

# St. Mary School

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Reverence

Respect

Responsibility

St. Mary School is a private, parochial school located in downtown Delaware, Ohio. The school is under the direction of the Diocese of Columbus. The school, built in 1925, experienced expansion in both 1959 and 2005, has 21 classrooms and accommodates nearly 365 students in Grades K-8.

## **Our Mission**

We at St. Mary School, working together with our families as a supportive, caring, Christian community, dedicate ourselves to the spiritual, educational, personal, physical, and social growth of our students. Through our God-given gifts and Christ-centered environment, we serve their diverse needs. Our goal is to prepare our students to be productive, responsible, well-rounded Christian individuals.

## **Our Beliefs**

- St. Mary School is guided by Christ's teachings in the formation of the complete Catholic child in an active partnership with parents and the Catholic community.
- Student learning is a key priority for St. Mary School. We believe students learn best when actively engaged in their quest for knowledge.
- We realize that all students learn in different ways. Therefore the curriculum and instructional practices incorporate a variety of learning activities and assessment strategies.

• St. Mary students are challenged to demonstrate their knowledge and skills solving problem and producing quality work.

**Our Curriculum** -- St. Mary provides integration of the Values of the Catholic Faith in a stimulating academic setting. The school environment encourages intellectual growth, critical thinking, creativity and problem solving. St. Mary School provides many programs and services including the following:

- Physical Education, Music and Spanish instruction for grades K-8
- Hands-on computer instruction for grades K-8
- Speech and language pathologist
- Part time nurse and school psychologist
- Advanced algebra instruction for qualified students in 8th Grade
- Bus service from Big Walnut, Buckeye Valley, Delaware City and Olentangy districts

"The students from Delaware St. Mary are very well prepared to make the transition from elementary school to high school. They have a solid foundation in the core subjects, know how to study, have begun to develop higher level thinking skills, and are motivated to succeed. Equally important, they are rooted in a Catholic education, have a desire to practice the Gospel values, and believe in the importance of service to others. These students enter Bishop Watterson High School ready to move to the next level of their development spiritually, intellectually and socially."

Marian Hutson

Principal -- Bishop Watterson High School



Anchors Aweigh  
Drama Spring 2008

**Our Staff** -- St. Mary is blessed to have teachers committed to the Catholic education of our students. With more than 235 years of combined teaching experience, the teachers at St. Mary, through numerous workshops and seminars they attend, implement innovative teaching methods in the classroom.

A goal of the leadership at St. Mary is to maintain a relatively small class size by employing multiple teachers per grade level and when possible classrooms aides.

**Quick Facts** -- St. Mary students typically score 10-25 points above the national average on standardized testing. St. Mary School exceeds State of Ohio standards and is a fully accredited school. St. Mary School student/teacher ratio is 22:1.

May Crowning  
May 2008



“It has been our experience at St. Francis DeSales High School that the students that join us from Delaware St. Mary are impeccably well prepared scholastically and as young people of faith. They truly reflect the gospel values that are at the center of their faith community. They are young people whose passion for excelling is only matched by their desire to serve others. We feel blessed at St. Francis DeSales High School to have students from St. Mary’s in that they fully understand our core values of Faith, Family, and Tradition.”

Dan Garrick  
Principal -- St. Francis DeSales High School

### Our Extracurricular Opportunities

To complement and reinforce the religious and the academic environment at St. Mary School, students participate in a wide range of extracurricular activities including the following:

- **Athletics** – Student athletes in Grades 4-8 compete against other Catholic schools in the Columbus Diocese in volleyball, football, basketball, softball, cheerleading, baseball and track & field.
- **Service Projects** - St. Mary students participate in a wide-range of service activities that allow them to live out the Catholic value of helping others less fortunate. Some of the organizations that St. Mary students support are:
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - The Heifer Program
  - People In Need (PIN)
  - Delaware Foster Care
  - Pennies for Patients

In addition, St. Mary students have adopted St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital as a service project in response to a St. Mary student who is also a St. Jude patient.

- **Activities** - Our Middle School students participate in many activities that expand their educational experience:
  - National Jr. Beta Club – Open to Middle school students who excel both academically and in the leadership arena. Beta Club members help direct many of the St. Mary Service Projects.

- Science Fair -St. Mary has consistently won high honors at the district level by being the small school with the most Superior Ratings.
- National Mythology Exam – St. Mary students elect to participate in this self study opportunity. Most students score in the 90-100 percentile in this nationwide exam.
- Drama Club
- Geography Bee
- Environmental Education Trip (7th Grade)
- Washington D.C Trip (8th Grade)



Living Stations  
of the Cross  
March 2008

“The Delaware St. Mary students come from a fine school that truly cares about its students. The change over for the Delaware students to attend our school is easy to attain since the Christian values and Catholic teachings are similar to both institutions with the student as the center of attention. The academic structure at Marion Catholic is college based with an emphasis on preparing its students to take their place in society following their formal education. Because of the similarities of both schools. The Delaware St. Mary students achieve much success at Marion Catholic.”

Fran Voll  
Principal - Marion Catholic High School