

# The Generous Voice

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At St. Joseph School, we are empowering students academically and spiritually to become advocates of Catholic social teachings rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Memorial Requests Made

Thank you to the family members of the deceased listed below who requested that memorials be made to the Endowment between November 2022 and January 2023.

Betty (Imboden) Hambuchen, '46  
Dylan Heathscott, '10  
Theresa Tyler  
Thomas C. Walsh

**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](http://www.sjse.org).

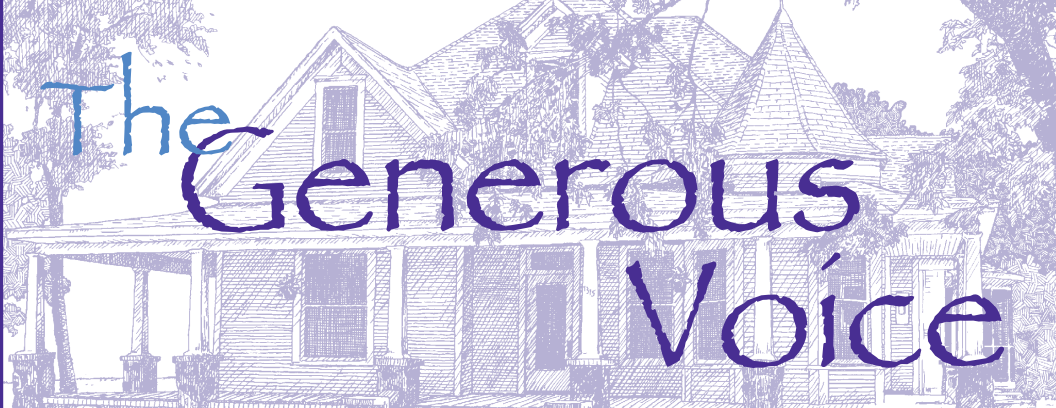
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Anytime you know of alumni who have died, please notify us via email, [st.joseph.endowment@sjse.org](mailto:st.joseph.endowment@sjse.org). Over the last few months the following alumni have died:

Leo Dayer, '53  
Paul J Enderlin, '58  
Hubert Grummer, '60  
Patricia (Daugherty) Keatts, '66  
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Loretta (Daugherty) Weisbrod, '42  
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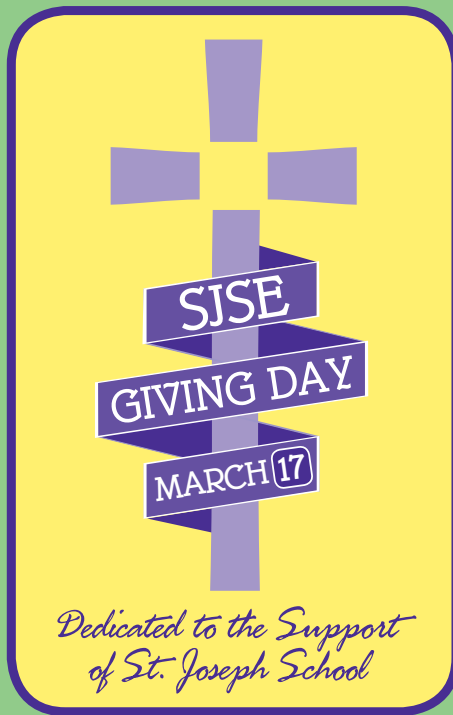
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Winter 2023

# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL ENDOWMENT "DAY OF GIVING" – MARCH 17, 2023

Please join us for our annual "Day of Giving"! This year we will be celebrating two days early since the Feast of St. Joseph falls on a week-end. We will celebrate on March 17th which happens to be St. Patrick's Day.



Yes, of course we welcome your contributions every day of the year, but this is a special "Day of Giving" and a wonderful way to remember our patron saint and celebrate Catholic education.

### Why give on Friday, March 17?

Your contributions mean even more dollars to the Endowment on this day, thanks to a loyal donor who has put up matching money.

## WAYS TO GIVE ON MARCH 17TH

- 1) Via credit card, visit our website, [www.sjse.org](http://www.sjse.org), click on **Giving Day** logo
  - 2) Via check or cash, stop by our office between 8 am - 6 pm
  - 3) Via mail, SJSE, PO Box 72, Conway, AR 72033, postmarked 3/17/23
- No minimum gift amount required.

