
2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT

PARTNERING WITH FAMILIES TO DEVELOP A STUDENT'S FULL POTENTIAL IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT
THROUGH CATHOLIC VALUES.

A YEAR IN REVIEW



The 2019-20 school year is a year we won't forget. It was a year when our school community turned challenges into change. The school year started with much excitement. The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation challenged our school to raise \$25,000 to be used to enhance education; if we did, the Foundation would match it. We accepted the challenge and ran the campaign simultaneously with our 12th Annual Marathon, another important school fundraiser. We are grateful we not only met our Challenge Grant Goal -- we set a new record for the amount of money we brought in for our Marathon! And, we did all of this before October 4. The Grant challenged the way we planned, communicated, and implemented our Fall fundraising efforts. We were pleased with the outcome.

In the 4th Quarter, we (along with schools across the globe) responded to an unprecedented health crisis. COVID-19 changed the way we taught and learned in the 4th quarter. Distance Learning started March 30 and continued through the end of the school year. While Distance Learning was not ideal for students, teachers, or parents, we are very proud of the way we responded and what we accomplished. We were fortunate to have had the devices and technology in place to support the Distance Learning challenge.

COVID-19 also impacted our largest fundraiser, the Night of Knights Auction. When online bidding was introduced to our guests six years ago, we never dreamed it would be an online event entirely. We were fortunate to have had the technology in place so we could make it an online ONLY event this year. While we cut back on the amount of packages, and lost out on food/beverage sales, raffle sales, and more. . . we were blessed by how well this event turned out during such a turbulent time. Once again, our supporters amazed us, making it a huge success.

We are fortunate to be a part of our Pre-K through 8th grade students' journey of learning, while providing them with a nurturing environment that promotes engagement and encourages participation. It brings us much satisfaction to partner with our parents to develop each student's potential in mind, body, and spirit. I am blessed to serve the amazing families of St. Mary's School. We are a better school community because of the wonderful support we receive from our school families, parishioners, parish leadership, and the greater community. Thank you for your trust in Catholic education.

God Bless,

Jen Swanson, Principal

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

This year we inspired 87 Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness students to wonder, discover, create and excel. These students were split among 6 different classes: a 2-day morning class, a 3-day morning class, a 4-day afternoon class, a 5-day morning class, and 2 all-day Kindergarten Readiness classes. We are happy to provide convenient half-day and full-day options, while allowing our Pre-K students to participate in before or after school care (SAC). The SMART Bus also assisted parents with transportation.



K-8 ENROLLMENT AT A GLANCE



2020 GRADUATES

As Nora Ephron stated, "Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead." We are proud to have had the opportunity to prepare 43 students for high school this year. May our graduates continue to be blessed with love, protection, mercy, strength, and wisdom.

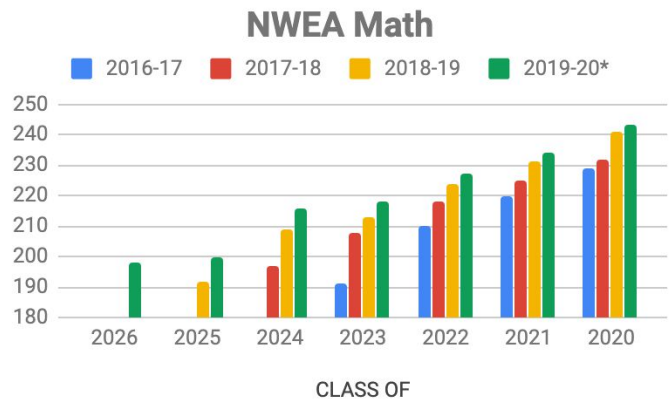
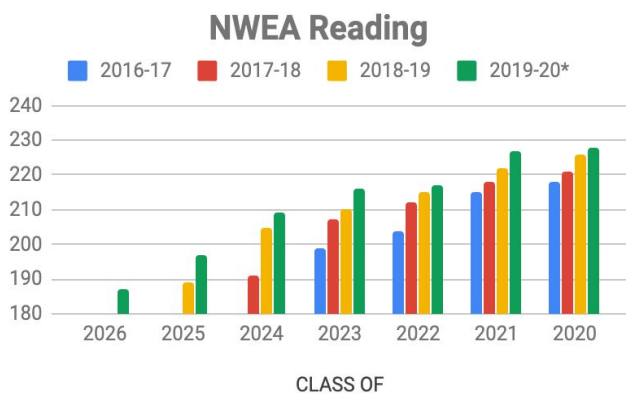
Jackson Baldwin	JennaLyn Fisher	Caleb Hullopeter	Hailey Miller	Kaelyn Smith
Lola Berg	Morgan Fisher	Rielly Kleeberger	Logan O'Connor	Alex Stenzel
Tate Berkley	Aaron Ginnetti	Kiley Knudson	Claire Oswald	Jack Thamert
Morgan Carrigan	Jacob Ginskey	Anna Koslosky	Ava Otto	Noah Truelson
Joslyne Caudillo	Fisher Glauvitz	Matthew Larson	Jose Rosas	Alayna Wannarka
Amelia Cook	Kevin Helget	Sophia Laughlin	Megan Rysavy	Ruthy Weckman
Jackson DeGrood	Thomas Herzog	Grant Lower	Kathryn Sande	Hannah Wheeler
Kyra DeWitz	Kennedy Hodgman	Morgan Martinez	Nathan Seykora	Kaitlyn Worke
Jordyn Eidson	Nevaeh Hofbauer		Kaelyn Smith	Bennett Wray-Raabolle

