St. Mary’s Academy & College

Celebrating our History...
Securing our Future

Christmas 2012

The World War I Memorial Arch on the St. Mary’s Campus
The Jesuits at St. Mary’s:

CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY...
In 1848 the Potawatomi Indians and the barren hills of the Kaw Valley saw a remarkable transformation. The Jesuits brought the Gospel to an empty but eager people, lifting them up to a better place, and creating a vibrant Catholic culture. Out of the sod and rising up to challenge the blustering Kansas winds grew an entire campus, block by hand-hewn block. Those walls sheltered venerable names throughout the years: St. Philippine Duchesne’s Ladies of the Sacred Heart, Fr. Pierre De Smet, Bishop John Baptist Miege, Fr. Albert Negahnquet, first Native American priest, born at St. Mary’s Mission in 1875.

Since its founding, the campus has been dedicated to the Mother of God and has borne her name. The first educational institution in Kansas, St. Mary’s College was the pearl of the prairies, loved and celebrated by her alumni as they gathered in cities around the USA. From her campus was sent first a corps of classically-trained educators, business and family men and then, from...

St. Mary’s seminary days were days of great influence for the Jesuits’ Missouri Province. Over 1,000 priests completed their theological training at St. Mary’s and were ordained in her Immaculata, with an average number of thirty or forty ordinands per year. Long lines of ordinandi processed down the hill from Bellarmine Hall to the Immaculata, then formed on the Immaculata steps two lines through which the visiting bishop and his ministers processed. Ordination numbers were so great that Subdeacons, Deacons and Priests were ordained on three separate days - a weekend of glorious festivities on the campus and throughout the heartland, with gratitude the Catholic world over. Thus was fulfilled on the banks of the Kaw the three-fold purpose of the Jesuits: a mission, a school, and a seminary.

In the mid-1960’s, Our Lady’s school entered her passion. Numbers declined, the once-proud buildings were shuttered, and in 1967, eleven long years of silence crept over the campus.

“This year’s theologians at St. Mary’s College, numbering 212 [the] largest in the world-wide Society of Jesus.”

*St. Mary’s Star - October 17, 1935*

One of the teams which went 419-90 over a period of 40 years!

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AS THE WINDS OF VATICAN II BLEW THROUGH THE CHURCH, vocations dried up, seminaries closed, and convents emptied. In America’s heartland, the SSPX quietly planted the seeds of a re-vitalization. In 1978, Archbishop Lefebvre visited St. Mary’s for the first time and especially admired the Immaculata, calling it “a symbol, raised up in the heart of America and destined to favor the Catholic Renaissance of this great country.” It was because of this magnificent church that he urged Fr. Hector Bolduc (left) to acquire St. Mary’s, returning the Black Robes to a land which had again become barren. Through the summer of 1978 and following years, volunteers and religious alike toiled through the Kansas heat and cold to bring the campus back to life.

At St. Mary’s, the Gospel is now preached to a different people under different circumstances, but the physical buildings and the spiritual mission remain the same – and the same fruit now blossoms on the prairie: religious vocations, teachers and Catholic families fan out from St. Mary’s across the globe.

The SSPX’s work at St. Mary’s is changing lives in Our Lady’s town and around the world.
St. Mary’s Past and Present:

- Baseball: SMC - early 1920’s, SMA - 2008
- The refectory, as seen in 1926, and the same room - now Assumption Chapel
- Views from College Hall: 1917 (before WWI Arch) and 2012
- First graduates of reconstituted St. Mary’s College
- Last visit of Archbishop Lefebvre
- St. Mary’s Campus celebrates 150th Anniversary
- Baptism #108 in 2012. Most ever in a single year!
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Blue flags show at least one religious in a location
Green flags show at least one lay teacher in a location

Winnipeg
Toronto
New Hamburg

UNITED KINGDOM
FRANCE
ITALY
GABON
Securing Our Future:

As our graduates spread out across the globe, Our Lady has presented us a wonderful challenge here at home—we are rapidly outgrowing our campus. As we go to press, the 108th baptism has been recorded in the parish register, the most ever for a single year. **Our Lower School classrooms are bursting at the seams**, filled with the next generation of soldiers for Christ. Though certainly a happy problem—and one indicative of God’s goodness—we must nonetheless find a solution.

We have begun the work of solving this problem by reclaiming underutilized spaces. **Additional classrooms are essential**, renovation of these spaces is

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS PAST YEAR!

Throughout the summer and fall, a new graded road with walking trail was built - providing a new entrance from the north to the Academy and College!
practical, and the impact will be immediate. As evidenced in the pictures at the bottom of the page, remarkable transformation has already taken place: new laboratory space, a new road onto campus, and the long-decrepit McCabe Annex soon to become a dedicated music classroom. Renovations are also planned for the Library building and the 2nd and 3rd floors above the gym.

