

### *Educating Leaders for Tomorrow*

#### **OUR VISION STATEMENT**

As a ministry of St. Mary Parish, guided by the life of Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother, we love with devotion, learn with passion and lead with faith.

#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

St. Mary School (PS-8), a primary ministry of St. Mary's Church, serves to educate the children of St. Mary's Parish and the surrounding communities. Together, our parish and school believe in Jesus as our founder and that faith in Him guides our lives and moves us to action.

We complement the role of the family as we work together to provide students with a quality Catholic education that promotes strong Gospel values, academic excellence, and social responsibility, as well as an appreciation and respect for the dignity of life.

#### *Love* **WITH DEVOTION**

Respect and care for each other permeates St. Mary School. We foster a safe, loving and supportive environment



where each individual is accepted and encouraged to grow. Our Community Service program teaches students to reach out to the disadvantaged and to give of themselves. We work in partnership with parents and families to educate the whole child.

#### *Learn* **WITH PASSION**

Academic excellence is the hallmark of a St. Mary School education. We challenge students to the highest academic standards built upon the foundation of Christ's love. In addition to core classes in math, reading and language arts, we offer religious instruction, rich curriculum that includes music instruction, science and technology, art, foreign language, and history. Our Resource Program provides assistance to those needing extra help and serves those needing to meet challenges. Students leave St. Mary School well-prepared for continued academic success, with 100% of our students attending the Catholic high school of their choice.

#### *Lead* **WITH FAITH**

Faith and spiritual development are integrated throughout our curriculum. We provide well-rounded opportunities for our students to recognize the presence of Christ in their lives, and to relate Gospel teachings to their own lives and actions. Children prepare for the Sacraments, attend Mass weekly, and learn about their Catholic heritage and culture. Students are encouraged to recognize and choose Christian values and



to develop a deep sense of the presence of God in their lives. Students at St. Mary School are faith-filled, diverse learners who actively seek knowledge and express themselves through love in action.

#### **FAITH FORMATION**

The domains of social, spiritual, physical, and academic development are rooted in faith formation. Integrated throughout our school culture and curriculum are opportunities for students to deepen their relationship with Christ and relate Gospel teachings to their personal everyday experiences. We also worship together at weekly Mass every Thursday and on Holy Days of Obligation. Students participate in every aspect of the celebration: as lectors, altar servers, and choir members. In religion classes, children learn about our Catholic foundation, tenets, and culture as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Inspired by faith to show compassion and empathy to others, St. Mary School supports charitable causes like the Lenten Rice Bowl Project, Baby Bottle Project, and canned food collections and clothing drives that benefit our local community. In addition, students in grades K-8 contribute their time and talents to assist those in their community who are in need. When our children perform God's Corporal Works of Mercy, they strengthen their faith while learning that despite our personal circumstances, we are all equal and loved by God.

## SCHOOL WIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

**S**tewards of God's earth

**P**eople of prayer

**I**maginative, enthusiastic, and creative

**R**espectful, loving, and kind

**I**ntelligent, inquisitive learners

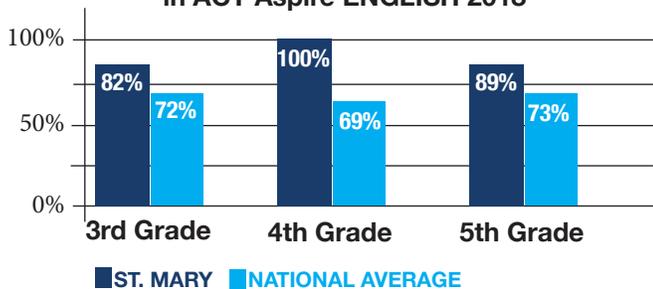
**T**raveling the path of Jesus

## Student Performance Review: 3rd to 5th Grades

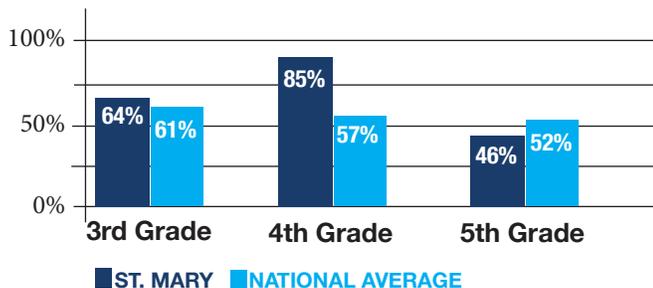
### *Rooted in Progress*

From the very start, our St. Mary staff make it their mission to help children develop a positive work ethic, self-confidence, and a love for learning that nurtures the roots of successful scholarship.

