

The Generous Voice

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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 2020.

Kimberly Halter
Elizabeth Kaufman
Nina Nahlen
Christy Nahlen Backy

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.

ATTENTION SJ ALUMNI:

Anytime you know of alumni who
have died, please notify us via email,
st.joseph.endowment@sjse.org.
Over the last few months the
following alumni have died:

Kathryn (McCarville) Halter, '43
Charlotte (Hiegel) Hardin, '54
Christy (Nahlen) Backy, '78

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The spirit of goals and achievements

Summer 2020

ST. JOSEPH TEACHERS SHINED THROUGH DURING AMI (ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF INSTRUCTION) DAYS



Elementary School Art Teacher, Mrs. Shannon Chamoun, sent out videos of herself teaching the kids to draw different animals.

"Instead of just teaching online, we finished a novel and shared our thoughts and ideas a lot about our feelings of being taught this way. Most agreed, they would rather be at school!"

— Melanie Kordsmeier, 4th Grade teacher

"I sent out lists of exercises and other ways to move at home like cleaning and working in the yard. I also sent out activities to do at home for a field day."

— Karen Vandivere, K-6 PE teacher

"AMI days were difficult, but I loved being able to see my students' bedrooms, houses, and pets on our Zoom calls!"

— Hannah Yrle, 1st Grade teacher

"Teaching from home made me realize how much I love interacting with my students and coworkers. The first time we did a meeting via Zoom, it was so great to see all of their faces! While we missed out on end of the year activities, it was exciting to see how teachers, students, and parents all came together to be successful. When we met on virtual platforms, we would have theme days! One day we shared our favorite thing, and another time we had a lunch date and caught up on life during quarantine."

From a parent perspective, it was so exciting to see what our kids are learning. We see work that comes home, but when we got to see how they interacted with their teacher and classmates, it just reaffirmed that St. Joseph School is the best choice for our family!"

— Jennifer Fullerton, 6th grade teacher



Mrs. Pasierb, Media Specialist, sent home STEM activities for students.

AMII DAYS



Our students stayed busy learning



At home classroom

"Changing our learning to fit with distance learning was challenging at first, but the fifth graders and I met the challenge! Once everyone got the hang of the new system, students were working hard and getting their work done, many first thing in the morning! I recorded math video lessons and the students were able to ask questions via video or Google Classroom and show their learning by making their own math videos. We also utilized Khan Academy, Prodigy Math, and XtraMath to stay on top of math skills. In science, we were able to do a more in-depth study of the human body systems than we usually have time for, and the kids seemed to really enjoy it! I was able to scour the Internet to find amazing websites, games, and videos that bring social studies and science to life."
 — Jessica Weakley, 5th Grade Math, Science, and Social Studies teacher

"My juniors read Hamlet—no easy feat when they have always read plays aloud together in class. As they always do, they rose to the challenge and did very well. My honors students wrote Elizabethan sonnets that expressed what life during quarantine was like for them.

My freshmen finished up their research projects over prospective careers. Many of our students are interested in the health care fields and engineering, but we also had career choices ranging from professional musician to police officer. The freshmen also did a mini poetry unit after they finished reading Othello. The poems that they studied dealt with feeling trapped and the desire to be free.

The 7th graders finished The Taming of the Shrew and did a read aloud with me by listening to me read Kwane Alexander's Rebound, both live during Google Meets and listening to videos I recorded for them. Rebound is a prequel to Alexander's novel-in-verse The Crossover."
 — Alicia Yrle, HS English teacher

"I had the 11th grade U.S. history students examine some WWII propaganda posters and then I asked them to make a similar type poster to encourage citizens to "fight the war" against the coronavirus."

