

*I am third. God first, others second, myself third.*



January 29, 2024

*The Dudzik Family*

To introduce ourselves, we are Jim and Kris Dudzik and together we have eight children, seven of whom are enrolled in Catholic schools. Our oldest four are at Beckman Catholic and three are at St. Francis Xavier: Maria is a senior, Danny is a sophomore, Tommy is a freshman, Sara is in 7th grade, Jimmy is in 5th grade, Clare is in 3rd grade, and Johnny is in kindergarten.

Jim and I both went to public schools, and while they had good teachers, sports, and academic opportunities, we both felt faith was a major component that was missing during our formative years. We even started out homeschooling our children early on to provide the faith component, but we could not provide the academic excellence, friendships, and community that our Catholic schools supply.

I'm sure everyone remembers the year 2020, with Covid and all the lockdowns. Maria was a freshman at Beckman in the fall of 2020. While our extended families from both sides shared the educational difficulties they were experiencing for their children, Beckman brought a sense of normalcy to our daughter. With our 8th child on the way and Maria's positive experience in her first year, we decided we were all-in on Beckman, which led to our eventual move to Dyersville in July of 2022. We feel beyond blessed to belong to such a wonderful Beckman Catholic community.

There are many reasons why our kids love Beckman. There is a positive atmosphere; they just feel it when they walk in the door every day. They like the class sizes where they get to know everyone in the entire grade and other grades as well. They enjoy the teachers and feel like they get to know them. The sports programs and coaches are all positive experiences. Students have choices of elective programs; for instance, the art program has helped Maria grow significantly by doing something she loves. The strong research program has led to learning life skills, like public speaking and discovering new things; these helped Maria choose her career path in pathology. In Theology classes, the kids can ask the hard questions and receive solid answers to help them understand our faith better.

There are also several reasons why we as parents love Beckman Catholic. The passionate teachers and staff are second to none, contributing to Beckman's academic excellence across all subject areas. They are making sacrifices to work at a private school and truly believe in its mission. Faith, weekly Mass, and regular prayer are helping our students to lead and serve as disciples of Jesus Christ.


The Annual Appeal is a great way to contribute to the continued success of Beckman Catholic. Because of the generosity of parents, alumni, and a solid faith community that supports our school's mission, our students are gaining a solid foundation to build upon to become tomorrow's leaders. Please consider a contribution to the Annual Appeal to ensure the continued success of Beckman Catholic.

