

# St. Mary School News

*St. Mary School nurtures the development of the whole child: spiritually, academically, emotionally, and socially. St. Mary School provides a strong, accessible, and rigorous Catholic education to the students of greater Grays Harbor and their families.*



A Publication for Alumni, Families, and Friends of St. Mary School

## Bookstore Donation Celebrates Family's Connection to SMS

Jennifer Dunaway remembers that when her family arrived in Aberdeen in 1974, her mom Judy was “like a mama duck with her eight ducklings in tow and she was embraced by the arms of St. Mary’s Parish.” Judy became very involved in parish life and her “ducklings,” Damon, Teresa, Maureen, Albie, Jennifer, Marc, Hollie and Cassie, were enrolled at St. Mary School. Maureen Dunaway still recalls the quote from St. Irenaeus that was painted over the opening of the stage in the SMS auditorium and read, “The glory of God is man fully alive.”

“St Mary's provided the building blocks to be, ‘fully alive,’” Maureen says. Jennifer Dunaway credits teachers like Sister Anna and Mary Ann Quigg for teaching her life skills such as “discretion, grace, and unconditional love.”

During their years in Aberdeen, the Dunaway family built a strong connection to the community and to SMS. So strong in fact that almost 50 years later, as Judy was dealing with a terminal illness, she and her family decided to make a very special gift to St.



**Judy Lloyd**

Mary School. To understand the gift, it might be helpful first to go back and follow the journey Judy Dunaway Lloyd made from “mama duck” to wife, entrepreneur, and minister.

After raising her eight children, Judy met and married Loren Lloyd in 1988 at St. Mary Church. Judy and Loren both worked for the State of Washington in Olympia for some time and eventually settled in Shelton. After leaving her state job, Judy felt God put it on her heart to open a Catholic bookstore in Shelton, despite being near retirement age and having a limited amount of savings she could use to purchase inventory. From 2001 to 2021, Judy ran the Bread of the Presence bookstore “more as a ministry than a business,” as Loren remembers. “I can’t tell you how many people came into the store and later ended up either converting to Catholicism or having their faith strengthened,” Loren says. As evidence, he tells the story of a woman who got to know Judy gradually over the past ten years and then was received into the Church



Just a few of the hundreds of items donated by Judy and Loren Lloyd from their Bread of the Presence bookstore.

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with her two sons this past Easter, with Loren sponsoring one of the boys. “It’s that kind of thing that is the legacy of her bookstore,” he says.

There is another legacy of Judy’s bookstore that will benefit St. Mary School and indirectly, the members of the local Catholic parishes, which brings us back to the gift Judy and her family have made to SMS. As Judy was dealing with her illness and Loren was having his own health issues, they made the decision to close the bookstore. When it came time to find a home for the remaining inventory, the family reached out to SMS leaders to offer hundreds of books, figurines, rosaries, and much more as a donation.

“This is such a blessing for St. Mary School,” says Advancement Director Pete Scroggs. “It gives us an opportunity to continue Judy’s ministry within the community where she raised her children and to generate funds that can benefit current SMS families.” The tentative plan is to take the bookstore items on a “roadshow” to each of the seven parishes and missions in the Grays Harbor region and give parishioners the opportunity to make a donation to the school in exchange for items.

Judy Lloyd passed away on December 11, 2021 at the age of 83 and is buried at Fern Hill Cemetery in Aberdeen. In addition to the bookstore, she leaves a legacy of a husband and eight children who understand the impact that one person can have during their lifetime and beyond.

“Our Mother was such a beautiful example of someone, ‘fully alive,’ and the warmth of Jesus could be recognized in the warmth of her smile,” Maureen Dunaway sums up. “She was so delighted to donate the remainder of her inventory to St. Mary’s School, in hopes that the proceeds would benefit the school and its mission.”



Left: Judy Dunaway with children Marc, Cassie and Hollie in the 1970’s .

Below: The adult Dunaway children in a recent photo.



“The glory of God is man fully alive” *St. Irenaeus*

## SMS Seeks Storage Space for Abundance of Items

Over the years, St. Mary School has been blessed to receive numerous donations of items similar to the bookstore inventory mentioned above. Among these are merchandise for the “Christmas Corner” store that allows students to purchase inexpensive gift items for family members; Oktoberfest carnival games and signs; and donations of items for the annual “Trinkets & Treasures” rummage sale. Along with the blessing of these donations comes the challenge of storing them when they are not in use. The school has managed this by finding nooks and crannies around the school

building and by utilizing the basements and garages of school families.

School leaders would like to find a single place to store items and are reaching out to the community of school supporters in search of anyone who might have dry, secure storage space that the school could use, preferably within the local area. If you or someone you know has potential storage space, please contact Maria Boling by email: [hospitality@saintmaryschool.org](mailto:hospitality@saintmaryschool.org) or phone: 360-581-6063.



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# Second Try a Success for Teacher Event

What was originally planned as an East Indian cultural dinner and live gala in the Spring of 2020 finally took place this past April as a week-long virtual video tribute and online fundraiser. The common thread linking these events was that they were to be the public unveiling of the St. Mary School Teacher Fund, which was created to maintain the long tradition of dedicated and faith-filled teachers that SMS has become known for.

