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# About Marian Middle School

As a Catholic school welcoming adolescent girls of all backgrounds, and a leader in providing life-altering education, Marian is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty through education.

Marian fosters each student's spiritual, academic, social, moral, emotional, and physical development from middle school through post-secondary education as a foundation for career success.

## Impact:

Marian has served more than 265 alumnae in our 20 years *Educating Girls for Life!*

## Our Innovative Educational Model:

Marian's educational model incorporates three interrelated programs:

- An **Academic Program** prepares middle school students to succeed at high-performing high schools.
- An **Enrichment Program** provides leadership experiences and character development.
- A **Graduate Support Program** offers academic, social, and financial support to alumnae.

## Our Guiding Values:



Faith-Filled Life



Quality Education



Family and  
Community Spirit



Respect for the  
Uniqueness of  
the Individual



Service to Foster  
Justice, Peace,  
and Equality

## Who We Serve:

- Up to 75 Middle School Students who come to school 10 hours a day, 10 months a year (or learn virtually during this Distance Learning Environment)
- Over 70 alumnae in high school
- 50+ alumnae enrolled in college (41 College Graduates!)
- Over 90% of our students qualify for the free and reduced-priced meals program, a national indicator of poverty.
- Students travel from 25 - 30 zip codes at any give time to receive a life-altering education

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*Thank you!*

# Our Foundresses

Twenty years ago, 14 courageous women of vision, religious sisters and lay women, founded Marian Middle School. At the time, nothing existed to support young girls who were falling through the cracks of the education system. In response, Marian's foundresses boldly imagined an innovative education model to empower girls to flourish — spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally and physically. The beginnings were humble... a rented space that consisted of just one floor, four classrooms, two grades, and four staff.



**During this monumental occasion, we honor the seven religious congregations and the 14 women who created Marian Middle School.**

Sr. Maureen Bannister, Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul

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**Celebrating 20 Years,  
Bringing the Dreams of Our  
Foundresses to Life**

*with foundresses Sr. Barbara Roche, SL  
and Sr. Madonna O'Hara, OSU*

# Our Prayer

Each morning, Marian students, faculty, and staff pray for the strength of our community and those on the frontlines. The following prayers reflect our students and leadership, shedding light on the needs of our students, and our prayers for our Community.

## A Prayer by Amirra, Marian 7th grader



*God, please bless me with the spirit of confidence so that I may know my worth and not be ashamed of who I am.*

*Please, Lord, give me the spirit of patience so I may use it to keep myself out of trouble.*

*Jesus, give me the urge to be helpful so that I can ensure that people around me know they aren't alone.*

*Lord, I would like to ask you for the spirit of maturity so that I can own up to my mistakes and make myself better.*

*I am very grateful that you created me. I want to be the best that I can be.*

*Thank you for all you have already done for me and what you continue to do for me everyday.*

*Amen.*

## A Prayer from Our Leadership

*May you anchor yourself to a peace that surpasses all understanding.*

*May you choose to walk by faith with hopeful expectation.*

*May you seize this opportunity to reflect on life, find rest for your soul, and experience peace when everything around you is screaming the opposite.*

*May you be confident in the One who is in control.*

*May you have confidence that as you pass through these circumstances, God is with you.*

*May you believe that when these current events try to overwhelm you, you will not be taken out.*

*May you pray for a new perspective to see what God desires you to see.*

*May you realize as believers, that we have work to do.*

*To love well.*

*To be there for your neighbor, encourage a student, show support for a family, and to advocate for a friend.*

*May you listen and obey the nudges of the Holy Spirit to show compassion, be kind, gentle and notice other unique ways God is leading you to see one another.*

