

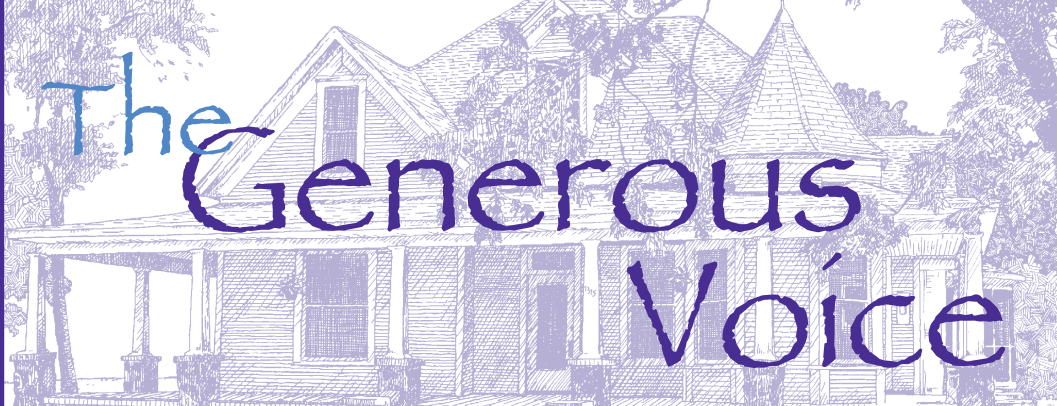
The Generous Voice

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The spirit of goals and achievements

Fall 2023

St. Joseph School Mission
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.

ENDOWMENT ANNUAL BANQUET CELEBRATED

The St. Joseph School Endowment held its Annual Donor Appreciation Banquet on Wednesday, September 27th at the Spiritan Center with nearly 150 in attendance. Guests were served a delicious meal of Mandarin orange salad, roast beef, potato casserole, green beans, roll, and cheesecake.

Rev. Joseph Archibong, current pastor in Berryville and Eureka Springs and previous associate pastor here at St. Joseph's, was our guest speaker. It was an evening filled with laughter. Fr. Joseph's speech was entitled, "Every Child Deserves a Catholic Education." He gave his own testimony on how his Catholic education played such a vital role in the person he became and how everyone should be a champion for a student and support Catholic education.

"I do sometimes wonder what I would have been today if my parents didn't deny themselves of so many comforts to send me to Catholic school and if I weren't given a scholarship that kept me going. I am therefore standing here today as a proud product of Catholic education," said Fr. Joseph. "I am here not only because of my parents and family but also because of those wonderful teachers at that Catholic school who loved me, taught me, and made me feel like I was somebody. They picked me up on days I was down on myself. Many of them are still so proud of me today, and I am proud of them. I am here because of those benefactors who made it possible for me to have tuition assistance, even though I don't know who they are still today."
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Memorial Requests Made

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

Richard DeSalvo
Marjorie Garrett

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:

- Joseph Favre, '52
- Bernadine (Freyaldenhoven) Gunter, '67
- Eva (Worm) Harrel, '53
- John "Clay" Hart, '78
- Fr. Joseph Seiter, '54
- Arthur Hoyt, '58
- Jamie (Brock) Phillips, '99
- Donna (Lindsey) Waters, '54



2023 Honored Donors
Ray & Donna Hambuchen
(25 years of giving)



2023 Honored Donors
Tom & Theresa Gerard
(24 years of giving)



2023 Honored Donors
Richard & Theresa Burmester
(23 years of giving)



Michael A. & Lisa C. Moix
Endowed Tuition
Assistance Fund recognized



Mark & Claranne Ferris
Tuition Assistance Fund
receives Partner Level block



Guests enjoy fellowship
and a glass of wine
before banquet begins.

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ENDOWMENT ANNUAL BANQUET CELEBRATED

Endowment Annual Banquet Celebrated (continued)

Mr. Matthew Tucker, St. Joseph School Principal, gave a School Report. Highlights from his report included student population – PreK -12 is 507, K-12 is 445. He touched on each area of Faith, Learning, and Living, the school’s tag line. Alicia Yrle, High School English teacher then recited a poem entitled, “Where I’m From,” composed of writings from the current 33 juniors. Class members were given an assignment to pen a poem describing “the people, places, values, and communities” that have shaped them into who they are today. You can find the whole compilation of the poem at www.facebook.com/stjosephconway, Sep. 3 post.

