

# Pirates' Treasure



**A full-time priest returns  
to St. Mary's campus**  
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Dygart joined St. Mary's as a theology teacher this fall.

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## From the Board

Dear St. Mary's High School Family,

I would like to wish all of you a Blessed Christmas! I look back over the last year and see the wonderful things happening at St. Mary's High School through the efforts of our staff, students, parents, alumni, and community supporters. St. Mary's continues the 130-year tradition of preparing our students for college and life as described in our school slogan, "A Catholic, College-Prep Family Since 1885."

Earlier this year, St. Mary's was voted the 2015 Best High School in Colorado Springs by Gazette readers. It's a well-deserved honor that's impressive considering we are one of the smallest high schools in the town. Our school is in wonderful hands under the leadership of our principal, Jim Felice, and our staff continues to find innovative ways to offer new programs for our students such as digital media design, choir, and drama productions.

Father Joe Dygart joined our faculty this year as a full-time theology teacher. We are thankful to have him at SMHS and with his presence we now have daily Mass opportunities at our school.

Our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) program is in its second year, and is growing by leaps and bounds. The classes are preparing students for technical professions and next year we will add an AP Computer Science to the curriculum.

Our website ([www.smhscs.org](http://www.smhscs.org)) has a new look, including more information and videos. St. Mary's also has a presence on social media. You can follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Social media is a great way to keep up with school news and events. Go to our website at [www.smhscs.org](http://www.smhscs.org) for more information.

As many of you know, we had a transition in leadership with the recent resignation of our president. Although it's a challenging change for the school, it will enable us to focus on two main areas: enrollment and development.

It is critical that we grow our enrollment. We continue to reach out to prospective families in our feeder schools, but we need to cast a wider net. To that end, we have hired Beth Bohannon as our full-time admissions director with her sole responsibility being to grow our enrollment. Together with our marketing team, she will reach out to spread the good news about SMHS and bring in new students.

The other key area is development and we recently posted a development director position. We have many supporters from the last 130 years with whom we need to build relationships. If you know of someone who has a passion for Catholic education, loves working with people, and has experience in development, please encourage them to apply. A SMHS alumnus would be a great fit. The deadline for submission is Dec. 27, 2015. More information can be found on our website.

Information on our "We Believe" campaign went out in the mail this fall. This campaign is a three-year program to help reduce debt that was accumulated during the last 20 years and to help us expand our premier academic programs. If you haven't already made a pledge, I ask you to prayerfully consider helping SMHS. Since we are an independent Catholic School, we do not receive the same financial support from our diocese and parishes as the grade schools do; we rely on the generosity of our alumni and friends. There has already been \$1.4 million pledged for the campaign, which is wonderful, but we need everyone's help to set a foundation for the next 20 years at St. Mary's. You can find more information about the campaign on our website. Please, consider supporting this campaign.

I would like to thank all those who keep St. Mary's High School in your daily prayers and support SMHS financially. We need both! THANK YOU! On behalf of our editorial staff, thank you for staying connected with our St. Mary's High School Family.



Tom Resman

Chairman, St. Mary's High School Board of Directors



### St. Mary's Starts New Capital Campaign

During the spring of 2015, St. Mary's launched a new capital campaign, "We Believe...Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future." By the end of October, through the generosity of the school's supporters, the campaign had already raised more than \$1.4 million in gifts and pledges.

While the Annual Fund focuses on the school's short-term financial obligations, the focus of the "We Believe" campaign is reducing the school's current debts and improving facilities. The campaign priorities are based on \$10 million of need, with the first priority being to reduce by \$2.5 million the long-term and operational debt the school currently has. Once that is done, and the building aspects of the campaign are fully funded, the funds from the "We Believe" campaign will go to renovate the science wing, remodel academic spaces, update the school's technology, and add locker rooms at The Grace Center.



### Students for Life Club Attends Bishop Sheridan's Respect Life Dinner

Fourteen members of the St. Mary's Students for Life Club attended Bishop Sheridan's Fifth Annual Respect Life Dinner, held Monday, Oct. 26, at the Broadmoor International Center. This sold out event to support the pro-life movement in Colorado Springs was attended by more than 700 people. The keynote speaker was Melissa Ohden, who was born during a failed saline abortion in August 1977. She shared her experiences and the need for all of us to continue to promote and support Life.

### Drama Club Stages Comedy for Fall Play

The St. Mary's Drama Club staged "The Musical Comedy Murders



of 1940" by John Bishop as its fall production. The comedy, which consists of a 10-member cast, follows a Broadway creative team responsible for a recent flop, during which three chorus girls were murdered by the mysterious "Stage Door Slasher." The team has assembled to audition their new show for a backer at a Westchester estate. Sliding panels and secret passageways all figure in to the mayhem when the infamous "slasher" strikes again.

### Cheer Team Raises Money for Cancer Society

At the last home football game on Oct. 16, the cheer team honored one of its coaches, Nikita Breslin. Breslin is a 10-plus year cancer survivor; she was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma when she was 14.

The team raised more than \$300 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in her name through its ChickFILA toss. The girls also wore lime green bows with "cheer for Nikita" on them because that's the ribbon color for blood cancer.



### First STEM Camp a Hit with Students

St. Mary's High School hosted its first STEM summer camp for middle schoolers in July and the camp was extremely well received, said Mike Kloenne, math and engineering

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teacher at the school. STEM programs emphasize science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The camp maxed out at 48 middle school students. The students represented 22 local middle schools. Over the three-day camp, the students were involved in several activities including a LEGO robotics program provided by Challenger Learning Center.



"After three days, these middle students certainly got a first-hand experience of some of the new STEM innovations at St. Mary's," Kloenne said. "We had a great camp; parents and kids loved it."