*Marian Community, may you find hope, peace and joy in this global storm.*

Welcome to the 19th Annual

# Marian Magie

## 2020

### A Virtual Event!

APRIL 20 - 25

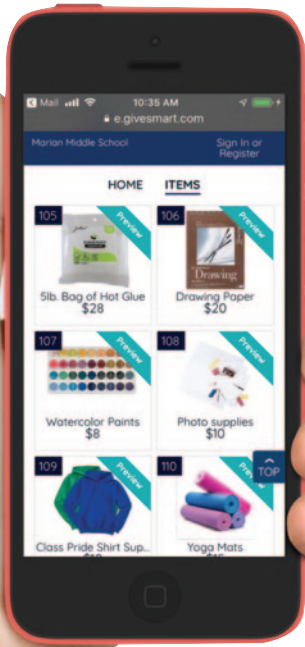
Over the last 20 years, we've changed the lives of more than **265 Marian Girls**. You are a part of that special history. We are so glad you're here with us to celebrate our shared impact. Together, we're breaking the cycle of poverty, and impacting the world, one Marian Girl at a time!

APRIL

2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	MAKE A DONATION					
26	27	28	29	30		

# Schedule of Events and Ways to Give



## TEACHER WISH LIST

Provide essential supplies to students

Monday, April 20 - Saturday, April 25  
(closing at 11:30 p.m.)

<https://MarianMagic.givesmart.com>

## MAKE A DONATION

Fund ongoing and virtual needs to students

Monday, April 20 - Saturday, April 25  
(closing at 11:30 p.m.)

<https://MarianMagic.givesmart.com> or

<https://marianmiddleschool.org/donate>

You can also support Marian Middle School with a donation from your Donor-Advised Fund. Our Charity Tax ID is 43-1873629.



## LIVE AUCTION

Bid for your chance to win private tickets to the Ascension Charity Classic in October.

[www.ascensioncharityclassic.com](http://www.ascensioncharityclassic.com)

Friday, April 24 - Saturday, April 25 (closing at 8 p.m.)

<https://marianmagic.givesmart.com>

## EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A generous donor is stepping up to inspire the Marian Community with a **lead gift of \$50,000**.
- You can double your impact now! **Fund-a-Need gifts up to \$50,000 will be MATCHED** through April 25th!
- Plus, \$300 of your donation is now **100% deductible** on your 2020 taxes as part of the recently passed CARES Act! This benefit is applicable to all taxpayers who do not itemize.

For questions, FAQs are located on

<https://marianmiddleschool.org/school-events/marian-magic-2020>

or contact [kgumper@mms-stl.org](mailto:kgumper@mms-stl.org)



# Fund-The-Mission

## OUR MISSION:

Marian Middle School, a Catholic school welcoming adolescent girls of all backgrounds, is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty through education. Marian fosters each student's spiritual, academic, social, moral, emotional, and physical development from middle school through post-secondary education as a foundation for career success.

## LEVELS OF GIVING

**\$25,000**

Helps provide funding for our Academic Program, empowering students who entered Marian two years behind, to leave performing up to two grade-levels ahead!

**\$15,000**

Fully bridges the funding gap for one student to attend Marian for one academic year. On average, each Marian Girl pays \$40 per month to attend school.

**\$10,000**

Provides students with updated technology vital to providing high-quality instruction and skills for high school and workplace readiness. Updated technology ensures Marian Girls receive innovative educational opportunities such as robotics, computer coding and gaming, furniture refurbishing, automotive engineering and creative writing.

**\$7,500**

Buys textbooks for core classes for an entire grade level, including Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Spanish and Computer Science.

**\$5,000**

Funds a scholarship for one alumna at an academically rigorous high school, preparing her for success in college and beyond.



**\$2,500**

Helps fund our Enrichment Program, vital to empowerment, character development and leadership, and expanding the horizons of Marian Girls.

**\$1,000**

Helps purchase school supplies and uniforms for the students, again filling the gap in need.

**\$500**

Funds an Academic Saturday field trip, where students and families serve the community together.

**\$250**

Helps offset expenses of our healthy meals program for one academic year.

**\$100**

Offsets the cost of providing coats, gloves, shoes, glasses, and other items for girls in need.

