

POWERS *pride*

Mission Statement Powers Catholic High School is an integral part of teaching the ministry of the Church, serving students of varying abilities and backgrounds. Powers Catholic strives for excellence in education, nurtures self-worth in individuals, and encourages commitment to living the Gospel of Jesus Christ through service to church, family and community.

POWERS GIRLS SOCCER TEAM CAPTURES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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air because we knew they were strong heading the ball and we made sure to get the first touch on the ball," Tennis said. "The goal certainly pumped us up because so many times big games come down to one goal. Usually the team that gets the first goal is more

On June 18, the Lady Chargers became the Flint-area's first girls soccer team to hoist a state championship trophy with a 1-0 upset at Michigan State University. "We were extremely excited just for the opportunity to come here and play Unity Christian," said Powers coach Art Moody, whose team finished 18-3-1. "We came out here and thought we were just going to try to compete, but the girls came prepared. They just took every game as it came starting from day one. We said what our goal (state championship) was the first day we met and then said we were not going to speak of it again until we got to that day. Now, we can talk." Powers forward Maddie Reynolds said, "This is just awesome and I am so proud of the season. We were really blessed with talent and played really well together in every aspect of the game." Reynolds' determination paid off with the game's lone goal. With 8:03 left in the first half, Reynolds took a pass from Morgan McKerchie and booted the ball as she approached the box with a Unity defender closing in. The shot went over the shoulder of the Unity goalkeeper and into the left side of



the net for Reynolds' 11th and easily most important goal of the season. The Chargers did not ease up and McKerchie nearly made it 2-0 with just over 27 minutes remaining in the game. Less than two minutes later, McKenzie Mora just missed the left corner of the net with a booming shot. "We pressed them a lot in the excited and more aggressive." According to Moody, the importance of scoring first could not be overstated. "I knew we could get behind their defense at some point because they had three defenders in the back and we have three great forwards," he said. "Maddie Reynolds has scored some big goals this year and she did a fantastic job, using her speed and putting a great shot on net. I knew it would be a one-goal game, but was not just sure which team was going to get the one goal." Unity Christian exerted its most pressure on Powers in the first five minutes of game and did not come close to scoring thereafter as freshman goalkeeper Heather Rolls recorded her 14th shutout in 18 games. The Chargers' defense gave up just nine goals this season against schedule that featured nine games against teams that won district titles. Powers was making its fifth state championship game appearance in 12 years. They lost by one goal to Unity Christian in 2007 and 2009. The Powers boys team captured the 1996 Class B championship and the Goodrich boys took the 2008 Division 3 title for the Flint-area's only other state soccer crowns. This win also meant the Flint area's streak of team state championships since 1959-60 was left in tact.



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HOW TIME FLIES . . . In 1989, Kristie Kowalczyk, now Kristie Carino, was a freshman at Powers and started begging Fred Radamacher and Joe Forlenza to get a girls soccer team started. After listening to her for 2 years, they told Kristie to go out for the boys team. So she did. She was called into the athletic office and was told "I've got good news, bad news, and good news for you. Good news is you made the boys team. Bad news, you can't play on the boys team. And good news, you can't play because we are going to start a girls team. That was Kristie's junior year. Her jersey number was #6. Flash ahead twenty years. Fidel and Kristie's daughters are juniors are on the soccer team. Maddie is #2 and Addie is #4. They and the rest of the Lady Chargers have just won the first soccer championship for Powers. I am one proud papa!

- Jerry Kowalczyk. Class of 1972

OUR NEW WEBSITE WILL BE UP AND RUNNING SOON! PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION SO WE CAN STAY IN TOUCH!

2011 Charger Scramble A Great Success!



The 2011 Charger Scramble was a great day at The Jewel in Grand Blanc! We had over 180 alumni, parents, and friends attend. The committee, led by Ann-Marie Broughton did a terrific job of organizing our 28th Charger Scramble. A few highlights included welcoming back our Golf State Champions the '93 and '94 Girls teams and '93 and '95 Boys teams.



Mark your calendar now and plan to be a part of the 29th Charger Scramble in June 2012!



There were many winners throughout the day and some great shots as well. The athletic department truly appreciates the support of everyone that helped make the day a huge success including all the volunteers, donors, and participants. The \$1,000 Luck of the Charger prize went to Laura O'Reilly.



Upcoming Alumni and Powers Events!

Meet the Team Night - Monday, August 22nd

We are going to have a fall sports kickoff on Monday, August 22 at Holy Redeemer Field from 7 - 10 pm. There will be competitions among teams, bounce houses, food and fun.