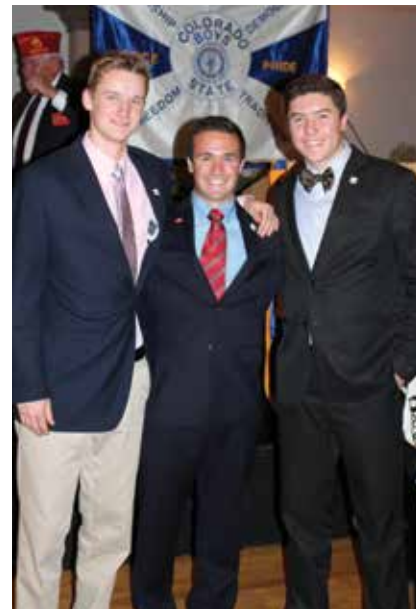
The camp also included a trip to the zoo, where the campers learned about adaptations; activities provided by Sigma Metals; Cool Science demonstrations and engineering activities like flying a drone, which were sponsored by Lockheed Martin.

### Two Students, One Alum Attend Boys State

St. Mary's had a great presence at Colorado Boys State this past summer. **Daniel Raskob '16** and **Grady Gosselin '16** were both

selected as Boys State delegates and **Matt Heery '15** was selected to return as a Counselor.

Boys State delegates are assigned a city and then are responsible for forming city, county, and state governments. Raskob was elected to auditor and director of public works and utilities for the city of Ralston. He was also elected to the State House of Representatives. Gosselin was elected to serve as fire chief, financial director, and architect for Walker City.



Boys State is a leadership training opportunity for rising seniors sponsored by the American Legion. The program focuses on teaching the young men about local, state and national government by allowing them to participate in these same organizations.

## From the Archive

Who can help us identify the people in the picture at right? Are you in it? This photo appeared on page 99 in the 1974 yearbook but didn't include any identifying information. If you can identify the event at which it was taken or any of the people in it, please email [apartain@smhscs.org](mailto:apartain@smhscs.org).



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The photo was taken in Mrs. Edwina Headley's freshman English class during the 1985-1986 school year. Mrs. Headley is standing on the left. Also in the photo are John Lamke (front row, red shirt), Mary Keller (front row, head down), Kim Duggan (second row with glasses), Kim Thornton (second row, pink shirt), Scott Tiegs (back row by the wall), and Keegan Crick (back row, red jacket).



# 500+ Gather for First Red Rose Run 5K, Pancake Breakfast Hosted by St. Mary's



Runners and walkers of all ages (above) turned out for St. Mary's first Red Rose Fun Run 5K and Pancake Breakfast. The out-and-back race started at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Monument. The St. Peter's Knights of Columbus chapter (below) provided delicious pancakes for all of the runners and supports.

photos: Amy G. Partain



Blue, cloudless skies greeted runners and walkers at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Monument Sunday, Sept. 27, as they converged to take part in the first Red Rose Fun Run 5K and Pancake Breakfast, hosted by St. Mary's High School. Racers of all ages took part in the event that celebrated Catholic education and pro-life beliefs.

"For our first event, I think it was quite successful," said Mike Kloenne, organizer of the event and a teacher at St. Mary's. "I've heard nothing but compliments with people saying it was a great race to promote our pro-life beliefs and Catholic schools."

More than 500 runners and walkers tackled the 5K (3.1 mile) course, which started and finished outside of St. Peter's. Mary Piedad, St. Mary's High School junior, teed off the event with a beautiful rendition of our National Anthem. Father Gregory Golyzniak, pastor at St. Peter's, was on a bicycle, leading the runners through the course. The majority of the 5K course followed the scenic Santa Fe Trail with views of Mt. Hermann.

"I can't thank Father Gregory and the St. Peter's parish family enough for opening their facilities to us," Kloenne said. "And the St. Peter's Knights of Columbus did a phenomenal job with the food."

In addition to the run and pancake breakfast, attendees could make a donation for a variety of homemade baked goods at the Pirate Harvest bake sale, play on inflatable playgrounds, and gather information on area Catholic schools and Diocesan pro-life activities. Any middle school-aged attendees were provided free tickets to the pancake breakfast.

Since the purpose of the event was to promote Catholic education and pro-life beliefs, not to raise funds, the monetary goal was to break even. Kloenne said that goal was accomplished and any profit made from the event will be put back into pro-life initiatives and our Catholic schools.

Kloenne began planning the event over the summer. His hope from the beginning was to make the race and pancake breakfast an annual event, so he is already thinking of some adjustments to make the event even better next year.

"The first event is always a learning experience. There are a few tweaks we'll make and we hope to be back next year," Kloenne said. "The challenge of next year is to get more people to come out. This turn out was great for the first year, but we'll want to build on that." ●



photo: Diane Torrence

# Religious

## St. Mary's again has full-time priest

**F**ather Joe Dygert strolls the halls of St. Mary's High School daily, one of the newest members of the St. Mary's faculty. While it may not seem unusual for a Catholic priest to teach at a Catholic high school, Dygert is the first priest on St. Mary's faculty full time since the mid-1980s.

The move away from religious faculty at Catholic schools started in the 1970s, and has continued to decline. According to the National Catholic Education Association, nationally only 2.8 percent of faculty at Catholic schools are sisters, brothers or clergy. Sisters still make up most of that number at 1.9 percent, while 0.5 percent are clergy and 0.4 percent are brothers. The decline of religious faculty at St. Mary's followed the national trend. In 1984 there were only three religious faculty members at St. Mary's, and during the 1985-1986 school year there were none.

Having religious faculty members on campus has never stopped being a goal at St. Mary's High School.

"It has always been our hope to have a permanent priest at SMHS to provide ever-present spiritual nourishment to our students and staff," said Tom Resman, chairman of the St. Mary's Board of Directors. "But considering the shortage of priests in our Church, it was not considered a viable option for a Catholic school of our size."

School leaders have worked to strengthen the school's connection to the diocese over the last several years. And it was this strengthened relationship that brought Father Dygert to St. Mary's this year.

"It was through discussions with Bishop Sheridan over the last few years that we were fortunate to have Father Joe assigned to our high school this year," Resman said. "We are grateful that our Bishop considers St. Mary's important enough in the formation of our children to dedicate a full-time priest to our school."