Much hard work remains, but we must persevere in joy. Soldiering on in a world grown cold—where Catholic schools by the thousands close for lack of love—our burden, though very real, seems light indeed. God will not be outdone in generosity, and we see His benevolence in the many smiling faces that fill our classrooms. We will most certainly implore St. Joseph, that most generous and fatherly of builders, to oversee our work of necessary expansion. This Christmas, in new spaces and old, our students, true sons and daughters of Our Blessed Mother, will raise their voices to honor the new-born King. Join them. Join us.

God bless your generosity!

After several years of the historic McCabe Theatre being shuttered, the lights are once again burning due to new entrances, exits and infrastructure!

750 sq. ft. of lab space for SMA and SMC Physics, Chemistry and Physical Science classes.

More work takes place to make new classroom space out of old buildings!

Another set of up-to-code fire stairs for classroom access!
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Thomas Beam, SMC ‘92; Radiology P.A., Radiology Associates of North Idaho
“I remain grateful to this day for my years at SMC. They were the essential foundation upon which was built the remaining years of my medical-related education. As Christ is the center of the education offered at St. Mary’s, it was precisely this focus and formation that has continued to allow me, daily, to see Christ in each of my patients.”

Mauricio de la Serna, SMA ’97; Manufacturing Project Manager, Eaton Corp.
“To live in this world but not be of this world – one of our greatest challenges as Catholics today. Without the education and spiritual foundation I received at St. Mary’s, overcoming this challenge would be impossible. Viva Cristo Rey!”

Esteban Maradona, SMA ’05, SMC ’07; Mechanical Engineer II, Raytheon
“St. Mary’s has empowered me to lead by example within my professional sphere of influence. It has taught me the importance of integrity, the tools of critical thinking, and gave me a solid educational background overall. In truth, I would be nothing without St. Mary’s to call as the starting point of my career.”

Joseph Angele, SMA ’92; Auditor, State of Washington
“The formation I received at SMA gave me a deep-seated appreciation for the teaching and liturgy of the Church and has helped me navigate work environments that attack the family and dispense with the rights of Christ, our King. We are all truly blessed to have such a cornerstone in our midst. May SMA’s light continue to shine!”
Ways For You To Give:

THREE WAYS YOU CAN HELP ST. MARY’S THIS CHRISTMAS - AND NOW ONLINE!

1) **One-Time Donation.** Please use the form above or visit www.smac.edu to donate safely and securely online!

2) **Recurring Monthly Donation.** Give a lasting gift to SMAC. Recurring gifts provide us with solid, predictable annual income. And, you’ll know that we’ve taken care of your donation for you safely, securely and without any extra thought on your end.

3) **Planned Giving.** Put SMAC into your will or designate the school as a beneficiary of your insurance policy, IRA or other retirement plan. A planned gift may be tax beneficial and allows you to maximize your financial and charitable impact.

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From The Rector:

“The stronger the love, the greater lengths to which the soul will go to please God and to induce others to please Him. Little love will be satisfied with giving little; great love will give much; perfect love will give all.”

The truth of these words from author Fr. William Most strikes us especially poignantly when we consider the birth of Our Savior. Like the shining star that pierced the darkness of that first Christmas night so long ago, the burning charity of the Divine Son made Man pierces and dispels the deep darkness of the world. Loving His Divine Father with all the ardor of His Sacred Heart, and longing to sacrifice Himself for souls, Jesus showed His perfect love even in the manger: Our Blessed Lord gave all; He gave Himself.

It is for this reason that we rejoice each Christmas: our God reveals His Heart to us on this day as on no other.

“Be comforted, be comforted, my people, saith your God… Get thee up upon a high mountain, thou that bringest good tidings to Sion: lift up thy voice with strength, thou that bringest good tidings to Jerusalem: lift it up, fear not. Say to the cities of Judea: Behold your God!” – Isaias 40:1,9

“Thou art my servant, I have chosen thee, and have not cast thee away. Fear not, for I am with thee: turn not aside, for I am thy God.” – Isaias 41:8-10

Considering these words and the reality of which they speak, how can we not be filled with hope, despite the darkness of today’s world? Seeing the extent of God’s love for us, how can we not be filled with the desire to love Him in return, regardless of the cost?

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Dear friends, thank you for the generosity that proves the ardor of your hearts, and makes our work possible. May God bestow His blessings upon you in abundance this Christmas and always.

In Christ our Savior,

Fr. Gerard J. Beck