



Celebrating 100
Years of Educational
Excellence

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St. Mary Parish School
2017-2018 Annual Appeal

Challenging Minds • Developing Character • Living Jesus



Goal

Dear St. Mary Parish School Friends and Family,

How could we not start this letter without first saying **THANK YOU!** We came together and were able to reach last year's Annual School Appeal goal!

Your gift demonstrates your commitment to help provide an exceptional Catholic education to the children of our community. Today we ask for your continued commitment and to donate to the St. Mary Parish School Annual Appeal for the 2017-18 fiscal year. As you know, tuition and fees only cover 70% of our operating budget and we rely on your gifts provided through the Annual School Appeal to bridge the gap between tuition and what it really costs to educate a student. The Annual School Appeal is the most significant of all the school fundraising efforts and is a major component of the school budget, including school enhancement programs, technology and campus improvements. Please consider a gift prior to December 31, 2017 to help meet this year's St. Mary Annual School Appeal goal of \$50,000.

Parents, you have already given us your greatest gift of entrusting us with your child's education. We ask that you remember the academics, student activities, and campus atmosphere that helped you choose St. Mary Parish School for your student. Please give so we can continue to provide the best Catholic education.

Alumni, take a moment to look back on your time at SMPS and make a donation in honor of your favorite class, teacher, or memory. Please give so we can continue to preserve the 100 year legacy of Catholic education at St. Mary Parish School.

Grandparents and Friends, as members of our community both near and far, we ask that you partner with us to support our students and prepare them for a bright future.

Together we all work each day in one form or another to prepare our students to be leaders that "Live Jesus." We hope that with each day spent at SMPS, they move closer to achieving their academic goals while also becoming good people who care not only about their community but the greater good of our world outside of campus. Donations to the St. Mary Parish School Annual School Appeal are 100% tax-deductible and can be made in the form of one-time gifts, monthly installments, payroll deductions, and corporate matching gifts. Please consider returning your gift in the enclosed envelope or make an immediate donation securely online at www.stmaryparish.weshareonline.org No gift is too small!

This is a small community with a generous heart; a community we know we can count on to help our students. God bless you for your generosity and thank you for being great examples of faith to your children and the community.

Live Jesus, Love Mary,

Very Reverend Monsignor Ross Shecterle &
Linda Joyner, Principal



Q: WHAT IS THE ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL ANNUAL APPEAL?

A: The Annual Appeal is the most important fundraiser at St. Mary Parish School and is necessary to meet the needs of our general operating budget. Tuition and fees cover roughly 70% of the actual cost to educate each student. The goal of the Annual Appeal is to bridge the gap between tuition and what it really costs to educate a student. A strong Annual Appeal helps us keep tuition costs down and to continue providing the kind of outstanding Catholic education students receive at St. Mary Parish School.

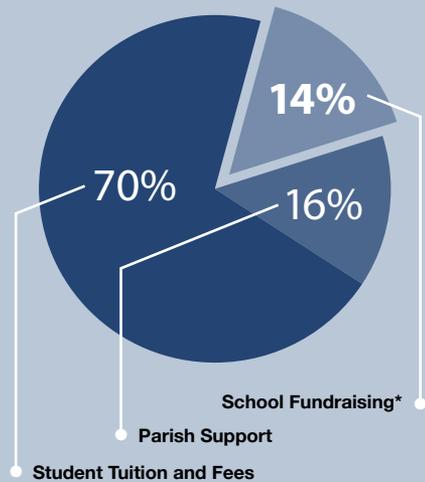
Q: WHAT IS THE ANNUAL APPEAL GOAL?

A: With increased participation from our school families and gifts from parishioners, alumni and our business community, we hope to raise \$50,000 for our 2017-18 Annual Appeal. Our goal is only attainable with your help. Your tax deductible donation will be put to work right away, meeting the immediate needs of the school. We encourage everyone to make a gift prior to Dec. 31, 2017. Pledges can be paid any time prior to the end of our fiscal year on June 30, 2018.

Q: HOW MUCH SHOULD I CONTRIBUTE TO THE ANNUAL APPEAL?

A: Please keep in mind that no gift is too big or too small; it is your demonstration of support that really makes a difference. Annual Appeal donations range from \$10 to \$10,000. You can even make a “pledge” – a promise to give. Pledges can be paid monthly, quarterly or in one full payment.

COST TO EDUCATE A CHILD AT ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL



***The Annual Appeal is our most significant of all the school fundraising efforts**



The St. Mary Parish School Annual Appeal is the most significant of all the school fundraising efforts and is a major component of the school budget. Your gift will help us preserve and celebrate 100 years of exceptional Catholic education at St. Mary Parish School. No gift is too small.

HOW DO I GIVE?

Giving is easy. You can mail your gift OR donate securely online at stmaryparish.weshareonline.org. You can make a one-time donation or split the donation over time. The choice is yours.

Please make checks payable to St. Mary Parish School; noting in the memo line: Annual Appeal. All gifts are 100% tax deductible.

EMPLOYER MATCHING

Many employers and corporations offer matching programs that may serve to double your donation to St. Mary Parish School. Some companies even match gifts made by retirees and spouses. Please inquire at your place of employment regarding their participation in the Matching Grants to Education Program.

A LASTING LEGACY

Consider an inclusion in your will that would benefit the St. Mary Parish School Annual Appeal or the St. Mary Education Endowment Fund. For more information on Legacy Giving, contact Steve Cosentino in the parish office at 262-251-0220 or scosentino@stmaryparish.net

PRAY FOR US

Please remember St. Mary Parish School, its students, faculty and staff in your prayers. Your spiritual support is a most precious gift.



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