Now, Resman said, there is another avenue through which to deepen the connection between the school and the local Catholic community.

"Having a priest on our faculty provides a bridge between the rest of the Catholic community and SMHS," he said. "Father Joe works closely with the Bishop and priests in our diocese. Through his relationships with these leaders in our Church, we strengthen our connection with our Catholic community."

### A New Assignment

Now in his fourth year as an ordained priest, Dygert is starting his third assignment as he joins the St. Mary's faculty. His previous assignments have lasted two years each. In fact, one of his previous assignments brought him in contact with several students who are now seniors at St. Mary's. When they were in sixth grade, Dygert taught them religion at St. Paul Church.

While teaching is not new to Dygert, and is something he enjoys, full-time teaching has been an adjustment for him. He now teaches theology to the St.



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Mary's sophomores and half of the juniors. Like any new teacher, he's figuring out the routine and how to balance all that goes into teaching.

"It's challenging as a first year teacher," Dygert said. "Transitioning from a parish priest to teaching priest is an adjustment. But I like sharing my Catholic faith with others. My faith is the most beautiful thing in my life and I enjoy sharing that with the students. I think if I hadn't become a priest I would have become a teacher. So it's a great opportunity to be able to be a priest and a teacher at the same time."

## Catholic Passion

With the return of a full-time priest on campus, opportunities to receive the Sacraments has returned to campus as well. One such opportunity is observing daily Mass on campus. Dygert said that while priests are not required to observe Mass daily, they are strongly encouraged to do so. And, he said, for him daily Mass is very important.

"I figured if I was going to offer Mass daily there was no reason for it to be only me and the angels," he said. "So I've invited students and other members of the St. Mary's community to join me each morning. It's a great opportunity for them to hear the word of God."

Dygert begins his daily Mass at 7:05 a.m. in the chapel and wraps it up around 7:30. So far, attendance at daily Mass hasn't been huge, but it has been fairly consistent, ranging from six to 10 people.

"We have a great opportunity to grow our daily Mass numbers," Dygert said. "The primary person in charge of the school is God so hearing the word daily seems like the best way to focus on Him."

Dygert also led St. Mary's first Community Night of Prayer in September. The Community Night of Prayer is a monthly event started by the St. Mary's board.

"The basic idea was to have an evening of prayer where school families and staff could come together several times a year to pray for SMHS and the needs of our community," Resman said. "It was something simple that we could add to bring the SMHS community together."

## Catholic Tradition

For most of St. Mary's 130-year history, instruction by sisters or clergy was the norm. The Sisters of Loretto started the school in 1885 to provide education to girls. The school opened up to boys who were primary school age in 1888 and would later add high school classes for boys as well.

During its long history, many priests have served St. Mary's, but one of the most admired men to serve was Father William Kelly. Jeanie Ahrens book *A Pirate's Treasure: The History of St. Mary's High School* recounts Father Kelly's tenure.

Father Kelly joined St. Mary's faculty after his ordination in April 1932. Kelly, a native of Leadville, took over the daily duties at St. Mary's and was named superintendent of schools in 1934. The St. Mary's community became the center of Father Kelly's life. He got to know each student, and cared deeply about their lives.

Father Kelly served St. Mary's during the height of Catholic school growth in the United States. From 1932 until his unexpected death

in 1960, Father

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Father William Kelly, above, shared his love of music with St. Mary's students for more than 25 years before his death in 1960. Today Father Joe Dygert, right, connects with St. Mary's students through his religious raps, which he demonstrated at the 2015 Gala in April.



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Kelly provided spiritual guidance and friendship to the student body. Ahren's book describes Father Kelly's contribution this way: "With the help of the Sisters of Loretto and the priest teachers, Msgr. Kelly guided students to thoughts of higher things, challenged their minds, and instilled in them a love for music and theatre. He lived his faith every moment of every day and made a lasting mark on all who made his acquaintance."

Father Kelly's death left a void at St. Mary's and in the local parish. But a few years later, lay teachers replaced sisters and priests as fewer women and men chose the religious life as a vocation. Eventually having even one religious faculty member on campus full time would be the exception, not the rule for U.S. Catholic schools.

## Important Contributions

In the years since St. Mary's has had a full-time priest on campus, there have been many capable men and women who have taught theology. But without an on-campus priest, the school community has missed out on some of the spiritual nourishment that the Church provides.

"St. Mary's is a Catholic high school. And being Catholic means participating in the sources of grace and nourishment that our Church provides," Resman said. "A priest is ordained to teach, preach, explain, and defend the Word of God within the tradition of the Church. He is also ordained to celebrate the Eucharist, which is the summit and source of Christian life. Priests can hear confessions and offer forgiveness of sins through Jesus."

Having the presence of a full-time priest at SMHS provides the students, faculty, and staff with all of these opportunities to help them grow in their Catholic faith.

"This growth will help our students become future Christian leaders in our world," Resman said. "No other high school



In addition to Father Dygert's daily presence in the classroom at St. Mary's, left, Father Brian Roeseler, above, serves as St. Mary's chaplain, a role he has filled for four years now.

in Colorado Springs offers such gifts."

Dygert, too, feels it is important for all of the blessings of the Church to be available to students. Having a daily presence allows him to talk with the students and provide them with the sacraments if that's something they feel they need. And he feels it is important for the students to see first-hand all of the missions that make up the Church.

"We all have different callings and that is part of our strength," Dygert said. "It's important to have all of those missions--lay ministries, marriage, and religious life--represented within the school community and in the lives of the students. Of course, I also hope that some students feel called to the priesthood, and if so, I can be present to help as they consider that calling."

With his first semester at St. Mary's in the books, Dygert hopes that his assignment at the school lasts for a number of years.

"I hope I'm here an extended period of time," Dygert said. "I love working with the rest of the staff and teaching theology. And I would like to increase the number of spiritual opportunities the students have, especially the opportunity for prayer. Perhaps we could offer the Eucharistic adoration and other avenues of prayer."

