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School Mission

St. Paul Parish is committed to handing on the faith to its children and toward that end, we shall provide students with a Catholic education which is dedicated to preparing them academically and spiritually for life's challenges.



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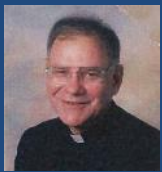
St. Paul Celebrates CSW 6th Grade Students Share Their Experience



Each year Catholic Schools across the United States join together to celebrate Catholic education. This year the celebration was January 25th-31st. With the theme "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge & Service," the focus was how our school is not only a community itself, but how it is also a part of the larger communities of home, church, city & nation. It also celebrated Faith, Knowledge & Service as a foundation of Catholic education. This year the PTO coordinated a fun filled week with dress up days, free lunches, a movie night & decorations throughout the school. Below two 6th grade students share their experience.

Catholic Schools Week is a week where we get to have a fun break from school. We get to dress up as the theme for each day, such as on Friday the school got to dress up as their favorite sports player/team. The school also got free lunch the whole week except for Friday. On Friday we got to enjoy lunch with our closest friends and family while watching the talent show where all the kids get to show off their favorite talents! It was a fun week for everybody! - Sean

This is a time where we dress up. Monday was school spirit day, where we showed our school colors. Tuesday we dressed up for our favorite college. Then Wednesday we put on our nation's colors. Thursday is when we stayed in our pajamas. Friday we then got to wear team sports. All lunches were supported by the PTO. This week made me excited because each day was filled with thrilling events. - Kaitlin



A Message from Father Weisenberger

"No pain, no gain." We have probably all heard this expression many times. It seems to be most often associated with athletics. In fact, however, it is true of life in general. All growth, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual is accompanied with a certain amount of pain. We even speak about "growing pains." I think about this reality because it is particularly connected with the Season of Lent. Lent is associated with the disciplines of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. I feel confident in saying that the word "discipline" conjures up unpleasant thoughts for most of us. We link discipline with punishment. In fact, however, the word "discipline" comes from the same root as the Latin word "discere" which means "to learn." It is also obviously connected with the word "disciple." No one can become or grow as a disciple without accepting the disciplines of Jesus Christ. One of the most positive aspects of operating a Catholic school is that we can remind our students that spiritual growth, as every other kind of growth, requires discipline. As we journey through Lent, may we all accept the discipline necessary to grow as disciples.

School to Host Open House & Kindergarten Round-Up

Think back to your days inside the halls of St. Paul/Bennett Catholic School. Recall the foundation it provided you to become who you are today; the drive it gave you to go after your goals; the friends & memories you made along the way. Now it's your turn to share your experience with others!

On April 7, 2015, St. Paul Catholic School will host an Open House & Kindergarten Round Up for the 2015-2016 school year. Teachers & staff will be available to answer questions, a tour of the school will be given & information regarding academic offerings, after school opportunities & general school information will be available. The Open House is being offered from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM and again in the evening from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM. Kindergarten Round Up for parents will be at 11:45 AM & 5:15 PM.

St. Paul Catholic School is a preschool through sixth grade academic community that provides students with opportunities to develop their faith, confidence & self-reliance while preparing them academically & spiritually for life's challenges. The school offers advanced placement by student & subject, weekly music, art & physical education, a variety of after school enrichment programs & opportunities for students to develop confidence, self-reliance & leadership. As part of the technology initiative, 1-to-1 technology has been integrated in the 5th & 6th grades with a strategy in place to expand throughout all grade levels.

The thought of tuition to attend often stops people from considering St. Paul Catholic School. However, there are options available to assist families with tuition. This year 89% of our students receive some form of tuition assistance. The Fall 2014 newsletter contained information on assistance available through SGOs. Some families may qualify for an Indiana Choice Scholarship (formerly School Voucher). Information on these opportunities for assistance along with information on our own scholarship program will be available at the Open House.

Now is the time to share the tradition of excellence provided by St. Paul Catholic School with your children, grandchildren &/or your friends' children. Help them to explore the educational options available to them so that they can make the choice that is best for their child & family. Encourage them to explore being a part of your St. Paul family.