— Kyle Zinno, HS American History



"During AMI learning, a teacher had to work extra hard to ENGAGE students! One way I did this in Basic Food Prep was to allow for creativity. For Easter, students had to bake and decorate a bunny cake. Students also made a breakfast casserole to serve on Easter Sunday; they had several recipes to choose from. I was very proud of the students for not only baking and cooking for assignments, but cooking on their own and for their families during the "stay home" period!"
 — Jackie Elsinger, HS Food Prep



We had weekly Zoom meetings which were awesome! It was great to connect with the students and to see them connect with their friends. I also recorded myself presenting daily lessons and reading a book and uploaded them to a secure website the children could access each day. The students also had paper packets with daily lessons they worked and returned to school. Although it was not how we hoped to end our school year, we all finished Bulldog Strong."
 — Charlotte Moix, Kindergarten teacher

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

St. Joseph Middle School students outdid themselves on their Valentine boxes.



Ash Wednesday Mass and distribution of ashes. Father Jeff, Deacon French and several Eucharistic ministers marked the start of Lent by placing repentance ashes on the foreheads of students during the Ash Wednesday school Mass on February 26.



A Teddy Bear Clinic was held for Preschool and Kindergarten students in conjunction with UCA nursing students.



Ryan Davis and Emily Flake were named 2020 Prom King and Queen. Lucky for SJS students, prom occurred in February this year.



Annual Family Literacy Night at SJ Elementary School



Students participate in Stations of the Cross weekly on Fridays during Lent.



Father Jeff Hebert, Associate Pastor of St. Joseph Church, reads from a Dr. Seuss story to 1st graders as part of the Elementary School's Seuss Week activities.



Tenth through 12th graders helped to pack nutritious meals for hungry children around the world with the Conway Mobile Pack that was co-sponsored by Tacos 4 Life and the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) organization.



SJS students came together in a parade to wave at and share smiles with our Preschool, Elementary and Middle School Teachers and Staff Members. The parade was led by two Conway police motorcycles and a fire truck. About 130 families were in attendance. It isn't the way we wanted to end our school year, but the sweet memory of this parade will last for a lifetime.



SENIOR CLASS OF 2020



Elijah Bailey
Valedictorian



Emily Briggler



Nicholas Brorman



Nicholas Chambers



Elizabeth Chandler
Salutatorian



Timothy Coney Jr.



Autumn Davis



Ryan Davis



Abbie Flake



Erika Gonzalez



Caleb Hiegel



Grace Keathley



Logan Kennedy



Brooklyn Kordsmeier



John McKenna



Austin Parker



William Schichtl



Caitlyn Simon



Riley Tucker



Hunter Watkins



Lukas Welter

St. Joseph School Class of 2020 Graduation Mass was held on Sunday, May 17, 2020, with commencement services following.

CLASS OF 2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Valedictorian: Elijah Bailey • **Salutatorian:** Elizabeth Chandler

Honor Graduates: Elijah Bailey, Emily Briggler, Nicholas Brorman, Elizabeth Chandler, Autumn Davis, Abbie Flake, Brooklyn Kordsmeier, John McKenna, William Schichtl, and Hunter Watkins

Father Dellert Award for Outstanding Senior Girl and Senior Boy: Elijah Bailey and Caitlyn Simon

Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholarship and UCA Presidential Distinguished Scholarship Recipients
Emily Briggler • Nicholas Brorman • Abbie Flake

Arkansas Governor's scholarship is awarded to students who have either a 32-composite score on a single ACT or 1410 combined math and critical reasoning score on a single SAT and a 3.5 academic GPA or National Merit Finalist. Scholarship value up to \$10,000 per year for tuition, mandatory fees, room and board. UCA Presidential scholarship has a value of up to \$8,500 per year.

CLASS OF 2020 STATS

- 21 graduates
- 17 seniors took concurrent classes through the UCA Concurrent Credit Program. Each student earned 6-11 hours in college credit, for a class total of 159 college credit hours.
- ACT scores:
 - Composite - 24 (Super Score Composite - 25)
 - English subtest - 26
 - Math subtest - 23
 - Reading subtest - 25
 - Science subtest - 24
- Total in scholarship offers - \$1,690,290 with \$1,001,300 being officially accepted.
- Approximately 95% of the seniors have been offered one or more scholarship awards. One student will be entering the family business.
- College destinations for the fall include:
 - Arkansas State University
 - United States Military Academy at West Point
 - Oklahoma State University
 - University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton
 - University of Arkansas Fayetteville
 - University of Central Arkansas

2020 GRADUATION



Elijah Bailey Accepted to the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY

"This is a highly competitive appointment," Counselor Kristen Piraino said. "Approximately 12,000 highly-qualified young men and women apply and only around 10% are accepted." Elijah's education at West Point will be entirely funded which amounts to about \$400,000 in scholarships. We are so proud you!" Elijah is the second St. Joseph student in recent years to receive a Congressional appointment to a U.S. Military Academy. Tia Massa, a 2016 graduate, received one to the U.S. Air Force Academy where she graduated this year.