In the meantime, Dygert will continue honing his skills as a teacher.

"Honestly, it's been hard work," he said, "but it's also a lot of fun." ●

# Sister Comes to St. Mary's

This fall Sister Bernadette Mota began working with St. Mary's, joining with Father Joe Dygert and Father Brian Roeseler in serving the St. Mary's High School community. Sister Bernadette is a Salesian Sister. The ministry of the Salesian Sisters is serving youth.

"While our mission is youth ministry, we have been challenged to not be teachers," Sister Bernadette said. "They want us to branch out from the classroom setting and find new ways to minister and connect with youth."

Given that challenge, Sister Bernadette will have a campus presence at St. Mary's but will not teach. Instead she'll be active in student activities, campus ministries, and special events, being available to assist students as needed.

Growing up in southern California, Sister Bernadette attended Catholic schools from kindergarten through high school graduation. But it wasn't until after she finished college, that she considered the call to religious life. She has now been with the Salesian Sisters for 10 years.

"Our ministry is to help youth," she said. "Truly we educate everyone we meet and that can be done in a variety of ways."



Sister Bernadette speaks about religious life to Father Joe's sophomore theology class.





2014-2015 School Year  
**Annual Report on Giving**

# Thank You

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## The Ertel Family Endowed Scholarship

On an ordinary Friday afternoon in the spring of 2002, [Patrick Ertel '68](#) walked into SMHS and made an extraordinary gift. "I want the school to have this for scholarships for those in need," he said as he handed over an envelope. "These are some investments I inherited from my family. I managed them for some time, but have lost interest in them and have decided that they would be best used for this purpose."

Upon graduating, Ertel entered the seminary, but ultimately discerned that he did not have a calling to the priesthood. His love of the Church and of SMHS, however, continued to grow as he spent the next 35 years in various forms of service to others, first in the Peace Corps and then as a community volunteer. Grateful for the education that he received SMHS, Ertel decided to create an endowed fund in his family's name. The Ertel Family Endowed Scholarship Fund provides a lasting revenue for financial aid. Ertel hopes to add to the fund in the years ahead.

## The Ernest J. Golobic Endowed Scholarship

Ernest J. Golobic moved to Colorado Springs more than 20 years ago upon retiring from the USPS in Chicago. Though

he and his wife, Catherine, had no formal connection to SMHS, they valued Catholic education and began to support the school with yearly gifts to the Annual Fund.

When Mr. Golobic's sister-in-law, Margaret A. Rick, passed away she left him a modest inheritance. To honor his sister-in-law for her generosity and his wife's commitment to Catholic education, Mr. Golobic chose to create the Margaret A. Rick Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund to support the school's financial aid program. This permanent fund provides the school with revenue to help ensure that SMHS will be available to those in need.

Shortly before his death in 2004, Mr. Golobic contributed some of his own assets to the scholarship fund and, with his daughter's encouragement, changed the name of the fund to The Ernest J. Golobic Family Endowed Scholarship Fund.

## The Ernster-Blichmann Family Endowed Scholarship

[Greg Ernster '77](#) and his wife, Suzanne Blichmann Ernster, parents of [Lauren '06](#) and [Paul '08](#), established the Ernster-Blichmann Family Endowed Scholarship to provide need-based tuition assistance to students, particularly those interested in math, the sciences, sports, and/or debate. When possible, the gifts follow the receiving students for their entire time at SMHS so long as their need is proven to the Foundation each year.

## The Tom Kelly Scholarship Fund

The St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation has established the Tom Kelly Scholarship Fund in memory of Tom Kelly, who faithfully served the St. Mary's High School community as a member of the school board, foundation board, and in advisory capacity for more than 25 years. The fund benefits scholarship and financial aid programs of St. Mary's High School."

## The Clergy Fund

The St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation established the Clergy Fund to assist with the funding of the clergy office at St.

Mary's High School, including the salary of a school chaplain and supplies needed to carry out the mission of the office.

## Anna Stevens Scholarship Fund

A local community volunteer and philanthropist, Anna Stevens desired to leave a lasting legacy through her estate. As part of her estate plan, she established the Anna Stevens Scholarship Fund to provide need-based tuition assistance to St. Mary's High School students.

## The Good Sisters Fund

Named in honor of Srs. Valerie and Ann Monica Pierce, the Good Sisters Fund supplements funding of the school's curriculum and teacher development. Each semester, the departments heads submit grant requests to the principal for funding of curriculum or programs that would not otherwise be available. The principal prioritizes the requests for the Foundation board which, pursuant to the Fund, awards \$1,500 per semester in grants.

In creating the Fund, Sr. Valerie hoped that it grow through additional gifts from SMHS families, friends, and alumni.

## The Tafolla Family Fund

Patrice and Jerry Tafolla established the Tafolla Family Fund endowment in gratitude for all SMHS has provided their family, including an excellent education for their daughter, [Sarah '13](#), and son, [Michael '15](#). Their association with the school is a life-long relationship rooted in faith, community, and a sense of belonging.

The Tafolla Family Fund is a legacy gift, providing permanent funding for debt relief and tuition assistance. At the end of each fiscal year, 5 percent of the balance of the fund is available to the school for the following school year.

The Tafollas intend to be lifelong supporters of SMHS, through the Annual Fund and events like the Golf Classic and the Gala, and by adding to the endowment fund. They encourage other families to consider a gift that will provide for the financial future of the school.



## Football

The 2015 season was a rebuilding one for the football team.



Archie Malloy joined the Pirates as head coach after spending the last 13 season as the head coach at Mitchell High School. It was a challenging year—essentially it was a JV team with only four seniors who had varsity experience. Although the team

went winless on the season, linebacker **Dylan Tait '16** set the St. Mary's career tackle record with 301 and was in the top five in the state with 119 season tackles. The previous record of 186 tackles was held by **Burton Crosby '09**. Next year football will drop to the 1A level.

