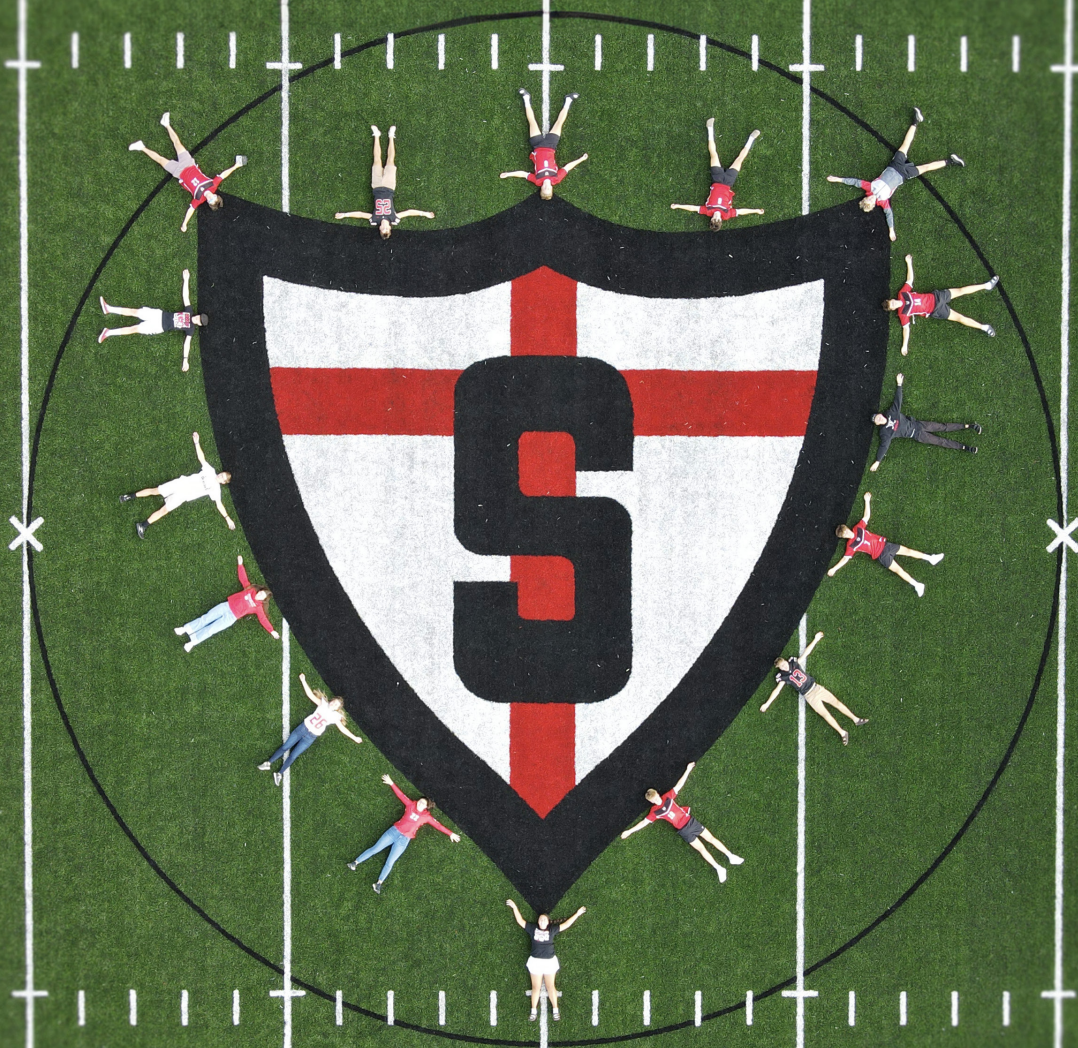


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President's Perspective



"See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!" (2 Cor. 6:2b)

New Strategic Plan

Now is our time. The Lord Jesus has led us to this time and place, and we have accepted His call to embrace the challenge and delight of offering a vibrant Catholic education to this generation. My deep and sincere thanks for your support and engagement in that noble effort.

This new five-year strategic plan is of great import for the immediate future of St. John Paul II Catholic Schools. We begin our 141st year of Catholic education in Fargo, and our schools are poised to grow even stronger. But for that to happen, we must work together in aligning a strategic plan with our vision and mission. The new plan will provide a clear road map by which the administration, teachers, staff, and parents are able to navigate the next five to ten years

on our way to establishing a more vigorous and valuable Catholic school system to serve God and His children entrusted to us here in the metro area. I ask and will pray for your continued support as we take the next steps together and seek resources to help implement our plan.

Bishop John Folda, Executive Director of our board, always emphasizes that Catholic schools are one of the Church's most important Apostolates, so it is our responsibility, with the help of God's Grace, to fulfill that vision of Catholic education to the greatest extent possible in this time and place, for "now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!"

Path to Institutional Vitality

Anyone who has been involved with Catholic education over the decades understands that Catholic schools have had to respond to unforeseen changes due to both internal and external challenges. The educational, social, religious, and economic landscapes have changed in many ways since the Presentation Sisters established our first school in 1882.

Since assuming the office of President on July 1, 2016, I consistently emphasized that my *"approach would be that of stewardship of the great gift of Catholic Schools. With the help of God's Grace and all our stakeholders we can be good stewards together, seeing that our schools not only merely survive, but also thrive. For they are designed for human flourishing, forming as we do the whole person, each and every student, made in God's image and likeness, endowed with a transcendent dignity and destiny."*

With our board of directors, advisory council, and administrative team, I have sought to provide leadership that creates a more vibrant, responsive, and sustainable school culture as you will see in each of the domains of this Strategic

Plan: academics and technology, advancement, Catholic identity, enrollment and marketing, facilities and technology infrastructure, finance, governance, and student life. The plan has the potential to elevate and transform our schools in order to serve the next generation better in light of our mission and vision.

Catholic Education that Makes a Difference

Bishop Folda is fond of saying that our Catholic schools prepare our students to be good citizens both of this world and the next. We are calling, teaching, and forming saints—with a God-given dignity and heavenly destination.

In all dimensions of the human person—body, mind, spirit—we call our students to excellence and have created a robust program of education and formation to that end. All our learning outcomes and formation goals flow from that “total person” conviction and commitment in our mission and vision statements.

In his message for Catholic Schools Week 2023, Bishop Folda noted that “your support and gift can change the future for our young people.” I echo that invitation to change the future for our young people by investing your time, talent, and treasure in our Catholic schools. Your investment will bear fruit in the lives of students in St. John Paul II Catholic Schools for years to come!

A final word of deep and sincere thanks to our Strategic Planning domain committee members for their expertise and labors in crafting this new plan. May you be blessed for all the blessings you brought to this process!

I write with humble trust in Our Lord Jesus Christ and with my ardent prayers that He will be glorified in our schools through our new Strategic Plan.



To see the full Strategic Plan, scan this QR code or go to this link: https://jp2schools.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/255395_St-John-Paul_Strategic-Plan-Booklet-Forum-Proof.pdf

Upcoming Events

Candlelight Christmas Concert
December 9

The Blenders in Minneapolis
December 9

Catholic Schools Week
January 28-February 3

Giving Hearts Day
February 8

Arizona Alumni & Friends Luncheon
February 23

Florida Alumni & Friends Luncheon
March 3

President's Pilgrimage
April 1-10

Spring Musical
April 12-14

40th Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala
April 27

Shanley Graduation
May 22

Reunion Weekend
June 21-22

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Homecoming

Girls (Left to Right): Rachel Seefeldt, Maggie Shorma, Queen Mesiku Hakim, Drew Noah, and Mara Klinicke
Boys (Left to Right): Charlie Bernhardt, Peter Noah, King Joe Flaherty, Kaden Christmann, and Landon Meier





Homecoming





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EUCCHARIST – FALL 2023

Fr. Kyle Metzger - Shanley Principal



Journey with me back to the 13th century.

The year 1263, Fr. Peter of Prague was making a pilgrimage to Rome and stopped in the small town of Bolsena on the Italian peninsula to celebrate Mass.

