

# THE CRUSADER

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Meet Holy Name Catholic School Administrator Jeffery Sierpien



**Jeffery Sierpien, Holy Name Catholic School Administrator, is pictured with his wife and sons. Pictured (from left to right) is: Hunter, Rachel, Jeffery, Colton and Mason. Hunter is a current HNCS student. Colton and Mason are both former HNCS students.**

As the school's administrator, Sierpien sees this role as "an opportunity to serve the Church, our students and the local community." Along with focusing on spearheading the search for a new full-time principal, he will oversee faculty and staff at Holy Name, make policy decisions, and assist in strategic planning. He will also spend time building relationships with the teachers, staff, students, families and the many supporters who have all helped Holy Name thrive.

"I am enjoying working with the staff and helping build the next chapter of Holy Name. We are doing this by responsibly allocating our resources to those specific priorities identified by our school council and the supporting parish priests. We are aiming to ensure that Holy Name continues to be a proud beacon of quality Catholic education in the Central U.P."

Sierpien's career started in the United States Marine Corps where he eventually rose to the rank of Major before his retirement in 2017. His last duty station was serving as Commanding Officer for the Detroit Military Entrance

ESCANABA—Holy Name Catholic School is pleased to welcome Mr. Jeffery Sierpien of Escanaba as administrator of the school. He began his position on June 30.

Former HNCS Principal Joseph Carlson has assumed the role of principal at St. Francis High School in Traverse City.

Sierpien has had a distinguished career in United States Marine Corps and the private sector, bringing a wealth of managerial and executive experience to the role. He feels that serving the school is a calling for him in assuring that area families will be able to provide their children with an exceptional Catholic education.

"Holy Name Catholic School is a tremendous asset to our local community," Sierpien said. "It is clearly evident that this school has positively impacted generations of local families. We all must do everything we can to see that this school succeeds into the future."

Processing Station located in Troy, MI. He also served in billets within Special Operations Command, Headquarters Marine Corps and multiple others.

Sierpien deployed a total of seven times during his military career, including to Iraq, Afghanistan, Japan and Europe.

From Nov 2018 to Nov 2019, Sierpien served as the Delta County Airport Manager, a position he left in 2019 to dedicate more time to his family and to pursue an entrepreneurial opportunity.

Sierpien holds two master's degrees—an MBA from Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey Bay, CA, and a Master's in Human Resources Management from Webster University in St. Louis, MO. He also holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Wayne State University in Detroit, and an associate's degree in Law Enforcement from Macomb Community College in Warren, MI.

Holy Name's Pastoral Delegate, Father Rick Courier, pastor of St. Thomas Church in Escanaba and St. Anthony's Church in Wells, says he looks forward to working with Sierpien in helping move Holy Name School forward.

"We are excited to welcome Jeff Sierpien as Holy Name's administrator," Father Courier said. "Jeff brings to this position an impressive resumé, a great deal of executive experience, and a new perspective to Holy Name. His passion for the school will make him an asset through this transition to a new principal. His exceptional communication skills and leadership abilities will be crucial in empowering staff members and connecting them with students and their families."

Sierpien lives in Escanaba with his wife Rachel and their three sons. All three boys have attended or still are attending Holy Name. He said that he is eager to share his experiences and devote his time to benefit Holy Name. He encourages others in the community to join him, Holy Name staff and stakeholders in securing the school's next chapter of excellence.

*Holy Name Catholic School, located at 409 So. 22nd Street, Escanaba, is currently accepting new students for the 2023-2024 school year. For more information, call (906) 786-7550 or search "Holy Name Catholic School Escanaba" on Facebook or visit [holynamecrusaders.com](http://holynamecrusaders.com)*

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## Holy Name Graduate Danica Stanciu volunteers in war-torn Ukraine

by Victoria LaFave



**Danica and young friend Maksim in front of a common billboard in Kropyvnytski, Ukraine.**

Most people's summer travel centers around sightseeing, beach-going, or a number of other leisurely pursuits. Holy Name Graduate Danica (Kobasic) Stanciu's trip this past summer to Ukraine was no vacation.