Second Grading Period Honor Roll Students

*50% of students in
grades 3 through 6
were honored for
making Honor Roll!*

ST. PAUL STUDENTS TODAY

Congratulations & Good Luck to the Science Fair Winners that will represent St. Paul Catholic School at the state competition!



A Message from Principal Cindy Mauman



The current school Strategic Plan focuses on three priorities: safety, technology, & marketing & development. 2014 saw many improvements at our school in each of these areas. One of the first improvements in safety was the installation of a buzz-in/camera system at the front door. New doors have been installed at the entrance, as well. St. Paul Catholic School was the first school in Grant County to have an Emergency Response Team in place initiated by the county sheriff's chaplain. I regularly attend the Grant County School Safety Commission meetings. In 2015 we will continue to focus on making our school & church campus as safe as possible for our students, families & staff members.

In 2014 laptops were purchased for our 5th & 6th grade students as a part of our 1-to-1 technology initiative. The 24 desktop computers in the Computer Lab were all replaced. As we move forward in 2015, we will be purchasing tablets for our 3rd & 4th grades. The building now has wireless access. Our Technology Coordinator continues to look for grants to increase the dollars in our technology account so that we can continue to provide our students with the opportunity to expand their education through the use of the latest technology.

I always say that St. Paul Catholic School is the best kept secret in Grant County. The past three years have shown a steady increase in enrollment. Our new Development Director is focused on spreading the good news about St. Paul so that we continue to experience growth. The new website & the St. Paul Catholic Church & School Facebook page are helping us promote the exciting things that are taking place here. I encourage you to visit our website & to "like" us on Facebook. Then, help us spread the good news about our wonderful school!



The photo collage below shares some of the activities from Catholic Schools Week. Activities to celebrate our school included spirit dress days, a book fair, bring a guest to lunch, a talent show & hallway decorations.



30th Annual Auction to Raise Scholarship Funds & Bring Friends Together

For more than 100 years, St. Paul Catholic School has carried on traditions of excellence in academics, fellowship, faith formation & more. One of the most cherished for the last 30 years is that of the annual Auction. Just like our school & community, the Auction has evolved over the years. At times there were family preview nights; some years guests dressed with the theme; other years called for formal attire. What has not changed is that the Auction remains a fun evening with a serious purpose: to raise funds for scholarships, to further friendships & to celebrate the excellence of our school - past, present & future.



Delicious food served to guests at the 29th Auction.

In keeping with tradition, plans are underway for an evening of fun & fellowship with friends, former classmates & community supporters. **"Passport to Excellence"** - the 30th Annual St. Paul Catholic School Auction will take you on a trip around the world on Friday, May 8, 2015. Festivities will be held in McKeown Gymnasium at the school beginning with cocktails at 6:00 PM. While enjoying a selection of food, beverages & music, guests bid on a wide array of donated items in both silent & oral auctions. In addition to the items available, there is a Raffle for a chance to win \$10,000 which is given away at the Auction. The Auction is totally self-sustaining; thus donations of items & from underwriters are key to a successful evening.

How can you help continue the tradition of excellence?

Be an Underwriter: Underwriting is critical to our efforts. With your generosity, we can cover all costs related to the Auction so that every dollar raised the evening of the Auction can go directly to student scholarships. No monetary donation is too small as every little bit helps to cover costs. All underwriters will be recognized in the Auction catalog & on signage at the event. More than 200 supporters will receive the Auction catalog in advance & at the event. Please use the form on the opposite page to give your support as an Underwriter.

Enter the Raffle: A maximum of 250 raffle tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Each ticket is entered into a drawing that is held the evening of the Auction. First place wins \$10,000; second place \$1,000; third place \$500; & fourth place \$250. To purchase a ticket, you may return the form on the opposite page along with a payment of \$100 for each ticket. Raffle tickets are payable by cash or check only. Raffle winner need not be present to win.

Donate Items: We are looking for enticing auction items such as vacation getaways, use of a rental home, airline miles, unique experiences or tempting treats for adults, children & families. A wish list of items to be offered for the silent & oral auctions may be found on our website at www.stpaulcatholicmarion.com. Why not go together with friends to donate a one-of-a-kind auction item? If you have access to an amazing auction item & are willing to donate it, please complete the form on opposite page & return it indicating the item including how the item will get to the school no later than April 17, 2015.

