

The Generous Voice

a publication by St. Joseph School Endowment
1315 College Avenue • Conway, Arkansas 72034
Phone: 501-329-1818

Executive Director
Jacqueline Kordsmeier • jkordsmeier@sjse.org

Development Assistant
Betty Schichtl • bschichtl@sjse.org

Dedicated to the
Support of St. Joseph School

In appreciation of You!

St. Joseph School Mission

Be it known to all who enter here that
CHRIST is the reason for this school.

He is the unseen but ever present teacher
in its classes. He is the model of its faculty
and the inspiration for its students.

Memorial Requests Made

Thank you to the family members of
the deceased listed below who
requested that memorials be
made to the Endowment between
February and June 2019.

Charles Gehrki, '48

Charles Joseph (CJ) Kordsmeier, '03

Ann (Baxter) Maestri, '77

David Skelton, '60

Raymond (Dick) Enderlin, '49

In lieu of flowers, please consider adding
the St. Joseph School Endowment as a
memorial request in your obituary or that
of a loved one. Our mailing address is P.O.
Box 72, Conway, AR 72033, or online at
www.sjse.org.

Check us out at
www.sjse.org

On-Line Giving
is Available!

Check out our
Facebook Page



[www.facebook.com/
St.JosephSchoolEndowment](http://www.facebook.com/St.JosephSchoolEndowment)



www.sjse.org

The spirit of goals and achievements

Summer 2019

HERITAGE SOCIETY LUNCHEON CELEBRATED



Guests attending

This year we
welcomed three
new members to
the 1879 Heritage
Society – Mark &
Terri Seiter, Bill &
Alicia Yrle, and
Kenneth & Glenda
Batchelor.

Jacqueline

Kordsmeier, Executive Director for
the Endowment, gave a short
presentation on St. Joseph School
students' activities along with
funding amounts from the Endow-
ment to St. Joseph School this school
year. A total of over \$3M has been
contributed to the Endowment from
estate gifts.

Be a part of this legacy; include
the Endowment in your estate plans.
It is super easy. Check out the entire
list of Heritage Society Members on
our website at [http://sjse.org/
heritage-society](http://sjse.org/heritage-society).

The Endowment held the 1879
Heritage Society Luncheon at the
KC Hall on Thursday, April 25 with
just over 60 in attendance. St. Joseph
School students served the guests,
and Holly's Country Cooking catered
the event.

The 1879 Heritage Society was
created by the St. Joseph School
Endowment in 1998 when board
members realized that, through the
years, donors who had made the
Endowment the beneficiary of their
estate in some way were not being
formally recognized during their
lifetime for their generosity, thought-
fulness, and foresight. This society
allows us the opportunity to thank
you, but it also inspires others to
leave their own legacy. This will
guarantee the preservation and
growth of the school. The name,
1879 Heritage Society, was chosen
to commemorate the first year the
school was opened.



Mark & Terri Seiter,
new inductees



Alicia Yrle (Bill was
unable to attend),
new inductees



Board members recognized



Celeste Batchelor
Bailey & Brittany
Schulterman,
representing
inductees,
Kenneth & Glenda
Batchelor

NEW DESIGNATED FUNDS

NEW DESIGNATED FUNDS

Thank you to our donors who have established our newest designated funds within the Endowment. You can find a complete listing of all designated funds and their marketing paragraphs on our website at <http://www.sjse.org/funds>. What better way to leave your legacy!

THE DAVID & KATHLEEN HENZE ENDOWED TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND

David and Kathleen Henze began this fund in May 2019. David is a 1969 graduate of St. Joseph School and Kathleen is a 1972 graduate of Mount St. Mary Academy, Little Rock, Arkansas. Both grew up in Catholic families and benefited from a Catholic education, and now they wish to help Catholic families in need provide a Catholic education for their children.

THE MARK & CLARANNE FERRIS ENDOWED TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND

Mark and Claranne Ferris began this fund in May 2019. Claranne Elsinger Ferris graduated St. Joseph School (SJS) in 1966. Mark graduated Thornwood High School, South Holland, Illinois in 1973. Mark and Claranne are both life-long Catholics and value the importance of Catholic education. They have enjoyed watching their nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews in all their activities at SJS and wish to insure that all Catholic children in need have an opportunity to attend SJS for years to come.

Class Fund Balances

1940	\$10.00	1955	\$410.00
1941	\$25.00	1956	\$6,755.00
1942	\$10.00	1957	\$5,571.00
1943	\$610.00	1958	\$2,120.00
1944	\$10,000.00	1959	\$250.00
1945	\$10,000.00	1960	\$2,095.00
1946	\$75.00	1961	\$50.00
1947	\$37.50	1962	\$1,085.00
1948	\$100.00	1963	\$10.00
1949	\$4,200.00	1964	\$13,930.00
1950	\$10.00	1965	\$4,855.00
1951	\$1,270.00	1966	\$8,655.00
1952	\$600.00	1967	\$5,050.00
1953	\$300.00	1968	\$4,000.00
1954	\$15,355.00	1969	\$13,145.00

Total as of May 2019
\$290,295.29

We will publish a different group of classes each newsletter, but you can always check out your Class Fund balance at www.sjse.org/funds. Consider making a contribution today to your Class Fund!

