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Under Construction

The Father Gene Prayer Garden Memorial has been a long-planned St. Joseph Catholic School front lawn aesthetic addition designed to forever memorialize the legacy of the wonderful priest and teacher Rev. Eugene C. Chatagnier. At the age of thirty-six, Father Gene was abducted from the rear of the St. Joseph Catholic Church Rectory, robbed, and murdered November 11, 1979, at the hands of a Greenville teenager. Father Gene was a beloved associate pastor at the church and teacher at our high school. Interestingly, Chatagnier was the associate pastor with current retired in residence priest, Father Frank Corcoran.

The senseless murder had a devastating effect on the community and my family. Everyday, I still fondly think of and pray for Father Gene! Through the years, I worked with Father Gene's family regarding some specific after effects of the murder, and later became engaged on the implementation of a

lasting memorial with the priest's nephews Fred and Charles Hart, both graduates of St. Joseph Catholic School.

"Working with the family has been gratifying in that they continue, with a love, to honor this great man of God.

The project:

A fully landscaped sunken prayer garden featuring a massive fountain surrounded by masonry bench walls for seating classes or other visitors.

School Facilities Planning Committee Chair: Brian Speck

Memorial concept: Paul Artman

Landscape architect: Brad Jones

Construction: Mixon Concrete

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Funding: Significant contributions from the extended Chatagnier family

In kind construction gifts provided by Norma Mixon and Clint Mixon

A significant memorial trust exists in Father Gene's name which benefits tuition assistance for our Catholic schools and an annual major college scholarship award to St. Joseph Catholic School students. As a priest, Catholic school educator, and U.S. Army Reservist, the scholarship goes to a student vividly displaying the attributes of faith, morality, and patriotism.

-Paul Artman, Retired Principal



Martin Luther King Day 2018

“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.” -Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. was a true inspiration. He has been held in high regards by many people of all races and religions. His persistency has influenced many people to walk in his footsteps. Because of his work, he will never be forgotten.

Today is a day where we remember all the work that he died for. He was passionate about his dreams. So passionate to the point that he was thrown in jail for it. Most of his work was focused on bringing justice for African-Americans. He did not just try to bring justice for them, but for all people. As a result, he sparked movements that are still active today.

One of my favorite aspects about Martin Luther King Jr. was his speeches. His speeches have created waves of change and inspiration. His legacy of motivational words have impacted generation after generation. In April 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, was shot and killed in Memphis, TN. After his untimely death it seemed that this pushed people to join others in the fight for equality.

In our country today, we need each other in this moral crisis and malicious controversy. Dr. King once

said, “there comes a time when silence is betrayal.” To honor that legacy, we must not remain silent.

-Alexis Allen



Make Your Dreams Come True

A dream is a succession of images, thoughts, or emotions pass through the mind. Every human has a dream or an aspiration in life. Make Your Dreams Come True Day is the day that you push forward the effort to making your dreams become a reality. The day that it falls on this year is January 13th. "Make your dreams come true day" is a day that came into existence as a result of the hard work and persistence of all of the people in this world who have been able to make their dreams reality. There is no certain way to celebrate this holiday. To celebrate, just think of something you've been dreaming about and find a way to make it come true by any means possible. Make sure you have a plan. My dream is to become a successful speech pathologist. I want to help as many people as I can with speaking disabilities. I am going to do anything necessary to fulfill my dreams of helping people. What are YOU going to do?

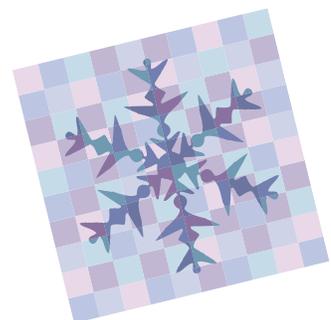
-Aja Hudson



FIRST SNOW DAY OF 2018!!!!!!

