

Gross Catholic Class 2020 Reunion Planning

1975 * 1980 * 1985 * 1990 *

1995 * 2000 * 2005 * 2010 * 2015



If you are a graduate of the years listed above, you are hitting a milestone year and it is time to celebrate!

If you are celebrating your 10, 20, 30 or 40 year reunion, you are invited to host an event at Gross Catholic. Please contact Molly Nolte @ nolte@gcgmail.org for more information.

Here are some ways Gross Catholic can help:

- Post messages on Gross Catholic's social media sites about your class reunion planning, and later about scheduled plans.
- Share information about class Facebook pages.
(*Note: Please let us know the name of your class FB page, & email the link to us.)
- Provide a list of classmates and addresses that we currently have in our database
- Print mailing labels for your class so you can send invitations.
- Send an email blast to your classmates (to the emails we have in our database) communicating information you'd like to share regarding planning or scheduled reunion events
(*Note: We have limited email contact information for some classes. If you have knowledge of additional classmates' email addresses, we would love to add them!)
- **Be sure to tell us about your finalized reunion plans!**
(Remember: We can only help spread the word if you tell us your plans!)

The following venue ideas, tips lessons and other suggestions were provided by Gross Catholic alumni who have been involved in previous reunion planning.

Venue Suggestions from Gross Catholic Alumni:

- Horseman's Park (One class reserved a tented area during a live-racing event day.)
- Sinnott's Sand Bar (alumni-owned) (There are several sand volleyball courts.)
- Donohue's Pub (alumni-owned)
- Darby's Tavern (alumni-owned)
- Scriptown in Blackstone (alumni-owned)
- Blatt Beer and Table Downtown (Contact: Larissa Ramos: larissa@blattbeer.com)
- 1912 Rooftop in Benson
- Old Mattress Factory
- Stinson Park (One class reserved an area so people could come and go, grab food from nearby restaurants or bring a picnic, etc. This was very family-friendly.)
- Golf outings at various local golf courses as part of the weekend's events
- River City Star boat cruise

Planning Tips from Fellow GC Alumni:

- Organize a class Facebook page if you don't already have one.
(If one person creates it, you can add your classmates. If you can't find everyone, list the "missing classmates," and ask if others can add them.)
- After setting up the Facebook page, create a survey and post it on the page.
(Used to gather input about where to have the reunion, how much to charge, etc.)
- Some classes said it worked well to order appetizers off the menu so no pre-planning was needed for food.
- Be sure to communicate if the cost includes dinner, snacks, or if it is up to individuals to purchase food/drinks on their own. Try to keep the price as reasonable as possible to allow more people to attend
- Some alumni suggested having a cash bar so non-drinking classmates don't pay more than necessary.
- Some groups suggested setting the RSVP date far in advance to avoid the last-minute confusion.
- Using Venmo was helpful for payment.
- Place a white rose on a table to commemorate each deceased classmate, and have a framed listing of the names of classmates who are deceased.
- Donated prizes can be used for drawings throughout the evening.
(Planning committee members asked businesses for small donations prior to the event.)
- Invite former faculty if you choose.
- Live music is fun...or choose a playlist of popular songs from your graduation year or decade. One class had a "one-man band."
- Several classes have given a class monetary donation to Gross Catholic, in honor of their graduating class.

Other Thoughts:

- Ask reunion attendees to **update their contact information** and then **share the updates with Gross Catholic (see email below)** so we can update the information in our database. This could save you time the *next* time you plan a reunion.
- Be sure to let us know your **final reunion plans** so Gross Catholic can "be in the know" and post the plans on social media and other places to help spread the word.

Please contact Molly McGill Nolte '99 at nolte@gcgmail.org or 402-734-2000 with questions or updated contact information.