Mrs. Jacqueline Kordsmeier, Endowment Executive Director, gave a year of review for the Endowment. Highlights included the creation of three new designated funds, items granted to the school this past year (total of \$61,106.97), the allocation of \$75,000 given to the school’s general budget, the rent value of the Elementary School property and After School Program facility (both assets of the Endowment), and newest members added to the 1879 Heritage Society this past year. See additional highlights

for this current school year below. Mrs. Kordsmeier thanked the many donors present for their continued support of the Endowment which makes all this possible. She challenged the group for someone to come forward to begin the 100th Designated Fund in the Endowment. Her challenge was met. This 100th fund will be released in the next newsletter.

- \$347,357 given in value to SJS during the 2022/23 school year
- Up to \$364,030 in value is available for the 2023/24 school year which includes:
 - \$75,000 to SJS budget (= \$165 credit per student)
 - \$31,240 for tuition assistance
 - \$23,770 for maintenance
 - \$22,770 for all other categories
 - And \$211,250 in rent value
- Given to SJS since inception in 1976 - \$3.3 million in cash and \$3 million in rent value
- Total Assets of the Endowment as of 7/31/23 - \$10,972,558.05



Executive Director, Jacqueline Kordsmeier, presents Endowment Report.



Beth Coney, Endowment Board Chair, was master of ceremonies.



Alicia Yrle, SJHS English Chair, read Junior Class poem.



Fr. Joseph Archibong enjoys visiting with students prior to banquet.



Blessed to have all these priests with us for the evening (left to right), Fr. Joseph Archibong, Fr. Taryn Whittington, Fr. John Connell, VG, and Fr. Daniel Wendel.



Ray & Donna Hambuchen Current Needs Fund was established in December 2022.



Father Joseph



Robert & Theresa Tyler Current Needs Fund was established in June 2023. Present were their daughters, Janet Steele, Bobbie Ann Merkel, Patty Wellinghoff, and Jackie Harrell.



St. Joseph FCCLA students were the servers for the evening.

86% OF STUDENTS CATHOLIC

14% come from 9 other denominations, our largest population to date

292 FAMILIES

15 towns represented at SJS

STUDENT BODY FACTS:
 SJPS: 62
 SJES: 155
 SJMS: 100
 SJHS: 190

Happy Thanksgiving! We give thanks to God for each of you.

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL CAMPAIGN



We need your support! Haven't given yet, it is not too late to donate. Help us get the High School paid for so we can move towards a new K-6 building. Have you already

completed the commitment you made towards the building? Would you consider continuing to contribute? Make it easy on yourself – set up a monthly contribution and stop it at any time.

CALLING ALL ST. JOSEPH ALUMNI

Show your Bulldog Pride and be a part of the campaign! The classes of 1977, 1974, and 1967 have shown the most participation in the campaign. Don't let your class be left behind. Encourage your classmates to join you in making a gift.

CAMPAIGN TOTAL

\$10.9M

AMOUNT PLEDGED

\$9,804,544

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



Scan here to donate

Congratulations 2023 BAZAAR WINNERS

- BAZAAR GRAND PRIZE: 2023 Polaris Ranger Crew – Barbara Dardenne
- \$800 gift card from Total Tire – Kenny Eckert
- \$500 cash – Donna Hart
- \$2,500 tuition credit – Jo Anne Mayor
- \$250 book bill credit – Alexis Cooper
- Chrome book – Jalisa Allison
- \$5,000 CASH GRAND PRIZE – Emily Kordsmeier
- Custom art from Steve and Vivian Noe Griffith – Barbara Dalby
- Ice chest full of beverages – Army Covington
- Necklace & Ring from Francis M. Fine jewelry – Barbara Kordsmeier
- \$500 gift card from Strain Photography – Tricia Moix
- \$500 cash – Martina Hoelzeman

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL BAZAAR 2023 RAISED \$123,935!