PERFORMANCE

NWEA is a research-based, not-for-profit organization that supports students and educators worldwide by creating assessment solutions that precisely measure growth and proficiency.

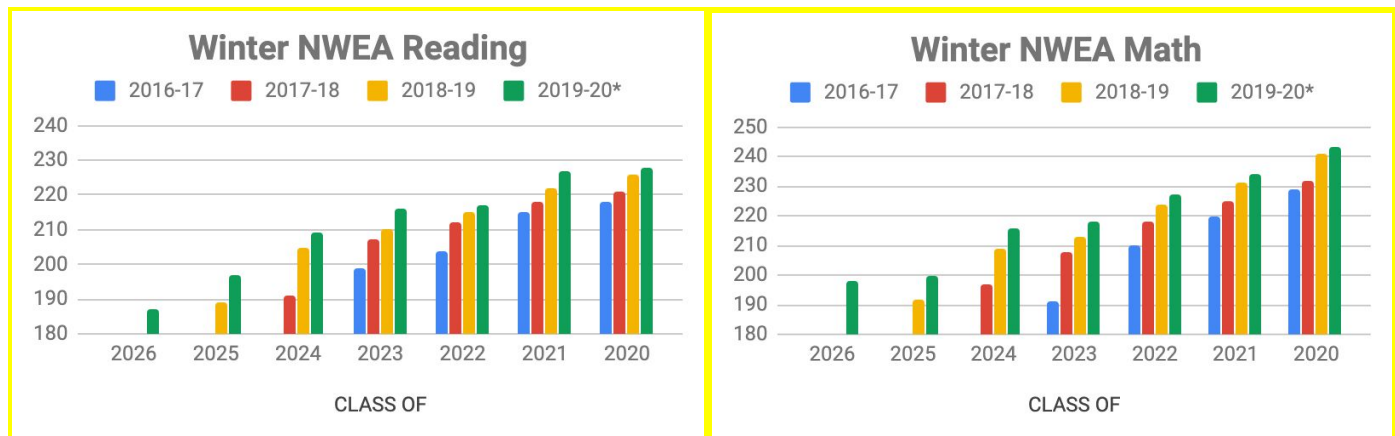
St. Mary's School administers NWEA testing for math and reading three times a year for students in grades 2-8. This year testing did not occur in the Spring due to Distance Learning. This year's data is from our winter testing. Even with this shortened testing time frame, data still indicates growth for each grade level. This data provides insights to help tailor instruction to help ensure student growth.

The charts below illustrate class growth over time.



HOW WE COMPARE

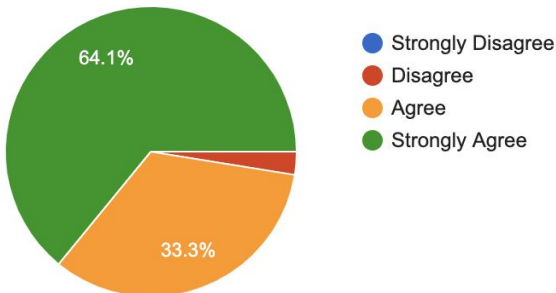
As a school, our math scores average 7 points above the national average and our reading scores average 5.3 points above the national average, signifying approximately 1.5 years above grade level in each subject area. Due to Distance Learning, this data is based on our winter testing cycle.



