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**ONTHE COVER:** Andy Middlemist dedicated more than 30 years to St. Marys. Picutred: He, along with Joe Moroski, played in the Golf Classic; four of his five children (left from right: Sandi, Sean, Steve, Scott, Shari) graduated from SMHS; the Cogan sisters (left to right: Leann, Kathleen and Elizabeth) were lifelong friends and played a part in Middlemist coming to St. Mary's; his first and last SMHS yearbook photos.

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# **From the President**



Last issue, this space began with the words "Thank You." I could do the same again now. There are many great things happening at St. Mary's, and that goodness is possible because of an amazing community of people like you. That community goodness is perhaps best evidenced by a profound loss we experienced recently. With the passing of Andy Middlemist, our St. Mary's family lost a legend this past fall. It is always a tricky endeavor to attribute to a single individual the responsibility for the success of an entire institution; but in the case of Andy, giving great credit to one person for the preservation of the great tradition that is St. Mary's High School may be proper. Please read our article about this tremendous

leader who for many years was the face of, and the energy behind, the success that is St. Mary's.

I hope Andy would be pleased with the delightful news that our enrollment is once again growing. Furthermore, as we look at the enrollment in the K-8 diocesan schools with whom we partner in delivering a complete Catholic education experience, we are optimistic that our renewed growth is a sustainable trend. I also hope that Andy and our entire community would be pleased to see our outreach to the alumni community. Our alumni luncheons here in the school have been a big hit, we have an alumni social coming up on Dec. 26, and our alumni are always welcome to stop by the school and are encouraged to do so.

You can read in this issue about the many successes of our fall sports and activities. Several of our sports teams qualified for state tournaments, and we had a number of athletes earn impressive individual accolades. Our theater department launched our school year by treating the community to a "Shakespeare in the Courtyard" experience, and followed that up by presenting two productions in the fall: *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* and *Playing with Fire*. Forensics team competitions are ongoing, our Students for Life chapter is active in the community, and there are many other activities too numerous to mention.

We are also greatly pleased to honor Bishop Michael Sheridan as this year's Marian Award recipient. Bishop Sheridan is a strong and vocal advocate for Catholic education; and he has demonstrated that support most visibly in the form of the three priests who serve our school. We are blessed to have Fr. Joe Dygert teaching in our Theology Department, Fr. Brian Roeseler as our school chaplain, and Fr. Kyle Ingels serving as a member of our board of directors. So, we extend both our congratulations and our thanks to Bishop Sheridan!

Speaking of gratitude...included in this issue is our Annual Report on Giving. You may know that St. Mary's invests approximately \$13,000 into each of our students to provide a high-quality Catholic high school education. We ask parents to fund approximately 75 percent of that investment. The remaining 25 percent is covered by committed supporters of our 133-year tradition. Let me again say thank you to those of you listed in the report.

Finally, at St. Mary's we unapologetically lay claim to the high ground that is partnership with families as together we build the spiritually, mentally, morally, emotionally, physically complete person; the virtuous leaders for our Church and community. We have great teachers, test scores, teams, and activities. But we are greatly interested in what the integration of those things does for our children now, in the future, and for eternity. That is the St. Mary's difference. We are grateful for your prayers and support as we embrace a spirit of faith, knowledge and community.

Respectfully,

Robert J. Rysavy II

President, St. Mary's High School

# **Theater Department Tackles 3 Shows**

Our Pirate Theater Department, which returned this fall as a credited class, kept busy this fall offering three different productions for the St. Mary's community. In August they performed Shakespeare in the Courtyard as fundraiser for the program. The audience



was treated to scenes from *As You Like It, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Twelfth Night, Love's Labour's Lost, Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet, Richard III,* and *MacBeth.* Then in November, our Pirate thespians presented two fall plays: *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* the first weekend of the month and *Playing with Fire* the second weekend. All productions were under the director of Noel Jenkins '11, who joined the St. Mary's faculty this year as the drama and speech teacher.