## Volleyball

Digging in and working hard describe the volleyball Pirates 2015 season. And that hard work led to success. They won their regional in dramatic

fashion—coming back from being two games down to win the next three games—giving them a state tourney berth. The Pirates lost in the first



round of the state tournament, but finished as one of the Top 10 3A teams in the state. The team finished with an overall record of 18-9 and a Tri-Peaks League record of 10-2. With only three seniors, the volleyball team's future is promising; they have a solid group of juniors and sophomores ready to step in.

## Boys Soccer

The boys soccer team struggled overall during the 2015 season finishing with an overall record of 3-11-1. League play was a

more evenly matched with the Pirates ending the season with a league record of 2-2-1.

An equal number of seniors and freshman made up the majority of the roster. After the season ended, Coach Robert Kennedy has stepped down



to pursue an Educational Degree. Gregg Braha, the current girls' soccer coach, stepping in as the new head coach.

## Softball

Coach David Hyland didn't know what to expect of the softball team this year. Last year the team won only six games all season.



With no seniors on the roster and five freshman in the starting line up in this year, it could have been a building year. Instead, the team went 12-8 overall and 2-3 in league play, and made it to regionals,

where they lost in the first round. Pitcher **MacKenzie Boyer '18** made all-conference honors. Congratulations to MacKenzie!

## Golf

The members of the boys golf team worked hard throughout the season, resulting in success and improvement. Early in the season the

varsity team finished fourth in the team category at a tournament at the Hollydot Golf Course in Colorado City.

**Jimmy Velten '16** won that tournament and **Stephen Sabish '18** finished 12th. To finish out the season, Velten qualified for the state tournament, where he finished 25th in the 3A championship. He had the best two-round score with a plus-20. Sabish and **Logan Almquist '19** lead a group of golfers returning next year.



## Cross Country

Both the boys and girls cross country teams have much to be proud of this season. The boys team finished fifth at regionals to qualify for state, where they finished 14th overall, up from last year's 19th-place finish. The girls team just missed qualifying for state, placing sixth at regionals and coming up six points short. But two of the girls team members qualified for state as individual runners.

**Hannah McReavy '18** finished fourth at state in 3A girls division, after placing first at regionals. **Ana Muehlbauer '18** took ninth place at regionals, which qualified her for state.



Earlier in the season at the Pueblo Central Cross Country Invitational **Adam Maal '19** broke the St. Mary's freshman cross country record with a time of 17:30.

# 5 Added to Hall of Fame

A TV network sports show used to start with the words, “The thrill of victory; the agony of defeat.” They are words every athlete can relate to. Participating in sports teaches many lessons, which the newest members of the St. Mary’s Athletic Hall of Fame reflected on during this year’s induction ceremony in October.

The 2015 inductees were Don Martin ‘61, basketball and football; Ted Peralta ‘69, track, basketball, and football; Stefan Von Campe ‘93, track; Mark Pepper ‘95, football; and Christina Whitelaw ‘10, volleyball, basketball, and soccer.

## Martin, the Floor General

Martin, who stood at 5 feet, 8 inches in high school, wasn’t a big physical presence on the basketball court or the football field. But using his talent and determination, Martin left his mark on both sports. Martin was the point guard for the 1961 team, which is possibly the best team in St. Mary’s history. The 1961 team won the first state parochial school championship and Martin was named to the all-state first parochial team. In football, Martin as quarterback was a leader as well. In fact, he still holds the school record for longest pass completion with a 95-yard pass against Denver St. Joseph.

Mickey Elliot ‘63 accepted the award for Martin, who was unable to attend the ceremony. In comments read by Elliot, Martin said that his parents had choice of where he attended school, and the choice to attend St. Mary’s changed his life.

## Peralta, Goal Setter

Peralta is a two-time 3A state shot put champion, still holds the St. Mary’s shot put record at 62-feet, 8-inches, and made several all-city teams for football and basketball.

For Peralta’s first two years of high school, shot put wasn’t his sport. But after a coach gave him a copy of Psycho-

Cybernetics by Maxwell Maltz, he decided to set his sights on the state shot put title.

“That book taught me that you can accomplish whatever your mind can conceive and believe,” he said. “I think that’s what St. Mary’s has always been about. This school has always had a tremendous attitude of competition and sportsmanship.”

Once Peralta conceived the goal of the shot put state title and believed he could accomplish it, he did. It was an attitude that carried over to his football and basketball experiences too.

“We always had this attitude that the next game, we’d win,” he said. “It didn’t matter who we were playing. We believed we’d win.”

Peralta encouraged St. Mary’s current student athletes, who were gathered for the ceremony, to adopt a similar attitude.

“Current students, what you do you, if you can conceive it and believe it, you can achieve it,” he said.

## Von Campe, High Jumper

Von Campe set records in track, only to break them himself. He garnered four state titles during his career at St. Mary’s and still holds the school record for long jump and high jump.

Von Campe went on to a successful college career at Idaho State University. He still holds records there in the pentathlon and long jump.

Von Campe couldn’t attend the ceremony. His award was accepted by his sister Sabrina, who read remarks that he had written. In the remarks, Von Campe thanked his parents, teammates, and coaches for helping him to achieve his goals.

## Pepper, Record Holder

It has been 20 years since Pepper was setting records on the St. Mary’s football field. He still holds St. Mary’s records for

most yards in a season with 1,482, most touchdowns in a season with 29, and most tackles in a season with 80. But, he said, although many things have changed, including the field that the Pirates play on, his time at the school seems like yesterday.

“We practiced in Monument Valley Park because we didn’t have our own football field,” he said. “But the facilities didn’t matter because St. Mary’s is about the people--the students, parents, and teachers who make up the St. Mary’s community.”

Pepper continues to be a part of the St. Mary’s community, now as a parent--his daughter, Madison, is a junior at the school. He emphasized to the current students that what they are part of is something special.

“I hope each student realizes how special it is to go here,” Pepper said. “Your parents have options about school and choosing St. Mary’s shows how much they care about you. They allow you to be a St. Mary’s Pirate, and that’s such a special honor.”