It finally snowed here in Greenville, MS. We were out of school for two days and it was very cold. The highest temperature was 11 degrees and for the Delta that is really cold. Everyone enjoyed the snow while it lasted. We all enjoyed the great, freezing snow days. We were so happy to see snow here in Mississippi. It never really snows here and seeing something like that almost seems magical. The last time it snowed here in Mississippi was in 2016. We had a 5 day weekend and it was really great. These last couple of days have been full of snowballs and snowmen. With weather like this you really would want to stay inside, but since it is so rare people want to go outside and enjoy the snow while it lasts.

-Anya Kellum & Ashley





TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Nikki Thompson is one of our new teachers at St. Joe this year.

Mrs. Thompson formerly worked at Riverside High School where she taught English. This year Mrs. Thompson is teaching English and Journalism. She is also leading the yearbook staff with the help of Mrs. McGaugh. Mrs. Thompson is always interacting with students and we love her. This is why she is January's **Teacher of the Month!**

"Why did you choose teaching as your career?"

Ever since I was a teenager in high school I knew I wanted to work with kids. Once I realized my passion was literature, my plan started to come together.

"What do you enjoy most/least about working with young people?"

Working with young people keeps me feeling youthful and I get to

see positive growth in teenagers that I've helped influence. The flipside: teens = attitudes.

"What is the toughest aspect of teaching today?"

The toughest aspect of teaching is reaching all students in a positive way!

"What do you want to accomplish in your profession?"

By the time I retire I would like to be able to look back and be proud of the life I've lived and the lives I've touched.

"How do you like the environment?"

I absolutely LOVE St. Joe!

"What or who influenced you the most to become a teacher?"

Growing up my dad was a karate instructor. When I got to see how being a teacher affected him and the joy it brought him, I knew I wanted to be that too. The encourager. The motivator. The guiding light. The positive face that they remember. The teacher.....



**Article by:
Skylar Harden**

Crazy Cold Soccer



The fighting Irish soccer team fell short in a game vs. Porter Chapel that was 7-3. One of our fighting Irish, Trevor Muzzi, with the help of Michael Mansour, scored all 3 goals against the team. Porter Chapel was a coed team and had two girls on their team. Trevor scored a hat trick, which means he scored 3 goals. Porter's chapel goalie got a concussion due to a collision near the goal. The reason their goalie got hurt is because Trevor ran him over. During the game, Darius had a handball which caused the other team to get a penalty kick in the box, but they missed it. Also during the game, Trevor got a yellow card and the coach took him out of the game. He also scored all three of those goals in less than 10 minutes. At the end, the boys started playing hard and were trying to make a come back, but they fell short by 4 points. We are still proud of our Fighting Irish.

-Jordan Scott



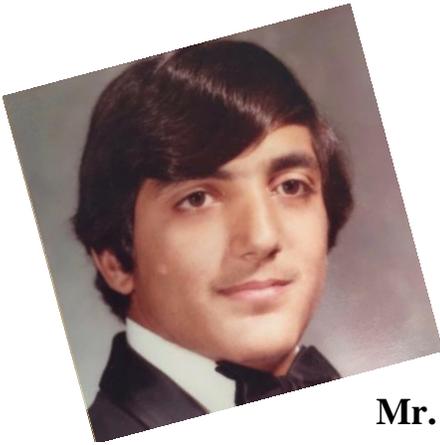
Mighty Irish



The St. Joseph boys' basketball team went 2-0, and the girls went 1-1 this January playing Manchester and Tri-County. Those two teams are St. Joseph's best competitors in their district. Also St. Joseph was scheduled to play Greenville Christian on January 18, 2018, but it has been rescheduled for January 20, 2018. The St. Joseph basketball team will be traveling to Yazoo, MS to play against Benton Academy. St. Joseph boys' basketball team is listed as number one in the district and the girls are listed as number two in the district. The reasons St. Joseph boys basketball team is having so much success is because of star players: Jonathan Jordan, Dillon Johnson, and Jo'Quez Sanders. Those players are the leaders and the heart of the team. Dillon leads the team in scoring, Jonathan leads the team in 3 point percentage, and Jo'Quez leads the team in rebounds. St. Joseph girls' basketball team is having a good year because of star players: Carsen Mansour and Shanti Brown. Carsen is leading the team in scoring and Shanti is leading the team in assist. This could be the season for both of the Saint Joseph varsity basketball teams to make history.