Thank you to everyone for your support. This money goes towards the general budget to keep the cost of tuition as affordable as possible.

2023-2024 School Board

President: Mrs. Ashley Newman
Vice President: Mr. Jimmy Stobaugh
Secretary: Mrs. Wendy Chambers
Members: Mrs. Pamela Cossey
Mrs. Blanca Ramirez
Mr. Lance McGhee
Mr. John Ben Scherrey



Congratulations!
and thank you for serving SJS.

ST. JOSEPH SENIOR SAINTS

Are you 50 or older?

Join us for Senior Saints at the Knights of Columbus Hall every other Thursday.

— Upcoming Schedule —

November 30 (95th Birthday Potluck)

December 14

December 28 (after Christmas Snack Potluck)

We start at 9:00 a.m. with song and rosary followed by snack and bingo, ending by 11:00 a.m.

No commitment required. Just join us when you can.

If you have any questions or for the 2024 schedule, please call Jacqueline Kordsmeier 501-329-1818.

ARE YOU 70½ YEARS OLD OR OLDER?

IRA ROLLOVER



The Charitable IRA Rollover allows individuals aged 70½ or older to donate up to \$100,000 per year directly from their IRA to qualified charitable organizations like the St. Joseph School Endowment. This donation can count towards your

required minimum distribution (RMD) and offers significant tax advantages. Donations made through the IRA Rollover are not counted as taxable income, making it a tax-efficient way to support the Endowment while potentially reducing your overall tax liability. Consult your financial advisor or IRA custodian to ensure you qualify for the Charitable IRA Rollover. Any amount of donation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Jacqueline Kordsmeier at 501-329-1818.

Every gift makes a difference in the lives of students at SJS!

School Happenings



HOME COMING COURT

back row, left to right

Freshman Maid – **Emily Nabholz**

Sophomore Maid – **Abigail Simon**

Junior Maid – **Kate Nabholz**

front row, left to right

Senior Maid of Honor – **Blakely Holland**

Queen – **Kaitlyn Kordsmeier**

Beauty Queen – **Ella Martin**

Senior Maid – **Catherine Royal**



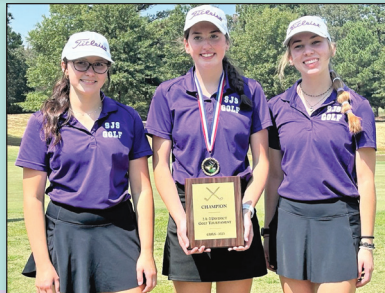
Boy's Golf team finished 2nd Place in 2A-2 District Golf Tournament nine strokes behind the winner with a team score of 250. Matthew Seiter was the Runner-Up Medalist with a score of 78. Brendan Baker shot an 85, Owen Coney had an 87, and Price Harmon finished with a 98. Boys' team came in 6th at the State Tournament.



SJSXC teams did well at the 2A-2 District Meet in October. The Junior Girls Team was Runner-Up among the seven teams that competed running a 2500 meter/1.55 mile run. Travis Jackson won 1st Place in the Junior Boys run; however, the team did not place. The Senior Boys Team was Runner-Up at the meet running a 5000 meter/3.1 mile course.



New at St. Joseph Middle School this year is a Spanish Activity period. A group of parent volunteers created a curriculum and are teaching all 4th-6th graders Introduction to Spanish on Wednesdays this semester.



Girls' Golf team won the 2A-2 District Championship with Kaitlyn Kordsmeier being medalist shooting a score of 80. Avery White shot 114 and Allie Evans shot 116. The girls' team came in 4th out of twelve teams in the 2A State Tournament. Kaitlyn Kordsmeier had the 5th best score and was named All-State golfer.



The entire school participated in a "Jeans Day" as a fundraiser to benefit the Church's pack the pantry. Many, many canned goods and over \$125 was raised.

FLEA MARKET VOLUNTEERS



New this year – once a month, St. Joseph 7th-12th grade students are spending time working at the Flea Market as a part of their Religion class.



