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I am a 1973 alumnus and am sending my children to St. Mary School. The nuns, lay teachers and priests I had were great role models for me. The teachers today have a strong commitment to the school and its mission. I am very happy with the education they are giving my kids. I am glad they are role models.

I had many experiences as a student at St. Mary School. We had a boy's choir and I got to sing a solo at Midnight Mass. I played basketball for 4 years and our eighth grade teams were conference champs each of those years. I got my butt paddled in second grade by one nun. Another nun came to all of my home basketball games right through high school. I had lay teachers that I call friend to this day. I continue friendships today with my classmates. In high school the principle chose me to represent the student population in city meetings to improve the town of New Richmond. The high school counselor asked me to help mentor a struggling underclassman. I was an all-conference basketball player. I graduated with Class of Distinction honors. I went on to college and am a chiropractor now. I look back with fondness and satisfaction. I didn't think twice about sending my kids to St. Mary.

Our oldest, my son, graduated from St. Mary and today he is a sophomore at NRHS. He has well-developed study habits, is taking advanced classes and holding a high GPA. He wants to be an engineer one day. We are confident that his solid foundation at St. Mary was a great start for what will be a great life for him. We are looking forward to our two girls graduating as well.

Some parents are concerned that their kids won't blend in at the high school after St. Mary's. From my own experience, kids that graduate from St. Mary School don't have to worry about whether they will blend in. **THEY WON'T BLEND IN.** They will stand out. They will rise above. They will get noticed. They will excel. The educational experience at St. Mary School is exceptional. It was true then and is still true today.

Don't ever hesitate to recommend St. Mary School to people. I passed it on to my family and to my community. I feel good about that. I can tell you that it is still a great school.

Don Brown, DC



Can you identify this picture?

Why is St. Mary School important to you?

By Fifth Grade

"It is fun. We learn about God and Jesus."

"We have Faith Friends and Prayer Partners that pray for us."

"The school is small so kids get to know everyone pretty well. The teachers try to teach us manners."

"It has the best teachers and principal. I love the special things we do in Art and Science. The field trips are the best because we learn strange things we didn't know."

"I like how we get to go to mass every Wednesday."

"Catholic schools teach us about God. It has nice people and prevents bullying. Nobody gets left out."

"Everyone knows each other and acts as a family."

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One of Our Own Receives Award



Mary Rosauer, alumni class of 1980, and current teacher at St. Mary's was one of nine recipients of this year's Super Science Teacher Award from FOX 9. She was awarded a Royal Credit Union check to be used for classroom supplies and also presented a classroom activity at the FOX 9 Girls & Science event in November, 2014 at the Science Museum of Minnesota.

She was nominated by a group of St. Mary's parents. Several hundred nominations were received by FOX 9. The judging panel selects nine winners who use Science, technology, engineering and math within the classroom to inspire their students.

Principal Notes

Terry Lizakowski



I have worked in many different school environments. But it wasn't until I was given the opportunity to serve St. Mary School that I truly experienced a school with such a strong loving, caring, close knit community. Our mission to follow in faith, grow in knowledge and serve in harmony is truly reflective in our school community.

Please keep us in your prayers. Our St. Mary School community is dedicated to serving generations past, present and into the future.



Faculty & Staff
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HISTORY IN REVIEW

- ◆ Work on the building began on June 25, 1890 and open in 1891.
- ◆ St. Mary's was established as an elementary school and a high school academy.
- ◆ In 1894, a class of four graduated from St. Mary's Academy.
- ◆ In the mid-1890s the school closed and the building was rented to Professor Beeman who ran a successful business college.
- ◆ In 1897, the building was rented to the New Richmond Public Schools for \$200 for the school year. They were to pay \$240 for subsequent years.
- ◆ The school survived the cyclone of 1899.
- ◆ St. Mary's was reopened as a parochial school in 1906.
- ◆ The school again was rented to the public school from 1920 - 1926.
- ◆ In 1953 ground was broken for the new school. First and second grade classes were in the church basement and the rest of the classes convened in the old Knights of Columbus Hall.
- ◆ The new school opened in 1954 and the school was remodeled and an addition was added in 2003.

I Remember By Fr. Jim Brinkman

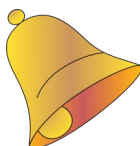


It was back in the early 1950's that I entered St. Mary School and began my adventure in 1st grade. It was a whole new world meeting new friends and learning together. However, by 4th grade it was obvious that I was having problems keeping up and that I had some type of reading disability. Today they have ways of testing and diagnosis with fancy names to help students, but not in my day. Sister Patricia recognized the problem and worked with me after school each day for several months. I felt very proud that she would take the time for me. Then the miracle happened, I began to read sentences and a whole new world opened up to me. I remember the very first book I read: "The Adventures of Kit Carson" and reading became fun.