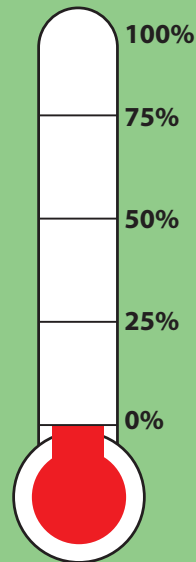
Online giving of course is available, but you are also invited to stop by our office and enjoy refreshments and celebrate with us on our "Day of Giving."

Your generosity each year has been amazing and so we are setting our sights high for this year. Our goal is \$30,000! As the donor, you may choose which fund within the Endowment you wish for your contribution to be credited towards.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/  
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**All donations are tax deductible.**

**GOAL:**  
**\$30,000**



# NEW DESIGNATED FUNDS

## NEW DESIGNATED FUNDS ESTABLISHED

Thank you to the Hambuchens who have established our newest designated fund within the Endowment. Donors may establish a designated fund to aid certain departments or needs. The donor is required to contribute \$10,000 within a 5-year pledge period and is then allowed to name the designated fund. A fund is eligible to make grants to St. Joseph School for its intended purpose one fiscal year after the fund is fully funded. 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 RAY AND DONNA HAMBUCHEN ENDOWED CURRENT NEEDS FUND

Dr. Ray and Donna Hambuchen established this fund in December 2022. The Hambuchens have been long-time supporters of St. Joseph School (SJS). Ray graduated SJS in 1959 and Donna from St. Joseph Academy in St. Louis, Missouri in 1960. Their three children, Scott, Lisa, and Kimberly, all attended SJS. Ray and Donna wish to support the immediate needs of the school each year. Their legacy will live on through this fund.



**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**

Murry's Dinner Playhouse  
Wednesday, July 12  
Cost - \$45 per person  
The bus will depart at 10:30 am and return around 4 pm  
Call the office for reservations 329-1818

## OAKLAWN CASINO TRIP

Wednesday, March 29



The bus will depart at 8:00 am and return by 5:00 pm  
Cost - \$15 per person  
Call the office for reservations 329-1818

## ENDOWMENT GRANTS MADE



Wandering Wise Men Advent Set for 4th grade with picture book and daily Advent devotional. It is similar to Elf on a Shelf, the Wise Men wander in search of The Baby Jesus. (Fr. Enderlin Religion)



Elementary Library received new books. (Sartain Library)

## ENDOWMENT ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBER



Randy Mayor

The Endowment Board of Trustees would like to welcome Randy Mayor, '83 as our newest trustee. Randy has served on many school and parish committees. He is currently employed with Centennial Bank. Randy is married to Laura (Briggler) Mayor, '85, and they have three grown children, Brooke Kordsmeier, '08, (Luke, '08), Morgan Bacon, '11 (Tyler), and Anna Lampe, '14 (Jacob, '15); and five grandchildren, Grayson & Callen Kordsmeier, Ransie & Bryce Bacon, and Parker Lampe.

## Join the Endowment's 1879 Heritage Society

Everyone is invited to join the St. Joseph School Endowment 1879 Heritage Society by simply including the Endowment in your estate plans in some way. We will hold our annual luncheon on Wednesday, April 13th and would love to induct you as a new member.

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# SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Second and 9th grade students met on St. Nicholas feast day and celebrated Christmas with each other. They share a Sacramental commonality. First Communion and Reconciliation are typically experienced in the second grade while 9th graders usually go through Confirmation. The older students serve as guardian angels for the younger ones. They made Christmas ornaments and put together a Nativity scene. Holiday treats from St. Nick were placed in the second graders' shoes along with a personalized holy card and prayer and were given Guardian Angel key chains. Sophomore Ava Piraino read the story of St. Nicholas to the youngsters.



St. Joseph Middle School 6th Grade  
Mrs. Royal made rosaries with 6th graders, something she has done for years. Deacon French blessed the rosaries.



Sixth grade students put an Epiphany blessing on all the doors at the Middle School. This special blessing asks for God's protection over our homes (school). "May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever."



Man Enough kicked off for the 7th and 8th grade boys. Dc. David French discussed who St. Joseph was and how we can follow his example as a man of God.

Kindergarten classes presented their annual "ABC's of Christmas" program. Each child was given a letter of the alphabet and a corresponding illustration to display which stood for an event in the story of Jesus Christ's birth.



