



Graduation 2025 Edition

Guardian Angels Central Catholic School Newsletter

# NEWS FROM THE NEST

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*Bluejays say good-bye*

## **GACC Graduation 2025**



Cracking a smile during the GACC graduation ceremony on May 11 is Shelby Perchal. Also pictured is Alejandro Perez.

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## *Top of their class*

**Kate Jansen, right, was Guardian Angels Central Catholic's 2025 Valedictorian and Brooklyn Steffen, left, was this year's Salutatorian.**

## WEDDINGS

Lauren Wobken '17 married Austin Becker on 8/17/24  
 Derek Petz '18 married Brittney Hinkel on 9/28/24  
 Landon Stalp '19 married Megan Schroeder on 10/5/24  
 Jordan Fischer '16 married Conagher Jonak on 10/12/24  
 Angela Jansen '19 married Anthony Kubik on 10/26/24  
 Breanne Kreikemeier '16 married Eddie Ruskamp on 11/30/24  
 Axcele Biteghe Bi Ndong '20 married Melanie Vanness on 1/18/25  
 Hunter Uhing '19 married Mackenzie Enderlin on 3/1/25

## DEATHS

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

Mildred (Engelmeyer) Grant '45, DOD 5/24/24  
 Gary Bliemeister '70, DOD 9/6/24  
 Jodeen (Frickenstein) Kleveland '68, DOD 9/15/24  
 Richard Drueke '61, DOD 11/5/24  
 Elizabeth (Toelle) Diers '57, DOD 11/11/24  
 Valdene (Dinslage) Kai '63, DOD 11/13/24  
 LeRoy Dinslage '69, DOD 11/16/24  
 Ray Meiergerd '44, DOD 11/27/24  
 Joan (Franzluebbers) Kinnett '71, DOD 12/14/24  
 Vernon Herman '47, DOD 12/18/24  
 Paul Timmerman '58, DOD 12/25/24  
 Melvern Wolken '52, DOD 1/11/25  
 Dale Schlecht '68, DOD 2/21/25  
 Jean (Michaelis) Popken '55, DOD 3/21/25  
 Joan (Luebbert) Shuetze '64, DOD 4/1/25  
 Luella Buse '70, DOD 4/3/25  
 Thomas Gentrup '58, DOD 4/22/25  
 Norbert Spenner '53, DOD 4/28/25  
 Henry Drueke '46, DOD 5/12/25  
 Connie (Schmuecker) Kaup '65, DOD 7/2/25

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**A mother-son embrace between Chase Smith and his mom, Tricia Smith.**



**Laughing during a speech are GACC graduates, from left, Konnor Kralik, Ian Kreikemeier, Izzy Kreikemeier and Simon Kreikemeier.**

# Class of 2025

## *Graduates and their parents*

Addison Baumert: daughter of Tom and Jan Baumert  
 Kennedy Baumert: daughter of Corey and Kara Baumert  
 Carter Bramlet: son of Connor and Allison Bramlet  
 Noah Brichacek: son of Justin Brichacek and Jessica Brichacek  
 Jaxson Brunsing: son of Don and Alisa Brunsing  
 Ethan Engelmeyer: son of Joe and Amy Engelmeyer  
 Luke Hagedorn: son of Dan and Lana Hagedorn  
 Elizabeth Hasemann: daughter of Shawn and Lachelle Hasemann  
 Cody Hass: son of Arvid and Karen Hass  
 Grace Hunzeker: daughter of Josh and Alice Hunzeker  
 Kathryn Jansen: daughter of Matt and Tarah Jansen  
 Dominic Johnson: son of Reifer Johnson and Terri & Travis Schwarz  
 Thomas Karnopp: son of David and Shannon Karnopp  
 Skylar Kaup: daughter of Trent and Kim Kaup  
 Konnor Kralik: son of Shawn and Anne Kralik  
 Ian Kreikemeier: son of Todd and Heather Kreikemeier  
 Israeia Kreikemeier: daughter Greg and Sue Kreikemeier  
 Simon Kreikemeier: son of Keith and Jennifer Kreikemeier  
 Abraham Lopez: son of Carlos and Sanjuana Lopez  
 Adyson Luebbert: daughter of Roger and Staci Luebbert  
 Ben Oligmueller: son of Brian and Tanya Oligmueller  
 Diego Onate: son of Jesus and Maria Onate  
 Shelby Perchal: daughter of Josh & Kara Perchal and Kelly Perchal  
 Alejandro Perez: son of Fidel and Dora Perez  
 Caleb Ridder: son of Matt and Erin Ridder  
 Logan Rolf: son of Timothy and Sarah Rolf  
 Natalie Ruskamp: daughter of Doug and Kristie Ruskamp  
 Dylan Schinstock: son of Chad and Rachel Schinstock  
 Trey Schlecht: son of Rod and Dara Schlecht  
 Mackenzie Schmid: daughter of Dr. Luke and Dr. Renee Schmid  
 Chase Smith: son of Rusty and Tricia Smith  
 Brooklyn Steffen: daughter of Kyle and Kimberly Steffen  
 Hayden Throener: son of Doug and Karla Throener  
 Jordan Timmerman: son of Jeff and Anne Timmerman  
 Zaranæ Torres: daughter of Alberto and Christine Torres  
 Isaac Wooldrik: son of Craig and Wendy Wooldrik