But this Italian priest had a secret. He had doubts that the Eucharist was truly the Body and Blood of Jesus. He doubted the doctrine of the Real Presence.

Though a doubtful priest, he was a diligent priest and dutifully celebrated Mass. But then, at the words of consecration, blood began to run from the host, down his hands, and dripped on the corporal cloth lying upon the surface of the altar. Imagine the fear that overcame him at such a Eucharistic miracle. He trembled. He concluded the liturgy, and immediately changes his plans and travels straight to Orvieto, a small town which, at the time, was where the Holy Father lived. He threw himself at the pope's feet and confessed his unbelief.

The pope then sent a delegation back to Bolsena to retrieve the corporal cloth stained with blood. To this day, almost 800 years later, that corporal is on display in the cathedral of Orvieto. You can

still see the blood stains upon the cloth; its fibers, amazingly, have not degraded over the centuries.

The pope, impressed by these events, inaugurated a new feast for the Church, the feast of Corpus Christi, the Latin for the Feast of the Body of Christ. Almost 800 years later, we still celebrate this feast today.

And the story continues.

Pope Urban desired a whole new collection of prayers and hymns written for this feast. He turned to a well-known Dominican friar whose theology and poetry was taking the Church by storm. That friar we know as St. Thomas Aquinas. Friar Thomas responded with some of the most beautiful prayers and hymns that we sing to this day, still in their original Latin, rhyming poetry:

*O salutaris Hostia,
Quae cæli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.*

This hymn is sung at the opening of Eucharistic adoration. Do you notice the rhyme in ABAB format?

Friar Thomas also composed this hymn in ABCB rhyme scheme:

*Adoro te devote,
latens Deitas,
Quæ sub his figuris
vere latitas.*

This one is most well-known:

*Panis angelicus
fit panis hominum;
Dat panis cælicus
figuris terminum.
O res mirabilis!*

*Manducat dominum
Pauper, pauper;
Servus et humilis.*

The translation of this popular hymn strikes at the heart of our Eucharistic identity:

*May the Bread of Angels
Become bread for men;
The Bread of Heaven puts
All foreshadowings to an end;
Oh, thing miraculous!
The body of the Lord will nourish
the poor, the poor,
the servile, and the humble.*

I'm grateful that that architects of the Shanley and Sacred Heart school building put the chapel, literally, in the center of the schools. The lights illuminating the tabernacle remain on all day, whether the chapel is occupied or empty. The Lord is always present. Our students walk among the Bread of Angels all day.

Every Friday we offer all-day Eucharistic exposition. Parents, alumni, and benefactors have scheduled holy hours to offer perpetual adoration on these days. All day, theology classes come and go from the chapel, spending time before the Eucharistic Lord. And of course, weekly Mass is an integral part of the school schedule.

One more story will be illuminative, a story of a saintly woman whom every one of our students and alumni is indebted. Let's journey to New York City, at the founding of our great country. Elizabeth Ann Seton was born and raised an Episcopalian. If you've even been to Battery Park in Lower Manhattan, you likely walked past the prominent Episcopalian Church St. Andrew's. That was her home church.

Her husband contracted tuberculosis, and the family, five children in all, travel to the moderate climate of Italy for convalescence. It is in Italy that she first encounters the expanse of Catholic belief and piety. She is absolutely captivated by Catholic doctrine, particularly the belief in the Real Presence of the Eucharist, that the Eucharist

not merely symbol, but it's really Jesus' Body and Blood. She wrote to her sister-in-law back in America:

*How happy would we be when we believed
what these dear Catholic souls believe: that
they possess God in the Sacrament, and that He
remains in their churches and is taken to them
when they are sick!*

She returned to New York a widow with five young children. She couldn't stop thinking about the teachings of the Church. She wrote in her diary about walking past the only Catholic Church at that time in Manhattan. She would mentally calculate how far she was from the tabernacle within. She wrote that she considered herself closer to God standing there on the sidewalk outside the Catholic Church than while inside St. Andrew's attending her own Episcopalian worship services. It was the Eucharist, Jesus Himself, which stirred within her.

It will be no surprise that eventually she converted to Catholicism. Bishop John Carroll, the first bishop of the United States, will be the bishop who confirmed her and gave her first Communion. She went on to found the very first Catholic school in America. Today there are almost 7,000.

For St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the foundress of Catholic education in America, it was Jesus in the Eucharist that drew her to Catholicism. It was the belief that Jesus is really here present with us. He's veiled under the guise of bread and wine, but Jesus is available to each of us in the Eucharist.

What a gift Catholic education is. What a gift that our students can walk daily among the Bread of Angels. What a gift the Lord has given us in the Eucharist.

May we never take this Sacrament for granted. May the Eucharist never become routine, mechanical, just another quaint Sunday ritual. May the Eucharist continue to resonate in the lives of our students, calling them to excellence, indeed calling them to sanctity.

Coming Home to a New Home

By Liz Bassett



In the fall of 2009, Homecoming had a new meaning to the students, athletes, staff, and alumni of Shanley High School. When Sid Cichy Stadium opened that fall, it was the first time in school history the Deacons had a field to call home. The first high school in the area with artificial turf, the stadium was designed to also host soccer matches, softball games, and physical education classes. The boys soccer team faced off against Fargo South in the inaugural contest on the new turf, followed later in the week by the Deacon's football opener on the new field. The football team went on to win the State Championship 31-30 in overtime against Devils Lake. Shanley athletes were not the only beneficiaries of the turf field in that inaugural season. Sid Cichy Stadium hosted teams from Concordia, MSUM, and youth leagues. And when snow made playing the ND State Boys Soccer tournament at its original location on the grass field in Jamestown impossible, the tournament was moved to Sid Cichy Stadium. Although the original plans for the stadium included a track, that dream never became a reality – until now.

Fast forward 14 years. The Deacons once again celebrated Homecoming in a new state-of-the art stadium that includes new turf, new-improved LED lights, and new concession stand. The new track will be completed Summer 2024. Once again, the boys soccer team held the first event on the field – winning over Bismarck Century 2-0 on August 19. The Deacon Football team hosted its home opener a few days later with a 35-7 victory against Bismarck.

On September 15, 2023, during Shanley's Homecoming, we hosted a blessing and dedication ceremony for the new turf field in a ceremony that honored the both the past and the present. Ceremonies began with a prayer and blessing by JPII Schools Board Chair Rev. Andrew Jasinski, followed by brief comments from speakers including the field's named sponsor, Scheels, represented by Bill Nelson. After comments, the ribbon cutting ceremony was celebrated with student leaders, members of the 2023 Homecoming Court, turf benefactors, members of the JPII Board, school partners,

previous football players from the 1969 Shanley State Championship Football team (who were inducted into the Hall of Fame during the weekend's activities), the 2009 Shanley State Championship Football team (the very first team to play at Sid Cichy Stadium), and others who played a vital role in building and improving the stadium over the years.

"We are grateful to so many of our generous alumni, families, and friends who have made this new turf possible," said JPII Schools President Mike Hagstrom. "All those who compete on the new field will be doing so on a state-of-the-art turf that will provide better cushion and enhance their competitive experience. It will serve the next generation of students as a multi-use field for football and soccer teams and for our Phys ed classes."

Part of the new field complex is a new track, the first home track in Shanley's history, which will be completed next summer. Fundraising and construction will continue on the track and field additions so that it will be ready for use by JPII Schools athletes of all ages in the future. According to John J. Klocke, Director of Advancement, "These athletic facility improvements are game-changers for our students and they are just the beginning of ongoing expansion and improvements plans in the school system's future."

To learn more about the track and field additions, see Running Against the Clock to Finish the Dream on page 14.



To watch the dedication ceremony, scan the QR Code.

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Running Against the Clock to Finish the Dream!

Goal of \$1.9 Million Will Finish the Track and Field Project.