## Whitelaw, All-Around Athlete

Whitelaw’s St. Mary’s athletic career saw success in three sports. She was a player of the year in basketball, a soccer state championship MVP, and made all-state in volleyball. Her No. 4 St. Mary’s jersey has been retired.

Although Whitelaw’s time at St. Mary’s was the most recent, she said it is not the specifics of her athletic endeavors that she remembers.

“Everyone tells you that you never remember the scores and the games the win or lose, and that’s so true,” she said. “What you remember is who you were with--your teammates and coaches. You remember the bus rides and the hotel stays. I cherish those memories.”

Whitelaw agreed that St. Mary’s is a special place made up of a special community.

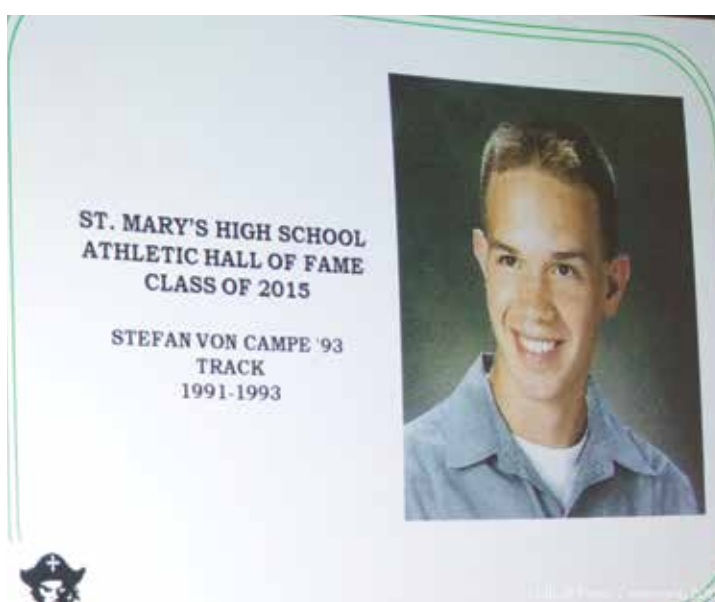
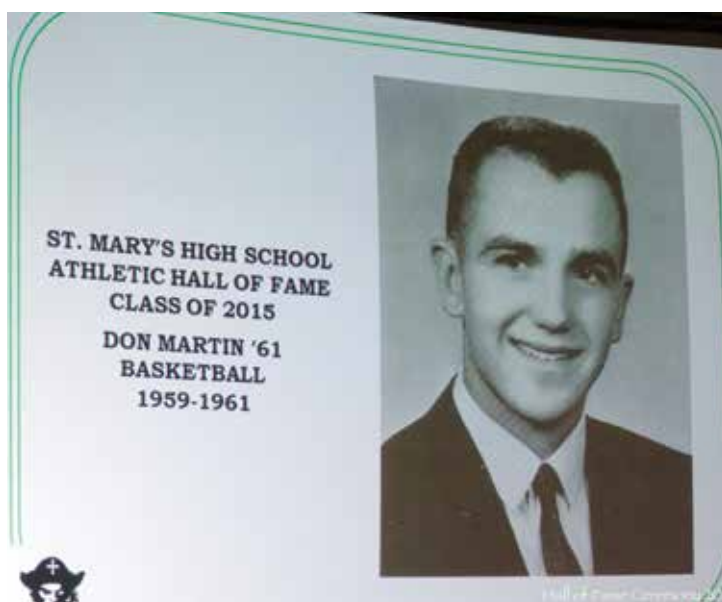
“I’m grateful for the opportunity to go here and to be back today to accept this award,” Whitelaw said. ●





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The 2015 St. Mary's Athletic Hall of Fame inductees were honored at the home football game on Oct. 16, where they were presented with their awards. From left are: Ted Peralta '69; Sabrina XXX, sister of Stefan Von Campe '93 who was unable to attend the ceremony; Mark Pepper '95; and Christina Whitelaw '10. Also part of the 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2015 is Don Martin '61, who was also unable to attend the ceremony. Martin and Von Campe are pictured below in photos from the afternoon induction ceremony in the St. Mary's gym.



# 2015 Marian Award Goes

**W**hen Nick and Margaret Colarelli and their family decided they wanted to do some kind of service together, they had no idea it would lead to establishing the Fostering Hope Foundation, an organization that supports foster children and their families. Nor did the Colarellis ever think starting the organization would lead to them being awarded St. Mary's 2015 Marian Award.

"It's hard to describe how we feel about receiving the Marian Award," Nick Colarelli said. "One, we were surprised. Two, we were humbled by it. And three, we were a bit overwhelmed. But we very much felt honored by it."

The Marian Award is presented by the St. Mary's High School Board of Directors in recognition of unselfish service to others and outstanding contributions to the community. The award has been presented annually since 2001. The Colarellis were presented with the award after Mass with Bishop Sheridan at St. Mary's High School on Oct. 21.

## Idea into Action

Colarelli said the service idea began to germinate in 2002 when the couple, their five children, and their grandchildren decided they wanted to find a way they could work together to give back to the community. They began looking at options and finally decided that they wanted to do something to help foster children and their families.

"We asked foster families what kind of help they could use, which helped us define the program," Colarelli said.

Then the family established Fostering Hope, through which teams of volunteers help and support foster families who are parenting foster children from traumatic and difficult backgrounds. Fostering Hope has 36 teams from 27 local faith communities working with foster families in El Paso County.

The teams support the families in a variety of ways, everything from providing meals to babysitting to tutoring to helping get the kids to various court mandated appointments. But, Colarelli said, often the most important support the team members provide is simply a listening ear.