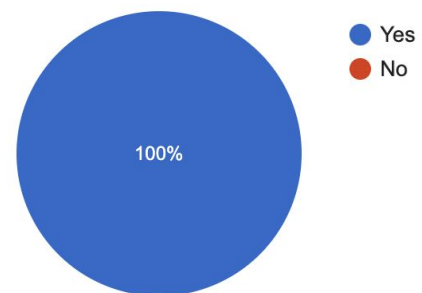
SATISFACTION

Each spring we give our families the opportunity to complete an online satisfaction survey. This year we had a 43% completion rate on our K-8 survey and a 42% return on our Pre-Kindergarten/ K-Readiness surveys. The results are reviewed to help us determine areas of improvement, as well as strengths.

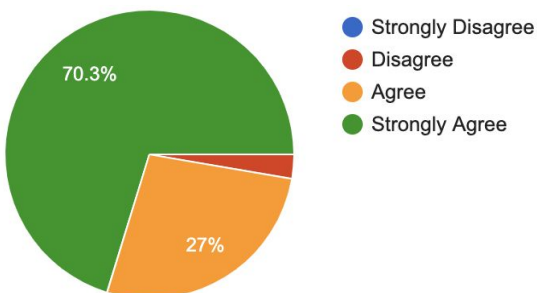
I believe the school is fulfilling its mission.



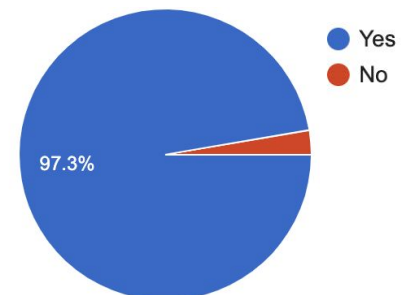
Would you recommend St. Mary's School (Kindergarten-8th grade) to other families?



The preschool program has prepared my Preschool child for his/her next academic step.



Would you recommend St. Mary's to other families?



Overall, we were very pleased with the feedback we received. We are happy to provide our families with a connected environment where students can thrive academically, love with devotion, and serve with passion. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with families. This year we would like to take the time to honor our teachers. They always do a phenomenal job, and with Distance Learning this year, they really shined. Here's just some of the positive comments we received from our families:

"The relationships that teachers/staff make with the students and families in working together as a team to help the students learn and grow is amazing."

"From our experiences, all of the teachers take pride in what they do and take a significant interest in their students. The smaller class sizes definitely helps facilitate this relationship."

"The best thing about St. Mary's is the teachers - they are amazing and put forth so much extra time and effort into my children's learning and mental well being."

DISTANCE LEARNING

In March we, along with all schools nationwide, were challenged to change the way we taught and learned. We were facing an unprecedented health crisis, and in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, Governor Walz required all schools to prepare for Distance Learning the week of March 23, should it be required. On March 25, Governor Walz ordered that Distance Learning would go into effect March 30 - April 30, which was later extended through the end of the school year.

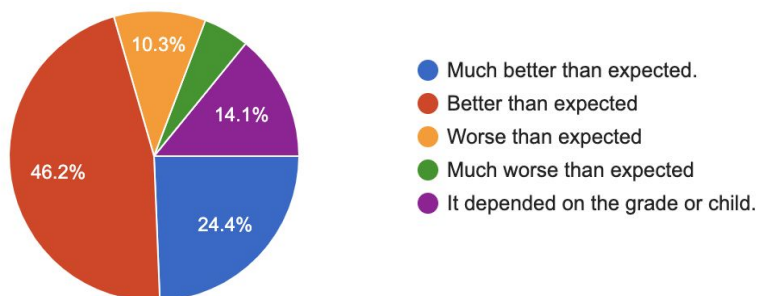
When the first order came out, we planned to finish our 3rd quarter in school on March 19. The health crisis was rapidly changing. March 17 ended up being our last day with everyone at school. Distance Learning started March 30 and continued through the end of the school year. While Distance Learning was not ideal for students, teachers, or parents, we are very proud of what we accomplished.

We were fortunate to have devices to send home with every student first grade through 8th grade. Our Preschool and Kindergarten families were surveyed to make sure they each had a device at home that could be used. We were grateful that our teachers were already using and comfortable with much of the technology we used to communicate learning and assignments. Overall, we were pleased with how our teachers and families responded to make the most out of the situation in a very short amount of time. We never would choose to trade the face-to-face, in-person interactions for Distance Learning, but we are proud of what our teachers did to nourish relationships and continue to provide a quality Catholic educational experience.

