

# School of St. Mary

2019-  
2020

## Annual Fund Report





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★ ★ ★ 5K Run - 1 Mile Walk ★ ★ ★  
**September 21, 2019**



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**[schoolofstmary.org](http://schoolofstmary.org)**  
 Sponsored by the SOSM Parent Association



Parents' Association had it's inaugural 5K Run!



# Our Mission

In 1875, the Church of St. Mary began in a frame building sixty feet long and thirty feet wide. In 1910, this original frame was replaced with a brick structure.

In 1917, the parish opened a school on the site with an enrollment of 125 students. The school increased its space with an addition in 1958. By the 1990s, the increasing population of the School of St. Mary warranted further expansion. A new Primary Grade Center opened in 1997. Today, St. Mary's parish facilities encompass six buildings and approximately twelve acres of property on two campuses.

Located in beautiful Lake Forest, Illinois, thirty miles north of Chicago, the School of St. Mary has grown into two campuses. Currently, we educate over 350 students beginning in our two year-old preschool program and continuing through eighth grade.

The School of St. Mary has been recognized by the United States Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence twice, '89-90 and 2012. During the 2019-20 academic year the United States Department of Education requested the school to apply for this honor again.

The School of St. Mary is acknowledged by the Illinois State Board of Education for being in compliance with guidelines for state recognition.

The mission of Catholic education is to nurture discipleship that leads to transformation and growth on both the personal and collective level. At every step of the way, students in Catholic schools are guided and cared for by leaders and teachers committed to the holistic development of the young through religious instruction, virtue development and service to the community.

The School of St. Mary is very involved in providing service to our beloved community. Caring for others remains integral to the mission of the School of St. Mary. Service is an essential and meaningful aspect of each student's Catholic education — an experience of both giving and receiving from those served.

Our Service Program fosters a greater awareness of the varying needs of the wider community and encourages appropriate personal responses to these needs. Parental involvement, a crucial component of our service program, provides students with Christian role models and promotes students' personal desires to serve others.

# Thank you for Investing in Our School

Fall 2020

Dear Parents of children at the School of St. Mary,

Hello! I am praying that you and your families are safe and healthy.

“Thank you”, are two beautiful words that have deep and rich meaning. These two beautiful words are offered when tasks are accomplished, goals are achieved and efforts are successful because of the work of individuals coming together for a common cause.

The many accomplishments presented in this Annual Report are only possible because of the hard work, dedication, sacrifice and generosity of our school parents. The report reflects the festive and wonderful Roaring in the ‘20’s Gala, and all of the other events this past year, pre and post COVID, shared as part of our Crusader family and community.

The dedicated leadership of the Parents’ Association is composed of people like yourselves, generous and committed parents of students at the School of St. Mary. They are your neighbors, your child’s classmates’ parents, and people who know that supporting the school will further enrich and contribute to the quality education of our Crusader’s from Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Accept my “thank you” for your involvement, generosity and participation this past year that contributed to the financial support to the School of St. Mary summarized in this report.

Working side by side, and working together as followers of Jesus, great things are on the horizon for the Blue Ribbon School of St. Mary, its students and Parents’ Association.

God bless you with peace and hope these days!

Sincerely,



*Fr. Mike Nacius*  
Pastor

On behalf of the students and staff at the School of St. Mary, thank you to all of our Parent Association (PA) members for your dedication and service to our students, school, and staff.

Successful fundraising activities take time and organization. The success of the Gala is clear evidence of your outstanding work. The importance of your support is immeasurable! Your assistance goes a long way toward bringing so many great activities and programs to our school’s teachers, students, and families, and we sincerely appreciate your important contribution.

The School of St. Mary depends on our Parent Association to help fund our school’s budget. Numerous aspects of the school are dependent on the funds that PA provides. PA enables us to maintain the high standards and expectations that the School of St. Mary is known for. Our National Blue Ribbon School status is a direct reflection of the involvement and support of our PA.

The upcoming year will be a challenging one for PA, especially when it comes to fundraising, but if there is a community that knows how to come together, it is the School of St. Mary. With drive, dedication, and determination, we can make this a successful year during these challenging times.

Our school becomes a better place every day when parents like you are there to lend a hand. Thank you again for being a part of our School of St. Mary Family!



David Wieters  
Principal





School of St. Mary  
**Parents' Association**  
*Better Together.*

Parents' Association hosted a Trunk or Treat event at the PGC for all families! Students from the UGC came to help with the event. It was a wonderful way to build community.





# To Learn, To Serve, To Lead

## **To Learn...** Career Day.

Students have the opportunity to listen to some of our parents and friends of School of St. Mary while they inform the students about different professions and why these adults love what they do!