# **Forensics Team Hosts Successful Tourney**

In late October, the St. Mary's forensics team hosted a large novice tournament. At the end of the tournament. Brianna

Stallings '21 and Sydney Taylor '22 were finalists and Daniel Zill '21 placed third in big questions debate. Earlier in the month Joseph Lavezzi '20 earned St. Mary's first speech and debate award of the season from the Widefield Novice Speech Meet.



# **Students for Life Members Attend Bishop Sheridan's Annual Respect for Life Dinner**

Members of St. Mary's Students for Life club attended Bishop Michael Sheridan's annual Respect Life Dinner in October. The photo shows the students along with Bishop Sheridan and Dr. Alveda King, who was the guest speaker. Dr. King is the niece of Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., a pro-life advocate, and the director of Civil Rights for the Unborn.

# **Fall Pirate Sports Update**

# **Cross Country**

The cross country team all had personal bests at regionals. Payton Kutz '22 was the lone state qualifier from the girls team. The boys team—Adam Maal '19 (who also qualified as an individual for state), Joseph Sabish '19, Dylan Brush '22, Jacob Limb '22, Sam Hodsdon '22, and Dylan Borthwick '22—qualified for state.

# **Football**

The football team started the season with a 21-14 win over John Mall (Walsenberg) and finished the season with a 13-7 win over Rye. They had an overall record of 4-5.

# **Boys Golf**

The boys golf team was crowned Tri Peaks champions in September. Peter Stinar '21 won the third competition in the Tri Peaks series with a score of 69, and was ranked as the no. 1 golfer in the Tri Peaks this year. Stinar's teammates were Luke Calvin '21, JW Mills '20, and RJ Davis '21. Stinar and Calvin also qualifed for the state tournament.

# **Boys Soccer**

The boys soccer team advanced to the second round of the state tournament. They had a season record of 9-5-2 overall and 5-2-1 in league games. The following players received All Conference recognition: Dom Hartman '19, Gabe Calhoun '19, Wyatt Barton '20, and Connor Timmins '19. Receiving All Conference honorable mentions were Sean Wassinger '19 and Sam Wahl '20.

# Softball

The softball team had another great season finishing third in league with an 5-2 record and was 18-8 overall. They earned a berth in the state tournament, where they lost in the first round. Shortstop Mackenzie Pepper '19 was named All Conference and All-State first team. Pitcher Peyton Richter '19 was named All Conference and All-State second team. Catcher Morgan Trechter '20 was

named All Conference and All-State honorable mention. Second baseman Lana DeBakey '19 and third baseman Cassidy Sorensen '20 were All-Conference honorable mentions.

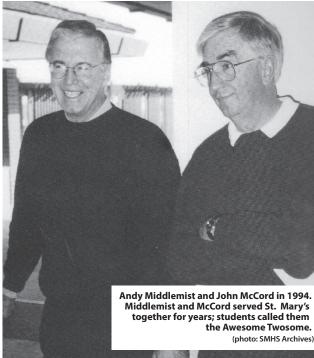
# **Volleyball**

The girls volleyball team qualifed for post season play. They won their first match against Bennett, then lost to Bishop Machebeuf. The volleyball team finished the season with an overall record of 15-10 and a league record of 8-4. At the end of the season, head coach Delia Febres-Butler garnered the Tri-Peaks League Volleyball Coach of the Year Award.

# **Editor's Note**

At the time of publication, volleyball and boys soccer All-State selections had not be announced. Follow St. Mary's on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter (@SMHSColorado) get the latest news on our sports teams.





# Saying Goodbye Remembering Andy Middlemist

hroughout his life, faith and family were the two most important things in the life of Andy Middlemist. Beginning in the early 1970s, family for Middlemist grew to include the St. Mary's High School community, where he served for 31 years. On Oct. 20, 2018, the St. Mary's family and Colorado Springs community said goodbye to Middlemist at a memorial Mass held at Divine Redeemer. Middlemist passed away with his family at his side on Aug. 18, 2018, at the age of 82, in Arizona.