A video frame showing Principal Sarah Walker speaking. She is wearing a grey top and a yellow scarf. Behind her is a green chalkboard with various icons and the text 'MISSION' and 'MARIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL'. The icons include a laptop, a globe, a pencil, and a person. The text on the chalkboard includes 'MISSION', 'Marian Middle School', 'serving our', 'racial, and', 'to breaking', 'their spiritu', 'emotional', 'preparation', 'of college'.

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**Hear from Principal Sarah Walker**

*Thank you for your support!* 15

# Marian Magic 2020 Live Auction



## 158: Ascension Charity Classic

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This 54-hole stroke play golf tournament features 78 PGA TOUR Champions professionals at the renowned Norwood Hills Country Club here in St. Louis. The event is designed to showcase the best golf on PGA TOUR Champions for the enjoyment of spectators and to benefit local charities in the greater St. Louis area. It will also be a chance for St. Louis residents to support our community and small businesses.

Package is valid for either Friday, Oct. 2 or Saturday, Oct. 3.  
(The winner chooses the day.)



Simply visit <https://marianmagic.givesmart.com> to participate. 16

# Major Milestones Over the Last 20 Years

- 1999** Marian was incorporated as a nonprofit organization on December 10. The 7 founding organizations included: Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province, Sisters of Loretto/Loretto Community, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Sisters of the Most Precious Blood and the Ursuline Sisters of the Roman Union. Susan Rothweil was appointed as Director.
- 2000** On July 31, 14 fifth and sixth grade girls became Marian's first students.
- 2001** Marian Girls attended Camp Sherwood Forest, and staff traveled to St. Petersburg, Florida, to convene at the National Nativity Miguel Conference.
- 2002** Marian's first principal, Sr. Barbara Rupp, SSND, retired, and Marian welcomed Sr. Rosalie Wisniewski, OSF, as principal. Sr. Rosalie served until 2007.
- 2003** Six students graduated from Marian and the Graduate Support Program was developed. Maureen Herrmann became Director and served until 2013.
- 2004** Marian kicked off its first corporate giving program.
- 2005** During the 2005– 2006 school year, Marian began serving only sixth, seventh, and eighth grade girls.
- 2006** Due to increased enrollment, Marian outgrew its former space at St. Anthony of Padua and moved to two of the Holy Family buildings in the Tower Grove South neighborhood.
- 2007** Marian's first alumnae graduated from high school. Christy Leming (Toben) became principal.



**Watch On  YouTube !**

**Hear from  
Mary Elizabeth Grimes, President**

# Major Milestones Over the Last 20 Years

- 2008** Pearl Scheve, one of Marian's first staff members, received an Award of Excellence. Pearl still works at Marian today, and this year, we're celebrating her as she officially retires, and transitions to support Marian part-time.
- 2009** Marian reintroduced a fifth grade class because it was clear the longer a girl is at Marian, the better her academic gains.
- 2010** Cierra Collins, class of 2003, became the first Marian Girl to earn an advanced degree!
- 2011** Marian introduced STEM to students as a stand-alone class. In addition, Marian Middle School was presented with the Mayor's Spirit of St. Louis Award. America's Promise Alliance and State Farm named Marian a "Promise Place" for providing young people with caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, an effective education, and opportunities to help others. And, FOCUS St. Louis recognized Marian with the "What's Right with the Region!" award for "creating quality educational opportunities."
- 2012** Monika Harrison, class of 2003, and Deidre Chambers, class of 2005, became the first Marian Girls to graduate from four-year universities.
- 2013** GreatNonprofits named Marian Middle School a Top-Rated Nonprofit in 2013. In addition, Marian was honored as a Missouri School of Character in 2013 for offering "a meaningful and challenging academic curriculum that respects all learners, develops their character, and helps them to succeed." Sister Barbara Roche, SL, served as Interim President until Marian welcomed Mary Elizabeth Grimes as president, who still leads the school today.
- 2014** Marian hired an alumna: Terrie Webb, class of 2005. Marian Middle School's current principal, Sarah Walker, was honored as a Peabody Leader in Education while she was serving as both vice principal and fifth grade teacher during the 2014–2015 school year. Sarah was officially appointed principal.
- 2015** Alumna Paola Beltran, class of 2006, began her career as Virtual Care Business Specialist at Ascension in October.
- 2016** In March, Marian paid off the mortgage on its facilities. During the 2016–2017 school year, Marian began formally supporting graduates during their college years.



