

# He's a St. Rita parishioner and a Jeopardy! winner ...

## Who is Lloyd Sy?



**A**mong the questions Rockford native Lloyd Sy answered during his three-day run on the game show *Jeopardy!* was a geography question that required him to narrow down a list of countries between North and South America — in under 30 seconds.

That rapid-fire, time-pressured test of knowledge is a familiar challenge for Sy and junior-high and high school students who currently participate in Scholastic Bowl. Sy, 28 years old, credits his time on the Scholastic Bowl team at Auburn High School for his *Jeopardy!* preparation.

In addition to geography, literature and many other subjects, Sy's Catholic upbringing has also made

him well-versed in Catholic teachings.

Sy and his family have been parishioners of St. Rita Parish in Rockford since the 1990s. Sy attended that parish's school during his kindergarten year before entering the gifted program in Rockford.

Throughout middle and high school, Sy remained active at St. Rita, altar serving and playing cello during Masses.

Now, when Sy is home from college, he continues to serve at Masses. He enjoys lecturing at Simbang Gabi Masses for the Greater Rockford Filipino American Catholic Community (GRFACC), of which he and his family are members.

Sy's *Jeopardy!* journey began last July with his audition,



(Photos provided/ Esther Sy)

Lloyd Sy poses with one of Jeopardy! co-hosts, Ken Jennings, during a break in filming.

which included passing an online test and playing a mock version of the game with other contestants.

Sy was accepted on the show, and he and his family traveled to Los Angeles in late October for filming. A week's worth of shows was filmed in just one day.

Sy won on shows that aired Jan. 3 and 4, becoming a two-day champion before his run ended after "Final Jeopardy" Jan. 5. Along the way, he beat out thirteen-time winner Ray LaLonde and won \$55,578.

As Sy finishes his doctorate in English Literature at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va., the winnings will be a blessing.

—Information provided by Esther Sy and articles by Chris Green published in the Rockford Register Star.



Sy poses with his parents, who sport Jeopardy!-themed shirts celebrating his appearance on the show.



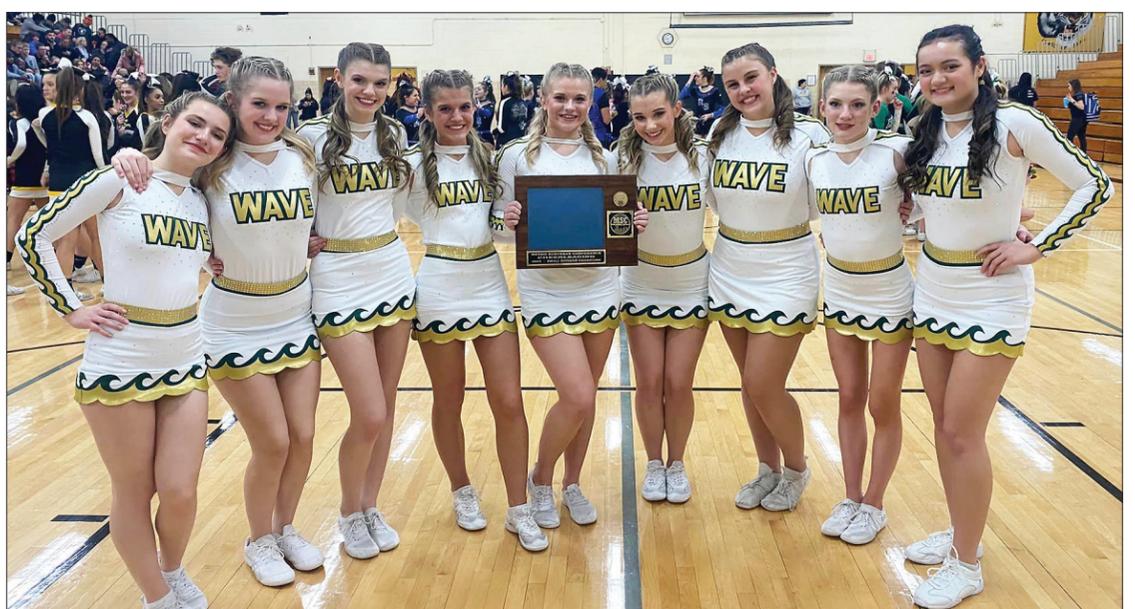
Sy lectures at a Simbang Gabi Mass at St. Rita Parish.



(Photo provided/ Mark Fletcher)

### Marmion Students Teach Faith Formation

AURORA—Students at Marmion Academy have committed to volunteering as catechists and mentors to families of St. Peter Parish through the parish's Family Faith Formation Program. Volunteers pictured from Marmion's Religious Education Outreach Ministry are Leo Rojas, Brian Flores and Saul Nunez, along with the school program's coordinator Jerry Chenski.



(Photo/ St. Edward Central Catholic High School Green Wave Cheer)

### St. Edward CCHS Cheerleaders Win MSC Championship

ELGIN—The Green Wave varsity cheerleaders at St. Edward Central Catholic High School took first place in the Metro Suburban Conference Championships held Jan. 13 at Elmwood Park High School, Elmwood Park.