St. Joseph School completed a food drive benefiting Conway's Bethlehem House. Students from preschool through high school age collected specific non-perishable items requested for Thanksgiving. Bethlehem House provides transitional shelter for individuals and families who are homeless and focused on improving their life situations.



SJS students, Nicholas Covington, Logan Simon and Wade Simon, take welding at Conway Area Career Center and were selected to compete in the state welding competition in April.



St. Joseph High School students in Ms. Audrey Elsinger's English classes made Christmas cards for residents of Conway's Heritage Living Center.



High School students took on a Christmas Project in their religion classes and provided baby products (bibs, baby wipes, diapers, diaper bags, and toiletries) for clients of Conway's Life Choices, Inc.



Anatomy students have been studying the nervous system and recently dissected a sheep brain since the brain is part of that system. The students were tasked with exploring the structure of the brain and identifying its parts.

## GINGERBREAD HOUSES



First graders at St. Joseph Elementary School continued a quarter-century tradition when they created their own gingerbread houses. The children received help from their teachers along with visiting parents and grandparents. The houses are fashioned from milk cartons surrounded by graham-cracker walls.

# SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

## HONOR SOCIETY STUDENTS NAMED



Braden Thomas receives his Honor Society membership card.



Sophomore Ella Rose receives her National Honor Society pin.



The National Honor Society initiated 14 students.



Twenty-two students took the National Junior Honor Society oath.

## JINGLE JOG

St. Joseph Elementary School held its first annual "Jingle Jog" just before the start of Christmas Break. Principal Courtney Pope, PE teacher Brent Bruich, and other faculty created this fun activity before the holidays which included three stations for that wintry morning; a half to a 3/4 mile course that kindergarten through third graders ran within a ten-minute period, a bounce house which the kids crawled through and slid on, and a warming refreshment stand where hot chocolate was served.



Physical Education teacher Brent Bruich leads second graders on their jingle jog.



Principal Courtney Pope with students.



In its thirteenth year, 45 kindergarten through 4th grade students are participating in the Little Dribblers program. They learn basic ball handling skills and shooting put to music. It teaches knowledge and love for basketball along with school pride and spirit.



Preschoolers enjoyed beating to their own drums in music with Mrs. Teeling.

## VETERAN'S DAY



Flag bearers Izzy Simon, Carolina Ferrer and Addison Choate from the Girls Scout Troop 6827 present the colors at the Interact Club Veteran's Day Program.



A few of the veterans in attendance.



Ava Piraino, the Interact Club President, reads from an address former President Ronald Reagan once made on Veterans Day.



Veteran Anthony Fillippino, an Arkansas Army National Guard Major with the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and father of SJS senior Kendall Fillippino, addressed the crowd.



Annabelle Miller's dad, Major Michael Miller, visited the 1st grade classes on November 11 to answer questions that they had about veterans and what it is like to be in the Army.






Sixth Grade Christmas program, "The Loaned Manger."

## "Before the Sidewalk Ends"



St. Joseph Middle School's first Drama Enrichment Program was "Before the Sidewalk Ends," an adaptation of a children's poetry collection entitled "Where the Sidewalk Ends." The school's drama program is open to 5th and 6th graders and is directed by fourth grade teacher Cara Pizzolatto. With a very limited budget, all they needed was a short script, enough parts for 18 students, and something that did not require elaborate costumes or scene transitions, and that was exactly what this performance did.

# HOMECOMING - JANUARY 2023

SJS Spirit Week: January 9-13, 2023	
Monday-Holiday Celebration Day! Dress as your favorite calendar holiday!	
	Tuesday-Career Day! Dress as your dream or favorite career!
Wednesday-Spiritual T-shirt & Wacky Sock Day! Wear a spiritual t-shirt and your wackiest socks! <small>**Uniform bottoms must be worn.</small>	
	Thursday-Letter Day! Dress up as anything that starts with the first letter of your first name!
Friday-School Spirit Day! Wear as much purple and gold as you have to show your Bulldog Pride!	
<b>**Jeans may be worn by anyone participating in the dress up theme for the day, Wednesday EXCLUDED!!</b>	