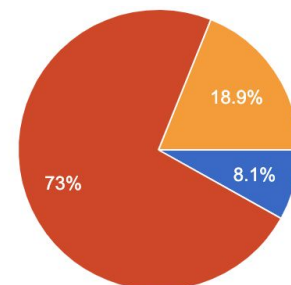
At the completion of Distance Learning we sent out a survey to our parents. Overall, we were pleased with the responses we received. We recognize this was very challenging for our whole school community -- the teachers, the students, and the parents.

SURVEY QUESTION: *What best describes how Distance Learning went for your family?*

K-8 Responses:
Responses



Pre-K/Kindergarten Readiness



We are extremely proud of many of the comments we received from parents:

"I feel my son's lessons were thoughtful and challenging, or creative and interesting. He had a well rounded day during a difficult, crazy situation."

"The staff went above and beyond to make sure they were keeping connections with the students - which at this point in time is the most important thing for them. . . overall, the distance learning has gone very well, engaging, relationship building and continued learning to meet standards."

"Teachers did a great job communicating assignments and expectations. It was a smooth transition because students had already been using Google Classroom. There was enough work that it kept them engaged and learning, but not so much that it was overwhelming."

MNSAA SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

MNSAA stands for Minnesota Nonpublic School Accreditation Association. In an effort of continuous improvement, St. Mary's has been a member of MNSAA since 1988. The mission of MNSAA is to be a catalyst for enhancing the quality of K-12 nonpublic education in Minnesota through a comprehensive process of accreditation.

During the 2019-20 school year, the staff at St. Mary's School worked together on the fourth year of the strategic plan. Listed below are key areas St. Mary's addressed during the school year:

Objective 1: St. Mary's School is committed to effectively meet the needs of all learners.

- **Curriculum:** St. Mary's continued to make progress in the area of curriculum writing. Teachers have been trained or are completing their training on the ACE Collaborative curriculum writing process. Designated time to work on curriculum writing occurs monthly.
- **Early Reading Instruction & Intervention:** Early elementary classrooms piloted a guided reading program which will be expanded next year to include Kindergarten and 3rd grade.
- **Grading & Assessment Best Practices:** Upper elementary and Junior High are using common grading practices and developing assessments.
- **Professional Development:** Staff attended workshops at the MNSAA annual conference, participated in two professional development days, and dedicated time to learning about best practices in Distance Learning.

Objective 2: St. Mary's School will optimize the operations and safety of our facilities.

- **Building Projects:**
 - New bleachers were installed in the gymnasium to ensure safety.
 - Science room was updated with new flooring and a mobile science station.
 - St. Mary's School carpeted the 2nd floor elementary classrooms.
 - During the summer of 2020, St. Mary's School will purchase flexible seating and furniture options.
 - Installed downspouts and relandscaped near the connecting hallway to combat moisture problems

Objective 3: St. Mary's School will collaborate with stakeholders in meeting the development, enrollment management, and financial goals of the school.

- **Marketing:**
 - Redesigned and updated school website.
 - Had a presence in "Kids Konnect" (a 6 times/year publication that goes to all school aged children in Owatonna) by submitting articles and advertisements.
 - Took part in "Discover Catholic Schools" by capturing videos and quotes from satisfied parents, and sharing them through a social media campaign.
 - Re-introduced our Twitter account.
 - Redesigned our Open House in January, offering presentations for preschool, kindergarten, and prospective transfer students.
 - Updated print publications with new pictures and language.
 - Created new marketing material for our Preschool program.

MNSAA SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE (CONTINUED)

- **Enrollment:**

- Expanded our preschool offerings by offering a 5-day half-day option. 10 students enrolled.
- Offered a trial summer SAC program to alleviate the stress of finding quality summer care for school-aged children. It was a huge success.
- Provided automatic re-enrollment to returning K-8 families, simplifying the process. Continued to offer online registration for new registrants.
- The K-8 multi-student discount was restructured for the 2019-20 school year to be more linear in nature and fiscally sustainable for the school. Families with multiple students received the following discounts:
 - 2 children -- 20% discount on total tuition bill
 - 3 children -- 25% discount on total tuition bill
 - 4 or more children -- 30% discount on total tuition bill
- In addition, scholarship money was made available to families most impacted by the multi-student discount change for the next two years to ease this transition.