# Major Milestones Over the Last 20 Years

**2017** ● The Berges Family Innovation Center opened in April. The STEM-inspired space includes a science laboratory, a maker library, a maker workshop, a multi-disciplinary learning space, and a culinary kitchen.

**2018** ● The silent phase of the Transforming Lives, Building for Our Future Capital Campaign begins.

**2019** ● Marian also hired Alanna Walls as College Readiness Officer in the Graduate Support Program. Alanna is one of Marian's first students to experience the full Graduate Support Program spanning more than 12 years.

**2020** ●



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**The Impact of Marian:  
Alanna Walls**

# The History of Marian Magic

**April 25, 2002 • Taste of South St. Louis**  
St. Anthony of Padua Lower Hall

**April 12, 2003 • Taste of South St. Louis**  
St. Anthony of Padua Lower Hall

**April 3, 2004 • Meet Me in St. Louis**  
St. Anthony of Padua Lower Hall

**April 15, 2005 • Dots & Spots**  
Serbian Hall

**April 6, 2006 • Fly Me to the Moon**  
Carpenters Hall

**March 24, 2007 • Where Did You Go to High School?**  
Carpenters Hall

**April 12, 2008 • Abra Cadabra: A Magical Evening**  
Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark

**April 4, 2009 • The Magic of Marian**  
Sheraton Hotel Downtown

**April 10, 2010 • Marian Magic 10th Anniversary**  
Chase Park Plaza Hotel

**April 9, 2011 • Marian Magic Masquerade**  
Palladium St. Louis

**April 14, 2012 • A “Wicked” Good Time**  
Palladium St. Louis

**April 13, 2013 • How Sweet It Is**  
The Ritz-Carlton St. Louis

**April 11, 2014 • When You Believe**  
The Ritz-Carlton St. Louis

**April 18, 2015 • What About the Girls?**  
Four Seasons Hotel Saint Louis

**April 16, 2016 • Educating Girls for Life**  
Four Seasons Hotel Saint Louis

**April 22, 2017 • Educating Girls for Life**  
Four Seasons Hotel Saint Louis

**April 22, 2018 • Educating Girls for Life**  
Four Seasons Hotel Saint Louis

**April 27, 2019 • Educating Girls for Life**  
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**Where will Marian Magic take us next year?**  
Join us for the celebration on Saturday, April 24, 2021!



## Watch On YouTube !

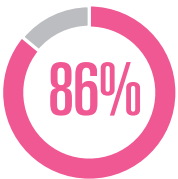
The Impact of Marian:  
Alexis Barnes

### DID YOU KNOW?



of our students qualify for the free and reduced-fee meals program, a national indicator of poverty.

### AND YET...



of 8th graders are on or above grade level, compared to less than 25% of students locally.



graduated from academically rigorous high schools last year, compared to 74% locally.



attend college, compared to 48% nationwide.



receive tuition assistance from Marian, thanks to our supporters.

# Award of Excellence Recipients

## **2019 Awardees**

Cynthia Heath  
Emerson

## **2018 Awardees**

Craig & Toni Hunt  
Berges Family Foundation

## **2017 Awardees**

Joe & Diane Garea  
Scottrade

## **2016 Awardees**

The Bannister Family  
Monsanto Fund

## **2015 Awardees**

John & Joan Vatterott  
Bellwether Foundation

## **2014 Awardees**

Carol & Dave Hampton  
Ascension Health

## **2013 Awardees**

Patricia Arnold, CFRE, and Mercy  
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## **2012 Awardees**

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## **2011 Awardees**

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## **2010 Awardees**

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## **2009 Awardees**

John T. Shaughnessy, Jr.  
The Frane Family

## **2008 Awardee**

Pearl Scheve

## **2007 Awardees**

Pete Benoist  
Incarnate Word Foundation

# Volunteer Opportunities

The following are volunteer opportunities to support Marian during a traditional school year.

