

GET BIRD'S EYE VIEW FROM THE BELL TOWER

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St. Mary's Catholic Church music director Timothy Claubaugh stands inside the bell tower of the church earlier this spring.



LEFT: Sandusky city neighborhoods can be seen from St. Mary's Catholic Church's bell tower.

BELOW: St. Mary Central Catholic High School is shown from St. Mary's Catholic Church's bell tower.





Another view shows the Erie County Courthouse and Cedar Point in the distance.

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Exploring his historic church was an adventure for Jordan Sternberg.

Earlier this spring, the Sandusky resident, who is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, climbed to the church's bell tower and took photos from that vantage point.

"It was pretty breathtaking," Sternberg said.

"You don't get to see Sandusky from that point of view. To see the architecture that they used back when it was built and hear the stories of how they got the bell up there is pretty interesting."

St. Mary's Catholic Church was constructed in 1873 and is Sandusky's largest Catholic church at 76 feet wide by 184 feet long with the spire standing 200 feet high. When designs of the current church building were planned in the 1870s, architect Francis George Himpler said he was inspired by the "first pure Gothic ecclesiastical structure" in Germany, located in Marburg, the parish's website states.