- **Financial:**

- Implemented an online giving option in the Fall, which has continued to bring in revenue all year.
- Graciously accepted the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation Matching Challenge Grant offer, bringing in well over \$50,000 of "new" money to go towards a specific cause that we believed will enhance the education we offer.
- Introduced an Annual Alumni Appeal in September.
- Formulated a Fundraising Committee to develop plans to increase revenue.

Objective 4: St. Mary's School will ensure the efficiency of our school.

- **Efficiency:**

- St. Mary's staff have created task lists for duties and programming, and committees have created task lists for events. These lists will be utilized to ensure duties, programs, and events are effectively managed.
- St. Mary's School created job descriptions for all stipends positions.

- **Policy:**

- St. Mary's School Advisory Board has worked on revising board policies as needed while ensuring all policies align with our school mission statement, core beliefs and root values. This year the focus has been on employee policies.

Objective 5: St. Mary's School will teach, promote, and instill the Catholic faith: inspiring students, families and staff to grow in their relationship with God, work for social justice, and serve others in the spirit of the Gospel.

- **Catholic Identity:** St. Mary's School provided opportunities for staff and student team-building and supported staff members through significant life events. Staff also participate in a religious retreat.

MNSAA SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE (CONTINUED)

St. Mary's will focus our efforts on the following initiatives during the 2020-21 school year:

- Curriculum writing
- Adopt early elementary reading programs
- Create common grading and assessment practices
- Complete identified facilities needs
- Long-term development plan
- Financial plan which addresses affordability of Catholic education
- Marketing/Enrollment initiatives

STAFF UPDATES

We are blessed by incredible staff who positively impact our students year after year. Currently we have 45 staff members that put their time and energy into making St. Mary's School a special place. Staff loyalty is something we cherish and enhances our families' experience. Congratulations to our staff who celebrated milestone years:

Mrs. Stacy Wobschall - 15 years

Mrs. Lori Connor- 40 years

We were happy to welcome the following staff members to our St. Mary's Family:

Miss Jenna Compton
Pre-Kindergarten Teacher

Miss Renee Compton
Kindergarten Readiness Teacher

Mrs. Shari Neuharth
Educational Assistant

Miss Kaitlin Meger
4th Grade Teacher

Mrs. Amanda Resler
Kindergarten Teacher

VOLUNTEERS

We have fantastic volunteers that give their time unselfishly to make a difference at St. Mary's School. We appreciate our many helpful volunteers that lend a hand to provide pure awesomeness at SMS! As the saying goes, volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

We appreciate our parents, grandparents, alumni, and Catholic education supporters who help us in the following areas:

School Advisory Board Members
Scrip coordinator
Classroom helpers
Event organizers & helpers
Copy Assistants

Night of Knights Auction Committee Members
Night of Knights Food and Beverage Committee
Sports Boosters
Room parents
Field trip chaperones

Home & School Committee
Fundraising Committee
Music Boosters
Playground & Lunch monitor
Car line monitor

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

ROLE:

The Advisory Board is charged with the duty of policy formation and being a consultative body to the pastors and principal to foster academic excellence, advancement, and faith development of the school community, according to the school's mission statement.

CURRENT MEMBERS:

- Brandi Klecker - Chair
- Matt Sennott
- Jason Smith
- Brian Haggerty
- Craig Herz
- Von Petersen
- Samantha Evans
- Brian Purman

EFFORTS THIS YEAR:

This year, the Advisory Board has done much planning for a sustainable future by being competitive and fiscally responsible. Some key efforts included:

- Reviewing and updating policies
- Completing a successful challenge grant
- Identify audit Administration roles & responsibilities
- Created a fundraising committee
- Work on updating the long range plan

This next year we will be focusing on executing a development plan and continuing our review and updating of policies. We will have our annual meeting in July where we will set our goals for the 2020-2021 school year.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

PURPOSE:

The Home & School Association is composed of all the families of our school. Our organization is run by parent volunteer committee members, under the direction of our school principal, to support the school by partnering with the teachers and staff to help fund enrichment activities and social opportunities for our families.

CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Jennifer Candullo
- Jill Purman
- Missy Koch
- Paula Shaner

FUNDED THROUGH:

- K of C Pancake Breakfast.....\$1,594.50
- Fall Bazaar & Bake Sale.....\$1,823.00
- SCFF Bingo..... \$7,833.58
- TOTAL EARNINGS.....\$11,251.08**

AREAS OF SUPPORT:

- Marathon shirts for all Pre-K-8th graders
- Popcorn Reward for Marathon
- Cookies for Grandparents Day
- Donuts for Catholic Schools Week (CSW)
- Ice Cream Sundaes for CSW
- \$100 cash to all teachers for supplies
- \$25 party money for each class (3x/year)
- Snacks for teachers during conferences
- Birthday books – 1 book/student
- 8th Grade Graduation cookies
- Servant Leaders for Life reward /activity
- Teacher appreciation meal

SPONSORED EVENTS THIS YEAR:

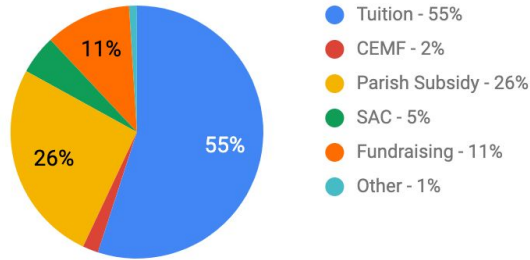
- Back to School Night Family Picnic
- Two Book Fairs
- Family Bingo
- Open Gym

FINANCES/BUDGET

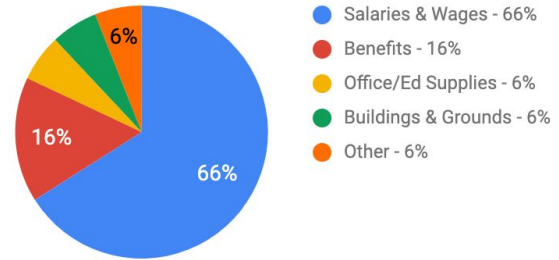
The St. Mary's School annual budget is developed in collaboration with the School Advisory Board, the Finance Committee, the Pastor and Parish Council. The Finance Committee meets monthly to review financial reports and recommend financial direction and actions.

Our fiscal year is July 1-June 30.

Total Operating Income: \$2,181,160



Total Operating Expenses: \$2,204,076



At the beginning of 2019, we figured the actual cost to educate a K-8 student at SMS was \$7,083.56. The tuition we charge is less than that, as you can see from the table below. Parish subsidies, fundraising, and financial giving are needed each year to help offset this difference.

K-8 TUITION RATES FOR 2019-2020*

Parishioner Rates

# of Students	Tuition	Multi-student discount	Adjusted Tuition	Optional Scholarship money	Total Tuition
1	\$4,050	0	\$4,050	0	\$4,050
2	\$8,100	20%	\$6,480	\$142	\$6,338
3	\$12,150	25%	\$9,113	\$860	\$8,253
4	\$16,200	30%	\$11,340	\$882	\$10,458

Non-Parishioner Rates

# of Students	Tuition	Multi-student discount	Adjusted Tuition	Optional Scholarship money	Total Tuition
1	\$4,685	0	\$4,685	0	\$4,685
2	\$9,370	20%	\$7,496	\$226	\$7,270
3	\$14,055	25%	\$10,541	\$1,116	\$9,425
4	\$18,740	30%	\$13,118	\$1,185	\$11,933

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

12TH ANNUAL MARATHON

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Marathon is to raise public awareness of nonpublic education and raise funds for our school. It gives students, faculty members, family members, and friends an opportunity to show their school pride while generating important financial support for our school programs. We participate in fundraisers, like the Marathon, to help keep our tuition more affordable. 100% of that money will go directly towards St. Mary's School programs and offerings.

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS:

- Cheryl Kasper
- Stacy Wobschall

KICK OFF DATE: September 9, 2020

EVENT DATE: October 4, 2020

GOAL:

This year our school's marathon goal was to raise \$30,000. We raised \$42,510!

CHANGES THIS YEAR:

We rolled out this year's Marathon at the beginning of the school year with our Challenge Grant. We made minor tweaks to help us reach our goal:

- Each K-8 student had a known goal of raising \$180. Preschool students were asked to raise \$50.
- Incentives were tied to reaching individual goals, classroom goals, and school-wide goals. The incentive structure changed from previous years.
- We introduced an online giving option to allow family and friends from afar to have a convenient way to donate.
- All classes participated in a variety of community service projects on Marathon Day, instead of walking in the community.