"Fostering can be a frustrating job," he said. "With the team members, the foster parents can let down their guard and share all of the hard and sad things they deal with. That relief helps keep them going; just knowing that someone cares."



photo: Diane Torrence

**Nick and Margaret Colarelli were presented with the 2015 Marian Award by St. Mary's Board President Tom Resman (left) and Principal Jim Felice (right) after Mass on Oct. 21.**

## Seeing Results

St. Mary's board member Patrice Tafolla nominated the Colarellis for the 2015 Marian Award. Tafolla has been a Fostering Hope team member for about three years, serving a team formed at her parish, which is St. Patrick Church.

"Each team member's individual commitment is not huge, but the team's total contribution adds up to great support for the foster family," Tafolla said. "The parents have 'extended family' to rely on, and get well-deserved breaks for themselves, which leads to a feeling of empowerment that helps them succeed in providing a stable, nurturing family environment in which the kids not only have a chance to heal, but to thrive!"

Tafolla said the local Department of Human Services has seen the positive impact that Fostering Hope has had and has asked the Foundation to double its number of teams.

"Nick and Margaret and all five of their children decided together to make a difference in the lives of foster children, who are often shuffled from one home to another in the foster care system and too often end up on the streets," Tafolla said. "The foundation they started is making a difference, every day, in the lives of foster families."

## Deserved Recognition

Colarelli said that over the last four years, Fostering Hope has had an increasing connection to St. Mary's High School. It is a connection that his family really enjoys, Colarelli said. "It's neat to see the enthusiasm of the St. Mary's kids," he said.

During the 2011-2012 school year, then junior Colton



# to Colarellis

Calandrella approached the Colarellis about serving an internship with the foundation. After that, Calandrella began to spread the word about the work that Fostering Hope was doing. As a result, for the last two years Fostering Hope has been the recipient of the money raised during St. Mary's Penny Wars drive sponsored by the Youth Philanthropy Club. Calandrella said in the time he's know the Colarellis, their generosity, kindness, and passion have always shined through.

"They are completely committed to the cause of improving the lives of foster children, a marginalized group deeply in need of our support.," Calandrella said. "The work they do is not glamorous or recognized properly. They have made substantial professional and personal sacrifices to ensure the success of Fostering Hope. Yet they pour their hearts into Fostering Hope because they know how crucial the impact is on the lives of the children."

In the next five years, Colarelli said Fostering Hope plans to find new ways to help, specifically to focus on foster kids that are aging out of the foster care system. As they move into their 20s, he said these former foster kids need adults they can trust to help guide them through the big changes that come in adulthood.

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- Patrice Tafolla**

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"Most have no family support and the stats for kids aging out of the system are pretty bleak," Colarelli said. "They need adult support, people they can call to help them with finding jobs, getting insurance, budgeting; a lot of the things that parents do for their kids. We want to provide an even larger extended family for these kids so that will be our primary focus over the next five years."

Given the Church's recent focus on uplifting the family, Tafolla said it seemed a fitting year to honor the Colarellis and their commitment to helping families.

"Pope Francis' recent visit to Philadelphia focused on celebrating the family--the sanctuary of love and life," she said. "And as the Year for Marriage and Family proclaimed by Bishop Sheridan comes to a conclusion, it is fitting that Nick and Margaret Colarelli are being honored for their work supporting families to be fully alive. Like Mary, our Blessed Mother, they serve others with faith in God and with genuine humility." ●

## Marian Award Recipients

2001

**Leo Smentowski '54**

2002

**Father Rawley Myers**

2003

**Andrew Middlemist**

2004

**Leonard L. Buresh**

2005

**Betty Elliott Faricy '70**

2006

**John D. McCord**

2007

**Bambi Venetucci**

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**Don Mersman '71**

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**Thomas S. Kelly**

2010

**Bishop Richard C. Hanifen**

2011

**Chuck Murphy '54**

2012

**Leroy Hoelting**

2013

**Father Bill Carmody**

2014

**Jack and Bernadette Johnston**

2015

**Nick and Margaret Colarelli**

## Class Notes

### ..... 1960-1969 .....

Sports are an important part of any school, as they bring together the community in a unified effort to support the athletes. **Mickey Elliott '63** is hoping to get more Pirate alumni involved in supporting the current Pirate sports teams. "While we may not have had powerhouse teams every year, we played with pride and a sense of sportsmanship," Elliott said. "We never give up." In his quest to get more SMHS alumni involved with the school and its students, Elliott started a Facebook Group entitled "SMHS Athletic Alumni Group" (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/745713618891661/>). The purpose of the group is to communicate the history of St. Mary's High School sports programs with interested alumni, in hopes that they will support the school, its students, and its athletic programs, not just monetarily but by being involved with the programs. Also this fall, Elliott started an e-mail initiative entitled "oldpiratesclub" through which he will publish articles on St. Mary's sports programs, players, coaches, and supporters. In the future, this may lead to the establishment of an alumni organization to support St. Mary's athletic sports programs.

### ..... 2000-2013 .....

Captain **Kevin Garcia '05** recently graduated from the Army's Maneuver Captains Career Course at WHINSEC. This six-month course covers Army planning and tactics and is taught completely in Spanish. Cpt. Garcia received top honors and is currently stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.

**Michael Coco '07** is completing his Novitiate (second year of formation) with the Capuchin Franciscans at the San Lorenzo Friary in Santa Ynez, California. The Capuchin Novitiate is a time of reflection and growth in spirituality while discerning God's call.

After graduating from St. Mary's, **Coco** attended Colorado School of Mines, where he earned a bachelor of science in physics engineering and a master of science in electrical engineering. He spent a year working in Italy for the University of Turin in astrophysics before entering formation with the Capuchin Franciscans in July 2014. Coco served his Postulancy (first year of formation) with the Brothers and Priests at the Solanus Casey Friary in Colorado Springs, learning about Franciscan Spirituality and serving the local homeless, elderly, and immigrant communities.



**Stephen VanGamble '08** won the Rock 'n' Roll Denver Marathon on Oct. 18 with a time of 2:43:51. The marathon, which VanGamble has won twice, celebrated its 10th and final year in '15.