Danica, HNCS '90, says it was her experience working with Ukrainian refugees in Romania during the summer of 2022 that motivated her to travel to Ukraine to volunteer in the war-torn nation. A mother of two college-aged children, Danica found it difficult to leave them and the safety of her home in Washington, D.C., but felt drawn to help the Ukrainian people in some way.

Danica volunteered with a number of organizations during her six weeks in Ukraine, doing everything from hauling rubble from destroyed homes to donating blood. She also provided pro bono consulting to Save Ukraine, which regularly organizes rescue missions to Russia, returning Ukrainian children who have been abducted from Russian-occupied territories.

### Arriving in Ukraine

Because the air space over Ukraine is closed to commercial air traffic, Danica's journey included a 20-hour train ride from Warsaw, Poland to reach Kyiv. After settling into her new surroundings, she started volunteering nearly

daily with a grassroots organization called the Cats of Pechersk. (Pechersk is a neighborhood in Kyiv.) This group of Ukrainian civilian volunteers weaves camouflage coats for snipers and large nets to cover weapons and trenches for the Ukrainian Army. The camouflage coats are worn to keep snipers hidden from drones on the frontlines.

Danica found the work fulfilling. “I really enjoy coming to the workshop,” she said. “The work is very satisfying in the way I imagine knitting or crocheting to be. Because my Ukrainian language skills are still basic, I only catch words and the general gist of the conversations around me. There is always laughter and the energy is focused and positive. The group is welcoming and congenial, and I’m thanked every day, not only for my efforts with the nets, but for simply being present, for reminding folks that the world hasn’t forgotten Ukraine.”

Danica shared a story about the volunteers she worked with: One afternoon, Tanya, the woman who managed the Cats of Pechersk—who also spoke English—admitted to Danica that many people are psychologically exhausted from the war, and she worries about friends who’ve chosen to isolate themselves. “With the support of her husband, Tanya has devoted herself to volunteering full-time,” Danica said, “but she’s unsure how long they can live with just one income. In Tanya’s brave words, ‘we don’t know when the war will end, but we *Cats* will work as long as we can.’” The Cats of Pechersk operates seven days a week, and every single time a net or coat is completed, the group pauses to clap. Children’s drawings and notes of encouragement and gratitude are placed carefully inside the coat or net before it is rolled up, wrapped, and sent to the Army.

In addition to weaving nets and coats, the Cats of Pechersk also collect items for the vulnerable on the frontlines, which a few courageous volunteers would deliver every couple of weeks. Danica used social media to fundraise a week-long campaign to fill the donation boxes during her last days in Kyiv.

### Living in a war zone

“Kyiv is a beautiful city with bustling cafés that can feel far from the frontline war zones in the East and South,” Danica said. “But drone and missiles attacks are an almost nightly experience.”

She came to anticipate being jolted awake by the wail of the air raid siren.

Danica described one such incident in July, illustrating the reality of life in a war zone, even hundreds of miles from the front:

On July 13, Kyiv experienced a massive nighttime drone attack. “It was the first time I heard the air defenses at work; the noise is concussive and thundering—I swear my teeth rattled. It was scary and intense, and I moved to shelter. When I went to the coffee shop next door for my daily brew the next morning, the staff appeared completely unfazed. Ukrainians are resilient and just...tough. The prevailing attitude is very much to keep calm and carry on and do



**Danica Stanciu '90, (bottom row, third from right) with the volunteer group Brave to Rebuild on the outskirts of Kyiv.**



