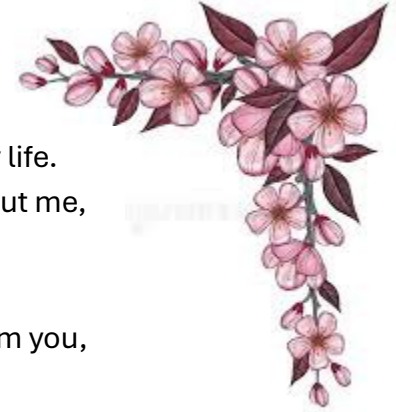


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Father God, thank you for the many blessings in my life.
Thank you for family members who love and care about me,
For the work you place in front of me daily,
And for the home in which I live.
I acknowledge that all good things in my life come from you,
And I thank you for these many blessings.
Amen.



Week at a Glance

Monday, April 20th:



IOWA Exams Day 1 - grades 7 & 8

Tuesday, April 21st:



IOWA Exams Day 2 - grades 7 & 8



Reverse Schedule Day

Wednesday, April 22nd:



IOWA Exams Day 3 - grades 7 & 8

Thursday, April 23rd:



IOWA Make ups

Friday, April 24th:



Mass Grades 7-9, 11



Celebration of the Arts and Godspell
- see page 3

**Our Annual Geibel Catholic Golf Outing will be taking place on Friday, May 15 at Pleasant Valley Golf Course. Please help to spread the word to recruit participants, get sponsors, and donate prizes for basket raffles. A 1-day dress down pass will be given for students who recruit a golfing team of four, sponsorship, or gift basket that is donated. Thank you for your consideration and support!
(See page 5)**

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Re-enrollment for the 2026–27 school year is now open!

We encourage families to complete reenrollment **as soon as possible** to secure their child(ren)'s place for next year.

Need Help?

- Thank you for your patience as we **transition to this new re-enrollment system**, designed to streamline enrollment, financial aid, and tuition agreements.
- If you need assistance logging in, please email the school at lspeeney@geibelcatholic.org and include:
 - Device type
 - Operating system (iOS, Windows, etc.)
 - Screenshots of any error messages, if available, including the URL

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to welcoming your family back for another year!



Rehearsals for Godspell
will be every day
April 20th through the 23rd
from 2:30–4pm. ALL cast
members are expected to attend!

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CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS ON

TWO EVENTS - ONE LOCATION

ART WALK

In Geibel Catholic Cafeteria

Admire pieces created by students from
Conn Area Catholic, St. John the Evangelist,
St. Sebastian, & Geibel Catholic

GODSPELL - A MUSICAL REVIEW

In Geibel Catholic Gymnasium

Witness an abbreviated musical that
modernizes the Gospel of St. Matthew
through parables, community, and joy!

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

6:30PM - 8:30PM

GODSPELL 7-8PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

12:30PM - 2:30PM

GODSPELL 1-2PM

FREE ADMISSION

CONCESSION STAND AVAILABLE &
50/50 DRAWING EACH DAY

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Geibel Sports Corner

Upcoming Events:

| Sport | Date | Type | Home/Away | Departure Time | Start Time |
|--|--------|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| In case of inclement weather, indoor practices will be held in the Gymnasium | | | | | 6:15-7:45pm |
| Baseball | 19-Apr | Practice | Baseball Field | | 2-4pm |
| Baseball | 20-Apr | Practice | Baseball Field | | 3:30-5:30pm |
| Baseball | 21-Apr | Practice | Baseball Field | | 3:30-5:30pm |
| Baseball | 22-Apr | Game | Home vs Trinity Christian | | 4:30pm |
| Baseball | 23-Apr | Practice | Baseball Field | | 3:30-5:30pm |
| Baseball | 24-Apr | Game | Away @ Mapletown | 2:15pm | 4:15pm |
| Softball | 21-Apr | Game | Home vs Serra Catholic | | 4pm |
| Softball | 22-Apr | Practice | Softball Field | | 4:30-6pm |
| Softball | 23-Apr | Practice | Softball Field | | 4:30-6pm |
| Esports | 22-Apr | | Senior Celebration-Cafeteria | | 3-4pm |
| Track & Field | 20-Apr | Championship | GCC | 1:45pm | 3:30pm |
| Track & Field | 22-Apr | Practice | Upper Field | | 3-4:30pm |
| Track & Field | 23-Apr | Practice | Upper Field | | 3-4:30pm |
| Track & Field | 24-Apr | Meet | Uniontown | 11:00am | 12:30pm |
| Trap | 19-Apr | Practice | Fayette Gun Club | | 2-4pm |
| Trap | 22-Apr | Week 2 | Fayette Gun Club | | 6-8pm |

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FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026
PLEASANT VALLEY GOLF CLUB

Individual Golfers \$125

Foursomes \$500

Early Bird Foursome Discount \$460
(Register by May 3rd)

Tee Sponsors \$200

7:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start (Four-person scramble).

Lunch and prizes immediately following.