SJMS gathered out on the playground and prayed the Rosary together.



St. Joseph School representatives for the 2023-24 school year for CALYI (Conway Area Youth Leadership Institute) are Ella Rose, Izzie Garrett, Emma Allison, and Olivia Keisling. CAYLI is designed to help develop leadership potential within 11th and 12th grade students and addresses the challenges and opportunities of our community and exposes high school age young people to avenues for community involvement and improvement.

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE AT www.sjse.org

School Happenings

ST. JOSEPH PRESCHOOL GRANDPARENT BREAKFAST



Season ended in Quarter finals of State Tournament. Record 18-9.

Varsity Volleyball Team came in Runner-Up in the 2A District Tournament and Runner-Up in Conference.



SJ VOLLEYBALL

FAULKNER COUNTY FAIR PARADE



St. Joseph cheerleaders and Beauty Queen, Ava Martin, were highlights of the parade.



ST. JOSEPH INTERACT CLUB



St. Joseph Interact Club is a service organization sponsored by the Conway Noon Rotary Club. Several members volunteered one evening to help with the Conway Rotary Youth Football games by being the Chain Gang (moving the chains for measuring yardage), running the scoreboard from the press box, and operating the concession stand.

Endowment Christmas Open House



Tuesday, December 12th
9 am – 4 pm

Stop by the office for
goodies and fellowship

WE HAVE MADE GIVING CONVENIENT

- 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.

CLASS FUNDS

CLASS FUNDS — A total of \$400,615 has been donated to the Class Fund program. 44 classes are now fully funded. The Lead Class is the Class of 1954 with \$20,285 and just behind them is the Class of 1964 with \$19,405.

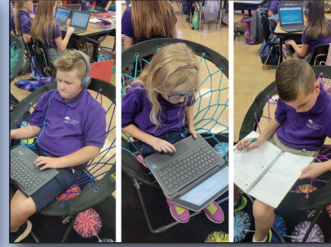
Consider a contribution to your class fund today!



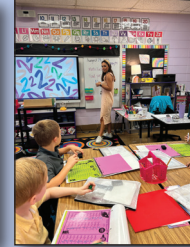
Mrs. Pizzolatto's 4th grade and Mrs. Thompson's 5th grade classrooms received mini flashlights used during special reading times.



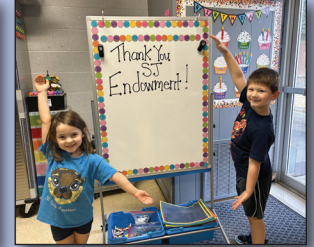
Ms. Covington's 3rd grade classroom received pencil sharpener, magnetic tiles, bead templates, and craft iron.



Mrs. Bacon's 3rd grade classroom received 3 new chairs for classroom library.



Mrs. Pope's 2nd grade classroom received new whiteboard.



Mrs. Evan's preschool classroom received a chart and storage bins.



Mrs. Weakly's 5th grade classroom received a 1-year subscription to GimKit.com.



Mrs. Rehm's 1st grade classroom received a wobble chair, Grade 1 Math curriculum, and no peek/testing folders.



Welcome to Our New Faculty & Staff for the 2023/24 School Year



Mr. Andrew Beck, '13, SJHS Boys Basketball Coach & Study Skills



Ms. Abigail Barker, SJHS Science Department



Mrs. Carina Martinez, SJHS Foreign Language Department



Mrs. Donna Pruett, SJES Kindergarten Teacher



Mrs. Meagan Williams, SJES & SJMS Counselor



Mrs. Mallory Bradford, Preschool 3/4 Teacher



Ms. Brooklyn Jackson, Preschool Aide



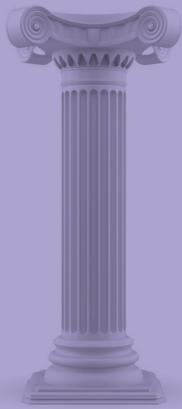
Mr. Nicholas Kaelin, SJHS English Department



Mrs. Linda Kordmeier, Preschool Aide

Holiday Hours – Endowment Office will be closed December 25 and 26 and January 1

PILLAR OF PROGRESS



Pillar of Progress Levels were developed by the Endowment Board in 2018 to categorize all our Designated Funds according to the fund balance. Fund balances represent the total amount of contributions made to a fund by all donors, not just the fund originator.



