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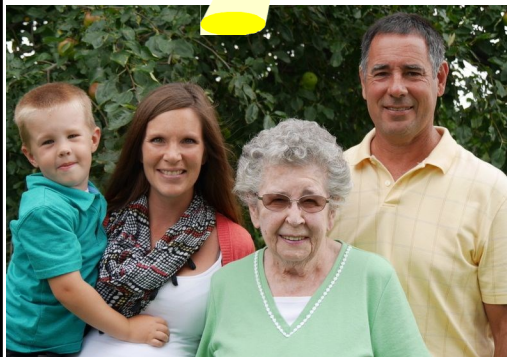
## Celebrating 125 years

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In the Spot-Light

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Fall, 2015



### FIVE GENERATIONS AT ST. MARYS

By Betty (Casey) Mitchell

My father, Ronald Casey, attended St. Mary's School as a child. As members of the Immaculate Conception parish community, it wasn't a question as to where I was going to start my education. As I recall, that same thinking was shared by nearly all of the church-going families at the time. My memories of St. Mary's School include the sisters that we were educated by in the school's 4 classrooms (2 grades per room). And I must mention Father O'Mahoney, a good Irishman and fine priest who said mass every day and always managed to get over to the school for religion classes and to give us the day off on St. Patrick's Day! These role models taught us much more than math and science, our education was rich in faith lessons, from Saint Cards that we collected like baseball cards to daily prayer and praise.

After completing my college education, I married my husband, Ray, and we started our family in Erin Prairie, attending St. Patrick's Church. God blessed us with 9 children. While visiting for Sunday dinner, Father McDermott encouraged us to send our children to St. Mary's School. We agreed that this is what we wanted, despite the lack of bus services for parochial students. And so began the Mitchell and Gillen families' shared commute, via station wagon, to and from St. Mary's School each day.

The school was rebuilt during this time, and the sisters now lived upstairs in the new school building. By the time our youngest, Dennis, finished his 8 years at St. Mary's there were less sisters teaching but they were still involved in administration. I know he and many of his peers appreciated Sister Agatha, principal and Phy Ed teacher who loved sports to the point of attending former St. Mary's Students' athletic events at the high school level. As a St. Mary's parent, I always enjoyed seeing our family together in the church and had peace of mind knowing that religion was a part of our children's daily educational experience.

Much has changed since 1937 when I graduated from St. Mary's School, since my children graduated in the 60's & 70's and even since my grandchildren graduated in the 80s, 90s & 2000's. The building was updated in early 2000's, there are no longer sisters involved in teaching or administration, and there are many enhancements in technology and safety that continue to happen in order to keep up with modern educational strategies.

I continue my involvement in the school community and happily support these many changes. I am always impressed with the caliber of the teachers, enjoy learning from the students' science fair projects and wax museum presentations, and experiencing their hospitality during the Catholic Schools Week Alumni Tea. I also enjoy being a part of one child's faith experience as a Prayer Partner. Mardi Gras is another favorite occasion of mine. I believe there is nothing more valuable to a young child's development than the combination of faith and education during his/her formative years. So I choose to give what I can, to support St. Mary School in this important work.

I am excited to be back in the school community as a Great Grandparent. My 4 year old great grandson will begin his education at St. Mary School this fall. For 125 years God has worked through this school to influence many families and generations of students. I have watched these St Mary's students succeed academically and grow into adults who operate with integrity and passion. They go on to do great work and make positive contributions to their communities. I believe their conviction is a direct result of the positive role models, faith-driven friendships, and top-notch Catholic education St. Mary's provided them. I pray for St. Mary School teachers, administrators and students to continue this important work in a time when the world needs God's influence most.

## Golf “Tee-Off” Huge Success

Eighteen teams participated in the 1st Annual St. Mary School Golf Tournament. With support from 25+ local businesses, golfers were spoiled with food and spirits on and off the course! God blessed us with the perfect day, the course looked beautiful, the food was delicious and conversation was abundant! We are already looking forward to next year: June 24, 2016. Mark your calendars!