# **BECOMING A PIRATE**

It was August 1971 when Middlemist arrived in Colorado Springs to work at St. Mary's High School as the business manager, business teacher, head basketball coach and assistant coach for both football and baseball. He had been working in similar capacities with the Conejos School District in the San Luis Valley alongside the Benedictine sisters who had taught in the district for 40 years. Middlemist's wife, Genia, said the family's move to the Springs was sudden after an upheaval in the Conejos district that resulted in all of the Benedictine nuns resigning. Sister Leann Cogan, who had been superintendent of the Conejos School District, recommended Middlemist to her biological sister, Sister Kathleen Cogan, who was serving on the St. Mary's school board.

"Andy talked with Father David Costello over the phone and was hired without meeting anyone at St. Mary's in person," she said. "Andy had resigned without having another job and had five children at home, but God was guiding us."

In 1975, Middlemist became the first lay principal at St. Mary's High School, after serving one year as assistant principal. It would be a position that he held off and on for the next 27 years. Middlemist saw St. Mary's through some of its most turbulent times. He was principal when St. Mary's closed as a diocesan school after the class of 1987 graduated, the class that included the Middlemist's youngest son, Sean. When St. Mary's reopened in the fall of 1987 as an independent Catholic school, Middlemist was back as scheduler, a position he first took over in the fall of 1974.

"We were on vacation when someone called to tell us that they had announced they were closing the school," Genia Middlement said. "We were heartbroken. And when St. Mary's opened as an independent school, Andy was there helping and supporting them. He believed that Colorado Springs needed St. Mary's and what it offered Catholic families."

Middlemist's daughter Sandi Stockton said that her father continuing his roles with St. Mary's during this time of transition encouraged many teachers and parents to continue supporting the newly independent school as well. "I really believe that many wouldn't have stayed if my dad hadn't stayed," Sandi said. "His knowledge in running the school gave them confidence."

Former St. Mary's teacher and coach Joe Moroski agreed. He described Middlemist as "solid," weathering changes at St. Mary's and providing a foundation that reassured teachers and students alike. And no matter what happened on campus, Moroski said Middlemist would get through it without saying an unkind word.

"Andy was committed to faith-based education. He walked the Christian walk in everything that he did," Moroski said. "He could communicate with anyone, from students to bishops, and was able to give students the same attention as adults and they felt valued."

# **BUILDLING UP OTHERS**

St. Mary's alumni Tony Ducros '72 attests to the impact that Middlemist had in his life. Aftering attending St. Mary's his junior year, Ducros was unsure about his future. He was contemplating dropping out, maybe joining the military, when he met Middlemist who convinced him to stay.

"Looking back it was one of the best decisions of my life.," Ducros said. "I had no idea what was coming. I didn't know that this guy who always had a smile on his face would come in and change

everything. It was a blessing from God. I felt obligated to do better in everything because of Andy."

Ducros said it didn't take long for Middlemist to come to understand the situations that Ducros faced during his time away from the St. Mary's campus. Living in a difficult situation in a neighborhood that offered questionable associates, Ducros' daily reality was much different from most of the students who attended St. Mary's that year.

"I was one of four or five black kids at St. Mary's at that time and we all came from impoverished backgrounds. I had to work after school each day," he said. "But Andy never made us feel like we were poor. I had no support system until Andy came to St. Mary's. He was the only male role model that I had in my life and throughout college I would come back to St. Mary's to visit with him."

Middlemist served as head basketball coach for Ducros' senior season. What Middlemist did with the team, Ducros said, was a miracle. The 1970-1971 team had finished with a record of 5-12, but just a year later they were tied for first place in the Will Rogers League with Harrison, who would eventually go on to win the league title. Ducros said the team had the talent but it was Middlemist's coaching expertise that brought the team together and propelled them to a successful year. He also got them to thinking about life after basketball.