"We're not there yet. But we are on the final lap to making history for our first ever home track and field complex!" Said John J. Klocke, Director of Advancement. Klocke is excited about the future for JPII Schools to have its very own track and field complex. "It's a first in 140 years." Klocke shared that the beautiful new completed football field, which has fueled boys football and soccer to great seasons, may make it easy to overlook that more fundraising is needed before the track and field complex can be completed.

President Mike Hagstrom has great optimism for the project. "There is no question the track and field additions will be pivotal." Hagstrom added, "If the impact on track is as great as it has been for football and soccer, we have every reason to look forward to success for this project."

Hagstrom explained that the original turf and track complex had a smaller cost associated during the estimate stage. The early estimate of \$1.5 million was very swiftly met by hundreds of JPII alumni, family and friends by the end of December 2022, allowing for a spring groundbreaking in 2023. "Once we saw the final bids in February of 2023 it was clear we needed to pursue options to make the turf and track higher quality, longer lasting, safer, and more comprehensive, including complying with the

city of Fargo building codes."

Hagstrom cited project needs including moving existing lighting and adding new lighting for both the turf field and track areas. "Anyone who has seen the new football field lighting on a Friday night knows how much it adds to the experience of Deacon Football. We know the needed track lighting will also make those events spectacular as well." Hagstrom noted that both turf and track complexes require special drainage and irrigation which added quite a bit of cost to the project. "And the city requires a special holding pond for our drainage system for when it rains. That also adds to the total cost."

Having a track is only part of the equation according to Reggie Jackson, Activities Director for JPII Schools. "We need to actually outfit the entire track program if we are going to host events." Jackson worked with track coach Chris Foerster to put together a list of all of the equipment that is needed for a fully functional track and field program.

In addition, it was determined storage space for equipment would need to be constructed. See all of the necessary extras listed in the red box.



The Necessary Extras

The additional funds to be raised cover the following:

- Moving existing lighting and adding new lighting for both the turf and track.
- New drainage systems/materials needed after turf is moved to extend turf life.
- Upgrading turf covering to extend turf warranty from 10 years to 12+ years.
- Creating a track surface that increases track life from 10 to 20 years of use.
- Providing the necessary finishing landscaping of both track and turf when completed.
- Purchasing all needed track equipment to create a full competitive track program including (nearly \$400,000):
 - High and low hurdles
 - Pole vaulting pits, poles and related equipment.
 - Long jumping pits and related equipment
 - Throwing equipment for discus, shotput, and javelin.
 - Starting blocks, timing and measuring equipment.
 - Dry storage facilities for all track, soccer, and turf equipment.
- Purchasing new soccer goal modules that will be compatible with the new turf.
- Purchasing turf field maintenance equipment to care for the turf and extend its life beyond the 12 year warranty!
- Drainage engineering for city zoning requirements including a retention pond for field drainage.



“We truly hope our alumni and families can help us finish the track area and help us outfit the program,” said Coach Foerster. Foerster is excited for the possibility of seeing Sacred Heart and Shanley host home track events. “It’s an exciting new dimension to our track program. All of track and field team are super excited and on behalf of all of them, I sure hope we can raise what is needed to do it right.”

President Hagstrom echoes Coach Foerster. “Not only will hosting our own track meets be historic, but now our elementary students will be able to participate in our annual track and field day right on our own JPII campus.” Hagstrom also pointed out the high impact of the complex for our school activities, noting “football and soccer games, track and field meets, softball and baseball practices, and phys ed students. We will also likely host some special events on the field.” Hagstrom added that the new complex will certainly continue boosting enrollment gains for our schools for those new families that have their eye on our athletic facilities.

We Need Your Support Now

If \$1.9 million can be raised before April 1, 2024, Hagstrom believes the project final construction of the track could commence on time after Memorial Day 2024. Project architects have explained the final coating of the track, which will have a 20 year life-span will take 30 days to complete and a stretch of good weather in June will certainly help to avoid any delays. Reaching this goal will also allow JPII to proceed with purchase of all of the needed track and field equipment.

Klocke is available to help those interested in making a one-time gift or a pledge of up to five years during this final phase. “We encourage folks to consider making year-end gifts or pledges with non-cash assets whenever possible. Assets like installments from an IRA, a donor advised fund, or appreciated stocks are just three of several options that gift planning allows. Klocke has over 30 years of experience helping donors and their financial advisors with gift planning.

“We saw a miracle of staggering generosity from families, alumni, and friends to help us construct the turf. The excitement at the games was palpable,” said Klocke. “I believe more miracles can happen for our current and future students so that Shanley can continue its legacy of excellence in athletics with these new facilities.”





Forty years ago, a pair of Shanley teams claimed state championships on the same day

Ryan Roshau, Shanley Athletic Club

The day still exists in the memory of those who lived it, and it is a sobering thought to think that four decades have passed since that gray day (and night) in November when the Shanley Deacons pulled off the ultimate doubleheader achievement.

On November 12, 1983, two teams from the same school won respective state championships; a first for the state of North Dakota.

The Shanley football team won their title on a chilly field in Bismarck while the girls basketball team won their crown in a hot gym in Williston. And forty years later, their twin achievements continue to tell a tale of unity, support, and pride for players, family, and fans.

Being a part of a state championship in football was practically a birthright for any young Shanley-bound boy in the 70's and early 80's. From 1967-1981, the Deacons won 11 state championships and the 1983 team stood on the shoulders of those who achieved past gridiron glory.

"We really felt like it was going to be a special year," Senior Tom Noah recalls. "That Shanley tradition, our core wanted to be a part of it." Coach Bruce Larson, two years removed from his first state title after succeeding the legendary Sid Cichy, recognized early that a common thread would lead to success. "From the athletes to the coaches and staff, the dedication was there," Larson said. "It was a dream team to work with because of the focus and preparation and that played out because we

scored on our opening possession in all but one game that year."

"We were methodical and precise," Noah notes. "We ran the football more, a power game, and Coach Larson and his gameplan were the perfect complement to the steady team we were."

The Deacons were steadily smothering in their first three games of the year, blasting opponents by a combined score of 89-6. Included in that run were shutouts over Bismarck St. Mary's and Jamestown. A 14-8 late season win over Fargo North was the closest an opponent came to challenging Shanley.

"There were no hiccups, no scares," Noah recalls. "Plenty of talent but not one person carrying the load." Larson remembers, "There really was no D-I talent on the team, no superstars, just a high-level ability to work well together game after game."

The red train rolled through the postseason as the Deacons remained unbeaten and unblemished. A 41-0 shutout of Mandan in the quarterfinals was followed a week later by a 48-12 trouncing of Bismarck High to reach yet another state championship with an 11-0 record. As the football team was amid their banner season, the girls' basketball team was in the process of building a tradition of their own. For a high school sport in its relative infancy, the Deacons had won four straight EDC titles and claimed state championships in 1980 and 1982. And yet, coming into the 1983 season there was skepticism over what was seen as a bit of

an inexperienced, unremarkable team. “The Seniors we lost were awesome and as strong as a program as we were, there was some doubt out there that we may not be able to win again,” Senior Peggy Wehage recalls. “We felt we had something to prove.”

The lack of respect at the outset of the season became an all-in mantra for the Deacons. “I don’t think a lot of people thought we could win but we won because we came together early as a team,” Junior Debbie (LaBine) Hartman remembers. “Everyone stepped up.”

The key driver behind the ‘83 team’s belief was undoubtedly Head Coach Craig Murie, a larger-than-life figure who transformed the team with his coaching style. “He was a big man, he was boisterous at times, yell at you one minute and pump you up the next because he knew when to be a gentle giant,” Junior Jennie (Schons) Rivard reflects. He was a great coach and a great leader.”

“Coach Murie was on us from the start, and I think he was the biggest believer in what we could do,” Wehage adds.

Despite the shared belief, the Deacons stumbled out of the gate, losing their first game to Devils Lake 49-46. “I think I went 1-for-10, and we went ice cold from the field,” Wehage reminisces. “Michelle Altobell was a great outside shooter and that was the first year with the three-point line and we couldn’t wait to score, but not on that night.” It was in that early setback that the goal came into sharp focus. “We all decided on the bus ride home that we can play better, and we have to turn this around,” Wehage notes. “And, as it turns out, we didn’t lose another game that season.”