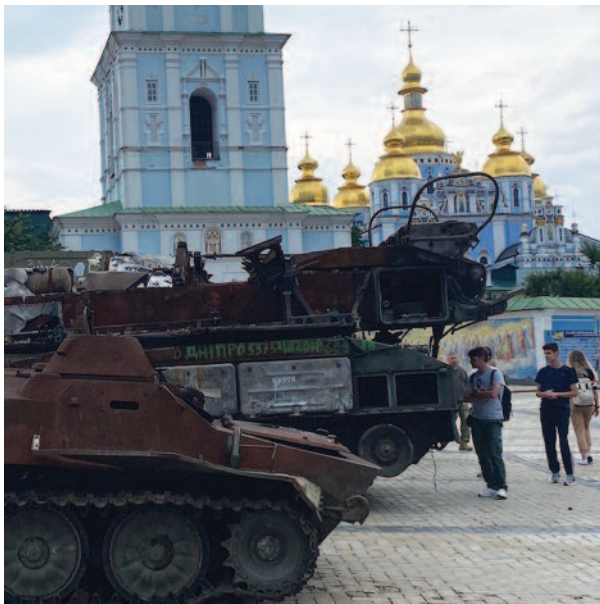
**Danica wearing a just-completed summer sniper coat. She volunteered to help make the coats for Ukrainian snipers.**



**Danica with Mykola Kuleba, CEO and co-founder (left) and Dmytro Filipenko, project manager, Save Ukraine.**



**Danica snapped this photo of Hotel Ukraine, now rubble, while visiting friends in Chernihiv.**



**Destroyed Russian tanks on display in front of St. Michael's Golden-Domed Monastery, Kyiv.**

not let the Russians stop you from living life.”

These drone and missile attacks happen during the day too, she said.

“Once I was grocery shopping when the air raid alert went off.,” she recalled. “This particular store happens to be underground and a natural safe haven for nearby pedestrians. The store quickly filled with people congregating down below and at the street-level entrance. Folks carried on conversations or played Sudoku on their phones, casually and calmly passing time until the air raid alert stopped.”

Over 500 days into the full-scale invasion, it is rare that a missile or drone makes it through Kyiv’s now-robust air defenses; the danger comes from the debris that falls from their destruction.

“Two weeks before I arrived in Kyiv, two women and a nine-year-old child were killed from falling Russian missile debris when they were outside, trying to get into a locked shelter. (The incident prompted public outrage, the arrest of the night guard responsible for the shelter, and the detention of several others.)

### **Finding it hard to leave**

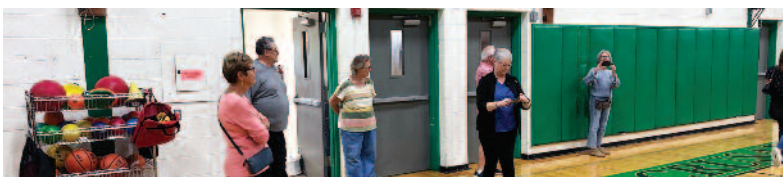
After volunteering for six weeks, Danica described her feelings as she readied herself to leave Ukraine on August 1: “I felt so many mixed emotions on the eve of my departure. I couldn’t wait to see the kids, whom I desperately missed, and sleep in my own bed. At the same time, I felt like I was just getting into a groove in Kyiv and just started to feel really productive. I loved making a direct and positive impact and I wept when I left.

“Though I came here to give, I received so much in warmth, hospitality and gratitude. I return home with so many experiences that will never leave me. I’m not really sure what’s next, but I trust that God will provide the answer, as long as I stay open to it.”

*Danica has returned to Ukraine to continue her volunteer work.*

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## **Class of 1973 Class Reunion**



What would have been the class of 1973 enjoyed a tour of their beloved Holy Name High School when they celebrated their 50th class reunion. Pictured below are photos of classmates during the tour and 181 classmates celebrating at the Island Resort & Casino.

PLEASE NOTE- Feel free to reach out to Michelle Bink if any alumni would like tours of the elementary and high school. We LOVE our alumni!