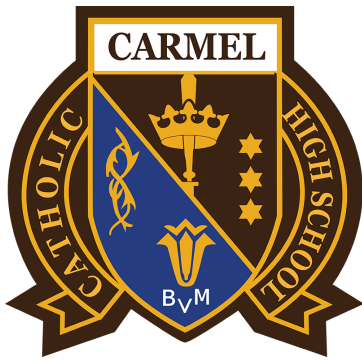
**To Lead...** Even during storms that caused a power loss, the Parents' Association meeting must go on!



**To Serve...** Students and dads pack meals at Feed my Starving Children. Service reminds us that we are part of something greater and we have a responsibility to ensure we assist those who may not be able to assist themselves.

# The SOSM Experience...

Congratulations to our 2020 graduating class we cannot wait to see all you do...



WOODLANDS ACADEMY  
OF THE SACRED HEART





# Making an Impact on the School Community

Thank you to all our Corporate Sponsors who have partnered with us to make this school community as vibrant as it is! Their belief in a strong Catholic education and in community outreach is a great model for us all!



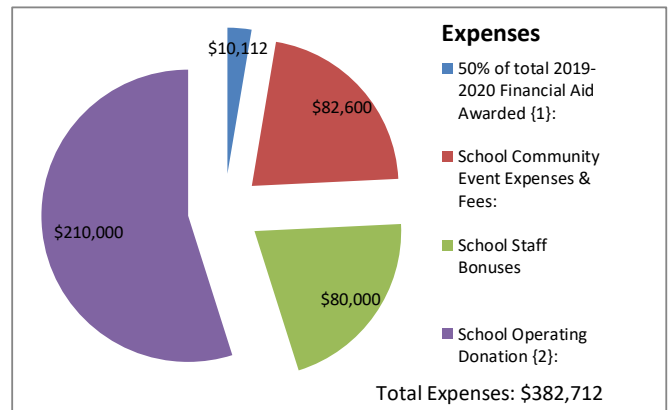
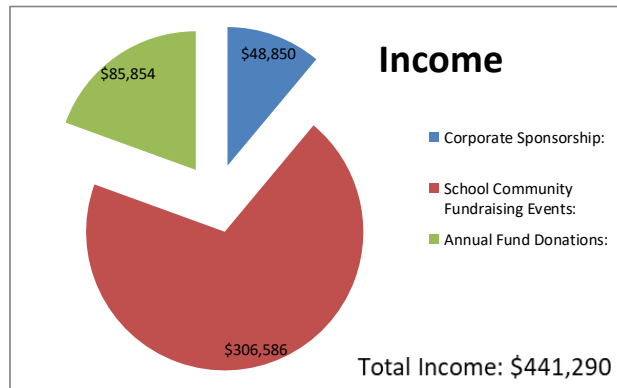




To see all of the pictures that Jennifer Marie Photography took, click [HERE](#).



# The Impact of your Giving...



## School-Year 2019-2020 Parents' Association Annual Fund Results

### INCOME:

Corporate Sponsorship:	\$48,850
School Community Fundraising Events:	\$306,586
Annual Fund Donations:	<u>\$85,854</u>

**School-Year 2019-2020 Parents' Association TOTAL INCOME:** **\$441,290**

### EXPENSES:

50% of total 2019-2020 Financial Aid Awarded {1}:	\$10,112
School Community Event Expenses & Fees:	\$82,600
School Staff Bonuses	\$80,000
School Operating Donation {2}:	<u>\$210,000</u>

**School-Year 2019-2020 Parents' Association TOTAL EXPENSES:** **\$382,712**

**School-Year 2019-2020 Parents' Association NET INCOME {3}:** **\$58,578**

### Other Income

Operating Donation {2}: \$210,000

**Total Other Income** **\$210,000**

**Net Income** **\$268,578**

{1} 50% of Financial Aid awarded donated by Parents' Association & 50% donated by the Parish. Operating Donation assists with offering affordable tuition to all families.

{2} Operating Donation—FY20 Operating Donation deferred for use in FY21.