The planned cultural dinner had been centered around a menu created by Father Francis Arulappan, Priest Administrator of the Catholic Parishes of Grays Harbor at the time and native of India, along with parochial vicars, Father Jaya Kumar Embeti and Father Showreelu Simham. In March 2020, two months before the event, with invitations already printed, all public gatherings came to a halt with the emergence of COVID 19. The focus of school faculty and staff immediately shifted to maintaining the learning environment for the remainder of the school year, and the teacher event was put on the back burner.

Flash forward two years to Spring of 2022 and the gradual reopening of society. School leaders saw the opportunity to give some sort of Teacher Fund event another try, but were hesitant to plan an in-person gathering in the wake of constantly changing COVID guidelines. Instead, they decided to piggyback on the success of the 2021 Spirit Auction, which was broadcast online and a big success. Rather than use a live broadcast for the teacher event, organizers decided to let the current teachers share their stories via prerecorded videos that people could watch at their convenience. Two videos per day were released on a special website during the last week of April, along with a donation page that people could use to contribute to the fund and memorialize their own favorite teachers.

The inspiration for the Teacher Fund came about in 2019, when St. Mary School received a bequest from the estate of Violet Medak who attended SMS in the 1930's and then went on to become a teacher in Washougal and later in the Seattle area. This donation

came just after many public schools in the area substantially raised teacher pay in the wake of the

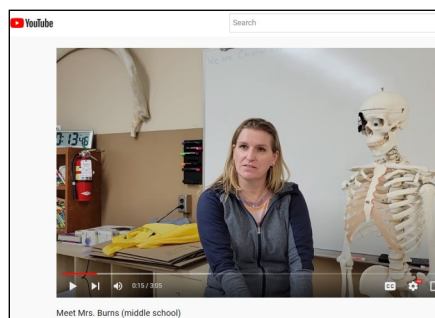
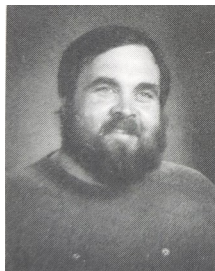
McCleary school funding lawsuit. Knowing that these raises would widen the already existing gap in teacher pay, Principal Carrie Marlow decided to use the bequest to start a teacher fund.

"The SMS Teacher Fund was borne out of the need to financially supplement the school's already tight budget in a way that could positively impact teacher salaries," said Carrie Marlow.

"The goal of the Teacher Fund is two-fold. Goal one is to come closer to bridging the significant gap between local public school teacher salaries and our Catholic school teacher salaries. Goal two is that, over time, the fund will reach a financial level that earns investment interest and helps supplement teacher salaries for many years to come. In order for St. Mary School to continue to offer a high-quality Catholic education to the children of Grays Harbor, we must have the means to hire and retain high quality teachers. A great education cannot be had without great educators!"

For the "Teacher Celebration 2022," the school used mailed invitations to existing supporters along with social media posts to promote the weeklong event. While many school families enjoyed tuning in for the online videos to see their current or past teachers, alumni and community supporters largely responded to the invitations by mailing checks to the school, often in memory of a loved one or favorite teacher. By the end of the event, supporters had contributed over \$15,000 to the Teacher Fund which was counted as a great success for a first-time event. The school hopes to hold similar events every two years, alternating with the Spirit Auction.

*Note:* videos from the Teacher Celebration are still available for viewing online at [bit.ly/teachers2022](https://bit.ly/teachers2022) or by scanning the QR code below.



**Highlights from the Teacher Celebration 2022 included (from top) sharing photos of past teachers such as Sr. Anna and Mike Descher; videos of teachers telling their stories including middle school teacher Diane Burns; and herding the current faculty together for a rare group photo.**





## *A Message From Mrs. Marlow*

Greetings St. Mary School Community and Supporters!

“Be still and know that I am God...” Psalm 46:10

A large sign with this Psalm scrawled across it hangs in my office. It was a gift from my husband when I accepted the School Principal position over four years ago. I have needed this reminder to “be still” and “know” more than ever this school year. We, as a school community, staff, students, parents, parishioners, supporters, have needed this reminder too. A reminder to stop fearing, be in awe of God and His power, and to commit to Him wholeheartedly, especially in these times of challenge and struggle. The 21-22 school year and the return to in-person teaching and learning has been a tough one on many levels. It has been a year in which praying and then being silent, being still enough to hear God’s response and trust in His plan, has been paramount.

I am proud to report that we successfully and safely provided a quality faith-based in-person education to 132 students in 21-22. From Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, our students demonstrated academic achievement, were provided opportunities to grow in their faith and serve others and continued to navigate their individual journeys toward becoming good Christian role models and responsible citizens. Our teaching and support staff worked collaboratively to meet the learning needs of our students and the operational needs of the school as a whole. The fundraising efforts of our parents and school community were phenomenal and the support received from our local parishes, alumni, and friends continued to be a true blessing.

