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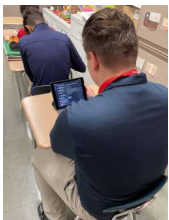
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As the 2022 season approached, the passionate St. Rita's fanbase was extremely anxious to see if CCL/St. Rita Hall of Fame head football coach Todd Kuska '90 would be able to bounce back from back to back losses in the state championship without the help of 4 star receiver Kaleb Brown, who moved on to greener pastures at Ohio State. Many across the CCL were wondering if he had anything left in the tank after 25 seasons.

As it turned out, he only had one season left, as he announced during Week 1 that 2022 would be his final season at the helm. He had an epiphany after the state championship loss to Wheaton North that led him to realize that he was possibly too nice for the job. "I couldn't do it anymore" said an exhausted Kuska after an actually decent day of practice. "It's too mentally draining trying to balance being a football coach and a nice guy. It's time that someone else takes the reins."

Many on the St. Rita football team were not surprised to hear Coach Kuska's reason for finally stepping down. "If Kuska wasn't so nice, we would've won the state game. How could we possibly expect a win when Coach's plays involved so much sharing with the other team?" said Alabama kicker commit Conor Talty.

Coach Kuska was not safe from criticism even from his own son. "The only times I've seen my dad mad was when some dumb manager played 'Jimmy Cooks' during warmups one time and when I dropped a wide open pass in the endzone against St. Pat's" said Joey Kuska. Kuska is on

pace for a 5 catch, 50 yard, 3 touchdown regular season.

With the hiring of experienced college Coach Martin Hopkins '09 and promising undergraduate classes, the St. Rita's fanbase is hoping to light a fire under the St. Rita Varsity program.

We thank Coach Kuska, our favorite nice guy, for 25 years of St. Rita football.



Pictured: Coach Kuska '90 honored at his final regular season homegame



## St. Rita Takes On A New Rival

Joseph Baxtrom '26

For as long as anyone can remember Mt. Carmel has been Rita's rival, but in recent years a new institution has challenged our school. This institution is increasingly threatening Rita's abilities in sports and in recruitment. This dreaded institution is the adjacent McDonad's. That's right! The Hamburglar himself is burgling our fun! It all started when Mickey D's Challenged Rita on the diamond. This event steamrolled to Deacon John sending an email to everybody apart of St. Rita. The aforementioned email inspired the Rita mascot and Ronald McDonald to fight during halftime versus Marian Central. Unfortunately the only person still in the stands was Mr. Bowers, who had recently stolen many bottles of baby powder. Deacon John is not the only faculty member upset with McDonalds' behavior. Mr. Bonk is concerned about the number of 8th graders interested in attending St. Rita. The competition is heating up and many prospective students are believed to be filling out applications for Mickey D's. Hopefully the new (insert lucky company) will drive the McDonald's out of business and this issue will be resolved.

## Change in Food Service Leads to the Formation of a New Religion

John Emmons '23

As St. Rita began yet another year of education, new principal Mr. Blaszak made some announcements. One of these announcements was about the change in cafeteria food, specifically the entire company that would make us the food. This announcement was highly requested, as many former Natir writers would complain about the food, so much so that the topic wasn't allowed. Now, change has finally occurred.

As the school year began, many praised the new food. "Much better than last year," stated sophomore Alan Cazares. Most responses were exactly the same as this underclassman. Everyone seemed content, though there were a few that were deviants compared to the norm. Some would take advantage of the new change. A good example of this is senior varsity football player Hardy Johnson. "We should make a religious faction. It'd be funny, I think" said Johnson.

And a faction they made. Björgerism, they called it. Björgerism was the belief in the food god, Björger. Björger was a horribly drawn two-dimensional cheeseburger, usually replacing the heads of prominent historical figures. It started as a small, comedic following, with 5 or 6 students casually joining this group, but it didn't stay funny for long. Soon, dozens of students were pledging loyalty to the group, planting propaganda of their overlord, Björger, in the school.

### Resurrecting Rita

Patrick Connolly '24

St. Rita has been looking for new ways to recruit students and raise school spirit for years, and what some believe is the best course of action has been found after a summer of discussion. A committee of students was formed, and after careful consideration, the student team agreed that the best way to raise enrollment and school spirit would be to bring St. Rita to St. Rita. Yes, you read that right.

Operation RR (Resurrect Rita) has a quick turn around as the band is making their way to Italy this Spring. The plan is for several students to go to Italy with the Augustinians, and while band causes a distraction, the other students grab the body and hop on an express flight back to Chicago, disguising her as an elderly passenger. When questioned on how they would get a body past customs, President Joey Kuska said "We don't know yet, but our brave operatives will do anything for this blessed school." Others, namely Ms. Hackett who is set to chaperone the trip, are questioning whether or not this aligns with the church. She has gone on record saying, "Teaching at an all boy's school is enough purgatory for me. I do not need to tack on more years by allowing students to steal a saint's body."