-JoJo Sanders





Parent of the Month

Mr. Phil Mansour

The Mansour family has been a big influence in the St. Joe community for decades. They have been a big part of what makes St. Joe so great, and the St. Joe journalism class would like to honor one of their own. With the help of your daughter (Carsen Mansour), Mr. Mansour, you have been chosen as the Parent of the month of January.

What is your dad's personality like?

“My dad is a fun and hard working man who loves this school and all the opportunities that St. Joe gave him. He likes to joke around and loves playing with fireworks.” - Carsen M.

Where did your father attend school? (College and High School)

“He went to St. Joe and graduated in 1973. He attended LSU and graduated in 1977. He then went to Ole Miss Law School and graduated in 1980.”

What's some general information about your dad?

“He has 11 brothers and sisters who all attended St. Joe as well. He played running back for St. Joe. His freshman year of college he played

football at LSU. He has a daughter who is currently a senior at St. Joe, Carsen Mansour, and a son, Chambers Mansour, who graduated in 2016.”

How do you feel about your dad?

“My dad has always been there to pick me up when I'm down. He believes in me and in everything I do. He has always taught me to stay strong in my faith and the meaning behind hard work.”

Mr. Mansour thank you for all that you do and have done for this school. We admire your participation and support.

Sincerely,

St. Joe's Journalism Class

Kiya Thomas (Writer)



Happy Birthday Muhammad Ali



This is how you can celebrate your birthday like The Greatest.

Muhammad Ali, professional boxer and Louisville icon, would have turned 76 Wednesday. He died June 3, 2016. Ali's main six principles are confidence, conviction, dedication, giving, respect and spirituality. Those pillars make up much of the focus of the Muhammad Ali Center, an interactive museum that works to inspire teens and adults to pursue greatness in their own lives, communities, and countries.

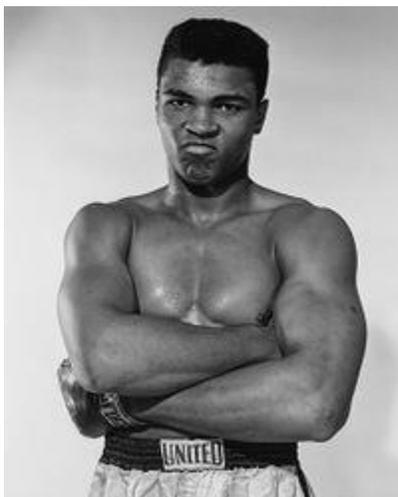
Here are a few ways to celebrate the life and legacy of the "Louisville Lip". Born Cassius Clay, he became a boxing icon as well as a peace activist and a philanthropist. He was known as "The Greatest," recording 56 career wins, 37 of them by knockout, in his 61 professional bouts.

In 1960, he won the gold medal in the light heavyweight class at the Summer Olympic Games in Rome.

His boxing style was described as fast, strong, and graceful, and he developed the famous slogan "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee."

- Tre Adams

On January 19, 2018, Saint Joseph Catholic School students celebrated popcorn day. You could smell the delicious scent of freshly popped kernels and when you received your popcorn, it was buttery. The history of popcorn is deep throughout the Americas, where corn is a staple food, but the oldest popcorn known to date was found in New Mexico; Deep in a dry cave known as the "Bat Cave." Small heads of corn were discovered, as well as several individual popped kernels. This discovery was made by Herbert Dick and Earle Smith in 1948. The kernels have since been carbon dated to be approximately 5,600 years old. As colonists began moving to North America, they adopted the popular Native American snack food. Not only was popcorn eaten as a snack, but it was also reported to have been eaten with milk and sugar like a breakfast cereal. Popcorn was also cooked by colonists with a small amount of molasses, creating a snack similar to today's kettle corn. Keep calm and love popcorn.



Meet the New Crew