Call 724-628-5600 or
email tzyika@geibelcatholic.org to register!



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Youth Leadership Council

Make-A-Wish® Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia now offers a Youth Leadership Council, a leadership and development opportunity available in the Greater Pittsburgh area. Members selected for the Youth Leadership Council will learn about philanthropy by volunteering with Make-A-Wish Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia, the local chapter of the international wish granting organization.

Our goal with the Youth Leadership Council is to encourage youth to give back to children with critical illnesses, right in their community while making new friends and having fun.

Who can apply?
 Applicants must meet these requirements:

- A resident of the Greater Pittsburgh area (in-person YLC)
- In grades 9 through 12
- Passionate about helping raise money to help grant wishes to local children with critical illnesses
- Able to attend ALL monthly meetings
- Virtual option for students outside the Pittsburgh Area

What are the requirements?
 Members are required to:

- Commit to a one-year term on the council, September to June
- Attend monthly meetings during the term
- Commit to planned activities within that term
- Commit to planning one fundraiser with the group
- Attempt to find a committed adult advisor (teacher or student council advisor) willing to help during the term

Why join?
 As a member, you will have the opportunity to:

- Make a difference in the lives of children with critical illnesses, who have been qualified for a wish through Make-A-Wish Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia
- Have fun learning new skills including public speaking, teamwork and nonprofit management
- Develop strong relationships with Make-A-Wish Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia staff, business professionals and other youth who are passionate about volunteering and philanthropy
- Earn volunteer hours
- Receive a certificate of completion



\$30
 Registration Fee that includes student designed T-shirt! *Doesn't apply to the virtual YLC



Scan to apply!



Application Deadline: July 17, 2026

Make-A-Wish® Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia
 The Koppers Building 436 Seventh Ave, 25th Floor
 Pittsburgh, PA 15219
 P. 412.471.9474
jgoodman@greaternavy.wish.org

Make-A-Wish
 GREATER PENNSYLVANIA AND WEST VIRGINIA

Let's Meet Up!

Youth Leadership Council 2026-2027 Meeting Dates

In-person YLC Meetings are once a month from September–June, from 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. at our Headquarter office: The Koppers Building 436 Seventh Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Please mark your calendar accordingly.
 Orientation Day August 1, 2026, time TBD. *One Parent required to attend.*

For anyone interested in joining outside the Greater Pittsburgh area, there will be a virtual YLC option with meetings held bimonthly, time TBD by group availability. Registration fee will be \$10. Orientation Day August 11, 2026, time TBD.

Application Deadline: July 17, 2026
 Required Monthly Meetings

| In- Person YLC | Virtual YLC |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| September 15, 2026 | September 29, 2026 |
| October 13, 2026 | November 17, 2026 |
| November 10, 2026 | January 19, 2027 |
| December 8, 2026 | March 23, 2027 |
| January 12, 2027 *Virtual* | May 18, 2027 |
| February 9, 2027 | |
| March 9, 2027 | |
| April 6, 2027 | |
| May 4, 2027 | |
| June 1, 2027 *Award Ceremony* | |

These dates and times are subject to change, but you will receive advance notice of any changes. *Schedule will be finalized at the first Youth Leadership Council meetings

Your Make-A-Wish Pittsburgh Staff Contact Information:
 Taylor Goodman
 Development Coordinator tgoodman@greaternavy.wish.org
 412.471.9474


Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia advises you that a copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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DAY 1-2 – BEIJING





Spend 2 days in Beijing exploring China's most iconic landmarks, including the Forbidden City and the Great Wall. Experience the rich history and culture of China's capital.

DAY 3-12 – CHANGSHA

-  **Arrival & Campus Orientation**
Move-in - Campus Tour - Meet Chinese Buddies
-  **Chinese Language & Characters**
Learn basic Chinese - Fun & interactive classes
-  **Cultural Exchange Activities**
Games, teamwork, student interactions
-  **Chinese Cuisine & Local Snacks**
Hunan spicy food - Street food tour
-  **Traditional Costume Experience**
Hanfu try-on - Photo session
-  **Orange Island**
Walk along Xiangjiang River - Mao Zedong Statue
-  **Yuelu Academy (EST. 976 AD)**
One of China's oldest academies
-  **Museum & Tea Culture**
Human Museum - Chinese tea ceremony & tasting
-  **Reflection & Closing Activities**
Share experiences - Final gathering

From days 3-12, you will stay at Central South University, one of China's top universities, located in Changsha, a vibrant city known for its amazing food and exciting local experiences.

