

# SMS ALUMNI CONNECTION

## ST. MARY PARISH-GLASGOW, MISSOURI ST. MARY'S ON THE MOVE 2018-2019

### ST. MARY'S 2018 FALL DINNER By Jenny Westhues

St. Mary's fall dinners come together each year with hard work, lots of planning, time, devotion, and many prayers from the whole parish. We come together to bring the hospitality and good food to all. Those before us started this tradition with a lot less in regards to the modern conveniences we have today. There are those that step up to be chairs and co-chairs of the main committee, the kitchen, the dining room, the person that takes care of the work list, game room, raffle, bingo, the pop stand, quilt room, religious goods, along with other activities.

The week of the fall dinner, the classrooms are cleared by the faculty and students to prepare for fall dinner set-up. From Thursday to Sunday, the smell of bread being toasted for dressing, onions and celery be chopped for coleslaw, potatoes being peeled for those real mashed potatoes. The day of, turkey and dressing in the oven, parishioners bringing in salads, pies, and breads. At 11 o'clock the lines form with those waiting to be served a delicious home cooked meal. The classrooms are filled with activities for the young and old. Children packing their prizes with big smiles on their faces. Later, there is an auction held at the Knights of Columbus Hall with many items contributed from the parishioners, businesses, and community.



This is where families gather, alumni come back to their parish and school to visit and to bring back memories with others. It is a good feeling once all is said and done and SMS has been put back in order and ready for classes, that once again another fall dinner has been a success because of those who have graciously offered their time, talents, and treasures, and many blessings. This is what makes it a success, all coming together!



### SPREADING CHRISTMAS JOY THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY & PARISH

One of many signs of Christmas joy is seeing SMS students participate in the Glasgow Boat Parade and the SMS Christmas concert. There is a lot of time and dedication that goes into each one of these events. As the community walks past and sees the live nativity scene and the students wave from a decorated boat, their smiles bring out smiles and joy to others. At the Christmas concert, the church is filled from front to back with family, friends, parishioners, community, faculty and staff. When the music starts and the singing begins, the church becomes silent, only the sounds of Christmas fill the air. The little children are excited to see their siblings perform by standing in the aisle, on the kneelers, or on their parent's laps. The students shine with their Christmas attire, the younger grades are wearing a costume or head dress depending on their part or song. Each student brings their own personalities and characteristics with a smile, a twist or move to a song, or their enthusiasm. SMS students proclaim the message and good news with their voices, actions, and smiles! By Jenny Westhues

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Dear Alumni,

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year was: "Catholic Schools...Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." We hope that most of you feel that St. Mary School helped you to develop the skills to learn, serve, lead, and succeed in your career choice. Currently, St. Mary's enrolls 105 students. While we try to recruit in our community and the neighboring communities, it is our tradition and the experiences of past alumnus that sell the value of an education at St. Mary School. St. Mary School draws some of our alumni back to the community, as they want their kids to experience the education they received.

We continually strive to improve and maintain our building while offering a quality education by a qualified staff. This year we started a project to raise funds to add a safety camera system to our building and replace all exterior doors with energy efficient ones that contain safety glass. As of March 10, donations have totaled \$19,084 towards our \$50,000 goal. The current funds collected has allowed us to install the camera system. We hope to have the funds in place by summer to get a start on the door project as well. The current front doors are the ones that were in the building when I started as a first grader in 1972. Not sure how long they were in place before then.

St. Mary's students have the opportunity to serve the parish, school, and community. The experiences the students have in ministries in the parish, mission projects sponsored by each grade, through our speech program, and through the volunteer work in the community at the food pantry and nursing home, help to give our students a great foundation of service to build on as they move on to high school and beyond.

We are grateful to those before us that sacrificed to make our school an important part of the Glasgow community and to all current parishioners that continue to support the ministry of Catholic education in Glasgow today. We have and continue to benefit from donors that have benefited from being a graduate of our school in the past as well. Thank you to all of the above for making a Catholic education in Glasgow possible for our current students.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers. Remember, visitors are always welcome in our school. Stop by to see how we continue to grow and change and share a memory that you cherish from your days at St. Mary School. We challenge all to share a positive memory of how getting a Catholic education at St. Mary School

made an impact in their lives. Please mail or email these to the school for us to use on promotional materials in the near future.

May God be with you always,

Kent Monnig, Principal

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK JANUARY 27 THRU FEBRUARY 1ST, ONE OF MANY ACTIVITIES—CRAZY SOCK DAY, THE WEEK ENDED WITH GRANDPARENTS DAY WHICH INCLUDED MASS, RECEPTION, PRIZE DRAWINGS FOR THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES HELD AND OPEN HOUSE.**



How many of you have passed through these doors?