{3} Cash surplus in Parents' Association Annual Fund at end of School-Year 2019-2020



# Thank You to Our Donor Community

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*A great privilege of leading the Parents' Association was having the opportunity to meet so many outstanding people. The members of the Parents' Association board as well as parents of children in the school never ceased to amaze us with their dedication.*

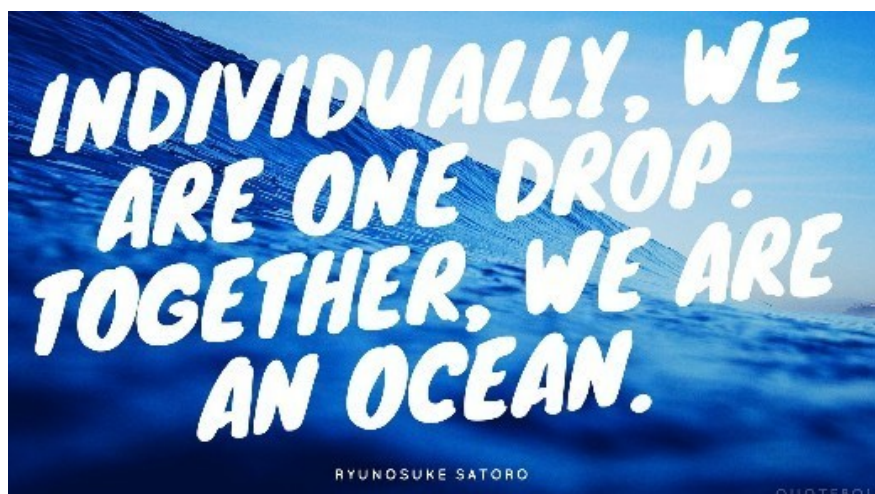
*Many people devoted their time, treasure, or talents to making the school community an even better place. The overwhelming support for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July & Lake Forest Day Parades, Crusader 5k, grade level gatherings, and Trunk or Treat are examples of where parents volunteered and made the events successful. The incredible Gala committee not only organized a very fun event, but also one of the most lucrative fund-raising efforts in the school's history. In addition, many parents volunteered to assist at school and donated money for teacher bonuses.*

*It is clear by your actions that you care. You want the best for your child, their friends, family, and the school & parish community. Without your selfless actions the School of St. Mary would not be the special place that it is today.*

*Thank you for making the 2019-2020 an amazing, memorable school year. We were blessed to have had the chance to work with you. We are looking forward to many good days and years ahead.*

*All the best,*

*Rose & John Hancir*



# School of St. Mary

## 2019-2020

### School Administration

Fr. Michael Nacius, **Pastor**

Mr. Dave Wieters, **Principal**

Mrs. Kathy Thompson, **Assistant Principal**

Mr. Bradley Doherty, **Dean of Students**

Mrs. Sue Barkhausen, **Special Services**

Mrs. Catherine Homan, **Social Worker**

Mrs. Cindy Pacewicz, **School Nurse**

Mrs. Patricia Lucas, **PGC Administrative Assistant**

Mrs. Debbie Liden, **UGC Administrative Assistant**

Mrs. Kathleen Trkla, **Admissions Coordinator**

Mrs. Mandy Castle, **Admissions Coordinator**

Mrs. Rebecca Quackenbush, **Business Manager**

Mrs. Cindy Luetje, **Tuition and Fees Coordinator**

Ms. Mary Catherine Nelson, **Marketing and Development Director**

### School Advisory Committee

Ali Chekouras, **Chair**

Mandy Castle, Sabrina Hoeper, Pam Dhamer, Liza Dhamer Jessen **Curriculum**

Elizabeth Berrill, Adam Mancuso, Rodd Specketer, **Finance**

Anne Casey, **Faculty Rep (PGC)**

Tina Moulton/Kristina Madsen, **Faculty Reps (UGC)**

Donald Storino, **Legislative Action**

Rose Hancir, **Marketing/Enrollment**

Rose & John Hancir **Parents' Association**

Carlotta Plotner, **Student Life**

George Chemers **Technology**

### Parents' Association

John & Rose Hancir, **President**

Jack Westerman, **Vice-Presidents**

Eileen Looby Weber & Megan Looby, **Communications**

John & Rose Hancir, **Annual Fund Chair**

Kim Egan, **Mother's Club**

Kelly Bukaty & Carlotta Plotner, **Room Parent Coordinators**



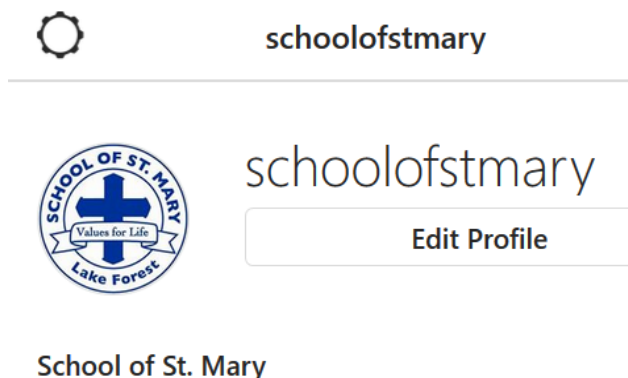
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