"I was able to play four years of college ball at Regis

University because Andy taught me how to be a better athlete in every aspect of the game," Ducros said. "And he taught me the skill of communicating with older adults, which was important in college. When I became a school teacher, I felt that I'd been groomed to be a teacher."

During his years as a teacher, Ducros said he often emulated Middlemist, including telling corny jokes to his students. "A lot of the things I did as a teacher came from Andy," Ducros said. "I totally stole his education identity."

# A STUDENTS' PRINCIPAL

Middlemist, who was rarely in his office preferring instead to be in the halls, used humor to connect with his students,

teasing them or telling jokes or sharing tidbits of information that he had. That connection extended to how he corrected students as well, disciplining without crushing their spirit. "Dad never humiliated students," Sandi said. "He would emphasize that the student had made a mistake and that it was something to learn from and move on from."

The St. Mary's alumni family includes four of the Middlemist's five children and one granddaughter: Sandi Stockton '80, Scott '81, Steve '82, Sean '87, and Andrea Silva Miller '02. Their oldest, Shari, graduated from Benet Hill Academy in 1978. Andrea's senior year was the last year

that Middlemist served as St. Mary's prinicpal. Sandi said that today, the friends that she and her siblings made at St. Mary's remain some of their closest friends.



Middlemist was proud of the success of 1971-1972 Pirate basketball team. Pictured in this Colorado Sun clipping are Middlemist with starters Ken Morford (44), Tony Ducros (50), Dave Salamon (40), Mark Lane (22), and Jim Smith (24) (clipping courtesy Middlemist family)

# **LIFE AFTER ST. MARY'S**

For the last six years, Middlemist and Genia have resided in Arizona. In recent years, Middlemist applied the organizational skills he used at St. Mary's to fantasy football. Genia said it was like a full time job for Middlemist, with him sometimes spending six to seven hours a day working on his college and pro fantasy leagues. The last three years had been difficult ones healthwise for him as he struggled with various ailments and longed to be able to be more active again.

While it has been 15 years since Middlemist regularly walked the halls of St. Mary's, the connection he made with the students was real and lasting. In recent years Middlemist had reconnected with many former students via social media. When the family announced Middlemist's passing on Facebook, former students began posting memories of the beloved principal who had helped shape their lives. Yet his humble spirit prevented him from recognizing how much he meant to the community.

"My dad had no idea of the impact he had on people," Sandi said. "When I was at St. Mary's, we adopted the theme 'We are family,' and that's what St. Mary's was to my dad—family."

# 2018 SMHS Marian Award Honors Bishop Sheridan

or years, Bishop Michael Sheridan has been part of the bestowing of St. Mary's Marian Award. The award has traditionally been presented after Mass on All Saints Day—a Mass that most years is offered by Bishop Sheridan. This year things were a little different since the 2018 St. Mary's High School Marian Award was bestowed on Bishop Sheridan.

The Marian Award, which has been given annually since 2001, 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. Bishop Sheridan received the award during a presentation on Dec. 7 after St. Mary's annual Grandparents Mass.

The members of the St. Mary's community who are fortunate enough to know Bishop Michael Sheridan realize that one thing sure to make him uncomfortable is to list his many accomplishments. We certainly don't want to embarrass our shepherd, but we would be remiss if we did not relate some of the things in the background of his selection as the 2018 recipient of the Marian Award.

Born and raised in St. Louis, the bishop attended Catholic schools throughout his life. He graduated from St. Louis University High School, attended Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Mo., then entered Cardinal Glennon College Seminary in St. Louis, where he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy. Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis followed, and he was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal John J. Carberry in 1971, having earned a master of divinity degree. He earned a master's in historical theology from St. Louis University, then attended the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome, where he earned a license and doctorate in Sacred Theology (S.Th.L./S.Th.D.).

Bishop Sheridan served the Archdiocese of St. Louis as an associate pastor and pastor in several parishes until 1997 when Archbishop Justin Rigali ordained him as an auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese. In 2002 he became the bishop of the diocese of Colorado Springs.

