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- 12/10 - Staff Council Meeting
- 12/11 - SERVE at Food Bank
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Did You Know?

The oldest object in the Saint Mary's College art collection (and likely the oldest object on campus) is more than 5,000 years old! The vase, with a handle, was discovered in the Negev desert, Israel, and is from the

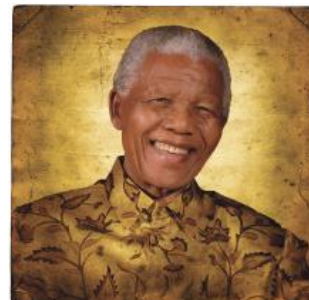
The Cross is Felled by Wind



Saint Mary's cross on the hill fell this weekend. It appears that high wind, not vandalism is to blame. Dry rot at the base of the cross weakened the beloved campus symbol's resistance to the power of the wind, said Joe Kehoe, executive director of facilities services. "We're getting estimates now," Kehoe said. "And would like to have the cross restored before Christmas." The original cross, "La Cruz de la Victoria," was placed on the hillside in 1936.

Saint Mary's Remembers Nelson Mandela

The death of Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa, Nobel Peace Prize recipient and international symbol of resistance against the racist system of apartheid, has sparked a worldwide outpouring of sympathy, condolences and tributes. On the Saint Mary's campus, several community members commented on the loss of the 95-year-old icon for freedom and human dignity. [Read what they had to say.](#)



Moral and Ethical Leadership

The final installment in a semester-long series on leadership focused on morals and ethics this past Tuesday. It featured two prominent Catholic leaders—Saint Mary's President James Donahue and Diocese of Stockton Bishop Stephen E. Blair. They discussed their own lessons in leadership as well as the leadership style of Pope Francis. [Read more.](#)



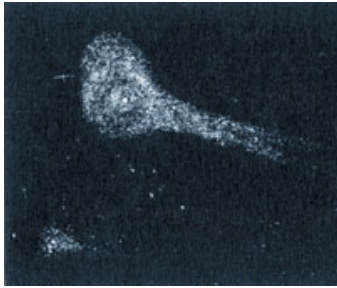
Happiness is Poetry and An Old Typewriter

late Chalcolithic era, circa 4000-3100 BC.

Want to see the vase?
Visit the museum on Tuesday, December 10, where it will be on display.

Do you have a little-known tidbit or story about Saint Mary's? Send it to **Campus News**.

AstroNotes



A meteor outburst in the constellation Andromeda on December 8 and 9 appears to be debris from old Comet Biela, which broke apart in the 19th century. It caused a flood of shooting stars on November, 1872, such that Chinese observers said the "stars fell like rain." Observers in the northern hemisphere, especially in Europe, can look nearly directly up to see Andromedid meteors near the W of Cassiopeia.

- Ron Olowin

Lasallian Reflections



For the week of **Dec. 9**.



For Matthew Zapruder, Saint Mary's new assistant professor of English, a warm cup of coffee and a few hours of writing poetry in the early morning are pure happiness. [Read more about what makes this award-winning poet tick](#). As it turns out, he finds his inspiration on paper, not on a screen. Zapruder collects old typewriters, and finds them not only beautiful, but helpful to the creative process. [Here's a Q and A about his passion for these old-school tools](#).

Showtime at Brother Clarence's Movie Theater



'Twas two weeks before Christmas and all through the house – was the smell of fresh popcorn and the sound of a killer 7.2 surround sound speaker system. Brother Clarence Schenk's little theater is open for business during the holidays. [Read more](#).

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Go Gaels

Women's Basketball Featured In ESPNW Article

The article discusses the Gaels strong start and interviews head coach Paul Thomas and senior guard Jackie Nared. [Read more.](#)

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Mon.-Thurs., 5:15 p.m. Mass

Fri., 7 a.m.

Sun., 9 a.m., St. Giles Episcopal Eucharist

Sun., 11 a.m.

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