Attend the Auction: Talk with your classmates & make plans to return to your alma mater for an evening of fun together while supporting future students. Make it an evening out with friends. Tickets are \$50 per person which includes appetizers, dinner, desserts, wine & \$25 in scrip that may be used in the oral auction. Reservations are due no later than May 1, 2015. Note that Auction guest must be over 21 years of age.



Guests at the 29th Auction enjoyed an evening celebrating sports.

Come enjoy must-have auction items, delicious food, friends & fellowship while making memories. St. Paul Catholic School students reap the benefits of your philanthropic support on a daily basis. It is a tradition of excellence!

*For more information contact Kelly Scher, Development Director,
at 765-662-2883 ext. 110 or kscher@stpaulcatholicmarion.com.*



30th Annual Auction Support Form

Thank you for supporting the 30th Annual St. Paul Catholic School Auction!
Please complete this form & return it in the enclosed envelope.

Donor Name: _____

Contact Person (if different than above): _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

I would like to:

Be an Underwriter

Name to appear on recognition materials:

Amount: \$ _____

Payment Method (select one):

Cash/Check*

Contact me for credit card payment

**Make check payable to St. Paul School Auction.*

Enter the Raffle

Number of Tickets*: _____

X \$100 each

Total Due: \$ _____

Payment Method: Cash/Check**

Ticket stub(s) will be mailed to the address above.

**Name on each ticket purchased will be as listed above unless otherwise indicated.*

***Make check payable to St. Paul School Auction.*

Donate an Item

Item to be Donated: _____

Description: _____

Fair Market Value: \$ _____

Donor Name as to appear in Auction Catalog:

Select one: Item needs picked up

I will deliver item to the school by April 17, 2015.

Attend the Auction

Number of Tickets: _____

X \$50 each

Total Due: \$ _____

Payment Method (select one):

Cash/Check*

Contact me for credit card payment

I would like to be seated with _____

**Make check payable to St. Paul School Auction.*

ALUMNI THIS & THAT

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Robert Sturm, 1955, resides in Marion, IN.

Suzanne Yohler Shaw, 1957, resides in Fort Wayne, IN.

Loretta Martin, 1960, resides in Aurora, CO.

Marie Matrejek Stoops, 1961, resides in Portland, OR.

William Sabina, 1962, resides in Marion, IN with his wife KyuSun whom he met while in the Army.

Marcia Weaver Wardwell, 1964, resides in Marion, IN.

Michael Grimm, 1966, resides in Casa Grande, AZ.

Steve Baldwin, 1967, resides in Huntington, IN.

Susan Baldwin Claxon, 1970, resides in Aurora, CO.

Susan Berger, 1971, resides in Hendersonville, NC.

Chan Tinkle, 1971, resides in Dunedin, FL.

Cynthia Shedlak Durkes, 1972, resides in Marion, IN.

Liz Short Spoonhoward, 1972, resides in Marion, IN.

Chris Baldwin, 1973, resides in Huntington, IN.

Steve & Ann Tinkle Rademaker, 1973, reside in Fort Wayne, IN.

Carol Raisanen Limback, 1974, resides in Marion, IN.

Sylvia Siwik O'Brien, 1975, resides in Marion, IN.

Steve Tinkle, 1975, resides in Tampa, FL.

Bernie Zech Kincaid, 1976, resides in Conyers, GA.

Cathy Baldwin Krumanaker, 1980, resides in Huntington, IN.

Andrew Hamilton, 1981, resides in Longview, WA.

John "Rick" Tinkle, 1981, resides in Indianapolis, IN.

Louise Baldwin Porter, 1982, resides in Naperville, IL.

David Mooney, 1984, resides in Fairmount, IN.

Kelly Wardwell O'Banion, 1985, resides in Marion, IN.

Michele Mucenski, 1985, resides in Indianapolis, IN.

Karen Mooney Luck, 1986, resides in Montvale, VA.

Toby Hamilton, 1987, resides in Westfield, IN.

Lori Mucenski Otto, 1988, resides in Indianapolis, IN.

Mary Mucenski Holt, unkn, resides in Marion, IN.

Anthony & Deniece Hamilton Aguilar, 1993, reside in Whitefish, MT.