#### Average Elementary School Student Proficiency in ACT Aspire ENGLISH 2018



#### Average Proficiency of Elementary School Students in ACT Aspire MATH 2018

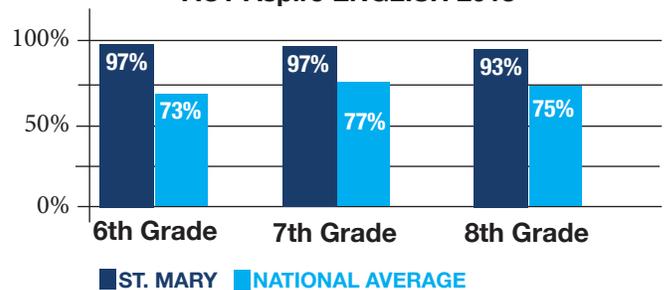


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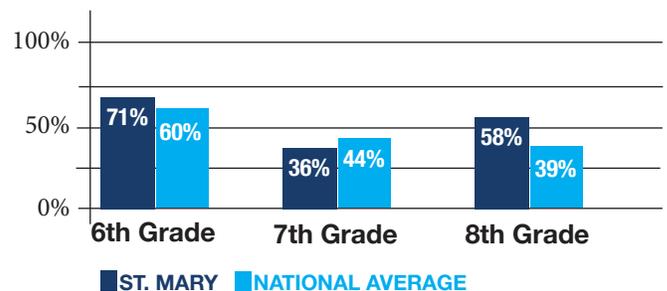
### *Culture of Care*

Differentiated instruction enables us to serve students of all learning styles. We provide additional instructional support for both those students who need academic support, as well as enrichment programs for those students needing to move on with the curriculum. We have credentialed math teachers who provide assistance, both for enrichment and remediation. In addition, our Learning Center provides instruction to students in small groups to more effectively meet their needs.

#### Average Middle School Student Proficiency in ACT Aspire ENGLISH 2018



#### Average Proficiency of Middle School Students in ACT Aspire MATH 2018



### *Real World Preparation*

Our focus on developing the whole child, in mind and spirit, encourages St. Mary graduates to exercise their academic knowledge and strength of character in ways that better their families and communities while giving glory to God.



## ACADEMICS and ENRICHMENT

Academic excellence is the hallmark of a St. Mary School education. We challenge students to the highest academic standards built upon the foundation of Christ's love. St. Mary educates the whole child in a Catholic environment by providing a relevant and comprehensive curriculum, created along Diocesan standards, which meet and often exceed California State Standards.

A St. Mary education is especially designed to harmonize intellectual development and strength of character through teachings on moral values. We offer a wide range of support in both faith and academics. The sacraments are integrated into the religion curriculum offered during the regular school schedule. Our core academic program prepares children to think critically,



communicate clearly, and apply knowledge creatively. A unique feature of our school is our Learning Center. We provide support to students and families by offering after school study hall, student support teams, resource classes for Junior High, and individualized support in both reading and math for grades 1-4. We provide our students with the instruction they deserve to be confident in their academic abilities. St. Mary School believes that in order to educate children in the image of God, attention must be given to all facets of their development—social, physical, academic, and spiritual.

To honor all the domains of student growth, St. Mary School offers a wide variety of enrichment opportunities in out participation in the Religion Decathlon, Diocesan Speech Contest, Academic Decathlon, Mental Math Bowl, and the National Spelling Bee competition. We promote leadership through our Leadership Academy which provides opportunities for students to learn the skills necessary to compete and prosper in our 21st century culture. We offer Chess Club, Yearbook, Peace Managers, and Student Ambassador programs. Our school prides itself in providing music and art programs with full-time specialists in both areas. In art students learn about famous artists and styles throughout the ages and work with a variety of mediums. Our students receive instruction in various components of music, learn to read music, begin to write music, and learn the composers and music throughout the years. Our students have the opportunity to play in our band, our orchestra, sing in our choir, and learn to play the guitar. In addition, students perform at various programs and participate in the Diocesan Choral Festival.



## FUNDRAISING AT ST. MARY

### *Community Involvement and Fundraising*

Because tuition for St. Mary School is less than the cost to educate a child, we count on continued fundraising support to provide the best learning experience for our children. The most popular fundraising events at St. Mary are our Auction and our Jog-A-Thon. We look forward to these occasions every year, as they are wonderful opportunities for the community to fundraise while celebrating fellowship and supporting St. Mary's mission to educate minds and inspire spirits. Proceeds from these and all other fundraising opportunities help pay for expenses that tuition does not cover.

It is also expected that families will be involved to provide service which benefits the school. Family participation in service hour programs is invaluable in helping us lower our operating costs and improve the quality of education for our children. We extend families the option of need-based financial aid. On average, our families receive approximately \$35,000 in tuition assistance each year. Here at St. Mary School, we appreciate and honor the sacrifices of all families who believe in the value of Catholic education and trust us as their partner in education. This ongoing support demonstrates a strong sense of community. That is what separates St. Mary School from other educational environments.



# ST. MARY SCHOOL

## CLOSING REMARKS

Because the philosophy of St. Mary School is rooted in the person of Jesus, we view Catholic education as an expression of the mission entrusted by Him to the Church. At the Baptism of their child, Catholic parents make a solemn commitment to God to "bring their child up in the knowledge and practice of faith." Parents, as primary educators of their children, are challenged to provide a solid foundation of moral values based on Catholic principles. As formal educators, we share this responsibility by shepherding students in the discovery and appreciation of the part they play in God's plan. We believe that educating the whole child requires faith, culture, and life to be in harmony. St. Mary School teaches students to contribute to the common good by becoming active and caring members of the communities, cities, and nation in which they live. Grounded in the spirit of the Gospel, we seek to foster a loving and supportive environment where each individual is accepted and encouraged to grow. We are grateful for parents' continued involvement in school and community events. Their love and ongoing support helps keep the mission of Catholic education alive and strong. We are grateful for parental trust in St. Mary School as the co-educator of their children. For the opportunity to educate and inspire the Children of God, we are truly blessed.

