

Introducing our Assistant to Student Affairs

St Mary School is pleased to officially welcome Sean Laudeman to our administrative staff as Assistant to Student Affairs. Sean has been a teacher at St Mary School for 15 years and is an integral member of our junior high teaching staff. Sean is a seventh-grade homeroom teacher and is currently responsible for the religious education of our seventh/eighth graders, along with overseeing the overall religious curriculum for the entire school and the newly developed Outdoor Learning Center.

Having been a member of the St Mary Parish since his baptism, a student at the school himself, and a parent of three SMS students (Lucy, SMS class of 2021; Emma, now in eighth grade; and George in fourth), Sean knows this school inside and out. He attended Archbishop McNicholas High School, graduated from Xavier University, attended XU's teacher licensure program, and completed 16 hours of graduate work in education. Sean is also the co-founder and Vice President of SolLife Cincinnati, an area non-profit organization that helps support children and adults' social and emotional well-being through retreats, camps, and other nature programs.

Sean is well-acquainted with the needs and challenges of the St Mary student population from all angles: student, teacher, parent, and counselor. He is the ideal individual to assist Principal Jen Reker-Murphy in meeting all our students' individual and collective needs. The Assistant to Student Affairs will help to foster a positive, engaging, caring environment and a healthy school community. In this role, Sean will support the administration by supporting teacher-parent communication, enforcing school policies related to disciplinary issues, mentoring and counseling students in need of additional support, and helping to investigate and resolve the challenges and incidents that inherently arise in a school environment.

If a student becomes involved in any infraction of the SMS Code of Conduct, Sean will be involved in the communications and resolution of the incident. St Mary School wants all students, parents, teachers, and staff to feel secure and comfortable that discipline matters will receive prompt attention and confidentiality. Sean is an integral component of this commitment. He will continue to work proactively to center our religious curriculum on respect for one another and grace for our differences and disagreements. Sean is available for anyone's approach with concerns or grievances and pledges to uphold and enforce our school's highest code of conduct.

We are grateful for Sean's generous spirit, good humor, enormous heart, wise counsel, and love of St Mary School.



Mr. Laudeman in his office