He is a well-respected teacher of the faith and has taught theology on the high school, college and graduate levels, including 10 years as a professor of Systematic Theology at Kenrick Seminary. He served on several committees for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, including the Committee on Catholic Education. His commitment to the cause of life is practically peerless; he is known across the country for his tireless defense of the unborn, the old, the infirm, and all of those whose lives are threatened by the culture of death.

Bishop Sheridan has been equally unflagging in his support for St. Mary's High School during his tenure as our diocesan Bishop. His support for the school is strong and is felt and seen in a number of important ways.

Most recently, Bishop Sheridan included St. Mary's as a future recipient of tuition assistance funds from the ongoing diocesan capital campaign. As an independent Catholic high school, St. Mary's is grateful for his generosity and for continuing to approve of, and advocate for, our Catholic identity.

Another visible and vital means of support provided by our shepherd is through the presence of three diocesan priests at St. Mary's. Fr. Joe Dygert is a teacher in our Theology Department, teaching both sophomores and juniors. Fr. Brian Roeseler is our school chaplain and can be seen in the school celebrating Mass, hearing confessions, and supporting a myriad of other school activities. Fr. Kyle Ingels serves on our board of directors, where his skills as the diocesan director of Campus Ministry are invaluable.

Perhaps the most important and visible element of Bishop Sheridan's support for St. Mary's High School is when he is physically present in the school. It is unlikely that any independent Catholic high school has as much ready access to their bishop as St. Mary's has with Bishop Sheridan. Whether it is saying Mass in the school or meeting with students and alums or simply offering a word of encouragement, we can see and feel our shepherd's support for the faith, knowledge and community missions of St. Mary's.

Because of Bishop Sheridan's strong support of our school, and because of his lifetime of committed service to the larger community, St. Mary's is honored to acknowledge Bishop Michael Sheridan as the 2018 recipient of the St. Mary's High School Marian Award.

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The Annual Fund at St. Mary's High School is the endorsement of the school's mission by people who value the importance of affordable Catholic, college preparatory education for Southern Colorado. The Annual Fund supports all facets of student life at St. Mary's, from academics to athletics to the arts, by filling the gap between the tuition paid by St. Mary's families and the amount of money it actually takes to educate each student. Without the Annual Fund,

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# Funds of the St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation

### The 1885 Fund

Established at the 125th Anniversary Gala in 2010, the 1885 Fund honors those whose leadership, commitment and dedication have ensured the school's continued success for its first 125 years and beyond. Honorees of the 1885 Fund include the Sisters of Loretto who founded the school in 1885; Monsignors Raber, Kipp, Kelly, and Hoffman, who guided the school as pastors, superintendents and principals; lay leaders such as Leo Smentowski '54, Tom Kelly and Andy Middlemist and, of course, the hundreds of faculty, staff and religious, including Fr. Rawley Myers, who served the school unselfishly over the decades. The fund provides ongoing general operating support of St. Mary's High School.

# **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 supported 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 office's mission.

# **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. 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 lifelong 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.

# St. Mary's Is Looking for Yearbooks

Our St. Mary's archives are missing issues of the following yearbooks: 1935, 1938, 1939, 1946, 1952 and 1964. If you have copies of these yearbooks, would you consider donating them to the school? Or let us borrow them so we can scan the pages? If so, contact Joe Trechter, director of Advancement, at jtrechter@smhscs.org.

### . . . . . . . . 1980-1999 . . . . . . . .

Marion Heupel '80 journeyed to Africa on a veterinary mission to vaccinate dogs, cats and donkeys for rabies. It

is estimated that 25,000 Africans die annually due to rabies. In six days, the 10 teams on the Africa Network for Animal



Welfare (ANAW) trip vaccinated almost 7,000 animals for rabies. ANAW's goal is to eradicate rabies in Africa by 2025. Heupel said, "It was an EPIC trip."