National Merit Finalist

Senior Nicholas Borman advanced to become a National Merit Finalist. In addition to test scores that compete with the top less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, National Merit Finalists are chosen based on their abilities, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. Congratulations, Nicholas!

Seniors Recognized at the Conway Area Chamber of Commerce Academic Signing Day

Elijah Bailey • Emily Briggler • Nicholas Borman
Elizabeth Chandler • Abbie Flake

These students qualified by graduating from a Conway area school, 3.8 cumulative GPA on 4.0 scale, and recognized in one of five other areas.



Flashback to the seniors' younger years...



Teacher Appreciation

2020 Golden Apple Teachers Named



Elementary School
Amy Rehm
1st Grade



Middle School
Christy Pasierb
Librarian/Media Specialist



High School
Jackie Elsinger
Science

Thank you to the following teachers who left at the end of the 2019/20 school year – Jim Belote, Don Kremer, Theresa Lutes, and Keith Wolfe – and to those who will be joining us – Angie Collins, Shade Gilbert, and Phyllis (Marcotte) Eubanks, '73.

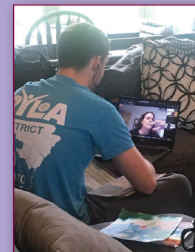
Thank You Teachers and Staff for All Your Years of Service to St. Joseph Students

We are so blessed at St. Joseph School to have dedicated teachers.

Karen Wilson	44	Theresa Lutes	8
Charlotte Moix	36	Christy Pasierb	8
Tamara McMillan	28	Margaret Teeling	8
Penny Bassham	27	Jeremy Elsinger	7
Karen Davis	26	Nicole Gooch	6
Teri Breeding	24	Katie Hiegel	6
Brent Bruich	24	Jessica Weakley	6
Melanie Kordsmeier	24	Morgan Bacon	4
Lois Coney	23	Kristen Piraino	4
Ray Nielsen	22	Diane Wolfe	4
Karen Vandivere	20	Kyle Zinno	4
Jennifer Fullerton	18	Hannah Chamoun-Yrle	3
Jim Belote	15	Christen Reyes	3
Steve Massa	15	Lily Strack	3
Luke Davis	13	Jacqueline Elsinger	2
Lindsey Thompson	13	Amy Rehm	2
Alicia Yrle	13	Karen Ferrer	1
Courtney Pope	12	Don Kremer	1
Bridgett Davanzo	11	Mallory Manion	1
Matthew Tucker	11	Brittney Miller	1
Shannon Chamoun	10	Cara Pizzolatto	1
Kay Lynn Hill	10	Lawrence Trussell	1
Kathleen Gueringer	9		

AMI DAYS

"I believe St Joseph High School was extremely prepared for this unprecedented situation of AMI schooling because of the strides it has made in utilizing online technology throughout its every day "normal" school year, as well as the support and development of its faculty through its school administrators, technology gifts from SJS Endowment, and ongoing teacher professional development.



Students were able to connect with their classmates, have reassurance from their teachers, peers, and our amazing school counselor Kristen Piraino, and continued to make academic strides to meet curriculum goals and standards through online schooling. Our 4th quarter of the 2019-20 school year was a challenge like no other, but the students and staff met it and did well."

— Kathleen Gueringer, HS English

NEW DESIGNATED FUND

Thank you to Mary Ann Stiefvater for establishing our newest designated fund through a gift from her estate.