PILLAR OF PROGRESS LEVELS

STEWARD	\$10,000 - \$24,999
PARTNER	\$25,000 - \$49,999
TRUSTEE	\$50,000 - \$99,999
BENEFACTOR	\$100,000 - \$249,999
GUARDIAN	\$250,000 - \$499,999
LEGACY	\$500,000+

STEWARD LEVEL – \$10,000 - \$24,999

Adolph & Madalyn Dayer Endowed Fund for the Library
 Ann Franklin Current Needs Endowed Fund
 Bob & Betty Hambuchen Endowed Language Fund
 Building Bulldogs Playground Endowed Fund
 Caroline Favre Teacher Appreciation Endowed Fund
 Clyde & Verena Moix Family Endowed Book Bill Fund
 Covington Family Endowed Maintenance Fund
 CP Dail, Jr. Journalism Endowed Fund
 Curtis & Marie Breeden Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 David & Kathleen Henze Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 Dick & Marc Enderlin Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 Doc & Helen Kordsmeier Endowed Maintenance Fund
 Dr. Phil & Jan Stone and Dr. Herd & Elizabeth Stone Endowed Fund for the Sciences
 Eddie & Carolyn Hambuchen Current Needs Endowed Fund
 Edward & Dorothy Halter Endowed Softball Fund
 Fabian & Bernice Dussex Teacher Appreciation Fund
 Felix & Christine Moix Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 Felix & Mary Catherine Moix, Jr. Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 First Security Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 Fr. Joseph Behr Endowed Language Fund
 Frank & Jo Anne Mayor Endowed Basketball & Cheerleading Fund
 Frank & Melva Anderson Endowed Technology Fund
 Freyaldenhoven Teacher Loyalty Endowed Fund
 Greg & Charlotte Moix K-3rd Grade Classroom Grant Endowed Fund
 Harrell & Vivian Bates Endowed Transportation Fund
 Jake Molder Endowed Sports Fund
 Jeff & Beth Crowder Family Endowed College Preparatory Fund
 Jerome & Albertine Moix Religious Curriculum Endowed Fund
 Joe & Rose Freyaldenhoven Endowed Maintenance Fund
 Joe & Rose Freyaldenhoven Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 Joe & Teresa Mallett Endowed Music Fund
 John & Annie Page Teacher Loyalty Endowed Fund
 Joseph & Louise Stiefvater Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 Judges Roberts Legal System Endowed Fund
 Leah Farris Endowed Preschool Fund
 Marie Enderlin Business Education & Communication Fund
 Martin & Bernadine Kordsmeier Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 Michael A. & Lisa C. Moix Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 Monica Strack Endowed Fund for Current Needs
 Nicholas Moix Endowed Library Fund
 O'Dwyer Family Courtyard & Cyber Cafe Endowed Fund
 Patty & Maurice H. Moix, Jr. Endowed Math & Physics Fund
 Paul & Mary Ann Tipton K-6th Grade Classroom Grant Endowed Fund
 Paul Joseph Hiegel Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 Philip & Janet Hiegel After School Care Endowed Fund
 Rev. Joseph Enderlin Religious Curriculum Endowed Fund
 Ronnie & Barbara Kordsmeier Endowed Maintenance Fund
 Roy Butch & Angel Schichtl Current Needs Endowed Fund
 Sloan Swindle Teachers' Salary Augmentation Endowed Fund
 St. Joseph Bulldog Endowed Baseball & Softball Fund
 St. Joseph Christian Ladies Endowed Family & Consumer Science Fund
 Theresa Nahlen Endowed Consumer Science Fund
 TJ & Mary Ann Nahlen Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 Tom & Barbara Jean Nabholz Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund

PARTNER – \$25,000 - \$49,999

Agnes H Lachowsky Teachers' Salary Endowed Fund
 Al & Mary Hiegel Endowed Basketball Fund
 Arthur & Genevieve Lachowsky Endowed Maintenance Fund
 Bernard & Sue O'Dwyer Family Endowed Fund for Computer Science
 Bill & Betty Hambuchen Endowed Maintenance Fund
 Bill & Susan Farris Endowed Consumer Science Fund
 Doc & Pete Hart Endowed Fund for Grounds Beautification
 Genie Halsey Moore Endowed Preschool Fund
 Gerald & Antoinette Elsinger Teacher Loyalty Endowed Fund
 Herman & Bonnie Moix Class of 67 Endowed Spelling Bee Fund
 Joseph Batchelor Current Needs Endowed Fund
 Larry & Mary Joe Seiter Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 Louis & Miriam Stecker Outstanding Teacher Endowed Fund
 Louis & Rose Massery Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 Mark & Claranne Ferris Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 Maurice and Eleanor Moix Endowed Fund for Consumer Sciences
 Nahlen Family Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 Robert & Shelby Schichtl Family Current Needs Endowed Fund
 Robert & Theresa Tyler Current Needs Endowed Fund
 Schichtl Family Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 St. Joseph School Alumni Association Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 St. Joseph School Career and Technical Education Endowed Fund
 St. Joseph School Teacher Appreciation Endowed Fund
 Walsh Family Endowed Fund for Teacher Training

TRUSTEE LEVEL – \$50,000 - \$99,999

Bernard & Frances Nabholz Endowed Maintenance Fund
 Bob & Barbara Nabholz Endowed Maintenance Fund
 David & Christine Thessing Endowed Music Fund
 Fra Angelico Endowment for Visual Arts
 Frank & Ethel Paladino Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 Gus & Rose Enderlin Endowed Book Bill Fund
 Hargis Family Endowed Fund For Music
 Moix Family Endowed Fund for Science & Math
 Ray & Donna Hambuchen Current Needs Endowed Fund
 Sartain Family Endowed Fund for the Library
 St. Joseph Bulldog Soccer Fund

BENEFACTOR LEVEL – \$100,000 - \$249,999

Carolyn Henze Endowed Maintenance Fund
 St. Joseph Flea Market Endowed Fund for Current Needs

GUARDIAN LEVEL – \$250,000 - \$499,999

Bulldog Foundation
 Clarence Lock Endowed Music Fund
 Mark Simon Endowed Maintenance Fund
 St. Joseph School Endowed Fund for Teacher Salary Enhancement

LEGACY LEVEL – \$500,000+

Building Bridges Maintenance Fund
 Charles Gehrki Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund
 St. Joseph Endowed Tuition Assistance Fund

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END OF YEAR THINGS TO CONSIDER

As the holidays begin, families gather to celebrate, and it is also a great time to consider getting all of your end-of-year affairs in order.

- Have you been meaning to contribute and just have not done it? It is time to make those donations to get tax credit for your 2023 taxes.
- If you are 70-1/2+ with an IRA, have you taken your distribution for the year? Make it directly to the Endowment and avoid income tax.
- Do you have a will or trust? For many, another year passes, and we tell ourselves, "Next year we must contact an attorney and create our will or trust" or "It is time we update our estate plans. The children are now grown and lots of things have changed."

Estate planning is a part of our lives we just tend to put off, yet it is one of the most important things we need to do. If you have children or own anything, you need to put into

writing exactly what you wish to take place with your assets when you pass from this life. Please consider listing the Endowment in your estate plans as a full or partial beneficiary in real estate, a life insurance policy, an IRA, etc., or simply list a dollar amount you wish to donate from your estate.

Anyone including the Endowment in their estate plans automatically becomes a member of the 1879 Heritage Society. This society allows the Endowment to say "thank you" now for your dedication to St. Joseph School, and your example will encourage others to do the same. There is no minimum or maximum amount you have to contribute. Every dollar is important to the future of St. Joseph School. Just notify the Endowment office of your intent.

To-date the Endowment has received over \$4.3M from estate gifts. Check out our website — www.sjse.org/planned-giving to get ideas and see a list of the Heritage Society members. Call Jacqueline Kordsmeier, Endowment Director, today at 501-329-1818.

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!