

SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



40th ANNUAL GIBAULT ENVOY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY AND FRIEND OPEN HOUSE AND PICNIC
Indicate below the number of people coming to each session

This event is open to everyone, including Knight wives, Gibault girls, and their families. Each Gibault Knight and Gibault Envoy should attend and may bring guests who are interested in learning more about Gibault.

DOORS OPEN: 9:00AM (Times listed are Eastern Time Zone)

9:00am-10:00am: Registration, 50/50 and basket raffle sales-Gardien Angels Convention Center
10:00am-11:00am: Opening Session-Guest speakers, awards, parade of checks, 50/50 and raffle basket drawing-GACC
11:00am: Picnic luncheon in Holy Cross Dining Hall
11:30am-2:00pm: Taste of Gibault, photo booth, carnival games, family activities, therapy activities, and education open house
2:00pm-2:00pm: Guided tour, gift shop, memorabilia room, and ice cream parlor will be open

Name: _____ Guest Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
List any health/dietary concerns: _____
E of C Council (if applicable) # _____
Email: _____

Completed forms can be submitted/mailed electronically in PDF format to melissa.reed@gibault.org or complete and return in the reply envelope no later than September 16, 2025
Event will be held on our Terre Haute campus: 6401 S US Hwy 41, Terre Haute, IN 47802
☐ Check here if you can't join us and return the form with your name on it.

Envoy Conference Last Call

The 40th Annual Envoy Conference Family and Friend Picnic on **September 27th**. Registration is due **Tuesday, September 16th**. You may complete the form and submit to Melissa Reed at melissa.reed@gibault.org. We hope to see many new and old faces at our annual celebration.

The Fr. Campagna Birthday Celebration/Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success again this year. The event was well attended by guests from all over the state. Our youth and staff enjoyed visiting with our special friends. The raffle basket brought in a record amount of money to support our upcoming Friendsgiving event on the Campagna Campus and the kitchen staff created a delicious meal and desserts. We love the support we



receive to celebrate the work and dedication of Fr. Michael Campagna.

Staff Recognition

The Clinical Services Department would like to recognize **Megan Higashimura** (AKA Ms. H) who is pursuing her Yoga Teacher Certification. Megan is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) and a Credentialed Sexually Abusive Youth Clinician (CSAYC). She is one of the Supervisors in the Clinical Services Department and has worked at Gibault since 2012. If you attended Envoy in 2024, you may remember Megan leading a guided relaxation sequence. Megan enjoys utilizing creative therapies in individual and group therapy sessions as they often produce unexpected but beneficial outcomes. Most recently she led a 30-minute yoga class on the front lawn of Sherer Hall with the boys who reside in McGivney Hall complete with extra time for processing added afterwards. If you find it mildly surprising that teenage boys at a residential treatment facility would engage in yoga, so did we, but they all participated and some even said they would do it again. Megan hopes to introduce yoga to youth and staff as a healthy activity to cope with stress and anxiety. Megan is seeking volunteer students so that she can complete her teaching certification so if you are interested, you should reach out to her through Gibault. In her spare time, you might find Megan doing yoga at the Cat Cafe in 12 Points or enjoying nature in Hawthorne Park. Megan is also a proud dog mom to Thor and Max. We are lucky to have Megan as one of our dedicated staff members.



Bombas Partnership Continues

Thanks to our continued partnership with Bombas, we received 20 boxes totalling 5,000 pairs of socks. The socks will be put to good use and any unused will be donated to needy shelters in the community. Thank you Bombas for your continued support.

Knights in Action

K of C Council #1584, Jasper brought homemade ice cream to enjoy with our Terre Haute youth. After the sweet treat they stayed to play board games and basketball with the kids. Several staff in ABLE and Gibson East were recognized with treat bags for having very well behaved youth with our Jasper guests. This was a special thank you to our staff for a job well done. When a dorm is able to come to an event, it means the youth are doing well and that is thanks to their staff.



We love having visitors to our campus. If you would like to join us on either of our campuses please reach out to Melissa Reed.



