

# John F. Murray 2020 Hall of Fame Inductee

Coached 1954-1967



## St. Mary's Hoopsters, 1958-59

Members of the 1958-59 St. Mary's basketball team included, front (left to right): Coach John Murray, Dick Lindsey, Bill Kallmer, Jack Meusey, David Farrel and Jim Kallmer. Back: Terry Bauer, Corky Pigott, John Huber, Don Myer, Dick McCabe and Ed Murray.

Murray coached and taught at St. Mary's from 1954 through 1967 and was the longest-serving basketball coach to date. He amassed the most victories as a basketball coach all-time. He is the only St. Mary's coach to win three consecutive State Sectionals ('56, '57, and '58).

His teams were Sioux City Diocese Champions in '55, and runners-up in '57 and '64. His 1956 team came within one shot of making it to the State Tournament. He is one of only two basketball coaches to win 20 or more games in a season.

Coach Murray learned many of the fundamentals of the sports he coached while a player at Bancroft St. John's High School. The Johnnies were the first private school to win the State Championship for fall baseball in 1943. Coach Murray played third base for the Johnnies, alongside his brother, Tommy Murray (deceased), who pitched a four-hitter in that championship game and later died as a hero in World War II.