As I reflect back on the school year, it is a blur that is punctuated by the presence of Jesus and the children in our care. As I look forward to the next school year, I am excited and energized by the opportunities it holds; opportunities for bringing back more of our St. Mary School traditional activities and events and creating new ones, opportunities for making new friends and forging new partnerships, and, most importantly, many more opportunities for growing in faith and “being still.”

Thank you for your many prayers and your support. St. Mary School exists to serve and make God known; to be a safe and secure haven full of faith-filled learning. Thank you for helping us continue the mission!

May you have a blessed Summer!

Together in Christ,

Carrie Marlow  
School Principal

Teacher Feature**Marci Hollingsworth: A Variety of Perspectives on SMS**

Kindergarten teacher Marci Hollingsworth has experienced St. Mary School as a student, parent, and teacher. We asked Mrs. Hollingsworth to share some of her insights.

***Tell us about yourself both as a teacher and a person, including your time at SMS***

This is my 2nd year teaching Kindergarten at St. Mary School, but was an instructional assistant for 3 years before that. My husband and I have been married for 20 years and have 3 children. All 3 of my children have attended SMS. Dylan attended 7th & 8th, Annika 5th-8th, and Parker K-5th. (present grade)

I also attended SMS from K-4th & 7th, 8th.

***How has your time at SMS influenced you and/or your family?***

My time at St. Mary School has influenced my entire family in such a positive way. First of all, I sent my children to SMS because of the wonderful experience I had there when I was younger. I enjoyed the smaller classes, the teachers, and the close family environment. It was also very important to my husband and myself to provide a faith-based education for our children. My oldest son just graduated from high school and he has fond memories of his friends and teachers at SMS. He just recently had the opportunity to come back to St. Mary's and meet up with his former classmates before they graduated high school and speak to the middle school group on the importance of working hard throughout high school.

***What aspect of teaching do you enjoy the most and why?***

My favorite aspect of teaching is working with the primary students and watching them grow academically and socially throughout the school year. It is special to me watching them have those moments where the light bulb goes on and they gain understanding. I get to watch and help them grow in confidence. It is a beautiful thing!

Kindergarten teacher Marci Hollingsworth reads a story to her class .

***What is a favorite memory/ student story of your time at St. Mary School?***

My favorite memory at St. Mary School is becoming a teacher here, where my education began. When I decided to become an instructional assistant here at SMS, it wasn't a thought in my mind to become a teacher. Lisa Villar, the Kindergarten teacher at the time, asked me why I hadn't earned my teaching degree. It really made me think... 'why don't I get my teaching degree?' I then worked towards finishing off my degree while working side by side with Lisa while she mentored me. Lisa is a gift to me and now I am just finishing my 2nd year of teaching Kindergarten and I love it!

***Anything else you want to share?***

I am really grateful for SMS and the sense of community and family it has given my own family. We are a close group of teachers and staff and we exemplify that sense of closeness to our students and families too.



# St. Mary School Says Farewell to “Ms. R”



St. Mary School said goodbye to a long-time teacher this spring as Denise Roberts stepped away after nine years at SMS. “Ms. R” as she is known to her students, was most recently the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, and has taught students in a variety of grades and subjects during her tenure.

“My favorite class to teach was Religion to 2nd grade, and to 4<sup>th</sup> through 8th grade,” she said. She also started a chess club at SMS and was advisor to the Rosary Club and Student Council.

“What I will miss most is going to Mass with the students,” she said, “and I will continue to pray for and support SMS.”

Ms. Roberts said that next year she will be teaching for the Aberdeen School District as a 6th grade science teacher, possibly coaching some sports, and hopes to start a master’s degree program in educational leadership and/or counseling.

Known for her quick wit and sense of humor, Ms. Roberts left these parting words taken from St. Thomas Aquinas: “It is requisite for the relaxation of the mind that we make use, from time to time, of playful deeds and jokes.”

## Technology Grant Funds Laptops and iPads

St. Mary School has had a long history of staying on top of technology and recently received a grant that will allow SMS to continue that trend. A \$27,400 grant from the Emergency Connectivity Fund of the FCC has enabled St. Mary School to purchase 50 iPads and 50 MacBook Air laptops for use by students.

“This grant allows us to be ‘one-to-one’ in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade,” said Technology and Education Resource Director Jolie Carroll, referring to the standard of having one device for each student in the school. She added that the grant “allows us to retire some existing devices that can no longer be updated.”

Ms. Carroll noted that the school will be looking for additional grant money in the future to fund things like

covers for the new iPads, charging carts for each classroom, and additional devices to replace the next group that needs to be retired.



Technology and Education Resource Director Jolie Carroll displays examples of the new iPad and MacBook Air devices that were purchased with technology grant funds.

### School Snapshots



Students leave flowers next to a statue ▶ of Our Lady of Fatima after a special Mother Mary Mass in May.

◀ The 8th grade graduating class of 2022 (Left to right): Jose Aparicio, Tyson Dunlap, Brian Stevenson, Xander Eilers, Brandon Jimenez, Jesus Gonzalez-Estrada, and Judy Light. (Not pictured: Xanto Raya)



▲ The SMS Class of 2018 returned as high school seniors to impart their wisdom to current students.

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