Gridiron Classic & Parochial League Reunion

August 27th - PCHS vs. Saginaw Nouvel

Kick-off 6:30 p.m. - Atwood Stadium

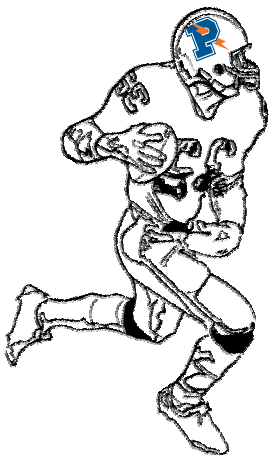
Tickets \$6 available at Powers Athletic Department

Powers After-Glow immediately following the game at Tavern on the Green - Swartz Creek Golf Course.

All are welcome - please respond to this email if you think you might attend the after-glow.

Homecoming 2011 - Friday, October 7th

Parade 5:45 p.m. Game 7:00 p.m. Holy Redeemer Field



RELOCATION UPDATE

Progress is continuing!

Look for more details in the Powers Pride Fall Edition!

Welcome

Fr. Daniel Kogut!



Growing up, the priesthood was the farthest thing from my mind. Since my father and grandfather were in the military, I imagined I would have a military career as well. At Ave Maria College in Ypsilanti, I was discerning whether to live single or to marry. I started a relationship with a young woman and kept praying about my decision. I soon decided that God wasn't giving me the grace to be single. Celibacy seemed frightening, and I couldn't fathom spending the rest of my life without this woman I had come to love. However, I grew increasingly unsettled. My heart was restless, and it seemed like I was running from God. During an ethics class, Professor Janet Smith was talking about St. Damien of Molokai, who died of leprosy while serving a leper community in Molokai, but not before converting most of the island. Dr. Smith explained that each one of us is made to live for others and sacrifice ourselves in the way Saint Damien did, and that we won't be truly happy until we do. This struck a chord with me. I realized that God was calling me to celibacy, and that I needed to say yes to him. Breaking up with my girlfriend was difficult, but when I said yes to the Lord, I had amazing joy, peace, and freedom. I have never regretted the decision. Being a priest is the way God made me to sacrifice for him. After college, I spent two years with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students), an outreach that invites students into a growing relationship with Jesus and the Catholic faith. During the summer break, I lived with Father Ed Fride of Christ the King Parish in Ann Arbor for a week. I asked him many questions, especially how I could reconcile being a parish priest with my desire to evangelize. His answers, and just being around him, inspired me, solidified my thinking about becoming a priest, and influenced me to enter Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. I loved seminary. The fraternity among seminarians is outstanding. We all have a singleness of purpose — to follow Jesus as priests, give our lives to the Church, and help people grow in holiness. It was also a time to grow in relationship with the Lord. My favorite classes were on Church history and scripture, and the spirituality of the new evangelization. As a priest, I look forward to continuing to preach the Gospel and to the joy of saying yes to Jesus. I also look forward to offering the body and blood of Jesus for the sins of the world, and to bring him to others in the Eucharist. We are like the woman at the well, seeking fulfillment in relationships or via some other means. But our ultimate fulfillment lies only in Christ. Only he can answer our deepest questions and satisfy our human needs.

We look forward to having Fr. Kogut at Powers this Fall as our Chaplain!

Farewell Ms. Kreston - You'll Be Missed!

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Betsy Kreston didn't grow up in the Flint area, but will always call Flint Powers Catholic home. She is retiring, ending a 35-year association with Powers as a coach and teacher. She was the varsity girls' basketball coach the last four seasons after holding the junior varsity job for 31 years. She coached the successful girls' lacrosse squad for 10



years. "Powers has been my family, it's been my life for 35 years," she said. "It's just time. I decided to go in a different direction." Ms. Kreston attended Hamtramck St. Florian High School. After graduating from Michigan State, she heard about a job opening at Powers, which had been in operation for only six years at that point. "I interviewed with (principal) Joe Forlenza," she said. "He took a chance on me."

Ms. Kreston taught physical education and health at Powers. In addition to coaching basketball and lacrosse, she had stints coaching track and field, softball, golf and skiing. She played a role in making Powers one of the state's top girls' basketball programs under head coach Kathy McGee. The Chargers won four state championships and were state runners-up three times from 1988-2001. "Those runs were just great to be part of," Ms. Kreston said. "I wasn't a great part, but I was part of something great. That was precious."

Ms. Kreston took over the varsity job in 2007-08 after Ms. McGee left to become an assistant coach at Central Michigan University. Ms. Kreston's first two teams reached the state Class B quarterfinals, losing to Detroit Country Day. She built a state-level program in lacrosse, as the Chargers won the 2008 Division 2 state championship, reached four state finals and won six regional crowns in the sport's seven years with a Michigan High School Athletic Association tournament. "I played lacrosse way back in college, but even 10 years ago that was eons ago," she said. "The game has changed a lot. It's a great sport. Everybody always asks me what's your favorite sport? I just can't decide; I love them both."