DAY 13-14 – ZHANGJIAJIE



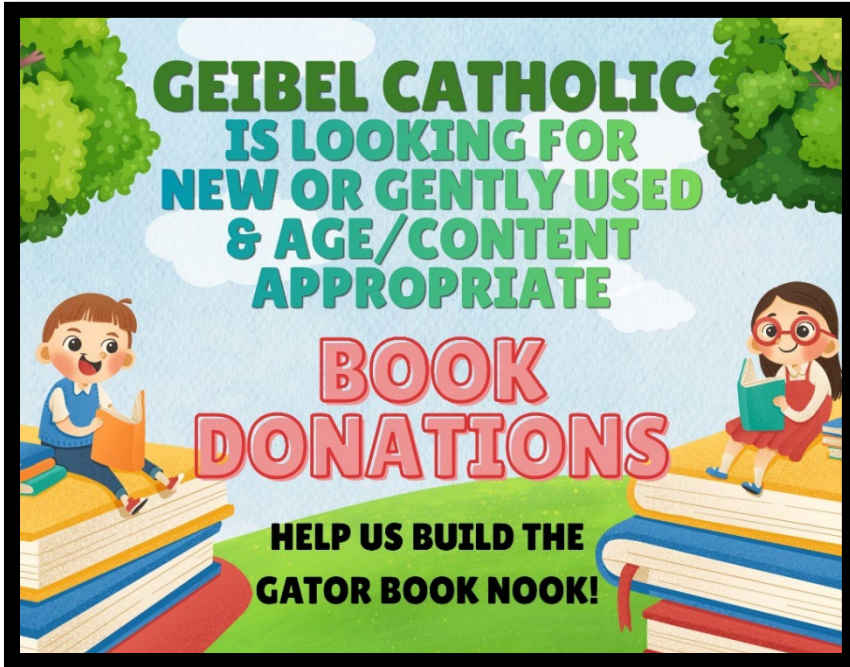


End your journey in Zhangjiajie, home of the famous "Avatar Mountains," where you will explore breathtaking sandstone pillars and experience some of China's most unique natural landscapes.

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GEIBEL CATHOLIC IS LOOKING FOR NEW OR GENTLY USED & AGE/CONTENT APPROPRIATE BOOK DONATIONS

HELP US BUILD THE GATOR BOOK NOOK!

The graphic features two cartoon children sitting on stacks of books. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor scene with green trees and a blue sky.

Messiah University • Mechanicsburg, PA
JUNE 7-13, 2026



ELMER HAFER
AMERICAN LEGION • STATE POLICE
NATIONAL GUARD
YOUTH CAMP

[Link to Application](#)

The logo is a yellow shield with various military and police emblems. The photo shows a group of people in uniform standing on a grassy field in front of a building.

Hey Kids... Its a new year! 

JOIN THE CLUB!
and be your own boss!

This new year is the perfect time to turn big ideas into real possibilities. Biz Wiz Kids gives young entrepreneurs the chance to create their own business ideas, work on real projects, and build confidence as future leaders. Through hands-on activities and creative challenges, kids learn how imagination becomes action and ideas become reality. Open to ages 8-16 who have a dream and are ready to take the first step toward making it happen.

4th Monday of Every Month
6pm - 8pm
Fayette Chamber of Commerce
65 W. Main Street
Uniontown, PA 15401

RSVP
Kathi to at
khull@fayettechamber.com



The graphic features a lightbulb filled with various business icons like a smartphone, a laptop, a rocket, and a globe. The background is a bright, colorful sky with clouds.

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FOR TEENS AGED 13-18
(12-student capacity)

SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

ORNITHOLOGY CAMP

June 14th – 17th, 2026

Experience birds with hands-on activities and learn how to conduct ornithological research, as well as how that research can be used to protect and care for birds in your own backyard.

TUITION: \$200
Includes lodging, food, and supplies. Includes lodging, food, and supplies. Financial aid available.

FEATURING:

- Demonstrations in bird-banding, nest monitoring, song identification, radio-tracking, and surveying
- Presentations on migration, nesting behavior, owls, and raptors
- Lessons on using equipment and online resources
- Activities focused on protecting and caring for birds at your home

Register by May 24th at svcornithology.wordpress.com

MEET DR. JIM KELLAM

Jim is a professor of biology at Saint Vincent College where he teaches Ornithology, Conservation Biology, and Wildlife Biology. He is a published expert in woodpecker behavior and currently researches Tree Swallows and Chimney Swifts. He is the Armstrong County Co-Coordinator for Pennsylvania's Third Bird Atlas. His current collaborations are with PitCame, Inc., Wildlife Recovery, Inc., Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania, the World Bird Sanctuary, and Wissin Palmer Nature Reserve.

james.kellam@stvincent.edu | 724-805-2171

Steubenville Youth Conference


Inviting high schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Christ!

JUNE 26-28, 2026

Franciscan University of Steubenville
1235 University Blvd
Steubenville, OH 43952

Contact your Youth Minister for more information about attending with your Youth Group!
DioceseofGreensburg.org/Steubenville-Youth-Conference

MINISTRY TEAM



Michael Gormley, Katie Hartfiel, Bob Lesnefsky, Maggie Craig, John Paul Von Arx, Father Agustino Torres, CFR

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SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

SAVE THE DATE

Friday November 6th 2026

4th Annual Leadership Day for High School Students

Formal invitations and registration instructions will be sent in the Fall
To update your school's contact person, please reach out to caitlin.michael@stvincent.edu

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