RICHARD M. SCHULZE FAMILY FOUNDATION CHALLENGE GRANT

Out of the spirit of Catholic School excellence, we were challenged to raise \$25,000 by the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation. If we did, they would give us an additional \$25,000!! If we didn't, we would receive nothing from the Foundation. Of course, St. Mary's School accepted the challenge!

REQUIREMENTS:

1. It had to be "new funding" - it could not take the place of an existing fundraiser.
2. It had to attract "new money" - reaching new donors and/or existing donors could give more than they have in the past.
3. It had to be used to enhance education. Studies indicate that flexible seating environments have a direct correlation to retention, attention, motivation, and academic achievement, and supports communication skills and engagement. So, that is what we decided to purchase.

We kicked this off on September 9, 2020, and reached our goal on October 4, 2020.

We were blown away by the excitement this challenge generated. This challenge not only provided us with significant funding, it impacted our school in countless ways.

OUTCOMES:

- We met the match (bringing in \$56,215), allowing us to purchase flexible seating options.
- We took this opportunity to educate our parishioners, alumni, and supporters.
- We received much support from people who have not given in the past.
- We did not depend on our families to provide more -- instead sought their help in obtaining more.
- We changed our Annual Alumni outreach strategy.
- We created a Fundraising Committee.
- We all worked together to reach this goal.

NIGHT OF KNIGHTS AUCTION

The Night of Knights Auction is our largest fundraiser. It provides us with the opportunity to come together as a community to remember the past, celebrate the present, and support the future of St. Mary's School. This year marked the 34th year of this important fundraising event.

The Auction requires countless volunteer hours. We are grateful for the commitment and dedication shown to make this event successful.

Auction Planning Committee:

Co-Chairs: Jeff & Jennifer Hall, Pat & Kristy McGrath

Von & Kristen Petersen

Matt & Nancy Brandel

Brandon & Rochelle Lubich

Joe & Katie Stotko

Chris Jacobson & Kim Penning

Chris and Meghan Laughlin

Matt & Bridgette Bowar

Wes & Katie Miller

Angie Weller

Bryon & Jacque Wolf

Food & Beverage Committee:

Chairs: Dave & Sara Slotsve

Dustin & Mary Reese

Ricardo & Leigh Magana

Andy & Mandi Resler

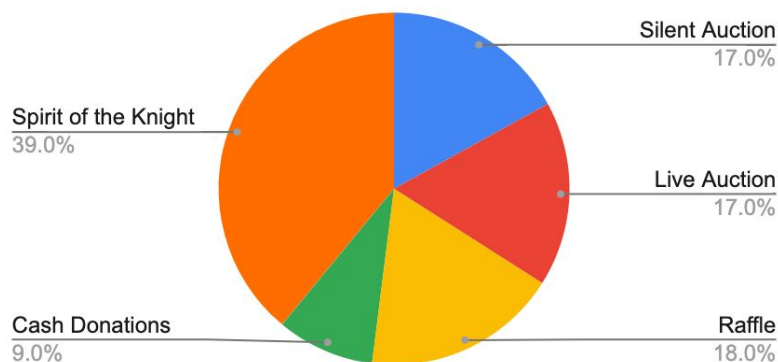
There were several changes made to this year's event due to the pandemic of Covid-19:

- Online ONLY event, with silent baskets and premium packages (which would have formally been part of our Live Auction).
- Free registration (to receive a bidder number).
- Used Facebook Live to build excitement, highlight packages, and announce raffle winners.
- Well-planned pick-up for those who purchased packages, with safety measures in place.

Despite this event changing to an online only event, we were able to celebrate a few major successes:

- The Silent Auction had less packages but brought in more money than any previous year.
- There were a record number of \$50 raffle tickets sold prior to the event.

Night of Knights Auction - Revenue Generated



This year the Spirit of the Knight was designated to Stomp the Floor (retire our building repair loan). Prior to the Spirit of the Knight, we collected \$2,017,000 in charitable gifts to help us pay down our building repair loan. **The Spirit of the Knight brought much generosity once again, collecting \$80,000!** Our goal is to close out the loan by the end of 2020. We are close!

We are always amazed at the support we receive at Auction time, and this year was no exception.