THE JOSEPH & LOUISE STIEFVATER ENDOWED TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND

The Estate of Mary Ann Stiefvater began this fund in March 2020. Joseph and Louise Stiefvater were life-long Catholics and believed in the importance of Catholic education. They were the parents of Mary Ann, '53, Ralph, '55, Jim, '59, and Ray, '65. Mary Ann was a real pioneer in the medical coding field. This fund will help to provide tuition assistance for years to come to those in need.

NO ST. JOSEPH ANNUAL BAZAAR IN AUGUST

We will not be holding our St. Joseph Annual Bazaar in August. We hope to have an event/raffle drawing on October 24, 2020 for a 2019 Ford Ranger Truck to be raffled.

Our 2019 bazaar raised \$115,000.

SPORTS / AMI DAYS



4th grade boys
Conference champs



5th grade girls placed
2nd in Conference



6th grade boys placed 2nd in Conference.



SJ Softball Record 1-2



Girls Soccer Record 1-2-1



SJ Baseball Record 2-1

Boys Soccer Record 0-0-1.
They were only able
to play one game.



SJMS won the Arch Ford Private/
Charter Regional. Team Photo - Top
row (L-R) Avery Cooper, Max Gilbert,
Brody Mallett, Izzy Simon, Luke
Thessing, Ethan Loynachan, and
Heath Thompson; Bottom row (L-R)
Lila Epps, Kristyn Lynch, Seth Mathis,
and Aidan White



SJHS Quiz Bowl Team earned a Third
Place Award in the Arkansas Govern-
or's Quiz Bowl Association (AQOBA)
2A Regional Tournament winning five
out of seven matches. Team photo -
Front row (L-R) Kati Dumboski, Chloe
Skinner, Katie Morgan, Marleigh
Thessing, and Carolina Ferrer; Back
row (L-R) Jake Luyet, Sid Davenport,
Zach Tucker, and Sponsor Karen Davis.
Ashleigh Mallett and Anna Rappold
are not shown.

Spring sports for the high school teams were cut extremely short this year due to coronavirus and the closing of school.

Our Pee Wee basketball teams had some success this year. SJ expanded the pee wee program to include 4th grade this year.

AMI DAYS

"My students always loved to do projects and crafts throughout the year so I wanted to incorporate some fun activities into our ZOOM meetings. I learned how to fold several types of origami and taught the students over Zoom. My students did amazing!"

- Katie Hiegel, 2nd Grade teacher

Did You Know St. Joseph After School Program Facility is Owned by the Endowment?

The St. Joseph School Endowment attained this property in 2013. The purchase of this property was made possible by a generous donor and its purpose was to house the St. Joseph After School Program (SJ ASP). The SJ ASP was established in 1990 and offers K-12th grade students a *Christ-centered, fun, and dependable after school service for the SJS Community.* **Education benefits of the program:** Homework room, Computer Lab, Free tutoring from the HS National Honor Society members once a week, and Designated tutor on staff each day to help students.

Fun benefits: Students can enjoy time with fellow classmates, newly remodeled full-court basketball gymnasium, movies once a week with popcorn, slushies and hot chocolate as seasonal treats, snacks and drinks daily, art room, bingo, toys, ping pong and more.

Quoting Laura Hiegel-Williams, "We love our space! We want to say thank you and share some reasons why we love it and how much it is being used."

- #1 reason is the daily use of After School Program from 2:30pm to 6pm M-F for approximately 110 kids to use a Homework room, foosball table, pool table, indoor gym, art, computer lab, games, ping pong, toys and more! (8,000 square feet of FUN!!!!)
- #2 Soccer teams indoor practice during cold months
- #3 Kids Night Out
- #4 Weekend Birthday, going away, and baby shower party rentals
- #5 RCIA Babysitting
- #6 Multiple/weekly Hispanic ministry meetings, band rehearsals, retreats, babysitting
- #7 Dribbler practice
- #8 Occasional Boy Scout meeting place

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ENDOWMENT ANNUAL DONOR APPRECIATION BANQUET WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IN 2020

It makes me very sad to make this announcement, because the banquet is one more opportunity to say "Thank You" to our donors.

I want each of you to know how much we appreciate you!

We are looking forward to 2021.