Sincerely,

*Jim and Kris Dudzik*

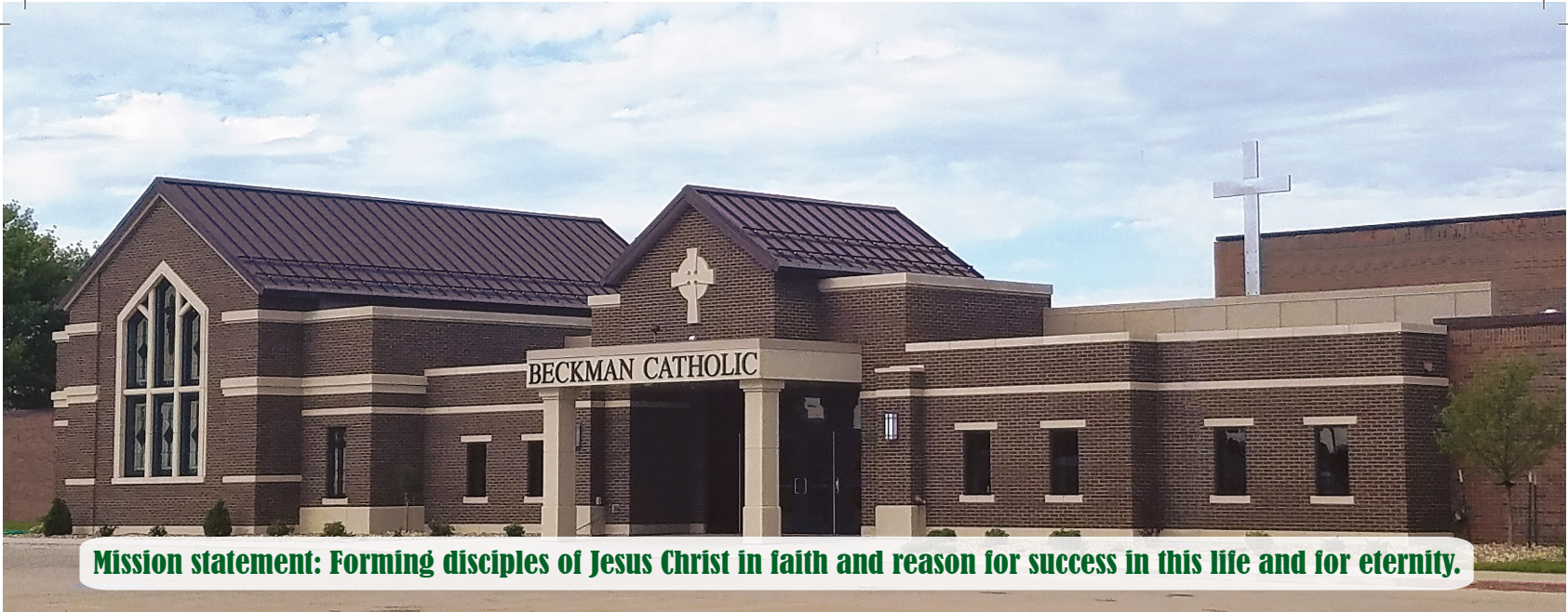
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**Mission statement: Forming disciples of Jesus Christ in faith and reason for success in this life and for eternity.**

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First, let me tell you how I came to Beckman Catholic. After two years of retirement, I was getting bored, so I thought about getting a job that was only a few hours a day. I heard that Beckman was looking for someone to help clean in the summer. I thought, “Do I really want to do this?” At the time, I had only ever been inside the school once. I decided to just try it and see what it might lead to. So in June of 2017, I started working at Beckman. At first, I had doubts, but as weeks passed I really liked it. I worked with groups of about 5 students every week. Sometimes they were the same, but most times they were different. I got to know these students and thought what a great group of kids they were. Since the job was only for the summer, I was not ready to leave. As luck would have it, an opening came, and once again, I was back at Beckman! I became the midday/afternoon custodian. From the first day I started here, everyone welcomed me. To me, Beckman Catholic is a community, a family. We are all one! It brings me great joy to go to work every day.



Sandy and Rick Gotto

I have seen the great quality of education being taught here. The teachers are so passionate about their students. They put in endless hours before and after school with the students. Beckman Catholic is faith, family, and friends. Walking down the hallway and having the students say, “Hi,” or ask how my day is going makes me glad I am here. The kindness that they have shown me has left me speechless at times. The focus at Beckman Catholic is “Disciples for Today, Saints for Eternity.” I see students come in as 7th graders and leave as seniors, and I know they will be disciples of today & saints for eternity. One important thing I see here is no one walks alone. There is always someone there to help you along. One day when I was walking down the hall, a student stopped and asked how my day was, and I told her I was having a great day. She said that whenever she asked me how my day was going I always said it was good. She asked, “Sandy, don’t you ever have a bad day?” I thought about it for a minute and said, “No, I don’t have any bad days.” That’s because of the students, faculty, and staff here.

I see how passionate the students are about their faith and studies. My faith has also grown since I have been here. I am not only the custodian at Beckman Catholic; I am part of this incredible community! Please consider donating to this year’s Annual Appeal to support my extended family at Beckman Catholic. Your financial support allows so many families to continue to receive a quality Catholic education. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

*Sandy Gotto*

- The 2023 Beckman Catholic Annual Appeal generated over \$237,000 for operation costs. Please consider a gift to the 2024 Annual Appeal and help us exceed last year’s total.
- The 2023-24 Beckman Catholic Annual Report with donor acknowledgment will follow in December 2024. All donors receive a copy of the Annual Report.

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