CLASS CHALLENGE

Is your class fully funded?

Don't let the classes around you show-up your class.
Make a contribution today!

In-school students consider asking for donations to your Class Fund at your next birthday party!

Check out your Class Fund balance anytime at www.sjse.org/giving/funds and look under General category.

Thank you to Mr. Ray Nielsen for many of the photos used in this edition.

CLASS FUNDS

Congratulations to the alumni Classes of 1944, 1945, 1949, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1983, 1984, 1986, 2003, 2005, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. Also the in-school classes of 2020-2027 (11th grade - 5th grades) are fully funded and all awarded a grant to the school this year.

The Endowment hosted events for the alumni and in-school classes at which all of the grant recommendations were done. A class must have a fund balance of \$4,000 to be considered fully funded and make a grant recommendation. For all classes without representation at the Endowment alumni event, the SJS Alumni Association Board chooses what is to be granted.

GRANTED ITEMS

Some of the Items Granted this Year...



Alumni study their list of grant options



Lois Coney's Kindergarten classroom received iPad Mini 2



Lindsey Thompson's, '03, 5th Grade classroom received books and DVDs



Amy Heathscott, Registrar, received a shredder for her office



Amy Rehm's 1st Grade classroom received S.P.I.R.E. readers



Charlotte Moix's Kindergarten classroom received Children's Bibles and Legos for STEM activities



Jessica Weakley's 4th Grade classroom received American History simulation game book, individual whiteboards and dry erase pockets for math



Jennifer Fullerton's 6th Grade classroom received a reading center chair, stools, chime, and folders

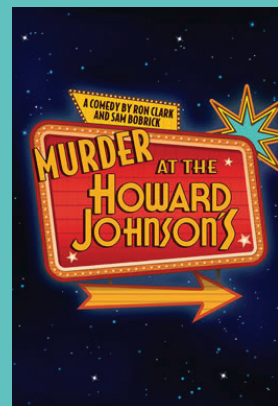


Hannah Yrle's, '13, 1st Grade classroom received S.P.I.R.E. readers

... Total up to a value of \$2,270!

Other items granted include:

A safe for Angela Rawls, Volunteer Center Coordinator, Flashing STOP sign and 6 pairs of impairment goggles for Bradley Fornash, Resource Officer, DVD's for Karen Davis Psychology class, marker and gloves for Jackie Elsinger HS Science class, Dicot flower model for Nicole Gooch 4th Grade Science, and a subscription to Word on Fire and his very own published book 'A Love Life Lived' for Josh Hart HS Religion.



"Murder at the Howard Johnson's"

Murry's Dinner Playhouse

Wednesday, October 23

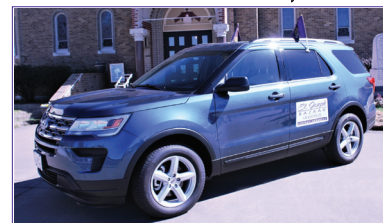
Cost \$40 per person

The bus will depart at 10:30 am and return around 4 pm.

Call the office for reservations 329-1818

- 107th Annual - ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL BAZAAR

CONWAY, ARKANSAS
AUGUST 2 AND 3, 2019



GRAND PRIZE
2019 FORD EXPLORER SUV
(Subject to all applicable taxes)

Second Prize
\$1000 Gift Card

Third Prize
McKinney Tire
\$800 Gift Certificate

H3 HOME+DECOR
STYLE | COMFORT | QUALITY

McKINNEY TIRE PROS

Friday, August 2, 2019
Box Lunches, Midway & Spaghetti Dinner

Vehicle Drawing August 3rd
At the Bazaar Midway • 11:00 p.m.
Need Not Be Present To Win

Saturday, August 3, 2019
Midway & Raffle Drawing

Donation:
\$2 Each 18 for \$20
6 for \$10 100 for \$100



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Benefiting Quality Education Provided by St. Joseph School

Look what a difference you make in the lives of SJS students!

2019 SENIOR CLASS

— SENIOR CLASS OF 2019 —



St. Joseph School Class of 2019 graduation mass was held on Sunday, May 19 with commencement services following. This year's class consisted of 29 students.

MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS

Valedictorian: Natalie Ross

Salutatorian: Carolyn Woodson

Honor Graduates: Bailee Atkinson, Jackson Briggler, Maria Casavechia, Katherine Covington, Emily Daniel, Chloe Detten, Mason Elsinger, Mattison Elsinger, Kyle Hartman, Jacob Hofherr, Aaryanna Janowiecki, Drew Lewis, Katherine McWilliams, Jacinta Murphy, Alexis Roach, Zachary Royal, Lillian Tuttle, and Anna Wade

Other Graduates: Hope Hardgrave, Staton Holbrook, Stephanie Jeans, Sara Massa, Leah Miller, Piper Mullaney, Joseph Murphy, Chole Robertson, and Luke Williams

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CLASS

- Scholarship offers - \$1,642,640
- Scholarships accepted - \$813,084
- 23 seniors participated in the UCA Concurrent Credit Program, earning 6-11 college credit hours each for a class total of 248 college credit hours.
- ACT score averages: Composite – 24, English 26, Math 23, Reading 27, Science 24
- 19 seniors were members of the National Honor Society with 20 Honor Graduates.
- 97% plan to continue their education at either a 2-year or 4-year college.
- 11 of the 29 are children of St. Joseph alumni; 9 are grandchildren of alumni.
- 8 members of the class received Presidential Awards for Excellence (signed certificate by President Trump) which requires being an honor graduate with 30+ on the ACT Reading, English, or Math tests. They were Jackson, Jacob, Aaryanna, Katherine, Jacinta, Natalie, Zachary, and Carolyn.
- Father Dellert Award for Outstanding Senior Girl and Senior Boy is the highest honor given to two seniors who best exemplify their school, community, and faith. This year's recipients were Carolyn Woodson and Jackson Briggler.
- College destinations for the fall include – Arkansas State (Beebe), Arkansas Tech, College of the Ozarks (Missouri), Henderson State, Hendrix, SCAD, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, U of A Fayetteville, U of A Pulaski Tech, and UCA.

2019 GRADUATION



2019 Honor Graduates



Graduates with Mrs. Charlotte Moix, their Kindergarten teacher



Fr. Harvey, 1972 alumnus, gave a rousing commencement address during graduation exercises. He told his own inspiring vocations story and urged all the graduates to "hang in there" in achieving their goals no matter what obstacles might befall them.



Carolyn Woodson, Salutatorian



Graduates with Mrs. Lois Coney, their Kindergarten teacher



Seniors take a farewell walk through the halls of the elementary school



Junior class members serve their upper classmen at the Junior/Senior Banquet, a long standing tradition



Seniors are congratulated by the middle school students during walk through



2019 Presidential Awards for Excellence



Taylor Ross Antoine, '11, Natalie Ross – Valedictorian, Rachel Ross, '13



Beverly Lock Wade, '87 and Anna Wade



Jackie Elsinger, HS teacher, Mason Elsinger, Matt Elsinger, '76, and Mattison Elsinger



Seniors riding their bikes to school at the end of the year has become a decade-long tradition



SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION AT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL!

School Happenings



St. Joseph Church 2nd Grade members received First Holy Communion on May 4th.



St. Joseph's Conway Area Youth Leadership Institute graduates: Emily Briggler, Katherine Grace McWilliams, Stephanie Jeans, and Carolyn Woodson.



Fr. Jeff Hebert, SJ Associate Pastor, blesses SJ 1st Graders before to ease their minds before taking their first standardized tests.



Kindergarten classes performed their dramatized version of the Stations of the Cross known as "Way of the Cross" at the all-school Mass on April 17. This scene is from Station V, Simon of Cyrene carries the cross. Pictured (left to right) Liam MacDonald, Samuel Snyder, John Gregory West as Simon and Cooper Johnson as Jesus Christ.



SJ Interact Club members Chloe Detten, Drew Lewis, and Alexis Roach deliver Easter bags for the girls at Conway's Haven House. Haven is a residential group home for adolescent females who have come into foster care through no fault of their own. The bags included hair care products, cosmetic items and toiletries.



SJ juniors Autumn Davis and Elizabeth Chandler present Life Choices, Inc. with some of the many coin-filled baby bottles they collected from students through the organization's "Change for Life" fundraiser. Proceeds underwrite such services as free pregnancy tests, ultrasound confirmations, and answers to questions about abortion, parenting, and adoption.



Each Friday of Lent 4th-12th Grades participated in the Stations of the Cross. Pictured here are seniors (left to right) Jacob Hofherr, Jack Briggler, and Zach Royal.



National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society members participated in packing meals to feed hungry children around the world for the Tacos 4 Life MobilePack School Challenge.

faculty



Karen Vandivere and Ray Nielsen were selected by their peers as "Educator of the Year and Golden Apple Teacher." Ms. Vandivere is physical education teacher and was chosen to represent both the Elementary and Middle Schools. Mr. Nielsen is journalism and Arkansas history teacher for the High School.



Mary Joe Seiter, '66, is retiring after 20 years as High School Math teacher.