Not only were the Deacons undefeated the rest of the regular season, but they were also unchallenged, finishing the regular season at 15-1 and sweeping through the EDC Tournament to win their fifth straight conference crown. Like the football team and their parallel seasons,





everyone had their role, and they formed a collective bond. “It really became our identity,” Wehage recalls. “Even when we broke huddle, we put all our hands in and all said, ‘together’.” And together, the Shanley community became engulfed in school spirit as it appeared both teams were on the brink of something special. “There was so much school spirit in the fall because girls’ basketball was so popular and of course, everyone went to the football games, so it was a constant Tuesday, Thursday, Friday thing,” Rivard recalls. “Football players were there for us, and we were there for them.”

And with the support came the shared sacrifice, a point that is not lost on Wehage. “We share so many common experiences with the (football) guys. Those days at the old high school we would have practices starting in August. They would be sweating on the practice field, and we were sweating inside in the gym with no air-conditioning, and we would all walk down to Hardees and order roast beef sandwiches and compared notes on who had it worse.”

The cohesiveness was felt among the football team as well, as Senior Mike Wold recalls, “We went to grade school with these girls so for us to be on this ride together, at the same time, it was super special and awesome.” Noah agrees. “The girls were a dynasty in those days just like Shanley Football had become, so it was very exciting to go through it together.”

With days to go before dual state titles could be won, enthusiasm at the school reached its zenith. “It was a very exciting week at school with the boys and girls preparing,” Larson remembers. “The whole school was behind these two teams.”

A combined pep rally was held prior to the girls’ 425-mile departure to Williston, the remote site of that year’s girls’ state tournament. “We felt like we were going to the edge of the world,” Wehage recalls. “In fact, as a team we sang a song at the pep rally that Coach Murie wrote as a spin off that song, ‘we’re on the edge of the world looking down on creation.’”

Once the odyssey to the northwest corner of the state was complete, the Deacons continued their winning ways. Held in the Williston High School gymnasium, day one of the state tournament saw the Deacons run roughshod over Dickinson Trinity in the quarterfinals and then overcame a 10-point second quarter deficit to defeat a stubborn Valley City team, 67-60. It was down to one game remaining for each team to achieve the goal.

Game Day

Mother Nature had the first say on Championship Saturday as wet snow blanketed the Bismarck area before a matchup with Bismarck St. Mary's. In the days before domes and artificial turf, fields like the one at Hughes Junior High played host to the state's biggest game of the year. "I remember waking up that morning with snow on the ground, thinking, 'well, this kind of stinks,'" Wold shares. "The field wasn't great, but the temperature wasn't bad."

Snow needed to be removed from the natural grass field, by whatever means necessary. "I do remember that during pre-game warm-ups, one of our players was almost run over by a tractor removing snow," Larson adds with a laugh. Despite the weather, fans made the trek from Fargo to fill the stands with Deacon Pride. "It was the typical great fan support," Noah reflects. "There was no fan bus or anything, just friends and classmates making the drive because they wanted to be a part of something together."

Mike Wold's parents and siblings were among those who made the road trip. "We had a Suburban full of kids," Don Wold remembers. "Our daughter, son, and classmates of theirs all piled in the car."

In the slush (as the November 1983 S.H.A.C.K. reported), the Deacons scored on their opening possession with a 33-yard scamper by Neil Bruns, the first of three of his first half touchdowns. The Deacons led 24-14 at halftime in what was a bit of a see-saw affair. "Once things settled down a bit, that game was a microcosm of the year," Noah remembers. "It was stable, steady, and not too flashy. Eventually we extended our lead."

The Deacon defense buckled down in the second half and won 31-17. The field conditions had deteriorated by the game's end, making for a laundromat's delight. In the post-game celebration, an impromptu photograph, arguably the most iconic image in Deacon sports history, happened by chance. As the team gathered for photos, Assistant Coach and Mathematics teacher Mel Wahl realized he was out of film. Shanley graduate and long-time theater and sports enthusiast Sandy Thiel stepped in. "I took a lot of pictures in those days and of course I had an extra roll, so I gave it to Mel and the rest is history," Thiel remembers. A muddled mass of Seniors converged to produce a frozen moment in time—an image that was displayed prominently at Shanley for years; a symbol of sacrifice, commitment, and reaching a common goal.



What happened next is the straw that stirs this story's drink. The euphoria of the state championship suddenly carried many red-and-white clad fans northwest to Williston. "So many people in that moment just decided, 'well, let's go to Williston. We must have stopped at a drive-thru somewhere and hit the road,'" Thiel remembers.

"We won the football game and we planned to go to Williston," Don Wold, a member of the Deacon class of '61 recalls. "Mike and his friend and teammate (Senior) Dave Cagley showered up, jumped in the car and off we went."

The Woldmobile, and others like it, were on the road. "We were all jacked up and we were so confident the girls were going to win, and we were anxious to get there," Don Wold reflects. "The game had already started because I remember listening to it on the radio on the way."

"Just thinking back to that state title game against Bismarck gives me goosebumps," Wehage recalls. "When people came trickling in it almost made me tearful. For all those fans and players to make that extra four-hour drive to Williston. Seeing most of them come in as we were warming up it gave us all an assurance that with this support we were going to win."

"Coming out of the locker room and the football players who had just won made a tunnel for us to run through," Michelle (Altobell) Bianco remembers.

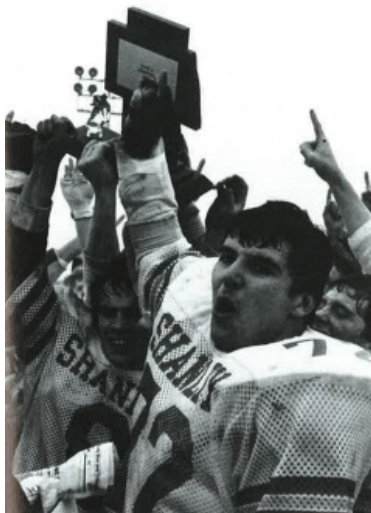
"We had our Shanley jackets, and we walked in the gym after the girls' game had already started and we got a good ovation from those in the gym. That was a special feeling," Mike Wold shares. "We knew the girls couldn't be in Bismarck to watch us, but we could be there for them."

With the game underway, The Deacons trailed by one heading into the fourth quarter. The support of those proved to be the wind in the sails as Shanley outscored Bismarck 17-4 in the final stanza, sweeping its second straight state title 49-37. The 21-1 season was complete. Two state titles secured. More memorable photos were taken in the aftermath – basketball and football players combined. After a long day of travel for many, it was safe to say that the hotel industry in Williston had a successful night.



The gym back home in Fargo was packed again a day later as a welcome home celebration was held to hail the conquering heroes and heroines. "Coaches, teachers, parents, classmates, everyone seemed to be there," Rivard reflects. The accomplishment of a completed task painted the school with a pride that has never worn off.

The feat of two state titles in one day was matched by Fargo South in 1992 and West Fargo in 1993. In a move to align with college scholarship timelines and to be consistent with surrounding states, girls' basketball became a winter sport in 2002.



But for one fall, forty years ago, something special happened together. And one memory from those days sums up the entire run of two teams, two titles, and one community who lifted them up.

"That edge of the world song we sang about at that pep rally,"

Wehage recollected, "it also mentioned, 'the spirit that we found ever since you've been around, your spirit put us on top of the world.'"



JP II ACTIVITIES

The mission of St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is to inspire excellence by teaching the total person and fostering the following of Christ, as taught by the Catholic Church. The idea of the total person encompasses many facets of student's lives: physical, mental, spiritual, social, and emotional to name a few.

