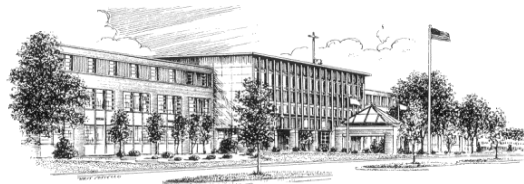


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Padua Franciscan High School

Press Release

Padua Celebrates 60th Anniversary with Outdoor Mass & Fireworks

PARMA, Ohio – (August 15, 2021) Padua (PAD-oo-uh) Franciscan High School kicked off its 60th Anniversary celebration with an Outdoor Mass and Fireworks display at Padua Stadium (in Parma) on Saturday, August 14, 2021. More than 1,000 Bruins, alumni and supporters, along with a dozen clergy members, joined us for the special night filled with faith and family. The Padua community said a blessing over its newly installed President Dave Stec. Throughout this milestone year, Padua will continue celebrating the impact the school has made on more than 12,500 young men and women since 1961.

MASS & FIREWORKS VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ncoHsKleSeo>

VIDEO TIME CODES:

- Mass: 40:30 – 1:49:26
- Blessing over New President Dave Stec: 1:43:54 – 1:44:56
- 60th Anniversary Remarks by President Dave Stec: 1:49:45 – 1:56:33
- Fireworks: 2:00:30 – 2:13:05

MORE DETAILS: The Mass presider was Fr. Thomas Nairn, OFM, provincial minister of the Sacred Heart Province of Franciscans (from St. Louis, Missouri). The homilist was Padua alumnus Fr. Joe Mamich '97, who serves as pastor of St. Joseph Church in Strongsville. Additionally, a dozen priests and deacons from around the Diocese participated in the Mass. Dozens of Padua alumni sang in the church choir.

NOTE: Padua's first day of school is on Thursday, August 19th.

NEXT SPECIAL EVENT: Homecoming Football game on Friday, September 24th @ 7pm @ Padua Stadium
(Padua Bruins vs Lake Catholic)

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School Background: Padua Franciscan High School is located at 6740 State Road in Parma, Ohio. Padua is a college-preparatory, co-educational school with 760 students. Padua was founded by Franciscans in 1961 and bases its educational philosophy on the life and spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi. The school's mission is to develop the unique talents of each student, while giving them the skills they need to succeed in college and beyond.