Daniel Davidson, 1994, resides in Fishers, IN.

Courtney Cain Doyle, 1994, resides in Carmel, IN.

Corbett Cain, unkn, resides in Indianapolis, IN.

Evan Reynolds, 2002, is a math teacher at Marion High School & resides in Fishers, IN.

Debby Myers, former music teacher, resides in Marion, IN.

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Update your status!

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new child,
awards,
graduations
& location.*

*Please provide information
on those who have
passed away.*

*All information may be
emailed to*

kscher@stpaulcatholicmarion.com.



Enter for a Chance to Win \$10,000!

St. Paul Catholic School Raffle

\$10,000 First Prize

\$1,000 Second Prize

\$500 Third Prize

\$250 Fourth Prize

250 tickets will be sold at \$100 each.

Drawing to be held May 8, 2015 at the St. Paul Catholic School Auction.

Need not be present to win.

Call 765-662-2883 for purchase information.

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ALUMNI THIS & THAT

Note that the year listed for alumni is the last year the class an individual was a member of attended St. Paul/Bennett.

Class of 1965 Reunion

Alumni from the Class of 1965 will gather for their 50th Reunion on Friday, July 17th at McCarthy Hall behind St. Paul Catholic School. On Saturday, July 18th plans are being made for dinner at the Aero Club in Marion. Please watch your mail for more information.

MEMORY BANK

The 2nd annual school auction was held May 7 & 8, 1987. More than 150 people volunteered to transform the gymnasium into "A Trip to the Orient" complete with a decorated dragon & students dressed as Geisha girls. A goal of \$50,000 was met & exceeded! Among the over 300 items was a Rolex watch that sold for \$2,700, a Caribbean cruise that went for \$4,100. Two cars were also auctioned off.

Source: *The Paulist*, 1987



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

APRIL 7, 2015

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

OR

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

*** Tour the School ***

*** Meet with Individual Teachers ***

*** Explore Academic Offerings ***

*** Learn about After School Programs ***



Offering Preschool through 6th grade.

Kindergarten Round Up Presentation will be at 11:45 AM & 5:15 PM.

Keep us updated!



Please update your contact information if you move & include a note telling us a little about what you are doing now.

Cut out this slip & mail it to us at the address below. You are also welcome to update your information by contacting Kelly Scher at 765-662-2883 ext. 110

or

kscher@stpaulcatholicmarion.com.

Please check: I am a(n) ☐ Alumnus/a ☐ Parishioner ☐ Friend of St. Paul

☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Dr. ☐ Fr. ☐ Sr.

First Name Maiden Name (if applicable) Last Name

Street Address City State Zip Code

Home Phone Cell Phone Email

St. Paul/Bennett Graduation Year Last Grade Attended at St. Paul/Bennett

Occupation/Title Employer

Matching Employer Y N

Spouse ☐ Alumnus/a Y (Year) N

Child Age Child Age

Child Age Child Age

Around the School



Teacher Wish List

Our teachers need your help! With tight budgets, it is often challenging for our teachers to purchase supplies needed to do enrichment activities.

If you would like to fulfill a wish for one of our teachers, please send a check to St. Paul Catholic School including the teacher's name &/or item in the memo line.

If you want to make a direct purchase of the item, please contact the School Office at 765-662-2883.

Library

New or gently used books
Barnes & Noble gift cards

Kindergarten

Glue sticks (lots needed)
Legos
Playdoh
Puzzles
Paper plates
Cotton balls
Kinects

2nd Grade

Electronic pencil sharpener
Magnets with sticky back
Scrabble (game)
Sorry (game)

3rd Grade

Pencils (varied fun styles, colors, etc.)
Gift card to Lakeshore Learning or United Art and Education
Amazon gift card to buy resources such as Hot Dot pens and a lot of A.R. picture books, etc.

5th Grade

Pencils
New or gently used high school level books

Thank you for the wishes granted from the Fall 2014 Wish List.

Upcoming Events

- April 7th School Open House & Kindergarten Round Up;
11:30 AM—1:30 PM & 5:00 PM—6:30 PM
- April 20th School Grandparents Day & Art Display; TBA
- May 8th 30th Annual Auction; 6:00 PM; McKeown Gymnasium

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