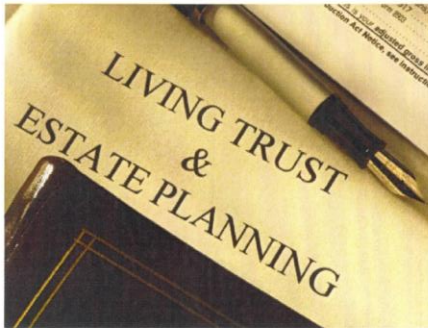
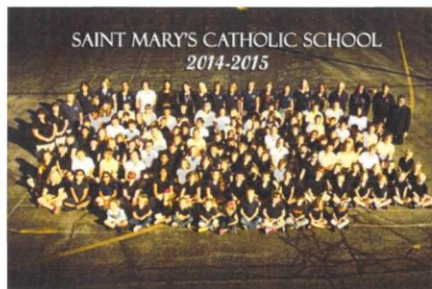


You may contact an attorney of  
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# Estate Planning



*St. Mary's  
Catholic School*

## Estate Planning for the Future

### St. Mary's School and Estate Planning

St. Mary's Catholic School (Mt. Carmel, Illinois), founded by St. Mary's Parish in 1881, exists to pass on the faith. Our faith challenges us to live the Gospel Message, to build community, and to serve all people.

Founded by the Parish, St. Mary's School has depended on the Parish to support it financially to continue its mission. Without the financial support of the Parish, St. Mary's School would be unable to pay its teachers, maintain its building, furnish books to its students, or keep up with modern technology in the classroom.

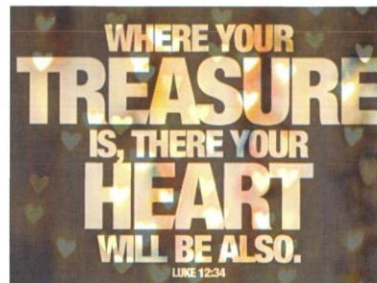
As a member of the Parish, you can help St. Mary's School provide an excellent Christian education to its students for years to come by remembering the school in your estate planning.

### How You Can Help

Remembering the school in your Will or Trust is one simple way to help St. Mary's School. A Will or Trust will direct your Executor or Trustee to make a gift after your death, in the amount you choose while you are living. No gift is too small to benefit the school.

### The Importance of Estate Planning

Making a gift to St. Mary's School in your Will or Trust ensures the continued success of the school. However, if you do not include such a gift, or do not have a Will or Trust, then a judge may be bound to distribute your assets in a manner given by state law and not by you.



If you do not have a Will or Trust, please consider discussing with an attorney how you can best carry out your wish to give to St. Mary's School.

If you already have a Will or Trust, and want to give to St. Mary's School, please review your Will or Trust with an attorney to make sure your gift is included. If it is not, an attorney can make a simple amendment to include it.

*St. Mary's Parish is blessed to have several attorneys in Mt. Carmel who can assist you with any estate planning questions you may have.*

*Please consider meeting with one of these attorneys and please consider making a gift, no matter how small, to St. Mary's School.*