FINANCIAL GIVING

We celebrate and sincerely appreciate the generosity of our donors. The commitment & philanthropic support we receive enables St. Mary's School to ensure the excellence in education that our families have come to expect. Our school and offerings are made possible by past donors. Gifts from trustees, parents, grandparents, alumni, parents of alumni, faculty, staff, and friends have and will continue to secure our future. Contributions are accepted and appreciated through a variety of means:

- Cash Gifts
- Bequests
- Employee Matching Gifts
- Gifts-in-Kind
- Life Insurance Beneficiary
- Memorials
- Securities - Stocks, bonds, and mutual funds
- Capital Campaign
- Fundraising Support

Starting on Page 14, you will see names and businesses of those who gave generously from July 2019 - June 2020. Thank you for making a positive difference at St. Mary's School.

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

There is nothing more satisfying when we hear how connected our families and students feel. Getting connected involves developing real friendships so we can grow in our love for God and one another. The truth is, we all need one another. Each of us can take a step to get connected.

SERVE AS A VOLUNTEER

God has called us to serve others, so take your next step and serve in our school with our school family. Pages 8-9 highlight some volunteer opportunities.

GIVE GENEROUSLY

God has called us to bless others by being sacrificially generous. We are so appreciative of all who choose to St. Mary's School through financial gifts. If you are currently not giving financially to St. Mary's School, consider supporting the school on an annual basis.

LOVE OUR SCHOOL OUT LOUD

There's no better people to tell the St. Mary's story than those who love the experience that we offer. Please share with others what you love about SMS, whether it is that every student is known, smaller class sizes that allow for one-on-one instruction, the faith formation that explores moral development and self-control, the multi-age learning experiences, the family feel, or anything and everything you love!

TOGETHER...WE BELIEVE, WE ACHIEVE, & WE SUCCEED.



MEMORIALS

Dorothy Carroll
 Marge Deml
 Emmet Gallagher
 Patrick Gorman
 Fran Janous
 Steve Jessop

Richard Jirele
 Harriet Jirousek
 Frank Krumholz
 Francis Langr
 Robert Larson
 Jen Olson

Darlene Phillip
 Frank Schiller
 Lowell Schultz
 Janet Schuster
 Bev Seykora
 Mary Sweere

PLATINUM: \$2500 OR MORE

Bethlehem Academy
 Catholic Educational Memorial Fund
 Central Heating & Refrigeration, LLC
 Claremont Insurance Agency
 Dr. Katie & Phil Clubb
 Federated Insurance
 Lorraine Grass
 Jay & Tricia Johnson
 Kathryn Kreutter

Duane & Karen Ludewig
 Mark & Ruth Pfeifer
 Sean & Hilary Pick
 Premier Bank Minnesota
 Don & Sue Redman
 Karen & Josh Spielman
 Gary Thurnau
 Venture Hydraulics, Inc., Travis and Beth Oltmans
 James Wolesky

GOLD LEVEL: \$1000-\$2499

Dina & Jerrold Atkinson
 Roger & Sarah Bailey
 David & Sharleen Berg
 Black Forest
 Bosch
 Anne Marie Brick
 Claremont Area Chamber of Commerce
 Gerald & Carol Deetz
 Patricia Fischer
 Matt & Stacey Ginskey
 Gopher Sport
 Mark & Brenda Hall
 Alan Hansel
 Harland's Tire & Auto Center
 Jeremy & Lynsey Hullopeter
 Gene Katzung
 Troy & Brandi Klecker
 Kathleen Koch
 Kottke Jewelers

Gina Larson
 Karen Lindenbaum
 Ludewig Financial Group
 Jeff & Elizabeth Malo
 Marian High School - Class of 1970
 Kristy & Pat McGrath
 Glen & Cheryl Meger
 Peter Michaletz
 Miguel & Stacey Mulet
 Maureen O'Brien Johnson
 Tony & Marie Olinger
 Arlee & Elizabeth Randall
 RE/MAX Venture - Grady Strand and Cole Orlowski
 Diane Schoeneman
 Marian Simon
 Jen Swanson
 Andriena Torres
 Gladys & Joe Tupy

SILVER LEVEL: \$500-999

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 Mayo Clinic Health System - Owatonna
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 Block Plumbing and Heating
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 Kevin Callister
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 Chanhassen Dinner Theatres
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 Jennifer Copeland
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 Javier Cruz
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 Rick & Sue Cunningham
 Curly Girlz Candy
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 Mary Kay Ernst Sullivan
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 Curtis & Margaret Supalla
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 Terry Evans & Associates
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