Student activities offer students the chance to grow in each of those domains while enjoying school even more and being part of a team. St. John Paul II Catholic Schools offers the following NDHSAA activities through Shanley:

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Cheer
- Debate
- Football
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Speech
- Student Congress
- Swimming and Diving - girls
- Tennis
- Theater
- Track and Field
- Volleyball

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools also offers the following NDHSAA activities through cooperative sponsorships through other schools:

- Gymnastics
- Hockey- boys
- Hockey- girls
- Swimming & Diving - boys
- Wrestling

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools also offers a variety of student clubs and organizations:

- American Heritage Girls
- Art Club
- Audio/Visual Club
- (Shanley TV)
- Bible Studies
- Boy Scouts
- Chess Clubs
- Chimbote, Peru Mission Trip
- Fishing Team
- Garden Club
- Girl Scouts
- Ham Radio
- Journalism
- Junior Classical League
- Math Club
- National Honor Society
- Philanthropy and Youth
- Quintessence
- Recorder Club
- St. Ann's (Belcourt) Mission Trip
- Sandpebbles
- Science Bowl
- Service Club
- Spanish Clubs
- Spirit Lake (St. Michael's) Mission Trip
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Councils
- Teens for Life
- Trap Shooting
- Weight Lifting Club
- Yearbooks

Deacons Making Headlines



Msgr. Laliberte Celebrates 50 years as a Priest



Msgr. Robert Laliberte '64, celebrated his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood Sunday August 6th with a Mass, dinner, and program with his family, brother priests, and friends. The event was held in

his home parish—St. Anthony's—the very same church in which he was ordained on December 2, 1973.

Monsignor taught Scripture and Philosophy at Cardinal Muench Seminary/NDSU for 36 years, influencing generations of seminarians and university students. He also taught continuing education classes for priests and formation classes for Deacon aspirants. He earned his PhD in Philosophy from the Angelicum in Rome in 1996. In 2006, Pope Benedict named him a "Monsignor."



Sr. Mary Pieta Makes Final Vows

Sr. Mary Pieta '03 made her final vows on August 5th during the Solemn Mass of Perpetual Religious Profession at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. Sr. Mary Pieta, with six other women, took their final vows to serve God as Sisters of Life throughout their lives. During the Mass was led by Principal Celebrant and Homilist Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York.

Deacon Pat and Brenda Breen, with the rest of the family held a Perpetual Vows Celebration honoring their daughter on August 16th at their home parish of Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church in Fargo. The celebration included a Mass and reception for family, friends, and fellow parishioners.

"Sister's response to the call and witness to faith, hope, and charity have been an inspiration over the years," said JPII President Mike Hagstrom. "Congratulations to her, her congregation, and to her parents (Deacon Pat & Brenda Breen) and family. Please pray in thanksgiving for the gift of self she will give the Lord and His people and for her continued fruitful witness."

If you would like to watch a recording of the Mass, it can be found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/D4xTZ0j8N70?feature=share>



Deacons Making Headlines

Accident brings God's providence to light by Tom Smith

Nothing could have prepared us for that afternoon on April 27 1998. The day began as any other Monday. I kissed my wife Jenny and our four girls goodbye as I headed to work. Jenny drove our older three girls to school, after which she would return home with our youngest daughter, Christy '12, who was just a month and a half away from her fourth birthday.

Jenny and I had been married for 14 years and lived a few blocks from our parish, St. Anthony of Padua in Fargo. We loved St. Anthony's and had made many friends there over the years. Though Jenny and I did our best to educate our girls in the faith, sending them to the local Catholic school and giving them a loving family life, our spiritual life, and marriage as a whole, left a lot to be desired. We were "cradle Catholics," going through the motions, but we lacked an intimate relationship with God, and we were starting to drift apart.

At 1:30 PM, the phone rang above my workbench at the local Ford dealer where I worked as a mechanic. It was my neighbor Bettie who said, "Tom, one of your girls is hurt and you need to come home." That was all the detail she gave me. Our neighbors, Bettie and Bud, were like family to us and the best neighbors we could ask for. As I put my tools away, thinking I may be gone for a few hours, Marilyn, who worked in the cashier's office, ran up to me and said, "Tom, you need to go home now!" Little did I know that the situation I was about to encounter was being broadcast on the radio.

As I got closer to our home, my heart pounded and I began feverishly praying to God to help whomever of my daughters was hurt. In our driveway and on the street were several police cars, an ambulance, a fire truck, a TV news crew,

and lots of people looking around our yard. I ran into the house calling out my wife Jenny's name, but no one answered. I ran up to Bud and pleaded with him for an answer. As tears streamed down my face, he informed me that our little girl, Christy, had been accidentally shot by another neighbor, who was a security guard, as he was handling his .40 caliber pistol.

When I got to the hospital, I was escorted into the emergency room waiting area. There I met Jenny and our other three girls, a priest, and our parish nurse from St. Anthony's. We hugged, cried, and prayed in earnest for what seemed like hours. Suddenly a doctor entered and then we saw the huge smile on his face as he exclaimed, "I think your daughter is going to be okay. It was very close, an inch closer and that bullet would have gone right through her heart and instantly killed her." We were able to see Christy about 30 minutes later as she was wheeled into the ICU. Miraculously, we brought her home just five days later, though she would need frequent visits to the hospital to monitor her healing.

Much physical and spiritual healing took place



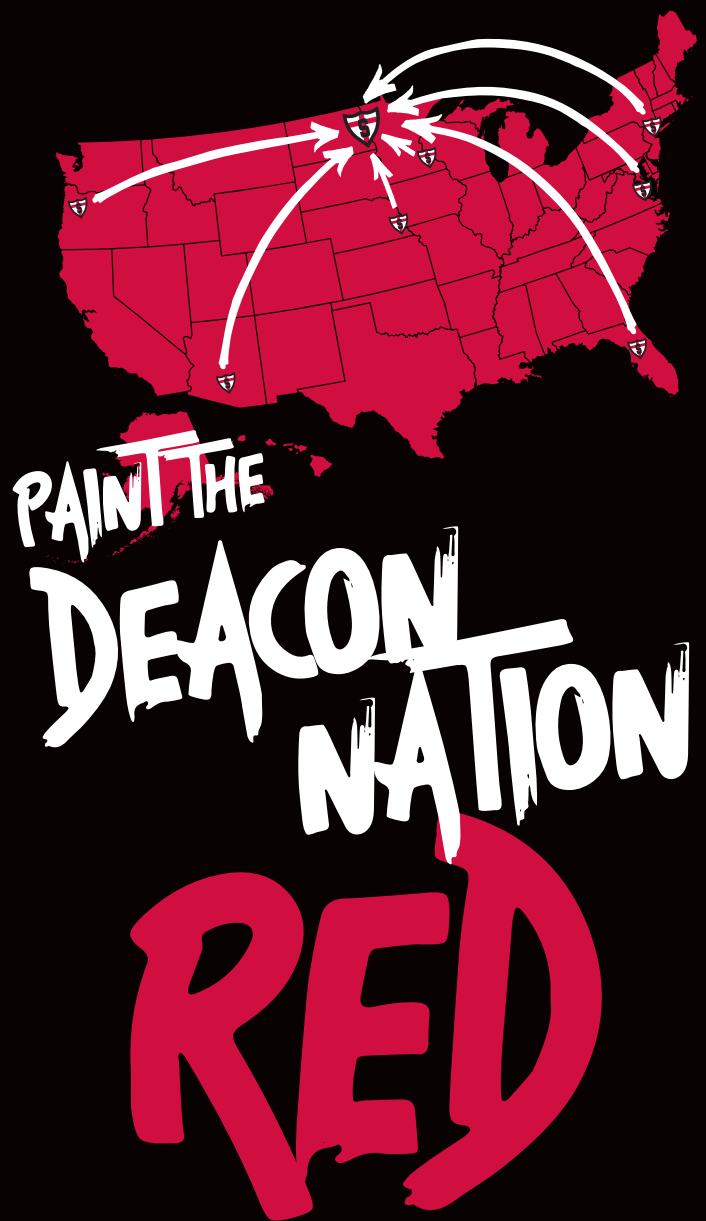
in our family in the weeks, months, and years to follow. We were overwhelmed by hundreds of prayers, gifts, meals, and well-wishes, not only from St. Anthony parishioners, but the Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo community and beyond. God blessed our family with a true miracle through the prayers and faith of so many around us! Jenny and I knew it was time for a change in our lives, a time to welcome God into our daily lives in an intimate way.