# Holy Name Class of 2019 visited former elementary school

The 21 members of Holy Name Catholic School's Class of 2019, who graduated from area high schools this past spring, visited Holy Name in May and attended a special Mass celebrated by Father Timothy Ferguson, pastor of St. Joseph and St. Patrick's Church, with Deacon Bob Berbohm assisting.

After Mass, Holy Name Alumni/Development Director Michelle Bink gifted students—on behalf of Holy Name School—personalized San Damiano crucifixes, saying, "Take this cross with you wherever you go, as a reminder of how much Holy Name Catholic School loves their alumni."

Students then played the current HNCS eighth grade class of 2023 in games of volleyball, basketball and a rousing game of dodgeball. The students were then treated to a lunch of one of their favorites, nachos with all the fixings, and special gourmet decorated cookies.

Most of the students have gone on to attend college. Three of the students are also playing collegiate-level sports. Mari Bink is attending Saginaw Valley State University and playing basketball; Carney Salo is attending Northwood University and playing softball; and Katelyn Stalboerger is attending North Dakota State College of Science and playing volleyball.

Four of the Holy Name graduates were in the Academic Top 10 at Escanaba High School: Nick Hamlin, Grace Sviland, Carney Salo and Cierra Scott.



Holy Name Catholic School's Class of 2019 is pictured during their visit on "Senior Day" at Holy Name, held on May 4, 2023. Front row, left to right: Emma Hughes, Veronica Spreitzer, Cierra Scott, Austyn Englund, Mari Bink, Katelyn Stalboerger, Grace Sviland, Olivia LeMire, Christina Kane, Carney Salo, Grace Livingston, and Lily Derkos. Back row, left to right: Lukas Weaver, Nick Hamlin, Julian Cashen, Matthew Dykema, Jacob Polishak, Cody Nelson, Dawson Williams, Evan St. Peter, and Tyler Smith.



# Holy Name Catholic School celebrated Class of 2023 with Mass and graduation ceremony

Holy Name Catholic School celebrated the eighth grade Class of 2023 on May 31 with a special Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church celebrated by Father Rick Courier. Following Mass, a graduation ceremony was held in the Holy Name Gymnasium. At the ceremony, Class Representative Joshua Gartland gave the commencement address, sharing memories with his fellow classmates, and thanking family members and friends. "I am confident that we will be successful because of the strong foundation that Holy Name has provided us," he said.

HNCS Alumni/Development Director Michelle Bink then presented all of the graduates with handmade, blessed rosaries as graduation gifts. "Know we are praying for you, and please pray for us," she told them. The class of 2023 chose the following as their class Bible verse: "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal."—Isaiah 26:3-4.

Father Timothy Ferguson, pastor of St. Joseph & St. Patrick's Parish in Escanaba, gave the final blessing at the end of the graduation.

The Crusader Athletic Award went to Jacob Prey and Camryn McInerney. The Crusader Christian Citizenship Award went to John Carlson and Abrielle Chouinard. The top five academic students were William Derkos, Abrielle Chouinard, Eden Dumas, Phineas Burrows and Brooklyn Beauchamp.

*Holy Name Catholic School and Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy are currently offering open registration to students for the 2023-2024 school year. Please call the school office at (906) 786-7550 for more information.*



Holy Name Catholic School held its 8th Grade Graduation on Wednesday, May 31 in the HNCS Gymnasium. The Class of 2023 Graduates are: Top row (left to right): Abrielle Chouinard, Brooklyn Beauchamp, Chloe Anderson, Anna Lemerand, Cecilia Glish, Dahlia Hartman, Eden Dumas, Camryn McInerney, and Aaliyah Ness. Front row (from left to right): William Derkos, Braden Cooper, John Carlson, Phineas Burrows, Benjamin Klenow, Cody Hannula, Joshua Gartland, Landon Naser, Hayven Sandoval Nolde, Cole Pangborn, Dustin Skerbeck, Jacob Prey, and Carter McDonough. Not pictured is Lola Tilot-Buchmiller.