Seventeen faculty and staff from St. Joseph School were honored for their years of service on May 8th. The recipients are (left to right-front row) School Nurse Kim Nutt (5), Preschool Aide Charlotte Paladino (5), Preschool Assistant Yareli Paz (5), 2nd Grade Teacher Katie Hiegel (5), Junior High Math Teacher Bridget Davanzo (10), Kindergarten Teacher Charlotte Moix (35), and 5th Grade Teacher Jessica Weakley (5).

Middle Row: Preschool Teacher Amy Covington (15), 4th Grade Teacher Nicole Gooch (5), Preschool Teacher Paula Siebenmorgen (25), High School Administrative Assistant Tonya Cothorn (5), and Elementary School Administrative Assistant Marla Fisher (5)

Back Row: Preschool Teacher Kathy Hoelzeman (20), Lum Wilhite School Support Staff (20), High School Math Teacher Mary Joe Seiter (20), High School Social Studies Teacher Karen Davis (25), and Middle School Principal Matt Tucker (10).

Sports / Ring Day / Field Day



5th Grade Boys Pee Wee basketball team - Runners-Up at District Tournament



6th Grade Boys Pee Wee basketball team - District Tournament Champions



Junior Boys Basketball – Conference Runner-up and District Tournament Champions



SJ Baseball team - Conference Runner-up, Regional Champions, and State Quarter Finalist



Boys Soccer team – 2nd Place in Conference and State Quarter Finalist



Girls Soccer team – 2nd Place in Conference and State Quarter Finalist

St. Joseph Elementary students enjoyed Field Day on May 17th.



SJ Girls Bowling team finished as Central Conference Runner-up and 5th in State Tournament
Sports offered at St. Joseph School include – Band, Baseball, Boys & Girls Basketball (4th-12th Grade), Boys & Girls Bowling, Boys & Girls Cross Country, Boys & Girls Golf, Boys & Girls Soccer, Quiz Bowl, Girls Softball, and Girls Volleyball.



St. Joseph K-6th Grade won the participation prize of \$2,000 for the 10th year of the Conway Regional Fitness Center's Kids Run Arkansas 1-Mile and 3-Mile Run/Walk.



St. Joseph Juniors received their Senior Rings during School Mass on May 1st and then had a 'play day' at the After School Program facilities. The tradition of senior rings has dated back to at least 1937, keep in mind the first graduating class of SJS was 1930. See above a few of the senior rings the Endowment has on display as compared to one of today's graduate's ring. Today, the students completely custom design their own ring and some even choose a regular ring of any sort to call their 'Senior Ring.'

St. Joseph School ENDOWMENT

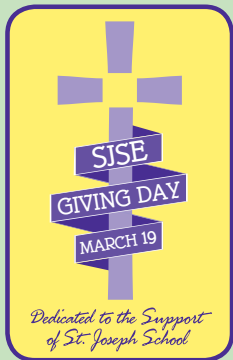
Since 1976

Post Office Box 72 • 1315 College Avenue
Conway, Arkansas 72033

Dedicated to the Support of St. Joseph School

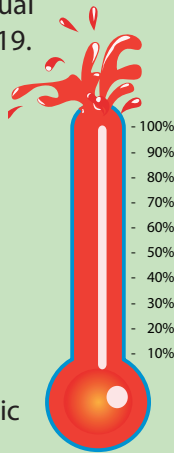
NONPROFIT ORG
US Postage
PAID
Conway, AR
Permit No. 16

Giving Day Surpasses Goal



St. Joseph School Endowment is truly blessed by its donors! Our annual "Giving Day" was March 19, 2019.

Our Goal - **\$30,000**
 Donations Received - **\$32,149**
 Matching Money - **\$15,000**
140 donors
 Total Received with
 Matching Money - **\$47,149**



The Endowment is extremely grateful to all of our donors who give not only on our "Giving Day" but every day of the year. Your investment in Catholic education will make a difference for years to come.

It's Never Been Easier to Give

- **Online** at www.sjse.org
- **In person** at our office
- **Via mail** – PO Box 72, Conway, AR 72033
- **Monthly draft** via credit card or bank draft
- **Over the phone** – 501-329-1818

– 21ST ANNUAL –

Donor Appreciation Banquet

Wednesday, September 4, 2019
St. Joseph Spiritan Center Dining Room

6:00 pm – Doors Open, Beverages Served

6:30 pm – Banquet Begins

Guest Speaker – Theresa Hall,
 Superintendent for Catholic Schools

– **2019 Honored Donors** –
 Martin & Bernadine Kordsmeier
 Greg & Charlotte Moix
 Jim & Peggy Schneider

Tickets will be on sale July 16th for \$15 each
 Contact Endowment Office 501-329-1818

Make a contribution today that lasts well past our lifetime!