Many things came to light later about that day that simply cannot be coincidence. When the accident happened to Christy:

- Bettie and Bud were less than 100 feet away, ready to help.
- The ambulance was only two blocks from our house.
- The first emergency doctor to stabilize Christy was a parishioner from St. Anthony's.
- The two best cardio-thoracic doctors in the region operated on Christy.
- One of the first responders in the firetruck was a parishioner of St. Anthony's.
- Christy was on hundreds of prayer chains across the country.

I don't believe God wills accidents like this to happen, but when they do, he always provides us with the graces, the people, and everything we need to get us through. Christy will be 29 years old this year and has a wonderful husband, Kevin, and two children, Edith and Blaise. Though it has been 25 years since her accident, we still celebrate every year on April 27 in thanksgiving to God for healing our family.

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Deacons Making Headlines

3rd Annual ABLE Games

Founded in 2020 by Shanley Alum Connor McGovern '11, an NFL center for the New York Jets, and Kim Pladson, president, and CEO of TNT Kid's Fitness & Gymnastics, the ABLE Games is not just a competition; it's a way of serving the Fargo-Moorhead community by providing and time and place for all-inclusive competition. At the time, McGovern and Pladson could not have envisioned the remarkable journey the games would undertake over the following three years. March 31, 2023, saw the third installment of the ABLE Games, which has grown remarkably in the last three years.

What makes this event truly exceptional is its focus on inclusivity. Teams from across the region assemble at the Sanford Health Athletic Complex to partake in an all-inclusive test of functional fitness. This year, the ABLE Games organizers are setting their sights on area schools, with a whopping 60 teams representing grades 7-12, aiming to create a profound impact.

The introduction of the "ABLE in School" this year was a significant milestone in the groups effort to be more involved in area schools. They developed skills-based curriculum program encourages diversity, equity, and inclusion in physical education, supporting all children, including those with special needs, in grades K-12 students. In addition to the curriculum, ABLE Games is also offering scholarships to graduating seniors or individuals with special needs, emphasizing the event's commitment to involvement with local schools. McGovern and his wife will also be awarding five \$1,000 scholarships, which the recipients can apply toward college or other life transitions.

The next ABLE Games is scheduled for April 5-7, 2024.



Photo Caption: Connor McGovern '11 at the 2023 ABLE Games.
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Back to School in Our Own School

By Jason Kotrba | Principal at Holy Spirit school in Fargo



There is an expression that comes to mind when I reflect on the journey Holy Spirit School was on the past 18 months. "Home is where the heart is." Due to unforeseen circumstances in May of 2022, Holy Spirit School had to close for construction renovations, and classes were moved to the Wanzek Center, the former St. Mary's school in Fargo, for the 2022-2023 school year. We were blessed with a supportive parish at the Cathedral of St. Mary to welcome us into their building to use for the school year. We were thankful for the JPII Schools Community of parents, staff and students to help move us back and forth when we needed it most. We are joyful for the Holy Spirit parish community, which committed to rebuilding Holy Spirit school and transform it into a brand new school. God's intercession was truly there through it all! Even though the dimensions didn't change for the school, everything is brand new. When you lose something for a timeframe and then get it back, you appreciate it that much more. It is good to be home, and we are looking forward to providing a quality Catholic education to all students who walk through the doors.

Memoriam

As of October 10th, 2023, publication:

Joseph Lawrence ('48) passed away on February 1, 2023 in Tampa, FL.

Joan (Kodelka) Forstner ('53) passed away on August 2, 2023. Joan was the sister of **Maggie (Kodelka) Sveum ('69)**, the late **John Kodelka ('56)** and **Mary Kodelka ('58)**. She was also the mother of **Deb Forstner ('75)**, **Judy (Forstner) Pofert ('78)**, **Dan Forstner ('83)**, **Jackie (Forstner) Johnson ('85)**, **Sarah Forstner ('92)**, and the grandmother of Shanley graduates, **Abbie Johnson ('18)** and **Noah Johnson ('19)**.

Karen (Young) Knudson ('53) passed away on August 8, 2023. Karen was the sister of **Ann Kapaun ('63)**, the mother of **Wanda Sherven** and **Valerie Schwartz**, and the grandmother of Shanley graduate, **Hailey Schwartz ('10)**.

Judith (Henning) Aagesen ('54) passed away on June 14, 2023. Judy was the sister of the late **James Henning ('44)**, **Knute "Lanny" Henning ('46)**, **Sharlene (Henning) Benson ('52)**, and **Nancy (Henning) Kurk ('57)**.

Edwin "Butch" Randel ('55) passed away on September 20, 2023. Ed was the brother of the late **Heather (Randel) Peterson ('57)**, and the father of **Scott Randel**, **Christopher Randel**, **Kelly (Randel) Moore**, **Robert Randel ('90)**, and the late **Joseph Randel**.

Richard E. Olsen, Sr. ('60) passed away on July 7, 2023. Richard was the husband of **Judy (Mangen) Olsen ('62)**, and the father of **Richard Olsen, Jr.**, **Jeff Olsen ('85)**, **Tim Olsen ('86)**, and **Kristin (Olsen) Proell ('88)**.

Angie (Denis) McCloskey ('71) passed away on March 15, 2023. Angie was the sister of **Kit Denis ('70)**, **Stewart Denis**, and the late **Jay Denis ('69)**, and **Marcia Denis ('74)**.

Thomas Goltz ('72) passed away on July 28, 2023. Thomas was the brother of **Neill ('71)**, **Eddy ('73)**, **Martie ('76)**, **Julie ('77)**, **Stan ('79)**, **Vince ('81)**, and **Charlie ('84)**.

Alvin Edward Soukup ('74) passed away on August 10, 2023. Al was the son of **Evelyn (Ukestad) Soukup ('48)**, and the brother of **Mike Soukup ('74)**, **Kathy (Soukup) Cicora ('76)**, **Nancy (Soukup) Tufto ('78)**, **Greg Soukup ('79)**, and **Scott Soukup ('84)**.

Brad Pavsek ('75) passed away on March 7, 2023. Brad was the brother of **Kaye (Pavsek) Sullivan ('62)**, **Julie (Pavsek) Warner ('66)**, **JD Pavsek ('70)**, **Brian Pavsek ('75)**, **Kari (Pavsek) Marsh ('85)**, and the late **Kevin Pavsek ('73)**. He was also the father of Shanley graduate, **Savannah (Pavsek) Dickelman ('03)**.

Jolene (Tilton) Muscha ('79) passed away on August 9, 2023. Jolene was the sister of **Brian Tilton ('81)**, **Jeff Tilton ('86)**, and **Lisa (Tilton) Day ('87)**.

Fr. Scott Sautner ('92) passed away on June 5, 2023 in Fargo, ND.

Peggy Bahr passed away on August 24, 2023. Peggy was the mother of **Patty (Bahr) Scrip ('72)**, **Jeff Bahr ('74)**, and **Denise (Bahr) Kern ('79)**.

Roxanne "Roxy" Bannerman passed away on June 30, 2023. Roxy was the wife of **Jerry Bannerman ('80)**.

Robert "Bob" R. Buth passed away on September 30, 2023. Bob was the father of **Tracy (Buth) DeCock ('03)**, **Karla (Buth) Bell ('04)**, **Kevin Buth ('11)**, and **Mark Buth**.

Douglas DeMinck passed away on May 18, 2023. Doug was the brother of **Tony DeMinck**, **Teresa (DeMinck) Smith**, **Renee (DeMinck) Hurst**, **Diane (DeMinck) Kleist**, **Steven DeMinck**, and **Mike DeMinck ('79)**.