## Did you know?

The actual cost to educate an elementary student for the 2023/24 school year is **\$11,815**

Rate for Catholic families is **\$3,495**

Rate for Non-Catholic families is **\$6,885**

The actual cost to educate a high school student for the 2023/24 school year is **\$18,213**

Rate for Catholic families is **\$4,235**

Rate for Non-Catholic families is **\$5,400**

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February 13, 2024 & March 12, 2024 @ 1 pm est

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April 13, 2024 @ 8 pm est (Spring Fling)

**1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5,000**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> places: \$1,000 each**

**Additional tickets available online at**  
<https://www.holynamercrusaders.com/donations/>  
**and at the School Office**

# Nationally-known speaker Dr. Ray Guarendi spoke on parenting at Holy Name



Dr. Ray Guarendi, clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host, recently spoke to parents and community members at Holy Name Catholic School in a presentation entitled, “You’re A Better Parent Than You Think.” Dr. Ray also spoke to Holy Name teachers and staff in a separate presentation.

Dr. Ray, who is a father of ten adopted children, spoke about his experiences as a parent, advising: “You discipline children because you love them and because you want to establish morals in your children. Discipline without love may be harsh but love without discipline—that’s child abuse.” He stressed the importance of always disciplining with warmth and calmness, pointing out that a child who has not been disciplined by his or her parents will eventually be taught lessons by other authority figures, even law enforcement.

He also told humorous stories and gave practical advice on proven, smart parenting techniques, offering, “Taking away privileges for misbehaving children is not cruel. The key is to follow through with promises, and not to make empty threats when disciplining children.”

After his presentation, Dr. Ray answered questions from audience members about issues with parenting young children and also adult children. After offering solutions to parents, he said, smiling, “One of the easiest parts of my job is giving my clients ideas [on disciplining their children]; the hardest part is giving them the will to do it.”

In answering an attendee’s question about handling problems with her adult children, he offered, “We should never tie our peace and happiness to our adult children’s choices. Jesus himself couldn’t manage people to behave perfectly, so we can’t expect to either.”



**Dr. Ray Guarendi spoke to parents and community members in August in a presentation entitled, “You’re A Better Parent Than You Think.” Dr. Ray also spoke to teachers and Holy Name staff earlier that day about teaching techniques.**

His radio show, “The Dr. Is In,” can be heard on 500 stations and Sirius XM channel 130. His TV show, “Living Right With Dr. Ray”—in its 6th season—can be seen on EWTN Global Catholic Network and is aired in 140 countries.

He has given over 3,000 talks around the country on topics including smart parenting, happier marriages, successful families, and a variety of motivational themes, for both personal and professional application.

*To learn more about Dr. Ray Guarendi or to purchase any of his parenting or marriage books, visit [drray.com](http://drray.com). For more information on registering your child at Holy Name Catholic School or Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy, please call the school office at (906) 786-7550, or visit [holynamecrusaders.com](http://holynamecrusaders.com).*

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## Help Us Stay Current

If you are on the move, changed your name, or updated your relationship status, we would love to hear from you.

Help us save costs and stay current by emailing updates to

**Michelle Bink, Alumni/Development Director at [alumni@holynamecrusaders.com](mailto:alumni@holynamecrusaders.com)**



# Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy offers new two-year carpentry course, looks forward to first graduates in over 50 years



**Mark Surrell**

*Headmaster*

*Holy Name High School—  
A Chesterton Academy*

The community has been incredibly supportive of Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy, and we are so grateful for the generosity shown by our alumni and supporters.

This school year, we have a total of 25 students enrolled—a 108% increase compared to our original enrollment just two years ago!

## **HNHS—A Chesterton Academy offering a new carpentry practicum**

One of the classes being offered this school year is brand new—a two-year carpentry practicum being taught by Mr. Darren Bray, though a shared time agreement with Bark River-Harris School District. We have received huge support from the community for this hands-on class, including a large donation of tools and supplies from the estate of Tom and Mary Martin, for which we are so appreciative.

