

# Funding Our Mission

	Actual		Budget
	Year Ending	Year Ending	Year Ending
	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024
<b>School Revenue</b>			
Tuition & Fees (includes Tuition Assistance)	\$ 1,223,189.97	\$ 1,145,387.57	\$ 1,206,800.00
Fundraising, Donations & Bequests	\$ 128,876.34	\$ 87,792.22	\$ 108,000.00
Cafeteria, After Care, Other Student Services	\$ 93,369.56	\$ 135,858.31	\$ 139,515.00
School Support from Parish	\$ 96,844.16	\$ 94,960.78	\$ 90,335.00
Grants & Donations for Non-Operating Use	\$ 11,570.00	\$ 201,567.10	\$ 73,000.00
Capital Campaign (School Portion)	\$ 208,766.07	\$ 110,392.24	\$ 50,000.00
Interest & Endowment	\$ (135,374.25)	\$ 94,863.16	\$ 53,000.00
<b>Total School Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,627,241.85</b>	<b>\$ 1,870,821.38</b>	<b>\$ 1,720,650.00</b>
<b>School Expenses</b>			
Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	\$ 1,440,033.80	\$ 1,437,359.92	\$ 1,630,720.63
Instructional & Technology	\$ 32,171.44	\$ 50,014.68	\$ 48,406.52
Utilities	\$ 33,376.06	\$ 36,585.98	\$ 31,823.00
Maintenance, Repairs & Operating	\$ 60,328.78	\$ 50,785.24	\$ 54,500.00
Property & Casualty Insurance	\$ 45,581.04	\$ 50,615.28	\$ 53,147.64
Cafeteria, After Care, Other Student Services	\$ 43,512.81	\$ 70,106.98	\$ 71,125.00
Administration	\$ 86,757.06	\$ 62,249.72	\$ 70,712.00
Capital Expenditures	\$ 61,910.01	\$ 224,794.13	\$ 67,500.00
<b>Total School Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,803,671.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,982,511.93</b>	<b>\$ 2,027,934.79</b>
<b>Net School Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (176,429.15)</b>	<b>\$ (111,690.55)</b>	<b>\$ (307,284.79)</b>

## Our Faculty & Staff

- Ms. Michelle Smetanick, Principal
  - Father James Boric, Pastor
  - Mrs. Audi Lebedda, Director of Admissions & Development
  - Mrs. Theresa Falcone, Administrative Assistant
  - Mrs. Jenny Beck, Tuition Coordinator
  - Dr. Lana Early, Student Support Specialist
  - Mrs. Kristy Wentz, School Nurse
  - Mrs. Penny Abe, Pre- Kindergarten
  - Mrs. Lisa Stoner, Pre- Kindergarten Instructional Assistant
  - Mrs. Mary K Barger, Kindergarten
  - Mrs. Jen Flannigan, Kindergarten Instructional Assistant
- Ms. Mary Poffenberger, 1st Grade
  - Ms. Carly Jones, 1st Grade Instructional Assistant
  - Mrs. Bonnie Poffenberger, 2nd Grade
  - Ms. Charlee McNeil, 2nd Grade Instructional Assistant
  - Mr. Connor Lilly, 3rd Grade
  - Mrs. Diane McCormick, 4th Grade
  - Mrs. April Nitzell, 5th Grade
  - Ms. Pam Ward, Middle School Religion and Math
  - Mrs. Marissa Bowers, Middle School Social Studies
  - Mrs. Cathy Ellis, Middle School Science
- Mrs. Stacey Renken, Middle School Language Arts and Spanish
  - Mrs. Faith Mentzer, Middle School Math
  - Ms. Melissa Gibson, Art
  - Mr. Breton Abbondanzio, Music
  - Mrs. Stacy Lowe, Physical Education
  - Mrs. Susanne Harbert, Computer, Language Support & Enrichment
  - Mrs. Leslie Kocovar, Librarian
  - Mr. James Renken, Facilities
  - Cafeteria Staff: Mrs. Dana Weaver, Mr. Andrew Capobianco & Mrs. Theresa Stottlemeyer

“Jesus, Family, Country, Excellence!”