I told Sister Patricia that I wanted to be just like her when I grew up and she smiled and thanked me for the compliment. To her surprise, I told her that I wanted to be just like her and be a sister. She then tried gently to explain that boys can't be sisters. I was heartbroken and it wasn't until I was in college that I discovered they do have boy sisters called brothers. After I finished school I joined the Holy Cross Brothers at Notre Dame to be a teaching brother, like Sister Patricia. Sometime later, the Lord took me in a different direction to the seminary. I never realized how much influence Sister Patricia, the priests who served at the school and the school itself have made on me in my vocation today.

Sister Patricia and I remained good friends and have kept in touch throughout the years until her death about a year ago. Every time I go to the school for my weekly visits to teach, I remember her and how she has touched me by her love and kindness. Teachers have a way of doing that to students and it really shows in a faith based environment where spirituality blossoms in the spirit of Jesus.

Does this ring a bell?



Alumni Memories

- ◆ Having the sisters as teachers.
- ◆ Trying to figure out if the nuns had hair under their veils.
- ◆ Bring a bag lunch to school, as there wasn't a hot lunch program.
- ◆ 8th Graders learning to Square Dance with Sr. Geraldine.
- ◆ Mrs. Higgins (3rd Gr. Teacher at the time) ran a field trip on a day in March where we picked up garbage around the New Richmond area. This was before the Adopt A Highway Program and the whole school got sponsors for amount of garbage picked up and she used it as a fundraiser.
- ◆ Mrs. Jensen at the time was the 4th Gr. Teacher. She ran the music program for church and the entire school. To this day, when I hear any of Praise and Glory type songs, I think of my time at St. Mary's with Mrs. Jensen playing the guitar.
- ◆ Mrs. Jensen and Mrs. Nasset and students playing guitar during the Wednesday Masses.
- ◆ The 8th Grade trip to So. Dakota and playing Nintendo at night. There are so many it is hard to choose after being at St. Mary's for 9 years.
- ◆ The lock-ins, listening to scary stories, the scavenger hunts, and Ms. Rosauer teaching dance at 3AM.
- ◆ The Sister Act dancing

Please send or email your memories!

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In the deepest place of my heart, I know St. Mary's recognizes and honors who our children are spiritually and encourages them to acknowledge, develop, and share these gifts with others.

With this kind of support, I'm confident that our children will be hard workers, reflective thinkers and compassionate citizens.

St. Mary's is the best gift we can give to our kids.

Kate Harrold - current parent of 4 students

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ St Mary School has a longstanding tradition in the New Richmond Community. The school's presence in New Richmond festivities continues to be seen. Families march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and host food booths at the Park Art Fair and New Richmond Fun Fest celebration.
- ◆ Students give back with visits to local nursing homes, penny drives for Five Loaves Food Shelves and Grace Place.



- ◆ St. Mary's out reach goes beyond New Richmond. Every year students volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in the Twin Cities.
- ◆ Even fund raisers encompass the community. The annual Marathon It is held at the Federal Foam parking lot and supported by the city. Several New Richmond businesses support it. The Mardi Gras is our largest fund raiser and is held at Ready Randy's. Several more New Richmond businesses support it.
- ◆ During Catholic School's week the students share academic projects and host the annual Alumni & Friends Tea.



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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CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

- ◆ Celebration Tee-Off: Golf Tournament and Banquet June 26, 2015
- ◆ Alumni Welcome Student Sept.1, 2015
- ◆ Marathon It - Adult Run , Craft Show, Mass, Cook out October, 2015
- ◆ Alumni & Friends Tea February 5, 2016
- ◆ Mardi Gras February, 2016
- ◆ Alumni Welcome Students June 2, 2016
- ◆ Celebration Finale: Golf Tournament & Banquet June 24, 2016

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

What would you like to see in future Gazettes?

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- ___ Volunteer for Upcoming Events

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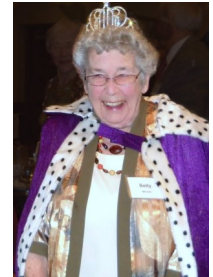
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Alumni Recipe Who makes this famous tea ring?

2 c. lukewarm milk, scalded, cooled
1/2 c. sugar
2 tsp. salt
2 Tbsp. granular yeast
1/2 c. melted butter
2 eggs, beaten
7-8 c. flour

Butter
Cinnamon
Brown Sugar
Powdered Sugar



Mardi Gras Queen 2013

Mix together milk, sugar and salt. Sprinkle in yeast into lukewarm water. Let set 10 minutes. Add to milk mixture. Stir in melted butter and egg. Stir in part of the flour until it becomes too stiff to stir with a spoon. Turn out onto board; gradually add rest of flour. Knead until elastic. Let rise (about 2 1/2 hours). Poke down. Let rise again. Divide into 2-3 parts. Roll dough out onto a board 8X18 inches. Coat with butter, brown sugar and cinnamon. Roll up. Place in pan in a circle. Cut and arrange. Bake at 375 degrees for 18-22 minutes. Glaze with powdered sugar icing and garnish with maraschino cherries.

Betty (Casey) Mitchell, class of 1936



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