We are also exceedingly grateful to several local talented woodworkers, including Mr. Brent Chailer and Mr. Dan Swanson, who have been extremely generous in volunteering their time and carpentry expertise so that our students can safely learn proper woodworking techniques. These community members have all been integral in getting the carpentry class up and running.

This is an exciting course for many reasons. Firstly, because it fits in well with our community, which has a long tradition of vocations and skilled trades. Secondly, because it fits in well with our school's mission: to help students develop the skills and character requisite for success. Thirdly, because it fits in well with the call of our faith: to love God through His creations, and to use our skills in the service of others.

Students in this course will learn about the practice of carpentry and develop the necessary skills to remain safe in a workshop environment. They will create beautiful pieces of craftsmanship that will not only be aesthetically pleasing to the eye, but also meet a practical need. For instance, students in the second semester will draft and create a foldable bookshelf on which they can store their books from their time at HNHS—Chesterton.

Our students receive such a rich experience in this class. This course is very Chestertonian, in that once our students learn the craftsmanship behind the artifacts around them, they will be able to appreciate their surroundings much more, and respect the skilled human work that went into it.

## **Graduation plans underway**

Looking to the future, we have six seniors who are preparing to graduate this spring—the first graduating class since 1971, and the first-ever senior class at Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy!

Speaking of graduation, plans are well underway for our graduation Mass and ceremony, which will start with a Mass at 9:10 a.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at Holy Name Catholic School (Elementary school building) in the



Charlie Cretens Gymnasium. This Mass will be celebrated with the 12th grade and 8th grade graduates, along with our entire student body and Holy Name staff.

Also on Thursday, immediately following Mass, at approximately 10:30 a.m., we will have an awards ceremony for our 8th *and* 12th grade graduates, also in the Holy Name Gymnasium.

On Friday evening, May 31, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., we will have our 12th grade graduation ceremony for our six HNHS graduates and their families at St. Anne Catholic Parish with a reception to follow in the St. Anne’s Parish Hall. Tours of HNHS – A Chesterton Academy will be available after the reception, so that our alumni and supporters can see the beautiful school building.

At this monumental graduation ceremony, we will award our HNHS alumni from the classes that would have graduated from the original HNHS in 1972, 1973 and 1974 with honorary diplomas.

Given the school’s motto, “*Cultura Vitae*,” (in Latin, “Culture of Life”), we at Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy, will continue to provide rich cultural and spiritual experiences for our students as they explore the good, the true and the beautiful of our Catholic faith.

If you would like to schedule a tour of Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy, located at 2203 7th Ave. South, Escanaba, or for more information, please call the school office at (906)786-7550.

## Common misconceptions of Chesterton—revisited

In a previous newsletter column, I discussed some of the common misconceptions about Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy: that the schoolwork is extremely difficult and tedious, and that there is an excessive amount of homework. The new carpentry course debunks this myth. While some of the material can be challenging, the focus is not on making the academics or the practical skills difficult; rather, the school’s environment is fulfilling, and above all, joyful, with an emphasis on in-depth explanation, discussion, and academic

exploration during school hours and less work after school.

At Holy Name High School, we don’t assign a lot of homework because we want our students to live their lives abundantly and have meaningful experiences outside of schoolwork. Specifically, we want our students to have dinner with their families after school, for instance, and enjoy their leisure time while being able to get involved in extracurricular activities.

## Cross-Country Crusaders



Holy Name High School's Michael Rexford recorded a Top Ten finish at the Gladstone Cross Country race on October 3, 2023. Rexford finished the 5K course ninth overall in 19:32.



Teammates Michael Rexford and Peter Chouinard pose with their medals after their race. Peter Chouinard placed 14th with a time of 19:46; Michael Rexford placed 9th with a time of 19:32.

