & Miscellaneous Expenses	
	\$1,847,556.77

Cedar's budget is from three main revenue sources: parish subsidies, tuition, and Cedar Development and endowments.

CCHS Student Life ~ Discipleship, Academics, Activities

The Living the Faith program is an opportunity for students to help others by giving school, parish, community, family, and friends service hours per semester.

Student Laptops and other technology updates are made annually at Cedar.



CCHS Student EMHS



CCHS Band



Chorus Sings at Mass with Archbishop McGovern.



First Friday Procession



2025 Volleyball Team



Fall 2025 National Honor Society



Cedar Dance Team



2025 Girls Basketball Team



Spring 2025 State Speech Team



Cedar Catholic Wrestling Team



Fall 2025 Girls Golf



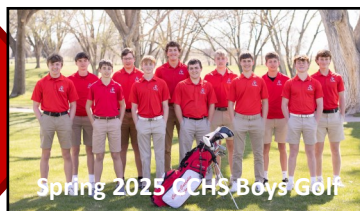
Spring 2025 Boys Track



Boys Basketball



Fall 2025 One Act Play
"The Great Easter Egg Hunt"



Spring 2025 CCCHS Boys Golf



Fall 2025 Academic Awards



Wildcat-Trojan Cross County Team



Boys Football



Spring 2025 Girls Track

Religious Retreats are held for each class at off-campus sites.

Teachers access student's Star reading test scores to set new goals.