**Julia Harris '09** graduated from the University of Notre Dame in May 2015 with a master of fine arts degree in creative writing. She was awarded the Billy Maich Academy of American Poets Prize for the best group of poems by an undergraduate or graduate student at Notre Dame. Harris is working at a software company in southern California.

**Patrick Trentman '10** graduated from the USAF Academy in May 2014 and, following space operations training in California, will be launching satellites at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

**Sean Trentman '11** graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs in May 2015. Three days later, he started five months of training at the North Dakota State Trooper

Academy. He finished the training in October 2015 and is on the job at his initial assignment in Williston, ND, patrolling the highways and oil fields of northwestern North Dakota.

**Amy Resman '13** and **Jake Kuehlen '12** were engaged in the summer of 2015 and plan to marry at St. Patrick Church in late 2016.



**Christopher Ottesen '15** has joined a student organization at Embry-Riddle called CyberEye. The organization finds vulnerabilities and malicious files, and reports them to several agencies in Arizona to counter the threats. The reports eventually make their way to the FBI, then are put out worldwide.

In the spring, **Cassidy Anderson '15** was named the St. Francis Hospital Teen Volunteer of the Year. Here An-



derson is pictured with the St. Francis Volunteer Staff at a luncheon at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort. Anderson has volunteered at the hospital since August 2012 and has more than 150 hours in pediatrics ward.

### ..... In Memorium .....

**Richard Little '65** died April 4, 2015.

Genon Kerby, wife of **Robert Kerby's '47**, passed away March 15, 2015.

**Juanita Annette (Nita) Bowling '54** died this summer. In lieu of flowers, her family asked that donations be made to SMHS in honor of her.



# Golf Classic Brings \$20,000+ for Tuition Assistance

For 39 years, supporters of St. Mary's High School have come out each fall to support the school at the annual Golf Classic. This year's event was held at the Country Club of Colorado on Friday, Sept. 25.

Each year the money raised at the tournament goes to the St. Mary's tuition assistance fund. This year when the last putt had been sunk about \$22,000 had been raised.

The Golf Classic brings out many repeat competitors as alumni, faculty and staff, and current St. Mary's families participate in support of the school. In fact, this year's winning foursome, which included Dan Stapleton, John Stapleton Jr., Gil Garcia, and Brent Dzurik, were repeat competitors. And Dan Stapleton and John Stapleton have tasted the sweetness of a Golf Classic win before, when their foursome was the top team in 2012.

While it's fun for old friends to catch up at the annual event, there is always room for more golfers. Each year Penny Heiniger, chair of the event, hopes more families and businesses will join in the fun.

"We're hoping to increase the participation of family and business teams each year," Heiniger said. "A family or business team is a foursome that includes at least three participants that belong to the same family or work at the same business."

New this year was the Pirate Power program. For a donation, golfers were able to tap into Pirate Power, where a Pirate golf team member hit the drive off the tee for the golfer on a Par 5 hole. It was a fun chance



photo: Diane Torrence

**The winning foursome at this year's Golf Classic were Gil Garcia, Brent Dzurik, Dan Stapleton, and John Stapleton Jr.**

for St. Mary's supporters to interact with the golf team members.

For more than a decade, Mortgage Solutions Financial has been the tournament sponsor. And Murphy Construction returned this year as one of the dinner sponsors. Each year there are many ways that sponsors can get involved in the event—from becoming a second tournament or dinner sponsor to sponsoring a team or a being tee sponsor.

This year 80 golfers participated. There were two major sponsors, two hole-in-one sponsors, six team tee sponsors, and seven tee sponsors. Sixteen volunteers helped the day go smoothly. ●

## In Grateful Acknowledgment of the 39th Annual Golf Classic Supporters

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## 2015 Prize Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:  
Stapleton~Stapleton~Garcia~Dzurik

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:  
McGrath~Benson~Howe~Strum

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:  
Burrell~Bramas~Kraus~Kraus

Best Business Team:  
Niebur Golf

Best Family Team:  
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Longest Drive:  
Gil Garcia, men; Lisa Martin, women

Closest to the Pin:  
Scott Hoelting, men; Karen Dungan, women

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## Save the Date

February 5, 2016 ..... Catholic Schools Week All School Mass  
February 10 ..... Ash Wednesday  
March 27 ..... Easter  
April 16 ..... Annual Gala-Celebrating 130 years of St. Mary's  
May 16 ..... Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation

## The 1885 Society Needs Your Legacy Help!

### What is the 1885 Society?

The 1885 Society is a recognition of the St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation (SMCEF, a 501c3 non-profit organization) given to benefactors who have remembered St. Mary's High School (SMHS) in their Last Will and Testament (Estate Plan).



ST. MARY'S  
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### Why 1885 Society Needs Your Legacy Help.

Until recently in SMHS's 130 year history, our beloved high school had never sought an endowment to provide for tuition assistance for our students. Like most Catholic schools, SMHS had always depended on the Lord to provide through Diocesan and Parish Budgets, annual fundraising, and modest tuition. With the virtual elimination of Teaching Orders in our Church, and with the rise of State sponsored Charter schools (Government money used to open specialty public high schools competing with private high schools) tuition has increased putting our students' families in greater need for tuition assistance in order to attend our Diocese's only Catholic high school.

### What Can You Do for the 1885 Society?

By remembering SMHS in your Last Will and Testament (Estate Plan) with a gift of your assets, your after-death gift will help grow the St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation's tuition assistance endowment from \$213,000 to...you choose.

### How Can I Get Started and Help SMHS through the 1885 Society?

SIMPLE, Just call St. Mary's High School Development Office at 719-635-7540, ext. 38, and let them know you'd like to speak with the Foundation Board President, and I will call you back to discuss your desire to help our beloved St. Mary's High School!

Thank you for your help!

Gregory Garcia, President  
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Randy Cloud, Secretary  
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P.S. SMHS is currently undertaking a Capital Campaign and a 2015-16 Annual Fund Drive to support the CURRENT needs of the school. The Foundation seeks not to detract from your current giving, but asks you to prayerfully consider remembering SMHS in your Last Will and Testament today.

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