Ms. Kreston said she has no immediate plans. "It's going to be very strange," she said. "It's hard for me to even think about not doing summer ball right now or a camp."

Powers creates lasting bonds for PARENTS too!

I would like to introduce you to a group of parents (friends) called the PALOOZA group. The group consists of ten families that have been together since 2002. Our children came from different elementary schools; Holy Family; St. Robert; and St. Pius X. Some of us knew each other, of course, from our Catholic elementary school, but the thing we all had in common is that we each had a child entering the Freshman Class at Powers in 2002.

The Group met as we all sat in the bleachers for the many freshman girl's basketball games. The girls were also required to stay for the JV and Varsity games and since they were freshman and did not drive - the parents also stayed for the games. At first, we were all polite, greeting each other, smiling. Then we began sitting together - cheering the team on. Shortly thereafter came - - "let's go out to eat after the game." Years progressed, the girls became sophomores, juniors and seniors, we all kept in touch because the girls (and the introduction of some of the boys' parents), really liked and enjoyed our time together and each other.



Senior Trip 2005 - (Thank you Jane Bullard) - 58 attended - 28 parents - 30 kids. This, for sure, bonded the relationships of all the parents. A trip of a lifetime, and what a great time we all had. We often reminisce about things that transpired during that week. Two of the kids that attended the Powers trip

together were recently married on July 9 this year; Heather Shields and Steve Zintsmaster.

Now it is 2011... the PALOOZA crew is going strong. Annual trips to Traverse City to the ANSON PALOOZA - where our group was named. (Thank you Zen, Andrea and Drew Anson); plus several vacations throughout the years, many holiday get-togethers and backyard barbecues.

I ran into Kae Eidson some time ago in Grand Blanc and said - "Kae, because of you and your freshman basketball team, I have a group of life-long friends." Kae replied, "Oh, I had nothing to do with that besides coaching the girls, you parents, are exactly the family tradition of what Powers stands for." I left it with that and till this day know how truly blessed we are to have our extended family of the Palooza Family and the Powers Catholic Family.

- Dina Cunningham, PCHS Alumni Parent

Congratulations Ms. McGee! Kathy McGee inducted into NHSACA Hall of Fame

ARTICLE COURTESY: KYLE KELLEY/CMU ATHLETICS

Former Powers Catholic High School teacher, coach and athletic director, Kathy McGee has been inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Ms. McGee was one of two inductees at annual NHSACA meetings at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids on June 21.

She is now in her fourth-year as assistant coach at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. She compiled a record of 599-153 in 30 seasons as the head coach at Powers Catholic High School and is still the all-time winningest head girl's coach in Michigan High School Athletic Association history. She led the Chargers to four state titles, four state runner-up finishes, 13 final fours, 13 regional titles, 20 district championships and 18 league titles. Ms. McGee received numerous State Coach of the Year honors and National Coach of the Year honors from both the National Federation of High School Coaches and NHSACA.

Ms. McGee served on the MHSAA Representative Council from 2000-2005 and received their Women in Sport Leadership award in 1999. She was the first female president of the Basketball Coaches of Michigan and was inducted into the BCAM and Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2002 and MHSCA Hall of Fame in 2008. Ms. McGee was a graduate of CMU, and returned there in 2007, joining head coach Sue Guevara's staff.



Leading the Class of 2011

Valedictorian: Joanne Christy **GPA:** 4.3

Parents: Edward and Kantha Christy of Flushing

Achievements: National Honor Society, student government, tennis, St. Cecilia Music Club, Hurley Medical Center volunteer, American Red Cross volunteer, St. Pius X Church lector and altar server, music club member, honor roll, Flint Area Science Fair, Michigan Science and Engineering Fair, National Federation of Music Clubs Jr. Festival Piano Event participant, Michigan Music Teachers Association Student Achievement Test up to Level 10, Creative Communications' "A Celebration of Poets" top-10 poem, Powers Catholic Catholic Schools Week Essay Contest second place, University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, Madame Curie Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, Student Service Award Michigan State University Honors College State Scholarship, Kent State University Trustee, President's and University Award scholarships, Youngstown State University Trustee Scholarship University of Miami University Award Scholarship, Penn State University Schreyer Scholar, Academic Excellence Scholarship American Red Cross Youth Volunteer of the Year, Student of the Month.

Plans: To major in pre-medicine (undecided at which institution)



Name: Sarah Amos

GPA: 4.19 **Parents:** Dave and Lori Amos of Grand Blanc

Achievements: National Honor Society, theater, choir, Western Michigan University Dean's Scholarship.

Plans: To major in music at Western Michigan University (piano performance).



