

Friar Magistro

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AUSTIN CATHOLIC PREP. DETROIT MICHIGAN, MARCH 2026



The Famed White Shirt Legion

Many of you have mentioned the "White Shirt Legion" and it's impact on Austin Catholic Prep. Detroit Sports. Here are only some of those shared memories:

Donald Van Hove, 1958, "Wearing our black slacks and white shirts to our sporting events. We were always a close-knit group of kids."

Gerry Lutomski - 1959, "The White Shirt tradition at sporting events!"

Walter "Bud" Holland - 1965, "White Shirt Legion! We wore white shirts to basketball games."

Anthony Nagel, 1965, "Mr. Martilotia's class and the White Shirt Legion!"

Friars who submitted a *Friar Alumni Update* over the summer, were placed in a random drawing to win a Friar Alumni item. Your Friar notebooks are in the mail!

1. Babiasz, Steve - 1970
2. Brouckaert, Richard - 1979
3. Duemling, Gary - 1976
4. Fisher, Raymond - 1976
5. Hayosh, Joseph S.
6. Howenstein, Edmund - 1971
7. LaRose Clement, Guy - 1962
8. Sfire, Deacon John - 1963
9. Stapleton, Doug - 1974
10. Urbani, Anthony - 1971

Memory Unlocked: Senior Trackman

Thank You Guy Clement LaRose, Class of 1962



The year, 1962. "I can tell you that I was very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to attend Austin College Preparatory School. Not only did I receive a great education, but it built my self-confidence, self-discipline and moral character. The student body was highly supportive of the basketball and football teams and attended all games seated in one section wearing white shirts. It was really impressive!"

After graduating I decided that I had had enough of the cold weather and left Detroit to attend the University of Houston. I graduated with an Accounting Degree in 1966 and returned to Detroit in 1967 to work in the family business (Food Giant Grocery Stores)."

In 1970, I returned to Houston and began a 40-year career with Fluor Corporation, a worldwide engineering and construction company. While with Fluor, I became head of Field Project Financial Systems and sent to locations all over the world."



LaRose maintained a full schedule while at Austin Catholic Prep Detroit: Track Team 2, 3, 4; Intramural Football 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Intramural Baseball 2, 3, 4; Letterman Club 2, 3, 4; Bowling League 3, 4; Chess Club 4, and Intramural Volleyball 2, 3, 4.

Friar Update:



Memorial Update:



Memorial Notice

Please pray for the loss of members of our Friar Alumni Family.

- Boehmer, Doug - 1967
- Bogdziewicz, Ronald - 1963
- Fleury, Robert - 1964
- Lucier, Micheal - 1976
- Michels, Patrick - 1976
- Niespolo, George - 1968
- Oliver, Peter - 1972
- Stoll, Robert - 1963



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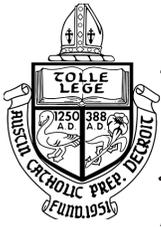
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* Pro tip: If you are feeling savvy, join our Facebook! We post the latest news and notice of Austin Catholic High School (including Friar news). You will have to create a profile first, but we would love to have you!



Annual Alumni Golf Outing at Gowanie G.C. Scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2026

Friar Tom DeCorte, along with Friar Bill Harrington, Class of 1963, will be mailing Michigan residents the outing's full details and registration form mid-March, as well as an email to those who have that on record. All information and downloadable forms can also be found at:

<https://austincatholichighschool.org/friar-alumni/>

And, no worries, DeCorte feels confident that due to everyone's "senior status," no one will be seated on the gym floor!



Class of 1976 Celebrating 50th Reunion

For our planning purposes, I encourage you to make your reservation(s) as soon as possible. You can register with a credit card via this QR code; or by sending a check (with guest name if applicable) payable to Jeff Reger, mailed to my home address: 237 Williamsburg Dr., Shrewsbury, NJ 07702-4564.

Class of 1976 50th Reunion

Bayview Yacht Club

Friday, August 7, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

100 Clairpointe Street, Detroit, Michigan 48215

C: Friar Jeff Reger - 732-239-2163 - jpreger237@gmail.com



School Band & Orchestra Program Recognized

Junior Gina Di Ponio delivered an outstanding performance at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District 16 Solo & Ensemble Festival at Rochester High School, competing among more than 175 talented band and orchestra students. Performing a flute solo, Gina earned a coveted First Division – Superior – rating, one of the highest distinctions awarded!

Di Ponio's exceptional performance has qualified her to advance to the State Solo & Ensemble Festival on March 21 at Rochester Stoney Creek High School. Di Ponio is pictured with ACHS's very own Mrs. Howell, Band & Music Department, Music Liturgy, and Music Production.



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