### BIRTHS

Derek '12 & Stephanie Bracht, daughter, Emersen Ann, DOB 6/2/24  
 Heath '06 & Michaela Graybeal, daughter, Bennie Renee, DOB 8/8/24  
 Spencer '12 & Lauren Leffler, son, Benedict Michael, DOB 8/13/24  
 Katie (Ortmeier) '09 & Adam Christiansen, son, Cooper Randal, DOB 8/24/24  
 Kelsey (Knobbe) '10 & Brock Schroder, son, Jett Bryan, DOB 9/20/24  
 Jamison (Ulrich) '14 & Zach Krenk, son, Silas Duane, DOB 9/23/24  
 Michael '03 & Natalie Stratman, daughter, Rollins Mary, DOB 11/20/24  
 Connor '17 & Katie Klitz, son, Kroy Joseph, DOB 11/19/24  
 Greg '06 & Aliza Brunsing, son, Max Kenneth, DOB 11/25/24  
 Jeff '08 & Elisha Kirchman, son, Jerek Jax, DOB 12/3/24  
 Aaron '11 & Lauren Spenner, daughter, Ada Katherine, DOB 12/13/24  
 Jeff '10 & Samantha O'Brien, daughter, Kennedy Jane, DOB 1/20/25  
 Xavier '19 & Meghan (Brunsing) '20 Steffensmeier, daughter, Haven Maria, DOB 2/2/25  
 Tatem (Kreikemeier) '10 & Tony Edwards, daughter, Breely Mae, DOB 4/1/2025  
 Shea '08 & Mollie (Brunsing) '10 Stokely, son, Patrick William, DOB 5/5/25  
 Jessica (Strehle) '09 & Scott Heiser, son, Tyson Vernon, DOB 5/16/25  
 Bethany (Stratmann) '11 & Seth Bose, son, Barret Daniel, DOB 5/16/225

### Note:

The 2026 GACC Alumni Banquet will be May 30, 2026.



**The Jansen family (from left) Tarah, Kate and Matt are all smiles as they proceed into the GACC graduation ceremony held on May 11.**



**Diego Onate receives his high school diploma from GACC Principal Justin Wardyn.**



**A joyful Dominic Johnson accepts his diploma from high school principal Justin Wardyn.**



**Konnor Kralik gives his mom, Anne Kralik, a hug during GACC's graduation ceremony.**



**Bluejay Cody Hass gets ready to give his dad, Arvid Hass, a hug at the start of GACC's graduation ceremony.**



**GACC's Thomas Karnopp embraces his mom, Shannon Karnopp, as the graduates proceed into the graduation ceremony with their parents.**



**ZaraNae Torres is all smiles after receiving her diploma. On the stage receiving his diploma is Isaac Wooldrik.**



**Above: Cracking some big smiles during GACC's graduation ceremony are Elizabeth Hasemann and Cody Hass.**

**Left: Filled with laughter is Dylan Schinstock. Also pictured is Trey Schlecht.**



**GACC graduate Grace Hunzeker takes a post-ceremony photo with Jessa Luebbert.**



**Natalie Ruskamp takes the stage to receive her diploma from principal Justin Wardyn.**

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