# Holy Name Catholic School receives donation of \$352,000 from Daniel J. Kobasic Foundation

by Victoria LaFave



**Krystal C. Kobasic, daughter of the late Daniel J. Kobasic and co-director of the Daniel J. Kobasic Foundation, hands a \$352,000 check from the Daniel J. Kobasic Foundation to Holy Name Catholic School Administrator Jeffery Sierpien. Daniel was a 1964 graduate of Holy Name High School. The funds will be used for HNCS teacher salaries.**

ESCANABA – Holy Name Catholic School is pleased to be the recipient of a \$352,000 donation from the Daniel J. Kobasic Foundation, directed to increase HNCS teacher salaries. The donation will be an ongoing gift to bring salaries to parity with local public school teacher salaries.

Daniel J. Kobasic (HNHS, Class of '64) was an Escanaba native and long-time entrepreneur. He left Escanaba when he was 18 years old on an iron ore freighter, sailing briefly on the Great Lakes before embarking the Pacific; nearly eight years later, after completing navigation school in New York and serving in the Merchant Marines, he returned to Escanaba.

Upon his return, he constructed and opened a Shakey's Pizza restaurant. He channeled these profits to build a fishing trawler, the Danica K. in 1978 and then started Basic Marine in 1979. This maritime construction business ultimately produced over 225 fresh and salt water vessels. He also launched Basic Towing to service icebreaking and towing needs around the Great Lakes and beyond.

He died on Nov. 30, 2017, establishing a Foundation at his passing. The Daniel J. Kobasic Foundation supports many worthy causes around the area and throughout the Upper Peninsula in honor of Daniel.

Daniel was guided by integrity, strong work ethic and determination; he sought to learn from the experiences of others, often seeking the best way to support people and organizations with values similar to his own. He respected

the education that Holy Name provided and wanted to ensure its longevity. When he learned of the compensation differential that existed between the local public schools and Holy Name, he saw an opportunity to do so.

“My father was always compelled to help people and causes that he respected and believed in, specifically those whose work positively contributed to and improved society,” said Krystal C. Kobasic, Daniel’s youngest daughter and co-director of the Daniel J. Kobasic Foundation. “The education and Catholic values enacted on a daily basis by the extraordinary teachers of Holy Name embody this. It is an honor to have this opportunity to carry on his legacy following his wishes.”

Holy Name Catholic School Administrator Jeffery Sierpien says the generosity of Daniel J. Kobasic will be felt for years to come by current and future Holy Name teachers.

“Speaking on behalf of our teachers, we are extremely grateful to the Daniel J. Kobasic Foundation for this generous donation,” Sierpien said. “This donation will help us bridge the gap between our current teachers’ salaries and those of our neighboring public school teachers. Offering competitive compensation will greatly assist us in the retention of our faculty as well as assist with future recruiting efforts.”

*For more information on Holy Name Catholic School, which is currently accepting registration for the 2023-24 school year, please call (906) 786-7550 or visit the school’s website: [www.holynamecrusaders.com](http://www.holynamecrusaders.com).*

# Holy Name Catholic School makes investments in security

ESCANABA—Holy Name Catholic School (HNCS) has made investments in security of the building, with the safety of the students being a top priority. All educational spaces at Holy Name are now being actively monitored by cameras.

In addition, the following security measures have been implemented this school year to keep the building as safe as possible:

- There is limited access to the school building by having one main entry point for arriving students.
- There is now one entry point into the building during school hours.
- The staff has increased their use of handheld radios, which will keep the lines of communication open among staff during the school day.
- There is now limited non-essential personnel access to the school building.
- The staff is continuing with safety trainings.

If you would like more information on Holy Name Catholic School or its new security procedures, please call (906) 786-7550 or visit the school's website: [www.holynamecrusaders.com](http://www.holynamecrusaders.com).



Holy Name Catholic School Dean of Students Mr. Vic Dumas (center), part of the administration and security team at Holy Name, welcomes the Sauve family at the school's Open House.

