



IRA Tax Break Permanent

Tax Planning Opportunity

The **Kuemper Catholic School Foundation** is a qualified charity that is recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service. As part of the tax extenders bill that was signed into law last year, Congress has made permanent the allowance of taxpayers who are at least 70 ½ years old to make up to \$100,000 in qualified charitable distributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) without including the distribution in their federal income each year.

With the tax extenders law becoming permanent, taxpayers can now make contributions at any point during the year with the confidence of the tax treatment for federal income tax purposes. Transfers to Kuemper will continue to be deemed as part of the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) calculation that is required for taxpayers when they attain the age 70 ½ and own IRAs.

There are potentially many other smart tax advantages to this technique of giving. Contact your tax advisor and/or financial planner to determine how this law could affect your current individual income tax and/or your long-term estate planning situation.



Bless the Kuemper Catholic School System, that it may be a lively center for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom. Grant that those who teach and those who learn may find You to be the source of all truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Eternal God,



Msgr. Lafferty Popular Tax Credits

Enjoy a generous 65% state tax credit back with a donation to the Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation. Tax credits are limited.

First come-first serve (Iowa taxpayers only).

Visit www.kuemper.org - **WAYS TO GIVE** (to make a contribution online), or return the enclosed envelope for more information.



Eternal Knights are those visionary friends who have made the ultimate expression of their faith in Catholic education by remembering Kuemper in their estate plans.

We thank everyone who has notified us of gifts they are making through their wills or other estate plans to continue Kuemper's mission, traditions and core values for the future.

If you have included a gift for Kuemper in your plans but are not a member of this growing group of **Eternal Knights**, we invite you to let us know by calling Sharon Olerich at (712) 794-1877 or emailing srolerich@kuemper.org.

God bless our newest **Eternal Knights**: Dr. Keith†(dec) & Jean Guy, Msgr. Kenneth A. Seifried and Mark & Mary Schreck.

Remember Kuemper and your church in your Will.

You can become an **Eternal Knight** by making a gift to Kuemper that costs nothing during your lifetime. Plan and invest in the future today.



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My thanks to Kuemper...

"I have been and always will be thankful for the 12 years of Catholic education that the teachers and staff members of St. Lawrence and Kuemper Catholic High School provided to me. The relationships that were created and the values that were instilled over those 12 years are with me every day and I am forever grateful for that. I have always had a great sense of PRIDE in being a Kuemper graduate, and now as a parent, I truly understand why my parents made the sacrifices they did over the years to give my siblings and me this incredible opportunity of learning and experiencing the Catholic values that a Kuemper education provides. The values and disciplines that Kuemper provided to me have been instrumental in guiding me through life as I pursued and fulfilled many of my dreams personally, professionally and spiritually. THANK YOU Kuemper for providing me, all the past generations and all the future generations to come of the Kuemper Family, with this opportunity to have such a great Catholic foundation that has and will continue to shape our journey through life. **GO KNIGHTS!!!**"

Bob Muhlbauer, Class of 1993

Bob & Sarah Muhlbauer with daughters - Morgan (Class of 2022), Mya (Class of 2025), Marisa (Class of 2027)



Thank you!

Kuemper Catholic School Foundation At Work
Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund
Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund (TSEF) was established through the Kuemper Foundation in 2001 to help narrow the salary gap between Kuemper and public schools. The investments from this fund are used to help enhance the salaries of Kuemper's dedicated teachers. The goal of the fund is to support hiring bonuses, moving expenses and salary differentials for hard-to-find specialty area teachers. It provides additional funds to attract and retain quality educators while providing professional training.

For the past several years the Foundation has allocated gifts for all employees at Christmas and Easter time. Foundation members personally distribute these gifts to the teachers and staff.

Foundation member Bob Muhlbauer shares his experience in distributing Advent gifts to teachers and staff. "I'm glad the staff enjoy the gifts. I really feel it's the least we can do to show our appreciation for our dedicated staff. It's great to get in the schools during a school day and feel the atmosphere. It gives me a sense of pride to see the staff and students in the learning environment and you can just see and feel how great Kuemper is. I can see why my children enjoy school so much each day. I also think these gifts are a great reminder to me and the Foundation members of the true purpose of the Kuemper Foundation."

With your contribution, you can help say **thank you** to Kuemper's teachers and also help with recruitment and retention of quality faculty. (See enclosed envelope)

The GOOD NEWS at Kuemper

Graduation – It's About Time

Kuemper continued the tradition of remembering Father Kuemper and connecting his legacy in a special way to the newest graduates at commencement. Right before the new graduates received their diploma, they one-by-one held Father Kuemper's watch reflecting on the time of that pioneer priest.

While the students held the watch, they were asked to think back to when Father Kuemper held it and checked the time during his busy days of work. John Steffes, Kuemper President, shared "This watch is actually Father (Joseph) Kuemper's gold pocket watch. It has a fancy 'K' imprinted on it. The namesake of our school comes from the hard-working priest who immigrated to America from Germany and was ordained a priest in 1880. He left an incredible legacy here as he founded St. Anthony Hospital, three area parishes and of course, St. Angela Academy, the all-girls high school and predecessor to our high school today."

"Reflect on Father Kuemper's time and legacy on earth and think about your time and your legacy that remains in front of you," suggested John Steffes, Kuemper President. "What will your imprint be? Your imprint to make a difference with your time begins today. Make the most of your time, in service to others, as Father Kuemper's time on earth was."



During the renovation of the front entrance at Kuemper High School, a display case was installed in the new shrine near the front entry to showcase Father Kuemper's pocket watch. A large portrait of Father Kuemper hangs above the display case with his signature engraved on the name plate. Alumni and guests are welcome to stop and view the watch and portrait anytime they are in Carroll.