## Professional Women Luncheons

Marian Middle School hosts a number of career luncheons for our eighth grade students to prepare them for high school and post-secondary success. Female professionals are invited to present career information to students over lunch.

## Become a Mentor or Tutor

Assist students with homework during study hall, read with students during independent reading, or empower girls with academic or career advice throughout the school year.

## Plan a Lesson

Work with teachers to offer your professional expertise in planning a hands-on lesson tied to what students are learning.



**For more information on volunteering your time to help Marian Girls during our regular school year, please contact Kristin Gumper, Director of Development and Communication, at [kgumper@mms-stl.org](mailto:kgumper@mms-stl.org).**





# Upcoming Events and Ways to Support

## GiveSTL Day

Thursday, May 7, 2020

An online day of giving in which Marian ambassadors can fundraise on behalf of Marian Girls. Visit join our campaign, or create a campaign by visiting [www.givestlday.org](http://www.givestlday.org) and logging in or creating your donor account.



## Virtual Spring Showcase

Thursday, May 21

Look for content of the girls singing, dancing and more on our social media channels.

## Virtual 8th Grade Graduation

Thursday, May 28 • 6 p.m.

Celebrate our eighth grade girls and their many accomplishments. Details TBD.



## Girls' Night Out

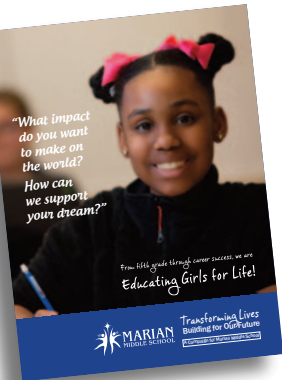
Thursday, September 17

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## Transforming Lives, Building for Our Future

Marian will soon launch our public phase of the Capital Campaign as our next step in realizing transformational change. Our two-pronged campaign funds Capital Improvements and the increasing need of our Graduate Support Program. To learn more, contact Mary Elizabeth Grimes at [mgrimes@mms-stl.org](mailto:mgrimes@mms-stl.org).

*Thank you to our donors who have already joined the campaign!*



## 3rd Annual Trivia Night

Saturday, November 7, 2020

## 20th Annual Marian Magic

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Four Seasons Hotel, St. Louis





Thank You



## for Impacting the Lives of Marian Girls!

With sincere appreciation, we acknowledge the contributions of the Marian Middle School's incredible Foundresses, Board of Directors, Members Board, Young Friends, committee members, volunteers, donors, faculty, and staff for believing in our mission to break the cycle of poverty by *Educating Girls for Life!*



Thanks to Laura Kangrga of Kangrga Design for using her design skills to create the invitations and program for Marian Magic!



Thanks to REPCO Solutions printing for donating services to showcase Marian Girls and the Marian Mission for Marian Magic!



Thanks to our Gala Chairs, Joe Ambrose and Christine McCoy. Their efforts, enthusiasm, and support of Marian are deeply appreciated.



A special thanks to Toni Hunt and the Marian Magic Event Committee for all their hard work organizing this event!



Thanks to Alexis and Alanna, and their families, for sharing their stories for this special event!



Thanks to the wonderful students of Marian Middle School. They are the reason we unite!

# Marian Girls are making waves!

As Marian supporters for more than 15 years, Olympic Marine Company and The Frane Family believe the future is bright for Marian Girls.

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We applaud how the school fosters justice, peace and equality as the students are guided to develop and share their God-given gifts.



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