



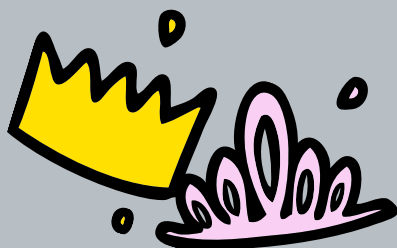
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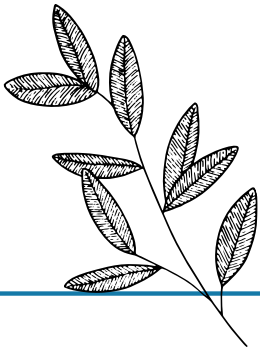


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FAITH IN THE NEST



Saint Jude

Saint Jude of Thaddeus was one of the twelve apostles. He is the patron saint of Desperate causes, desperate situations, lost causes.

St Jude is most often shown with a flame above his head to represent his presence at Pentecost when the Apostles accepted the Holy Spirit. Catholics invoke St. Jude when in desperate situations because his New Testament letter stresses that the faithful should persevere in the environment of harsh, difficult circumstances. St Jude performed many miracles in his life, the most well known of which is when he cured the king of his leprosy

The Novena - a prayer said nine days in a row - to Saint Jude is:

"Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor for all who invoke thee, special patron in time of need; to thee I have recourse from the depth of my heart, and humbly beg thee, to whom God hath given such great power, to come to my assistance; help me now in my urgent need and grant my earnest petition. I will never forget thy graces and the favors thou dost obtain for me and I will do my utmost to spread devotion to thee.
Amen."



Senior, Sydney Oliver shares her thoughts about turning to God when you feel lost.

Around the 8th and 9th grade I felt like I didn't belong here and that I had no mission in life, till one day I decided to sit down and pray. While praying I felt this calling from God. Afterwards I felt like I had I reason to be here.

Next Week

October 23rd-29th

Events and Birthdays

Sports

Feast Days

Lunch Menu

SATURDAY Payton Glasby, Caroline Mertz and Mack Douhit's Birthday! 	XC Small School States	 Saint John of Capistrano	
SUNDAY Lucy Miller's Birthday! 		Saint Anthony 	
MONDAY		 Saint Anonio	Beef Taco Stick
TUESDAY Elora Mench and Stevie Fox's Birthday! 	JV & V VBall @ East Jordan 	Saint Peter 	Chicken Nuggets
WEDNESDAY		 Blessed Bartholomew	Mini Pancakes
THURSDAY Miles Hinton and Lily Freeman's Birthday! 		Saint Simon and Jude 	Turkey Lunchable
FRIDAY Melania Mason and Hogan McKinley's Birthday! 		 Saint Alphonsus	Pizza

NEWSLETTER

HOCO WRAP-UP

Friday games & Spirit Jug

During the school day on Friday, the high school played many games and were awarded with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place to battle for the spirit jug.

POWDER PUFF

1 SENIORS 2 SOPHOMORES

TOUGH MAN VOLLEYBALL

1 JUNIORS 2 SENIORS

DODGE BALL

1 JUNIORS 2 SENIORS

CLASS SHIRT

1 JUNIORS 2 SOPHOMORES

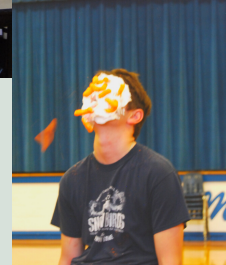
CLASS FLOAT

1 SENIORS 2 SOPHOMORES

CLASS ROCK

1 SENIORS 2 JUNIORS

THE SENIORS WON THE SPIRIT JUG!



At halftime during the football game on Friday, the king and queen were crowned!

All seniors participated but the lucky winners were... Bailey Murrell and Logan Cherry! Congratulations to them!

King & Queen





PREPARING FOR DISTRICTS



This week is one of the last before Volleyball districts. Our girls played at Boyne falls on Tuesday, and at Boyne City Thursday for a Quad/Tourney. Thursday was tough competition but will be good practice right before districts! Make sure to wish our girls luck and come support our Lady Snowbirds!

TUESDAY

Varsity Volleyball won 3-2 against Boyne Falls

WEDNESDAY

Middle school football lost 46-12 against Central lake. It was a tough battle by our snowbirds!

THURSDAY

JV Volleyball beat JoBurg and lost to Boyne City

Varsity Volleyball lost to both JoBurg and Boyne City

FRIDAY

This Friday our boys will play Inland Lakes in the last home game of the season! Make sure to come out and support our boys!