Name: Jessica Lorraine Rolls **GPA:** 4.18

Parents: James and Lisa Rolls of Fenton

Achievements: Honor roll, National Honor Society, National Youth Leadership, Presidential Youth Inaugural, soccer — All-Big Nine, All-District, All-State honorable mention, captain, academic All-Big Nine.

Plans: To major in pre-medicine/biology - University of Michigan.

Name: Michael Stratton **GPA:** 4.18

Parents: Mike and Kim Stratton of Flushing

Achievements: National Honor Society, cross country, swimming, track, academic All-State cross country (2010, 2011) and swimming (2010, 2011).

Plans: To study aerospace engineering - University of Michigan.



Salutatorian: Rachel Bloink **GPA:** 4.3

Parents: Ray and Kathy Bloink of Swartz Creek

Achievements: National Honor Society, track, lacrosse, volleyball, St. Luke Street Ministry volunteer, Habitat for Humanity volunteer, Camp of Champions volunteer, St. Mary Parish vacation Bible school volunteer, Genesys Regional Medical Center volunteer, tutor, academic letter, academic all-league track and volleyball, Rotary Club of Flint Outstanding Scholar Award, student of the month.

Plans: To study nursing at either Michigan State University or the University of Michigan.

Salutatorian: Julia Kehoe **GPA:** 4.32

Parents: Dennis and Nancy Kehoe of Flushing

Achievements: National Honor Society, lacrosse, Flint Youth Symphony Orchestra, piano.

Plans: To attend the University of Michigan.



Name: Andrew Kirtek **GPA:** 4.24

Parents: J. R. and Kathy Kirtek of Grand Blanc

Achievements: National Honor Society, honor roll, football, wrestling team captain.

Plans: To attend the University of Michigan.

Name: Nathaniel Adams **GPA:** 4.23

Parents: Paul and Barbara Adams of Grand Blanc.

Achievements: All-Big Nine Conference in football and lacrosse, second team Academic All-State in football.

Plans: To attend the University of Dayton.



Name: Daniel Sulfaro **GPA:** 4.21

Parents: Steven and Lori Sulfaro of Holly

Achievements: National Honor Society treasurer, cross country, track, theater.

Plans: To attend the University of Michigan.

Name: Joseph Harkins **GPA:** 4.2

Parents: Alan Harkins and Jean Harkins of Clio.

Achievements: Football team captain, golf team captain, USA Powerlifting High School All-American, Flint Institute of Music show choir accompanist on piano, National Honor Society, Menasha Corp. Foundation College Scholarship, Western Michigan University Dean's Scholarship.

Plans: To major in music (piano) at Western Michigan.



Name: Lauren Lucas **GPA:** 4.15

Parents: Dave and Linda Lucas of Fenton

Achievements: Honor roll, academic letter, swimming, academic all-league in swimming, track, musical, first place Catholic Schools Week essay contest, St. Mary's (Notre Dame) Leadership Camp, Big Brother/Big Sister, Rotary Interact treasurer, Kairos retreat student leader.

Plans: To major in communications - University of Michigan.



Name: Preston Alberts **GPA:** 4.1

Parents: Ken and Susan Alberts of Grand Blanc

Achievements: Band, drum corps captain, percussion co-section leader, Great Spirit Award, four-year band award, Quiz Bowl co-captain, theater, art club, robotics, first place White Division at Central Michigan "Quiz Central," runner-up at Central Michigan "Quiz Central," 1st place in ceramics - Powers Catholic art show.

Plans: To attend Kettering University.



Class of 2011 Achievements

- 99% plan on attending college in the fall
- 81% will attend a four year college/university
- 18% will attend a two year community college
- \$2,065,836.00 awarded in scholarship dollars
- 53 different institutions of higher learning awarded scholarship dollars to 2011 graduates



Reunion News

Class of '71 is working on organizing their reunion. If you have updates or would like to help, please contact Patricia (Wasielewski) Tuer at bengar45@earthlink.net or Gail Korhonen at gkorhonen@powerscatholic.org.

Class of '81's 30th Reunion on Sat, Aug 13th at the Swartz Creek Golf Course (18 holes at 2pm/9 holes at 4pm with party starting at 6pm). \$5.00 cash deposit/pp needed for any golfers, and can be mailed to Teresa Knight at: 9508 Fenwin Dr., Grand Blanc, MI 48439. Any address or contact updates to: tknightatty@aol.com.

Look for more info on **UPCOMING REUNIONS**
on the Powers Website and in the next
Powers Pride this fall.

Alumni Updates

Please email Mrs. Gail Korhonen at gkorhonen@powerscatholic.org soon with your updated contact information AND tell us more about what you've been doing since leaving Powers Catholic High School. *Where do you work? Are you married? Do you have children or grandchildren? Have you lived somewhere interesting? Have you traveled the world, climbed a mountain, saved a life or run a marathon?* We want to know all about it!

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