James "Jim" Frank passed away on October 5, 2023. Jim was the father of **Jim Frank, Jr. ('90)**, **Brian**

Frank ('95), and Megan (Frank) Champagne ('00).

Neville Graham passed away on May 25, 2023. Neville was the father of **Gigi (Graham) Willett ('86)** and the late **Scott Graham**.

Glenna Gruman passed away on July 21, 2023 in Palm Desert, CA. Glenna was the mother of **Cindy Gruman ('85), Melissa (Gruman) Sorensen ('87),** and **Gary Gruman**.

Roberta "Bobbie" Ann Hogan passed away on July 19, 2023. Bobbie was the mother of **Holly (Hogan) Saarion, Matthew Hogan ('05),** and **Emily (Hogan) Torres ('10).**

Mike Hughes passed away on July 17, 2023. Mike was the father of **Jon Hughes ('78), Mark Hughes ('80), Tim Hughes ('81),** and **Julie (Hughes) Luna ('84).**

Richard "Rick" Jordahl passed away on August 1, 2023. Rick was the father of **Rob Jordahl ('86)** and **Angela Jordahl ('89).** He was also the grandfather of Shanley graduates, **Drew Jordahl ('19),** and **Carly Sue Jordahl ('21).**

Dr. Samy Karaz passed away on June 23, 2023. Samy was the father of **Katya (Karaz) Enzler ('07)** and **David Karaz ('10).**

Lynda K. Lohmeier passed away on August 26, 2023. Lynda Lohmeier taught English at Shanley High School from the fall of 2007 until the spring of 2011.

Darlene Mickelson passed away on July 3, 2023. Darlene was the mother of **Vicky (Mickelson) Matthys ('80), Greg Mickelson ('87), Curt Mickelson ('90),** and the late **Gary Mickelson ('75).**

Donald Clarence Rose passed away on June 28, 2023. Don was the husband of **Diane (Charbonneau) Rose ('59).**

Kathleen Rudd passed away on June 7, 2023. Kathleen was the sister of **Patricia (Kippels) Johansen, Margaret (Kippels) Mowery ('63),** and the mother of **Laurel Rudd, Joe Rudd ('83),** and **Pat Rudd.**

Constance Schmidt passed away on May 14, 2023. Connie was the mother of **Brian Schmidt ('85), Jeff Schmidt ('87),** and **Jennifer Schmidt.**

Laverne Robert "Bob" Sullivan passed away on July 10, 2023. Bob was the father of **Sean Sullivan, Shannon Sullivan ('83), Thomas Sullivan,** and **Susan Sullivan.**

Fred Arlen Wenger, Jr. passed away on August 24, 2023. Fred was the husband of **Barb (Kelly) Wenger ('53).**

Francis "Frank" Alvin Witte passed away on September 27, 2023. Frank was the husband of **Patricia (Gerlach) Witte ('64).**

Mathias "Matt" Wolf passed away on June 11, 2023. Matt was the husband of **Sharon (Lepine) Wolf ('61).**

If you would like to inform classmates and other alumni of a loved one's passing, please submit information either by phone or by email to:

Joelle Shewey
701-893-3225 or joelle.shewey@jp2schools.org.

Diocesan policy regarding reporting sexual abuse:

The Diocese of Fargo is committed to the protection of youth. Please report any incidents or suspected incidents of child abuse, including sexual abuse, to civil authorities. If the situation involves a member of the clergy or a religious order, a seminarian, or an employee of a Catholic school, parish, the diocesan offices of other Catholic entity within the diocese, we ask that you also report the incident or suspected incident to Msgr. Joseph P. Goering, Vicar General, at (701) 356-7945 or to Larry Bernhardt, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at (701) 356-7965 or victimassistance@fargodiocese.org. For additional information about victim assistance, visit: <http://www.fargodiocese.org/victimassistance/index.htm>

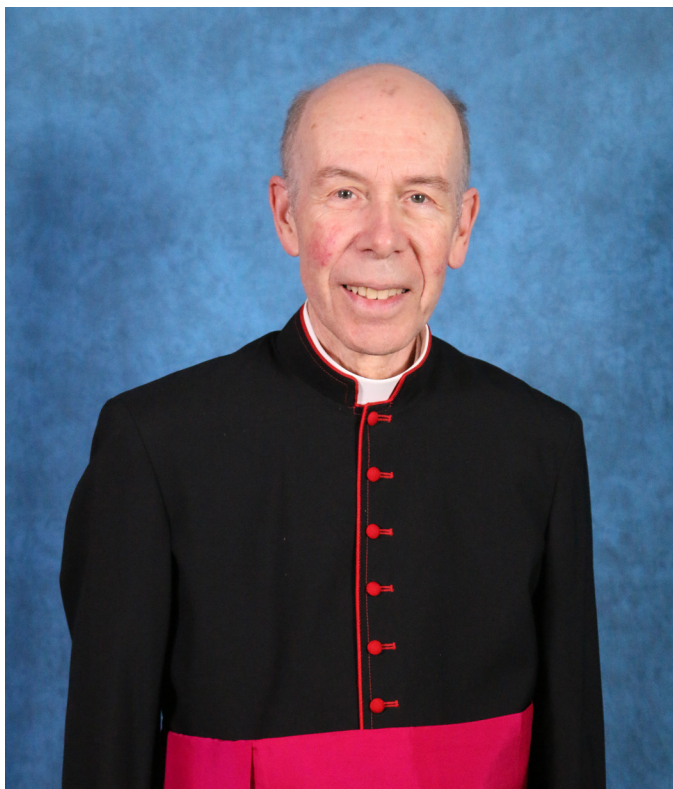
Hall of Fame Banquet Recap

Sr. Mary Margaret Mooney '55

After graduating from Shanley High School in 1955, Sister Mary Margaret Mooney, PVBM, joined the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and began teaching at St. Anthony's and later Nativity. While many remember her as their teacher, she spent most of her professional life in health care. She laid on soapy hands in hospitals large and small and taught in nursing programs—including those at University of Mary and NDSU. She served on boards of hospitals and national health systems, a national accreditation agency and service organizations including the Jeremiah Program, Catholic Charities and Friendship. She co-chaired the North Dakota Health Task Force. In the late 1980s, she chaired the ad hoc group that initiated what has now become JPPII Catholic Schools. Mary Margaret served in leadership roles with the Sisters of the Presentation and the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, she is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, received the NDNA Hall of Fame Award and the Sigma Theta Tau Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award. Twice named a YMCA Woman of the Year, she also was a recipient of an Ethics and Public Policy Fellowship and a Bush Fellowship. She has worked as a docent at Nano Nagle Place in Ireland and as a representative of the International Presentation Association at the United Nations in New York.



2023 Mike & Karen Hofer Deacon Award Winners



Msgr. Robert L. Laliberte '64

Msgr. Robert L. Laliberte grew up in St. Anthony's Parish in Fargo. After graduating valedictorian from Shanley High School in 1964 and spending two years at St. John's, Collegeville, MN, he received the Basselin Scholarship to Catholic University in Washington, DC. He completed an MA in philosophy and an STB in theology. In 1972, he returned to Fargo where, he began his long tour of teaching and formation at Cardinal Muench Seminary. He was ordained on December 2, 1973, and is celebrating his 50th anniversary as a priest this year. His teaching, which continued until 2009, centered around Scripture, philosophy, and Hebrew. While there, he administered the parish at Kindred for five years and assisted the diocese especially in Deacon Formation, restructuring the Priests Council, and Continuing Education of priests. He earned a PhD in philosophy in 1996 from the University of St. Thomas in Rome, and was named a Prelate of Honor by Pope Benedict in 2006. After leaving the seminary staff, he did two years of pastoral work at St. Anthony's in Fargo, which included beginning That Man Is You for the parish men. After residing in New Hampshire for two years, Msgr. Laliberte retired in 2011 and now divides his time between Fargo and Omaha. While in Omaha, he helped found the Chesterton Academy of Omaha, a small classical high school, and studied Spanish to bring sacraments to the Latino population.



