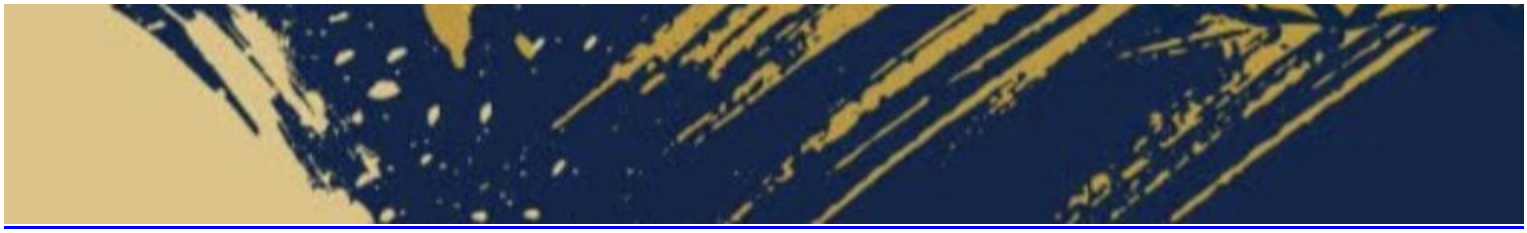
Byron, Carlson, Petri & Kalb Male Athletes Of The Month: Father McGivney Boys Soccer Has Milestone Season

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GLEN CARBON - Father McGivney Catholic’s boys soccer team finished a season of program milestones in 2026.

On Oct. 30, 2026, the Griffins played in the 1A Columbia Sectional championship but fell to Althoff Catholic 1-0.

The Griffins, based in Glen Carbon, Illinois, finished 15-6-3 overall and 7-1 in conference play after winning the program’s first Gateway Metro Conference title and a third consecutive regional championship.

Father McGivney Catholic's soccer boys are Byron, Carlson, Petri & Kalb Male Athletes Of The Month.

The Griffins reached the sectional final by defeating defending state champion Columbia 1-0 in the sectional semifinals Oct. 27, 2026, after Owen Weissert scored with an assist from Brendan Kayser.

Beckham Stone and Patrick Gierer shared the shutout, with Gierer recording 14 saves as McGivney ended Columbia’s postseason run.

McGivney moved to the sectional with a 4-1 victory over Marquette Catholic in the regional championship. Kayser, Rowan Fischer, Weissert and Will Rakers each scored for the Griffins. Kayser, Dedrick Amoussou and Lucas Frohnert provided assists, and Gierer made nine saves.