A big thank you to our hole sponsors: CullenCrea Funeral Home, Johnson Motor Sales, Westfield Hospital, Deacons Mike & Mel, Naser Family, The IC Trustees Dave & Dave, The IC Finance Ministry, McCabe’s Shamrock, First National Community Bank, Guinn, Vinopal & Zahradka LLP, Family Fresh Market, Bernards, Troy Boe - Century 21, Huey’s Bar, The Oral Surgery Center, St. Mary School Parents, WuT-A-NuT LLC, Ter-Rae Farms, Inc.

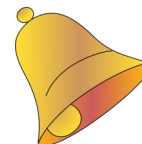
## GREET STUDENTS

Please join us on the first day of school to greet the students to the 125th year of St. Mary School

September 1, 2015

Meet at the school at 7:00 a.m. for Coffee and Donuts

## Does this ring a bell?



### Alumni Memories

- \*Pet Blessings
- \*Crowning the Virgin Mary during Mass for May Crowning.
- \* 6th Grade Science Camp - Fun!
- \* South Dakota Trip

**Please send or email your memories!**

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## Welcome Home

By Fr. John Anderson

Welcome home! These words have been said to me many times since my arrival on July 1. It is good to be home. It was difficult to move. The warm welcomes have made it much easier. Many of the people who have welcomed, as well as stopped to visit, are former classmates and alumni of St. Mary School. There is a family bond that happens at St. Mary School as well as all Catholic Schools.

I have spent some time in the school building in my short time here. It has truly changed! (I could still find the bathrooms and where lunch is served!) What has not changed is the strong values of Catholic Education that is handed on by a very dedicated staff. We can all remember certain teachers and tell stories about them. In all honesty the staff at St. Mary School truly effected our lives. They still do!

As we reflect on our days at SMS much of what we think of is the others who were there with us. We are the ones who can play a huge part in the future of our school. We do that together! It is good to be back. It is great to see so many fellow “St. Mary’s Saints.” May we continue to help those in the future have the same great opportunity and memories!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. John Anderson SMS ‘76







### About Our Organization

The Alumni & Friends committee works to connect alumni and friends of the school with information and opportunities.

Through newsletters and mailing we strive to keep you informed of upcoming events and news of the school.

We are always looking for people who wish to be involved in these efforts. Are you interested in being a part of the committee? Email us at:

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JOIN US IN CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

- ◆ Sept.1, 2015 Alumni Welcome Students
- ◆ October 3, 2015 Adult 5K Run , Craft Show, Local Produce Sale, Children Activities, Mass, Pig Roast, Bingo
- ◆ February 5, 2016 Alumni & Friends Tea
- ◆ February 6, 2016 Mardi Gras
- ◆ March 12, 2016 Dinner and Theater Performance: "Love Potion #10" with the White Sidewalls
- ◆ June 2, 2016 Alumni Welcome Students
- ◆ June 24, 2016 Celebration Finale: 2nd Annual Golf Tournament & Banquet

### WE NEED YOUR INPUT

What would you like to see in future Gazettes?

#### WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

- Pray for the school
- Monetary Donations
- Student Prayer Partner
- Graphic Design & Printing
- Social Media
- Volunteer in classrooms
- Sponsor/Plan/Host School Events
- Volunteer for Upcoming Events

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# JOIN US!



## Fall Festival

SEE ENCLOSED  
FLYER  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

## THE 125th CELEBRATION CONTINUES

### FALL FESTIVAL AND PIG ROAST

**Saturday, October 3, 2015**

**Adult 5K Run - 8 a.m.**

**Craft/Vendor Show - 12-4 p.m.**

**Produce Sale - 12 -4 p.m.**

**Fun activities for the children - 12 - 4 p.m.**

**Mass with Fr. John Anderson - 5:00 p.m.**

**Pig Roast by Alumni Family 6:00 p.m.**

**Bingo 7:00**



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