

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## DANIEL BOUBIN, 2011 Graduate

**What was an important life lesson learned at St. Mary's School?** The SMS teachers are so amazing; they truly love teaching and influencing young people. They are passionate and believe in the importance of giving their students a quality Catholic education. They sacrifice so much and exemplify money is not everything; it is more important to follow your heart.

**How has St. Mary's School influenced you?** The community and family feel at SMS impacted me in such a big way. My family went through an extremely difficult time. If it wouldn't have been for my mom and the love and support of our SMS family, that experience would have likely sent me down a negative path. I definitely experienced first hand what a community/family can do for an individual. I now have a desire to establish community and faith in all aspects of my life.

**What is your favorite St. Mary's School memory?** Playing Basketball with a great group of teammates. My teammates were close friends throughout high school and I still am in touch with many of them today. This is another example of the importance of a "community" working towards a common goal.

**What's your greatest advice for current students?** Know your identity as a son or daughter of God. Don't try to fit into stereotypes of who you think you are "supposed to be".

**What sums up St. Mary's School in 3 words?** Community, Love, and Faith

**What are you doing now?** I recently graduated from Minnesota State University, and will be starting as a FOCUS Missionary at Loras College in Dubuque, IA

**Tell us more about your role...** FOCUS stands for Fellowship of Catholic University Students. My role as a missionary will be to provide Catholic outreach to students, and help them build their connection with God so they can live a deeper life than what many college students are currently living. When I attended college, I witnessed first-hand the joy FOCUS brought to college-aged people. Our FOCUS community ran after Christ together, and I look forward to building that same type of community at Loras College.

**If you would like to learn more about FOCUS or how you can support Daniel's life-changing efforts, please call him at 507-210-5801 or email him at [daniel.boubin@focus.org](mailto:daniel.boubin@focus.org).**

