

WALKING AWAY During his visit to the Great Sand Dunes in Colorado, July 25, senior **NATHAN SCHAEFER** snaps a picture of stepsisters Amy and Abby Linhoff. "It was like standing in a whole new world. It was really mind-blowing realizing how expansive this country really is," Schaefer said.

n a summer adventure

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"People at my camp provided each other with unconditional support."
—junior **SOPHIE CARNAGHI**

"Nobody's a perfect Christian. We're all sinners striving to get better."
—junior **MARIA HELLENY**

"I had a season pass to Six Flags because roller coasters are fun."
—sophomore **ASHLEY WEST**

"Helicopter rides make me nervous, but it was cool to see things from above."
—sophomore **MADISON NGUYEN**

"On a mission, I taught a girl how to sing a worship song in English."
—junior **MIKAYLA FRIEND**

"There's a tribe of Indians in Ketchikan that speak their own language."
—junior **JAKE BEERMAN**

"At camp, I learned to be myself and let go of things holding me back."
—junior **LEIA CASAREZ**

Christian retreat lifts teen spirits

As lights danced, 3,888 kids sang at the top of their lungs and waved their arms to the music. Beach balls bounced from hand to hand around the stadium of Missouri State University. No, it wasn't a concert. It was Steubenville 2015, a Catholic retreat, July 17-19.

"It was amazing seeing everyone and how many teens were praising God together," junior **MARIA HELLENY** said.

The retreat was divided into sessions, with two or three a day that included mass, entertainment, confession, small group talks, and guest speakers.

"It's basically a big concert with dancing and singing. Then there are more serious parts like confession and adoration," senior **JULIANA HELLENY** said.

Adoration occurs when a priest puts out a golden cross with the consecrated Eucharist in it. The priest processes around the whole stadium.

"Adorations is silent prayer and thought towards God. It means getting closer to God and finding yourself through the Holy Spirit. It was my favorite part. I cried like a baby, and I didn't want it to end," sophomore **CAPRINA ERBA** said.

This year's theme was Limitless, about the limitless love of God.

"It was fun seeing people walking around with free hugs signs, and doing the clothespin game, where you put clothespins on people's clothes and bags when they're not looking. The pins have random messages saying things like 'Jesus love you' on them," Erba said.



1 CARE AND COMPASSION During her mission trip with the Global Orphan Project to Haiti, junior **MIKAYLA FRIEND** sits with orphaned children, June 10. "It was really powerful. Most of the kids there had nothing, but they were happy just to hold hands or sit on your lap," Friend said.

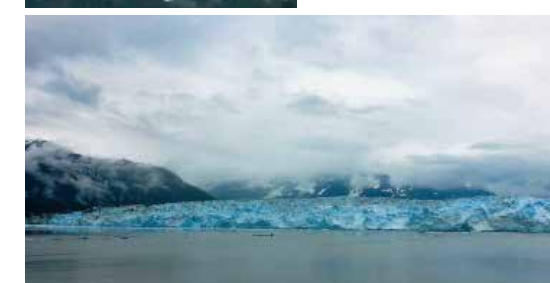
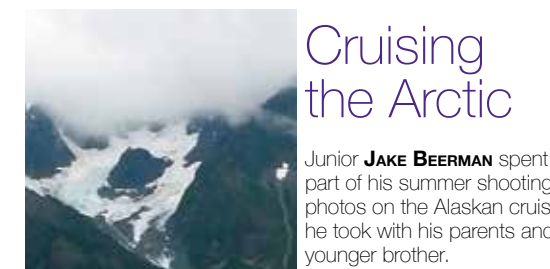
2 FEEL THE ENERGY Sophomore **KRISTEN EPPERLY** stands with the crowd at Steubenville 2015 at Missouri State University, July 18. "The music was entertaining and the talks were inspirational," Epperly said. Steubenville promoters used the event to help teens feel more connected to God.

3 MY SONG KNOWS WHAT YOU DID IN THE DARK July 14, senior **NATHAN SCHAEFER** watches Fall Out Boy at the Hollywood Casino Amphitheater. "I really liked how diverse the crowd was. It was interesting watching people's reaction from Wiz Khalifa to Fall Out Boy," Schaefer said.

4 BEING OUTDOORS While working as a junior counselor at Spy Camp, an 11-week summer camp, junior **SOPHIE CARNAGHI** dressed up, but not as she had originally planned. "The skirt I grabbed for my costume only fit one leg. It was one of the best moments of the summer," Carnaghi said.

Cruising the Arctic

Junior **JAKE BEERMAN** spent part of his summer shooting photos on the Alaskan cruise he took with his parents and younger brother.



LOOKING UP AT NATURE Junior **JAKE BEERMAN** admires the scenery. He spent 10 days cruising Alaska, starting July 24. "I went around Alaska and ended up in Canada. I got to see Arctic whales and glaciers like the Hubbard Glacier," Beerman said.

Let's go camping

"I went to football camp. We scrimmaged and did individual position work during practice."
—sophomore **MIKE BRAZIL**

"I went to Nike Lacrosse camp at SLU. I had fun meeting people from other teams."
—sophomore **PATRICK GALLAGHER**

"At the advanced wrangler training program, I taught little girls horseback riding."
—junior **EMMA FELLOWS**