Valedictorian Matt Dentlinger and Salutatorian Martha Van Erdewyk address classmates and guests at commencement. Matt is the son of Joel '82 and Sheila Dentlinger from St. John's Parish, Arcadia and Martha is the daughter of Michael '85 and Susan Van Erdewyk of Holy Spirit Parish in Carroll.



GIFT ANNUITIES Extend Your Support for Kuemper Students Beyond Your Lifetime!

Charitable Gift Annuities are gifts that produce income for you at attractive rates. Fixed payments with tax advantages can be the rewarding outcome for you during your lifetime. After that time, the remaining assets support Kuemper students.

YOU CAN BENEFIT FROM POPULAR GIFT ANNUITIES

Receive steady income payments for life with fixed rates as high as 9% (depending on age). Enjoy the smart gift that gives back with great tax benefits.

Contact the Kuemper Foundation for a free and simple personal illustration.

AGE	RATE
65	4.7%
70	5.1%
75	5.8%
80	6.8%
85	7.8%
90+	9.0%



KUEMPER CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights." - James 1:17



Kuemper Fieldhouse Complete

It had been a year since the ground-breaking ceremony was held for the new Kuemper Catholic School fieldhouse. Kuemper President, John Steffes, welcomed supporters of the **Kuemper Tomorrow Campaign** who gathered in the newly-finished field house for an open house on May 24. He noted that the fieldhouse has been part of a long-range strategic planning process going back to 2011, one of the projects of the very successful **Kuemper Tomorrow Campaign**."

Father Gary Snyder, a retired priest and 1964 Kuemper graduate, led the campaign prayer and recited a reading from Isaiah. "Our eyes are wandering in many directions as we view this spacious building, some of us for the first time," said Fr. Snyder. "I would like to draw your attention to the inscription on the wall – 'We will run and not grow weary, for our God will be our strength.' This guiding principle comes to us from the prophet Isaiah in the 40th chapter."

Jim White, one of the **Kuemper Tomorrow Campaign** chairs and 1969 Kuemper graduate, acknowledged the campaign has been successful and many were involved. He noted, "We have teacher enhancement. We have security. We honored our Franciscan roots by redoing our chapel. It was all done in a timely fashion." White noted one of the rewarding things is the goals that they set out to complete are the objectives "we stuck fast to. We did not modify them. We didn't cut from one area to give to another. We held true to our original intent."



The new Fieldhouse construction is complete. It is a two-story, 26,000 square-foot facility and features a 100-by-200 foot ground floor with a multi-purpose gym large enough to accommodate two practice basketball, volleyball, or tennis courts; a batting cage for softball, baseball and golf; and an open area large enough to run drills and practice sets for the football or soccer teams. There are also two locker rooms. The 6,000-square foot upper level will be used primarily as a practice room for wrestling.

"Our students are very active," John Steffes pointed out. "Here at Kuemper, we work at building a healthy environment to build their active spiritual lives, active academic lives and build up and keep their active social and extracurricular lives." After active days in the classroom with their teachers, many of the students end up in the field house with their coaches, Steffes reported.

"The Christ-centered environment must continue," he said. "They are reminded by crosses on the wall and the inscription on the wall. We have a lot of coaches and they help instill the spirituality." Steffes told the story of one of the newer coaches who shared that working at Kuemper has helped him grow in his faith. "What a great testimonial," the Kuemper president said. "That clearly reminds us what Kuemper is all about. That spiritual environment must be first and foremost every day."

Inscription inside fieldhouse from Isaiah 40:31 ----

"We will run and not grow weary, for our God will be our strength"

Kuemper friends can still be a part of the exciting KUEMPER TOMORROW Campaign by helping reach the \$5.38 Challenge Goal. Visit Kuemper's website or contact Sharon Olerich in the Kuemper Foundation Office at (712) 794-1877 or email srolerich@kuemper.org.



Kuemper Catholic School Foundation Receives \$120,000 Bequest

Kuemper received an estate gift of \$120,000 from Eva B. Wiedemeyer designated for the Kuemper Catholic School Foundation.

Eva Wiedemeyer passed away on Nov. 8, 2016. Eva married William I. Wiedemeyer in 1941 at St. Lawrence Church in Carroll. She lived the rest of her life in the same house in Carroll until passing away at the age of 101. They had two sons, William '60 and Robert '62.

Eva loved to travel which included nine World Fairs. She was an avid bird watcher, loved growing flowers, gardening and received many first place prizes in pie contests. She was a life member of the Iowa Ornithologist Union, Friends of the Library and the Carroll County Historical Society. She was also a member of the Carroll Area Serra Club, Carroll County Genealogical Society, Carroll Area Iowans for Life, Lincoln Highway Association and the Carroll County Republican Women.

Eva was a simple and joyful person who loved life. She had a quiet compassion for others in need and was very devoted to her faith and especially Catholic education for young people. Eva was a very faithful church-minded and community-minded person. **Her planned philanthropy is truly admirable and will make an important difference for many Kuemper students in the future.**

Eva was generous with other gifts in her smart estate planning, including the Carroll Area Serra Club and her home parish of St. Lawrence in Carroll.

Faith-filled and Dedicated Mother, Eva Wiedemeyer, died in 2016.



Tomorrow her carefully planned legacy gifts will keep advancing the mission of Catholic education.

Remember Kuemper in Your Will

The Kuemper Foundation

CHECKLIST FOR YOU

- You can return the enclosed envelope to make a gift or to receive more helpful information about the Kuemper Foundation.
- Visit your attorney and trusted advisor about including Kuemper in your estate plans.
- Visit www.kuemper.org & click the **WAYS TO GIVE** tab for sample bequest language & much more.
- Call our office for more information about including the Kuemper Foundation in your estate plan or with any questions about this newsletter.



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