## Holy Name High School Alumni Save The Date

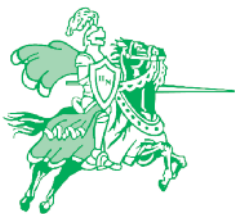
HOLY NAME HIGH SCHOOL REOPENS TO FIRST SENIOR CLASS IN OVER 50 YEARS!

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**MAY 31 2024**

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## Crusader Connections

Our alumni, spread throughout the world, share a common bond when it comes to Holy Name High School and Holy Name Catholic School. We want to hear your stories, special anniversaries, births, marriages and reunion dates. Please email **Michelle Bink, Alumni/Development Director** at [alumni@holynamecrusaders.com](mailto:alumni@holynamecrusaders.com) to be featured in upcoming newsletters.



# Crusaders Over the Summer Celebrating God, Family & Country



Patton Nyquist (11th) was welcomed into full Communion in the Catholic Church when he converted.



Marnie Anderson ('90) with her children Mara (8th grade) & Drew (6th grade) camping on beautiful Lake Michigan near Manistique over Labor Day.



Hayven Sandoval Nolde ('23), Macklinn Sandoval Nolde (5th), Leo Nolde (5th), Amora Sandoval Nolde (4th) and Livea Nolde (3rd) pictured in front of their grandma's home after their weekly Sunday family dinner which was the last one before the beginning of the school year.



Back Row (L to R): Peter (10th), Charles (5th), Abrielle (9th), Anne (soon to be Crusader)  
Front (L to R): Samuel (7th), Emily (3rd), Henry (1st) & Amanda & Tim Chouniard visiting Mount Rushmore.



Helen McBroom (12th) showing her heifer, Maxie, at the 2023 State Fair Holstein show.



Jude (soon to be a Crusader), Adaline (Preschool) and Audrina (2nd) Triest exploring God's beautiful flowers on Mackinac Island.



Rowen (6th), Brynn (4th), Shae (K) Wyckoff & Emelia Hodge (9th) at the 4th of July 4th parade with family.



Livea Nolde (3rd), Macklinn Sandoval Nolde (5th), Amora Sandoval Nolde (4th) & Leo Nolde (5th) at Black Rocks in Marquette, Michigan.



Tim Kemink ('01) (top left with his wife) and Carly (Skerbeck) Vertz '02 (bottom right with husband) – lifelong friends – met at an event over Memorial Day.



**Audrina (2nd) Triest & Livea (3rd) Nolde in the hall on the first day back to school, happy to see each other.**



**Eddie McBroom (10th) showing his 4yr old cow, Tia, at the 2023 Dickinson County Fair 4-H Dairy Show.**



**Melody McBroom (11th) slalom water skiing at Lake Hamilton.**



**Eddie (10th) and Carl (9th) McBroom at the lake.**



**Taylor (10th) & Kinley (7th) Hastings enjoying a Drive-In movie in Manistique.**



**Daphne Renner (4th) & Brynn Wyckoff (4th) having fun at the beach.**



**Helen (12th), Melody (11th), Eddie (10th), and Carl (9th) McBroom on their first day of school.**



**Everett (Preschool) & Jeffrey (1st) Vertz at the fair in Sebewaing, Michigan.**

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# Crusaders Celebrate God, Family & Country



**Vanessa Mabie (7th grade) at the National Barrel Horse Association event in Manistique carrying the American flag during the national anthem.**



**(L to R) Abrielle (9th), Charles (5th), Anne (soon to be a Crusader), Emily (3rd), Henry (1st), Samuel (7th) & Peter (10th) Chouinard celebrating the 4th of July.**



**Kinsley Williams (7th), Gabby Parlato (former Crusader), Abby Derkos (8th) & Koeller Hayes (7th) celebrate their All Star win against Gladstone for the Major Little League All-Star Districts.**