

Fr. Marty Dress Down & Stewardship Days

Every school year St. Mary Catholic School students participate in a monthly **\$2.00 Dress Down Day**. The money collected is donated to Our Lady of Nazareth Mission School, located in Nairobi, Kenya. This mission was founded by alumnus Fr. Marty Solma. Father Marty now serves as the Marianist Provincial for the United States.

Our Lady of Nazareth is located in the middle of Nairobi's largest and worst slum named Mukuru, where 250,000 people struggle to survive. In Swahili, Makuru means "garbage dump". At the end of last school year, SMS was able to send approximately \$2,700 to Father Marty to help finance the mission school. Over 1,700 slum children are enrolled. Our donation will make it possible to educate and feed over 200 children for a full year.

Dress Down Days are held in conjunction with SMS Stewardship Days. The Stewardship Program enables our students to reach out in the community and help those in need. Each grade has a specific focus, such as veterans, handicapped, food cupboards, and the sick, to mention a few. Even our youngest students participate in Stewardship where they can make a difference in our community.

September 16	October 20	November 17	December 16
January 20	February 24	March 17	April 21
May 26			