There is a 75/25 split among alumni, and a 90/10 split among the student body. An anonymous '21 graduate went

They infested the hallways, covering the walls with their posters. They've crafted traditions, holding a gathering every Friday lunch period in the cafeteria, speaking greatness about their "savior," and looking for victims to enforce their ideology upon.

Band members were commonly found chanting, "Feed the trombone, feed the trombone" during their lunch period, attempting to praise Björger by giving their instruments food as well. One student even claims that they witnessed a group of members attempting to sacrifice a slice of pepperoni pizza to their god by drawing a burger symbol on the floor with marinara sauce and putting the pizza in the middle. The staff continue to deny the knowledge of the group, although witnesses claim Mr. Conrath, who supervises D Period lunch, is involved in Friday gatherings. St. Rita truly has been overtaken by Björger. What will our students worship next? UGG boots, perhaps?



**Pictured left: Students flock to the lunch line in hopes to please Björger during Junior/Senior Lunch**

on record saying, "Assuming that this works, who's to say she will actually raise school spirit at events like football games? Name one time when a six-hundred-something-year-old has successfully brought in enough fans to sell out tickets. Exactly, it hasn't happened. If a piece of the "True Cross of Christ" we have sitting in the chapel hasn't brought in the numbers, how will a change in mascot do the trick?"

For the most part, others are open to the idea.



**Pictured Above: The Tomb of St. Rita. Cascia, Italy**

## The Holy Grail of Discoveries

Richard Lippert '25

Many fans of the Indiana Jones movie will be excited to hear the recent news at St. Rita. Last week, while looking for bean bag boards in the basement storage hallways, Jaybird discovered something quite shiny near the 40s letterman jackets in the basement. The real Ark of the Covenant made by the Israelites containing the original 10 commandments was found buried deep within the other relics of St. Rita High School. Jaybird brought the Ark to Mr. Pazin's room to evaluate it. Mr. Pazin, being an unmatched expert in history, verified the authenticity of the artifact and it was placed on display in the shrine chapel. "I thought it was just an old trophy," said Jaybird. Word about the Ark reached the Vatican which led Pope Francis to send an offer of 3 million dollars to Fr. Jack.

Rumor has it he will decline and it will remain permanently on display in the shrine chapel. Debate on whether it should be opened has been discussed in some board meetings. Many say no because of the ending of Indiana Jones, but some other staff members argued that it's just a movie. The Augustinians have been searching through ancient texts to see if there's an answer to what actually happens to people who open the ark and see the tablets. They are requesting help from all other parishes and even higher clergy like the Cardinal.

Besides the Ark, Jaybird claims he may have found the Holy Grail, literally. The athletic office has contemplated using it as the Augustinian Cup trophy for sporting events against Providence. Others are arguing for either one of the artifacts to be added as decoration in the football locker room. For suggestions on what to do with these things, please contact Jaybird.

## St. Rita High School Incentivizes Email Checking

Thomas Healy '25

Three weeks ago, a new letter from the principal's desk came to the students via email. Ironically, the topic of the email was the new incentive program regarding checking emails sent to the students. However, because only 6% of students at St. Rita check their email on a regular basis, many announcements had to be made throughout the day, and every teacher made sure to ask students to check their email and read about. Some teachers, like Brother Joe, gave their class the entire 44 minutes to read the 50 line email. Of course, most students were playing games rather than reading the simple email.

To summarize the email: students are being asked to reply to the "Daily Announcements" email sent by Mr. Blazak at the beginning of each day. Simple replies such as, "Ok" or "I'm just doing this to get the Mustang Bucks" would be fine. But what exactly are Mustang Bucks©? Mustang Bucks© are simply a point system used in this incentive program. Every email that you reply to gives you 1 Mustang Buck©. In order for you to get something of actual worth, however, you will need roughly 50 Mustang Bucks©. Now, you might be wondering, what does this give someone? You would imagine it would be something pretty nice, considering the fact that it took them roughly 10 weeks to get. The grand prize is a whopping . . . \$5 Mustang Store credit.

This upset many students, as \$5 for Mustang Store is simply not much for spending 10 straight weeks of strenuous email replying. And, it couldn't just be a 5 dollar bill. No, it is a piece computer paper says, "\$5 Mustang Store Certificate \*student's name\*". Of course, students started to find ways around this system, however. Students have begun selling these certificates for \$3 in the infamous St. Rita bathrooms. How would they obtain enough to sell? They would simply start copying the one that they obtained.

It has been confirmed by Principal, Mr. Blazak, and President, Deacon Donahue, that this incentive program will be heavily reworked over the summer with a workshop for the entire faculty and staff.



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