St. Mary Catholic School

# 2023 ANNUAL State of the School Report



Dear Friends of St. Mary's,

Saint Mary Catholic School opened its doors nearly 150 years ago. As we prepare to celebrate our sesquicentennial, we can't help but to look to our rich history and traditions of Catholic education to guide us in God's plan for our future. Generations of families, alumni, and friends in our community have recognized the significance and importance of our little powerhouse school. We must continue to collaborate with our Lord in Heaven with our time, talent, treasure and most importantly with prayer to remain a beacon of Light, Hope and Truth in a world that continues to grow strangely dim. Catholic education truly teaches the whole child. As a faculty, we understand that we are teaching a living soul who is cherished by our God in Heaven. It is our duty to develop in each of our students the capacity to seek and speak the Truth to a world that is longing to know it.

Saint Pope John Paul the Great stated, *“Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of Truth.”* These words are the driving force of our vision as a Catholic school. We do not compromise faith for reason or reason for faith, but rather, we teach that both are reconciled with each other in order to see the goodness of God in all things. It is in Catholic teaching that learners can go to the deepest levels of understanding about ourselves and our world.

In order to know fully the life that God desires for each person, we develop in our students life skills that help navigate the errors of these times. Throughout a child's tenure at St. Mary, we grow and build Catholic virtues so they may have a life of abundant love, joy and peace; critical thinking skills to discern and communicate Truth; self-awareness and empathy to be better and to serve others; creativity and moral courage to identify and to exemplify goodness; a growth mindset to embrace risk and to learn from mistakes; and confidence and reliance in God to guide all decisions. We hope to help our students to become the best versions of themselves so that they all may be saints!

We are blessed with the steadfast faith and works of our very own Father James Boric who has stepped into the position of pastor with great zeal and resolve to lead St. Mary Catholic School to be exceptional in faith and academics!

As you give thought to supporting St. Mary Catholic School with your own time, talent, and treasure, please consider this quote from a great saint of our times, Saint Mother Teresa: *“Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”* Help us in small or great ways to be exceptional as the only Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade Catholic school in Washington County. The world needs Catholic education!

In Christ,

Michelle Smetanick, Principal



## St. Mary Catholic School

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Learn more about our school by visiting our website at [www.stmarycatholicschool.org](http://www.stmarycatholicschool.org) or by scanning the QR Code with your smart phone:



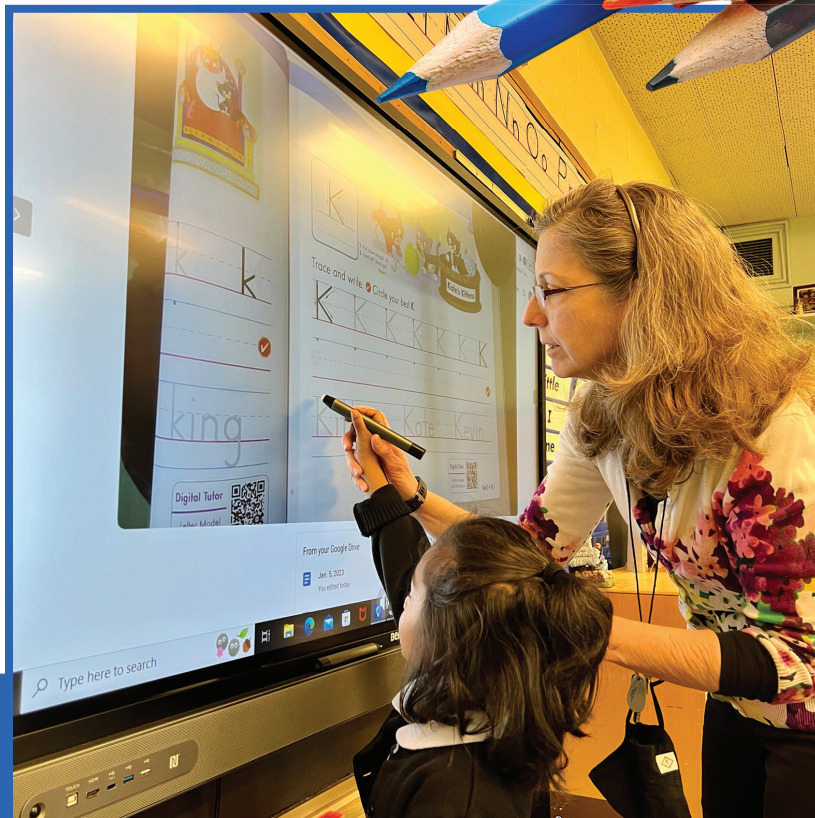
## Mission Statement

*St. Mary Catholic School empowers children in their faith journey and promotes academic excellence and life-long service inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a nurturing community.*



# Statistics, Accomplishments & Services:

- 185 students
- 15 teachers
- 4 instructional aids
- 7 School Board Members
- Home & School Association
- After school Care from 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- After school clubs/sports
- SMARTBoards & Interactive Display Screens
- SMCS Keys for Success- Kind, Respectful & Responsible
- SMCS Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
- Safety Patrol Program
- Student Council
- College Career Workshops for 8th Graders
- National Junior Honor Society
- In 2023, 9 out of 16 graduates went to Catholic High School
- Read-A-Thon Salvation Army Angel Project
- Monthly TAG DAY's supporting local charities such as Doey's House, It's a Blessing to be a Blessing, Canned Food Drive, Salvation Army, and Children's Village
- New Early Learning Playground
- 800 Registered Parish Households



# Fundraising Activities

- 3-Phase Fundraiser – \$38,000 – Concludes Spring 2024
- School Annual Fund – Goal of \$60,000 – Concludes Summer 2024
- Home & School Association Activities – Goal of \$30,000 each year:
  - Fall on the Farm with Silent Auction
  - Flower Sales
  - Bingo Nights
  - Restaurant Spirit Nights
  - And many more!

Remember, tuition only covers 60% of the cost to operate our school. Thank you for your continued generosity!

# School Gifts

- Families\* Participating in our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fund (2022-2023): 84
- Families Supporting our School through Online Giving: 39
- St. Joseph Scholarship Donors (Full Tuition for 1 Student): 3
- Other Tuition Assistance Gifts (2022-2023): \$149,538
- St. Mary's Parish School Support Collection (2022-2023): \$19,408
- St. Mary's Parish Subsidy (2022-2023): \$94,961
- Miscellaneous Unrestricted Gifts (2022-2023): \$4,933
- Special Grants/Campaigns\*\*:
  - Build Our House, Guard Our City Capital Campaign
  - Maryland Non-Public Aging Schools Grant
  - Maryland Non-Public Schools Safety Improvement Grant
  - Maryland Aid to Non-Public Schools Textbook Program
  - FEMA Nonprofit Security Grant Program

\*Families who pledge to the Annual Fund each year help us to accurately plan our budget expenditures. We are especially grateful to those families who have consistently pledged and given increased gifts for the last several years.

\*\*We use revenues from special grants/campaigns to fund special improvements. This ensures that regular school gifts directly support our students and operating expenses.



# Awards & Certifications

- 2017 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- Yearly Recipients of the Catholic Daughters Awards
- Yearly Recipients of the American Legion Auxiliary Awards
- Members of the National Junior Honors Society
- Award winning PBIS School
- Yearly Recipients of the Presidential Academic Excellence Awards
- 2023 Silver Maryland Safe School Recipient