# ..... 2011-2018......

# Dani Cichon Stone '11 spent the



summer tourning with her band South for Winter, a Nashville-based trio that includes her husband, Nick, (guitar/vocals) and Alex Stradal (cello/guitar). Dani and Nick were married in Colorado Springs in April 2018.

Emily Tait '12 spent six-months doing an internship in Jinja, Uganda, with Heal Ministries serving single moms as they learn a trade that will allow

them to support their families and keep their children at home. Emily was one of



the staff nurses providing daily care to those in need.

Colton Calandrella '13 is now in his second year as a high school teacher

at Intrinsic High School in Chicago with Teach for America. "Last year I taught ninth grade algebra and this year I'm teaching



photo courtesy Teach for America

AP Statistics as well as a class with students with learning disabilities," Colton said. "I'm particularly grateful for the opportunity to serve as a special education teacher in a low income area, working alongside families and communities that have faced the kind of marginalization the Gospels call us to fight against."

# Patrick Calhoun '15 was inspired

to establish a nonprofit called Vision Restoration International after a 2018 trip to



Tanzania. Vision Restoration will support and conduct non-partisan missions in developing nations and among Colorado's underprivileged communities. Visit the Vision Restoration International website at www.visionrestorationintl.org. to learn more.



Abby Torrence '17 spent many hours over the summer designing and painting a new mural for the cafeteria wall at Divine Redeemer Catholic School.



Hannah McReavy '18 raced the Tri Boulder sprint triathlon on July 22 and finished fourth in her age group.



Emily Wilcox '18 and her volleyball team from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology won the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference and competed in the NCAA Division III volleyball tournament in November.

# ..... In Memoriam ......

Dolores Moredock Goin '49 passed away on May 14, 2018, in Albuquerque, N.M.

John Gagliardi, former St. Mary's High School football coach and the winningest coach in college football history, died on Oct. 7, 2018. In 1947, Fr. Michael Kavanaugh, St. Mary's athletic director, recruited the young Gagliardi, a Colorado College student, to coach football, basketball, and baseball. Gagliardi coached at SMHS for two years until he completed his degree at CC.

In 2007, Coach Gagliardi spoke fondly of SMHS when interviewed by Eugenia Ahrens, who wrote A Pirates' Treasure: The 130-year legacy of St. Mary's High School. "Those two years were very enjoyable and memorable for me. Though I have now been a college coach since then (for 58 years), I still fondly remember many of those Pirates, such as Tom Zecha, Jack Holvey, Davey O'Brian, and others. They were wonderful young men, on and off the field. I will always have a soft spot in my heart for St. Mary's."

# **4 Classes Celebrate Reunions**

our St. Mary's classes celebrated milestone reunions this year. If your class is celebrating a milestone reunion in 2019, St. Mary's would be honored to support it. Contact Joe Trechter, director of Advancement, at jtrechter@smhscs.org or 719.635.7540 ext. 38.



# Class of 1963

The St. Mary's High School Class of '63 held its 55th reunion the weekend of Friday, June 22, with three get-togethers at various places around town. The group first met at Johnny's Navajo Hogan on Saturday, June 23, then had dinner that night at Patty Jewett Golf Club. They gathered again on Sunday, June 24, for a picnic at Bear Creek East Park Pavilion. Reunion organizer Dianne (Vanzant) Lloyd said all three events were well attended and a fun time was had by all. Those who were unable to attend received a group picture from the dinner.

Many of the St. Mary's alumi in attendence had also attended area parochial schools together including St. Mary's grade school, Divine Redeemer, Sacred Heart, and Corpus Christi.

# **Class of 1968**

The class of '68 held its 50th class reunion Sept. 21-23 at the Doubletree Hotel in Colorado Springs. It was the eighth reunion for the class. They first celebrated their 10th then 20th and have gathered every five years since the 20th. Kevin Loughrey said that many felt the 50th was the best yet, with 46 classmates attending at least one of the two evening functions and most attending both. They also welcomed classmates who had attended St. Mary's but didn't graduate with the class.