K of C Council #934, Madison invited us to speak at their monthly breakfast hosted for their parish. New Board of Trustee member Steve Jung attended the event too to help spread our mission and gain more support for our children and programs.

Kokomo K of C Council # 656 hosted their annual golf scramble where all proceeds benefit our youth. We are proud of the efforts these Knights put forth to have a special event to help spread our mission of providing life-changing opportunities.



4th Degree Assembly #1833, Rensselaer donated much needed Christmas wrapping paper to our youth on both campuses! We appreciate the early start to the holy season and we will put the paper to good use!

Around the Terre Haute Campus

Our annual licensing visits were completed at all of our facilities and all reviews were positive. The Campagna Campus also received a surprise visit from licensing at the end of August and the consultant reported back the units looked very good and there were no issues to correct. This is great news for the staff and campus. Thank you for your support in allowing us to continue to provide life-changing opportunities.

We had several dorms who were rewarded for their good behavior prior to the start of the school year. The kids were treated to off campus outings, as well as a large cookout on our Terre Haute Campus.

Once school resumed, we started CAIR groups with the kids. Some of the groups include: WhiskTaker (cooking group), a Lego Group, Boardom Buster (board game group), and Movie Club. The kids (and staff) are excited for the new activities and opportunities. Thanks to the staff that make these fun events for the kids.



Did someone say Christmas?

With Christmas just a little over 3 months away (105 days, but who is counting?), our elves on both campuses are already preparing to make the holy season special for our kids. Below is a Christmas wish list. We welcome any and all donations for our kids. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

2025 CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

Electronics

Portable DVD players (without Wi-Fi access)
FM Radios – “boom boxes”
Nintendo Switches (used as DORM presents – not individual gifts)
Handheld electronics (games, music players)

Arts and Crafts

Diamond Paintings (found at Hobby Lobby or Amazon)
Coloring books for all ages
Play Doh sets

Games

Magic the Gathering cards
Pokémon cards
Board games
Card games

Clothing

Nike, Adidas, or Under Armor Shirts (t-shirts, crew sweatshirts-no hoodies , shorts)
Nike “Slides” (sandals) (variety of adult sizes)

Hygiene

Bodywash gift sets (Old Spice, Axe)

Toys

Lego kits (Minecraft, Marvel, etc.)
Lego Speech Champion Sets
Remote control cars
Squishmallows

Magnetic tiles
Transformers
K'nex building sets

Books

Goosebumps Series
Hunger Game Series
"I Survived" Series
Warriors Series
The Lunar Chronicles by Marissa Meyer
Magic Tree House Series
Pokémon Books
The Shadow and Bone Trilogy by Leigh Bardugo
Twilight Series
Harry Potter Series
Wings of Fire Series

Girl Specific Gifts

Spa related items (nail polish, face masks)
Make up kits
"Wreck It" journals
Hairbrushes
Body mist
Fuzzy slippers
Journals

Recreation Supplies

Sports equipment (basketballs, kickballs, soccer, volleyball)
Fishing poles
Tackle boxes
Yoga items (mats, blocks)

Please Note: this list is for children on both of our campuses. Most of our youth are ages 12 -17, there are no more than 32 girls on our campuses

The above is the most asked for things from our kids for Christmas. We always accept new puzzles, board games, sports balls, new sweatshirts with tags still attached in adult sizes without hoods, and art supplies.

UPCOMING GOLF OUTINGS TO BENEFIT GIBAULT

September 20th

K of C Council #1221, New Albany
Contact 812-987-8350 or brknightgb@yahoo.com

October 13th

K of C Council #6923 - Fishers
Register online at www.kofc6923.org/golf

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 27th
"Envoy" Conference

October 28th
Knights Trunk or Treat event at Campagna

October 31st
Trunk or Treat event at Terre Haute

November 18th

There has been a change in schedule! The Campagna Ladies Luncheon and Men's BBQ will be combined into one event this year: **Friendsgiving on Tuesday, November 18**. This event is limited seating, but all are welcome.

Please email melissa.reed@gibault.org if you are interested in attending.

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