# JAGUAR PRIDE NEWS

## SMS JAGUARS

By Gary Fuemmeler, Coach

I, along with my son, Jamey, had the honor of coaching this years junior high boys basketball. These boys showed the true meaning of why we have sports in our schools. They showed us teamwork, sharing, love of neighbor and fun! We are proud of each and everyone of them!



## SMS LADY JAGUARS

By Campbell Frevert

2018 SMS basketball season was lots of fun! We didn't win any games this year, but we tried our hardest and did our best. Our team had eight girls and was coached by Troy Fuemmeler. We all had an amazing and fun season. It was sad to see it be the 8th graders last one.

The season was definitely a fun one!



## SMS CHEERLEADERS

By Campbell Frevert

2018 SMS cheer season was so much fun. We had a great group of girls coached by Jenny Fuemmeler and Sonya Fuemmeler. We worked very hard and had so much fun doing it. We performed at SMS Spirit Night and downtown at the Pumpkin Daze Parade. We cheered for our boys and girls at every game! This year, we went to cheer camp at CMAS in Columbia and had a blast! It was sad to say goodbye to the 8th graders and to see them wear their SMS cheer uniforms for the last time. This season was amazing, fun, and full of so many memories!

# GO JAGUARS



**2018 STEBENVILLE REVEALED**

**By Jamie Thies**

For the second year, St. Mary's youth have attended the Steubenville Youth Conference. Steubenville STL Mid-America is a high-energy youth conference where thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. This conference is an outreach of Franciscan University in partnership with the St. Louis Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry. Two conferences are held every year in July and take place on the campus of Missouri State University in Springfield, MO. This year we had eight students and six parents that attended from our parish.

**MARCH FOR LIFE By Jessica Schaefer**

After many years of wishing to attend, my daughter KatiJo finally talked me into attending the March for Life in Washington D.C. The planning began during the summer and we got a group together, adding a couple extras along the way. After all the paperwork was filed, we hosted a breakfast in October to help us fund our pilgrimage. When we had finalized our totals, cleaned the hall, and we were standing to talk about the next phases of planning, I couldn't help but state the obvious: God had provided for us in many ways. As the food was running short, people continued to come for breakfast. Truly God was at work. It felt like the parable of Jesus with the loaves and fish. We have such a supportive parish and community. Brett, Erin, and Evann Witte, Russell and Gabe Bonen, Becky Kurtz and Claire Hammons, Allie Mathews, Lily Brietweiser, KatiJo and myself made up our group from St. Mary Parish. We were instructed to find prayer partners from our parish to help us in our journey and as the days grew closer to our departure I found a pull to ask others from not just our parish, but also our community to pray for our safe journey and for an enlightening and meaningful trip.



Picture taken before leaving Jefferson City to Washington DC

We boarded the school van early Wednesday morning, January 16 heading for Jefferson City where we would have Adoration and Mass before we left on our pilgrimage. Our group had been split into two different busses and we were disappointed, but were keeping open minds and hearts. We changed plans several times, but in all the pilgrimage was phenomenal. We met many people along the way, learned valuable lessons of life, and heard overwhelming stories of great faith. We learned that sleeping on a bus and a floor is only a small sacrifice as to what some would suffer when faced with the decision to carry their child to term. Life is from conception to natural death and all life is worthy of living.



St. Mary's Group on steps at Basilica in Washington D.C. Photo on right are the Youth of Our Diocese taken in front of the Old Smithsonian.



**WHERE DID THESE ROOTS BEGIN?**

In 1967-1968, 4-H had a community betterment program where trees were planted in the community. The two trees in the lower playground by the back fence were planted by Tom Westhues and his dad, Raymond. Tom said he was in 4th grade and remembers planting and bringing milk cans filled with water to water them. Everywhere you look, SMS has a part of each of us planted.!



It is always an uplifting feeling when a new coat of paint is applied and repairs are done. The rectory was given that new look with the gratitude given by someone with a kind heart. To keep the parish looking its best has been done by many.

### **ST. MARY'S CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

**By Nick Monnig**

This year we are blessed to have 23 candidates attending the St. Mary's Confirmation Preparation course. These students are meeting every other Sunday to learn more about their Catholic Faith and prepare spiritually for the sacrament of Confirmation. These students will also attend a retreat at the Cathedral in Jefferson City in March. We hope that you will pray for these candidates, and for us, as we embark on our journey towards Confirmation. Bishop Shawn McKnight will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Mary's Catholic Church on April 24th, 2019 at 7p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend and support these candidates.



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