While most attendees have been to at least one prior reunion, it was the first reunion in 50 years for two classmates who attended! Loughrey said the common themes were a desire to renew old friendships, to enjoy memories and talk about all that has happened since high school.

"The most frequent comment we hear about the reunion is that after just a very few minutes with old friends, it is as though hardly any time has passed at all, except it is better," he said. "Time and maturity enriches good friendships. And we all discussed our belief that something about our education at St. Mary's was special in a very positive way."

The class of 1968 is already planning for its 55th reunion in 2023.



# **Class of 1998**

The class of '98 had more than 20 alumni attend its 20-year reunion over the summer. Three of the attendees traveled from out of state to attend. The alumni had a table set up with yearbooks and various items from their high school days.

Mandi Martinez, one of the reunion organizers, said, "Thanks to the incredible experience and the friendships formed at St. Mary's, many of us have been able to keep in touch over the years. We laughed, danced, shared stories, and got to catch up on what has happened the last 20 years."

Martinez and Nic Grzecka decided to open up the class reunion to students who had started at St. Mary's but did not graduate with the class, and had one former classmate fly in from Austin for the reunion.

Martinez said that although the class wished that more classmates, especially those living in Colorado Springs, had attended, it was nice to see everyone who attended. "Now we're looking forward to putting something together for our 25-year," Martinez said.



# Class of 2008

The class of '08 gathered over a summer weekend for a couple of different activities. On Friday night, the group met at a local brewery with 30-35 in attendance, including alumni and guests.

Then on Saturday, the alumni gathered on the St. Mary's campus with lunch catered by Qdoba. St. Mary's staff members Steve Mantz and JT Joyce brought the 2008 class photos and yearbooks to the Cove.

Kelly Davis, one of the reunion organizers, said, "Steve also gave a really informative tour that people really enjoyed. The teachers lounge was decorated very nicely and I think people were surprised to get T-shirts; so thanks for that! We also opened our time capsule which was really fun"

Helping Davis organize the reunion were Paul Ernster and Ashley Cornella. ●

# **Golf Classic Proceeds Support Tuition Assistance**

or more than four decades, the St.

Mary's family has come together for the annual Golf Classic. This September

92 golfers enjoyed the beautiful sunshine and helped raise more than \$40,000 for St. Mary's tuition assistance program.

St. Mary's tuition assistance program is important to the school. Tuition does not cover the full cost of educating a student at St. Mary's. Additionally, one-third of students receive additional assistance to further defray reduce the tuition required of parents.

The 42nd Golf Classic honored Chuck and Mary Lou Murphy for their longtime support of St. Mary's and the Golf Classic.

"While honoring Chuck for his unwavering generosity and commitment to our St. Mary's students was of great importance, we wanted the focus to be on Mary Lou too for her support of St. Mary's and the Murphy family's committment to Catholic education," said Raquel Krasovec, development associate.

The Murphy's son Kevin spoke at the dinner about his parents and his family's history with St. Mary's High School.

This yea'rs winners of the Golf Classic were Tyler Atkins, Joe Niebur, Matt Call and Greg Papineau. Both Nieber and Papineau are parents of St. Mary's alumni.

Save the date and plan to join us next year! The 2019 Golf Classic is set for Kissing Camels on Monday, Sept. 16. ●



photos: Diane Torrence

The winning foursome at this year's Golf Classic were Tyler Atkins, Joe Nieber, Matt Call, and Greg Papineau.





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2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:

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3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team

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April 13, 2019..... Alumni Basektball Tournament

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May 20 ..... Graduation, Class of 2019

# 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 Estate Plan and/or have made a sustaining gift to the Foundation.

### 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 Estate Plan with a gift of assets, you can craft a life-changing legacy that will impact St. Mary's, Catholic education, and deserving students long beyond your lifespan.

# How Can I Get Started and Help SMHS though 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! Mick Pepper, President Susan Ross, Member

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# **Address Corrections**

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