## HOMECOMING COURT

(left to right) Junior Maid Blakely Holland, Sophomore Maid Ava Piraino, Homecoming Queen Presli Webb, Beauty Queen Chloe Skinner, Senior Maid Marleigh Thessing, Senior Maid of Honor Josie Gamble, and Freshman Maid Ava Martin

Honorary Alumni named, (left to right) Mary Hoyt, wife of Chris Hoyt, '83, mother of Davis Pigg, '08 and Riley (Hoyt) Staggs, '17, and current SJ Flea Market Coordinator; Karen Vandivere, wife of Bob Vandivere, mother of Brad Vandivere, '17, and teacher at SJS for 23 years; Brad & Courtney Pope, parents of Spencer, '18, Luke, '22, and Bailey, '25, Brad has been a volunteer around SJS for years and Courtney has been at SJS for 15 years as teacher and currently Elementary School Principal.

## SPIRIT WEEK

## PEP RALLY



# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

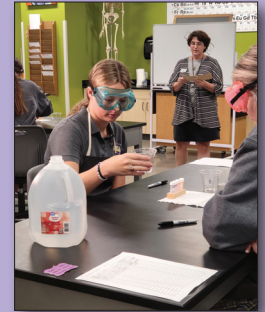
## OUR FAITH, OUR CHILDREN, OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN HELP US COMPLETE THIS PROJECT



More finishing touches have taken place to the new high school. Window shades are installed, and the Black Box Theatre is closer to being completed. The Homecoming dance was held in the Black Box on January 13. Help us complete this project by making a donation today!



Second floor hallway



Science classroom



Religion classroom



Computer lab

### ATTENTION – ST. JOSEPH ALUMNI ONLY

**\$100,000 Matching Gift**

**\$52,150 - Matched Amount**

**\$47,850 - Still Left to Match**

**Help Us Receive the Entire Match**

Donate by Easter, April 9th! The donor extended the match date in hopes the entire match can be secured.

Donations of any amount help us towards our goal. No gift is too small or too large.

### GIVING OPTIONS

**Check** – Make payable to SJ High School Campaign. Mail to 1101 College Ave., Conway, AR 72032.

**Credit Card or Debit Card** – Online at school website – [www.stjosephconway.org](http://www.stjosephconway.org)



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Entrance to High School

### CAMPAIGN GOAL

**\$10.9M**

**TOTAL PLEDGED  
AS OF  
JANUARY 27, 2023**

**\$9,704,544**

### ARE YOU 72 YEARS OLD OR OLDER?

IRA Charitable Rollover – Make a gift directly to the St. Joseph School Endowment from your IRAs free of federal income tax. It is so simple and easy. Call the Endowment Office, 501-329-1818, for more details.

### SJS ALUMNI NEWS

## JOIN US FOR THE 16TH ANNUAL CLASS ENDOWED FUND PARTY!

All St. Joseph School Alumni Invited  
**Tuesday, April 18, 2023 • 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Grant voting will take place at 7:30 p.m.

**You must be present to participate.**

Snacks and beverages will be served.

**St. Joseph School Endowment Office  
1315 College Avenue • Conway**

**Alumni Classes Granting:**

1944 • 1945 • 1949 • 1954 • 1956 • 1957 • 1959  
1964 • 1965 • 1966 • 1967 • 1968 • 1969 • 1970 • 1971  
1977 • 1978 • 1979 • 1980 • 1982 • 1983 • 1984 • 1986  
1989 • 1998 • 2003 • 2005 • 2012 • 2013 • 2014 • 2016  
2017 • 2018 • 2019 • 2020 • 2021 • 2022

Your class fund balance must be \$4,000 by 3/31/2023 and your class could make a grant. It is not too late. Contribute today. Check your Class Fund balance on our website – [www.sjse.org/funds](http://www.sjse.org/funds)

**In school – Classes of 2023 (12th), 2024 (11th), 2025 (10th), 2026, (9th), and 2027 (8th) are all eligible to grant and will be voting during lunch period one day in April.** Should your child's class not be fully funded (a balance of \$4,000), you can make donations up to 3/31/2023 to reach the goal and the class could then make a grant.

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- Put your credit card on file with the Endowment office in our secure/encrypted database.
- Email or call when you wish to make a donation.
- Use the death notice list on the front page or from the monthly emails to donate in memory of a friend.
- Donations of any amount are welcome.

**JOIN US ON MARCH 17 FOR OUR "DAY OF GIVING"**