Coach O'Connell talking to the boys at halftime



Daniel Smith, Gavin Bebble, and Donovan Blust putting their hands over their hearts for the National Anthem

Setting the field with Mr. Pretzlaff



Mr. Pretzlaff has just recently joined our St. Mary's family.



What convinced you to come to St. Mary's ?

Faith, being able to bring the bible stories into the classroom. Also being able to talk about Jesus.

Do you have kids, and what grades?

Yes i have 3 kids, my 2 girls are in 5th and 8th, then my son is in 10th.

What is one thing you will never forget from your teaching years?

"I was at my old school and i have always loved April Fools Day, and playing jokes on people. so I was using the paper cutter, there was one of my co-workers was in there with me, i had a ketchup packet in my hand. I squeezed the ketchup packet and acted like I had cut my finger. I thought it was funny but she did not."

What is your favorite type of music? Why?

"Well definitely country I was raised on a farm and did 4-H for 10 years. I did mainly pigs in 4-H but did try cattle. Our farm was mostly cattle, pigs and chickens."

In your opinion, what is the best part of teaching?

"The kids, because with them you never know how the day will go with them or even how the next hour will. they are always a joy. My kids always get mad when we go to a water park or anyplace else with a bunch of kids, because there are always kids coming up to me or around me. I have always had a great bond with kids."

What is your favorite food? Why?

"Steak, because it is really hard to pass up on a nicely cooked juicy steak."

Beat of the Week

By Elizabeth Pallarito

Nora Hanley is a senior and has been going to St. Mary since kindergarten. She likes to listen to current pop.



How did you feel coming into your senior year?

"Normally, I am scared but I wasn't scared coming into this year. Just a normal school year."

How do you feel your faith has helped you get this far?

"My faith has guided me to use my talents for God and others."

How do you think your faith will impact your future decisions after graduation if at all?

"I will continue my catholic faith and belief in God."

What are your plans after graduation?

"I will attend college at Ferris for either Pharmacy or accounting, or Northwood for accounting."

What are you looking forward to most about your senior year?

"I was looking forward to homecoming week, and I am looking forward to band solos, and prom."

If you picked one grade to go back and live through again what grade would you go back to?

"Junior year. So I can study and do better on the ACT so I would not have to take it again on October 23rd and to relive prom. Also go back to astronomy class with Claire Gilling and Eliza Handley."

What is your favorite restaurant?

"Chick-fil-A. Because it is literally the love of my life, everything there is so good."

What is your favorite Halloween candy?

"Kit Kats because it is the only candy I love o-so dearly."

AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE

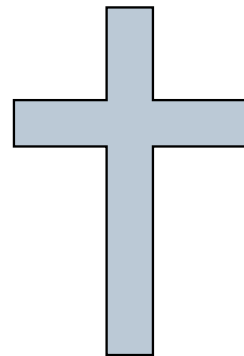
Alumni Pins

The Alumni pins are one of the longest running Ambassadors Committee projects. Each snowbird alumni who attended the homecoming game received a pin with their graduating year on it. This is our way of recognizing our alumni supporters as well as allowing them to connect with other alumni who came to support our school!



2021 Spirit Shirts

The 2021 Spirit Shirt is here! Designed by the Ambassadors Committee, this year's shirt features our classic cross in the top left corner design between the words "St. Mary" and "Small But Mighty." On the back you are reminded of how we at Saint Mary end our prayers with the text "Our Lady of Mount Carmel Pray For Us". You can purchase this design on a T-shirt for \$10 or on a sweatshirt for \$30 at the front office.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

Kid Of The Week

What virtue do you think connects the best to the cemetery cleanup? Charity because it's going to a good cause.

Why do you think we clean up the cemetery? Because it makes the cemetery presentable to the public and we need to clean it up in preparation for winter.

Have you ever cleaned the cemetery?-no. Did Your teachers say anything about the cemetery cleanup? They told us we were helping the workers with good community service work."



Kaylee Jeffers;
middle schooler, athlete

Cemetery Cleanup

The Eighth graders participated in the annual Saint Mary's cemetery cleanup. The purpose of this is both for service and virtue. The cleanup helps keep the S.M cemetery presentable for the public while connecting charity to compassion. The eighth graders helped by restoring the old decor, doing yard upkeep and raking the leaves.



The Last Mile

Middle school XC

The Middle school cross country team ran their final race this past Wednesday.

The team had a very successful season; with both the girls and boys.

They were coached by Ryan Warriner.

Congratulations on a great season!