Hall of Fame Banquet Recap

Doreen (Dooher) Kennelly '70

Doreen (Dooher) Kennelly decided that she wanted to be a teacher at the end of her first day of kindergarten. After graduating from Shanley in 1970, she earned a BS in Elementary Education from Moorhead State University in 1974. She taught in public schools until her husband, Jack, entered law school at UND. She taught second grade at St. Michael's in Grand Forks for three years. Upon returning to Fargo in 1982, Doreen reconnected with Fargo Catholic Schools and taught for two years at Nativity Elementary. After a brief time at home with her children, Doreen returned to teaching in 1990 – but at the middle school level this time – where she stayed for 23 years, at which time, Msgr. Wald called her to teach adults in Holy Spirit parish. She retired in 2020, but continues to serve in the JP II Catholic schools by substitute teaching. Doreen suffers from an addiction to purchasing art supplies and loves hosting painting parties with her sister, Jean. Her motto, taken from GK Chesterton, is, “A thing worth doing, is worth doing poorly.”



2023 Mike & Karen Hofer Deacon Award Winners



Jean (Dooher) Eppler '73

Jean (Dooher) Eppler's journey with education began as a child growing up in Grand Forks, ND. She credits her second grade teacher, Sister Lucy at Holy Family Catholic School in Grand Forks, for inspiring her interest in Catholic education. She continued in Catholic Schools until graduating from Shanley in 1973. When Jean married Cray Eppler in 1975, they moved to Sioux Falls, where Jean received her BA in Education from Augustana. Jean began her first teaching job at St. Lambert's in 1977. To be closer to her family, Jean and Cray returned to Fargo in 1987. Soon after returning to Fargo, Jean was hired as a third grade teacher for Nativity Elementary. She taught several grades in a traditional classroom before becoming Nativity's Art Teacher in 2014, where she stayed until she retired in 2022. Cray and Jean were blessed with two daughters, who went on to attend Nativity and Shanley. When asked what it is she's most proud of in her accomplished teaching career, Jean stated simply: "I'm proud of teaching in a Catholic School. That's been my number one goal, and teaching our faith has always been important to me."



Hall of Fame Banquet Recap

2023 Shanley Hall of Fame Inductees

Rich Ulring '70

Rich Ulring graduated from Shanley in 1970, and later earned both a Bachelors and Masters degree from Gonzaga University. He was a Shanley High School faculty member and Christian Brothers Associate for the 1974-75 school year, and then went on to be a member of the faculty & administration at Jesuit High School in Portland, OR. Though he spent the majority of his career as a State Farm Agent, he has remained an advocate for Catholic education. He served on the Jesuit High School Board of Trustees from 2010-2016 and spent 36 years as the public address announcer "Voice of the Crusaders" for their Athletic Department. Since 2002, Rich has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Blanchet House of Hospitality, a soup kitchen and recovery center that serves over 350,000 meals each year and houses 48 residents in Portland, OR. He was President of the board when the Blanchet House raised over \$13.2 million to build a new facility in 2012. Rich and his wife, Mary Anne, have three children who are all proud graduates of Jesuit High School & Gonzaga University.

1969 Deacon Football Team – State Champions

Coach Cichy had expressed that this team may have been one of his most gratifying teams to coach. After struggling to compete as freshmen, his seniors became part of an undefeated, State Championship winning team through hard work and determination. That fall, the Deacons defeated Dickinson Trinity in the championship game 52-0.

Jeff Baer, Don Bolgrean, Kevin Brennan, Karl Bushland, Nick Cichy, Jim Crary, Al Danielski, Tim Delmore, Chuck Deutsch, Steve Donegan, Steve DuBord, Jim Duchscher, Pat Dwyer, Wayne Fischer, Dave Fischer, Doug Fischer, Dennis Flynn, Tim Gerdes, Mike Gerlach, Tom Goltz, Neill Goltz, Tom Greving, Mak Grove, Rod Kern, Gary Kranz, Craig Kuhlmann, Jim Lavelle, Jack Lavelle, Bill LeDoux, Mike LeDoux, Jim Lynch, Mike Magelky, Mark Malmberg, Bob McCormick, Chuck McDonnell, Dan Mickelson, Dave Miller, Tom Moorhouse, Steve Morehead, Mark Pancratz, Mike Pendergast, Dana Ringuette, Jeff Roper, Tom Schons, Tim Schons, Tom Schott, Mike Seminary, Jim Sornsin, Pat Sweeney, Roy Wasche, Don White, Mark Wilson Team Managers: Joe Callahan '70, Dan Hare '70, Assistant Coach Mike Cichy '62, and Head Coach Sid Cichy.





Mike & Karen Hofer Deacon Award & Hall of Fame Nomination Form



☐ **Hall of Fame Award**

Graduates, teams or employees

- ◆10 years since graduation
- ◆5 years since employment

◆Level of excellence in Athletics, Arts, Academics, Leadership, Service, Career or Professional either at SHA/SHS or following graduation

◆Reflect Honorably on the JPII Catholic Schools

☐ **Deacon Award**

Graduates, parents, employees & friends

◆Exemplify ideals of a Deacon through extensive service and outstanding contributions of time, talent and/or treasure to the JPII Catholic Schools.

◆Reflect Honorably on the JPII Catholic Schools

Nominee: _____ Nominee Class Year or Employment Years: _____
(if applicable)

Address (if living): _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Profession: _____

Reason for Nomination (what, where, when including honors or awards):

Nominator's Name: _____ Nominator's Relationship: _____

Address: _____
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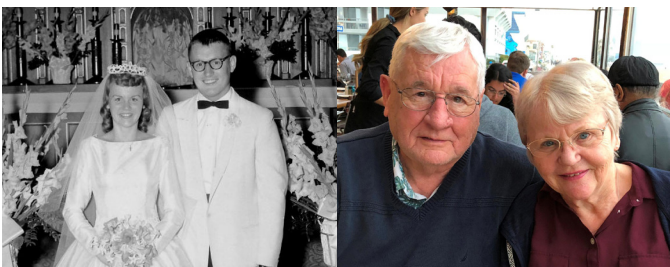
Phone: _____ Email: _____ Date: _____

Forms should be Postmarked by March 31st
JPII Catholic Schools
5600 25th Street South
Fargo, ND 58104
Attn: Joelle Shewey

Alumni News

1950's

Paul Schulz ('57) and his wife, Mary Jean, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married August 23, 1958, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo. They are the parents of **Stacey (Schulz) Kerns ('77)**, **Greg Schulz ('79)**, and **Christine (Schulz) Oliver ('81)**.



Paul '57 & Mary Jean Schulz

1960's

Kathleen (Scheffler) Schultz ('60) hosted a dessert and coffee party on July 14th. Classmates in attendance were **Roberta Schulte ('60)** from California, **Judy (Erjavec) Erck ('60)** from Owatonna, MN, **Norma (Hebert) Schwinden ('60)**, **Judy Jacobson ('60)**, **Bea (Richard) Johnk ('60)**, **Marlya (Mertens) Dittmer ('60)**, **Connie (McConnell) Erlandson ('60)**, **Charlotte (Kramer) Griffeth ('60)**, and **Sr. Lorraine Schmaltz ('60)** all from Fargo. It was a great afternoon of visiting.



1963 60th Class Reunion

Lt. Robert Eugene Ritz ('62), USN Ret. welcomed his second great grandchild, **Elijah Robert**, on June 14, 2023.

David White ('68) and his wife, Deanna, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 9, 2023. They are blessed with 5 children, 4 in-laws, and one child to be married, 17 grandchildren, and one great grandchild.



David '68 & Deanna White

Morrie Schwinden ('62) & Cathy (Rutten '68) Schwinden. Celebrated their 50th Anniversary on Sunday July 23, at Holy Spirit with their children Sarah '96, Lisa '98, and Christopher '01, family, and friends. They were married July 20, 1973, at Sacred Heart Convent, Fargo.



Morrie '62 & Cathy '68 Schwinden

1970's

Cheryl (Grandbois) Hoffman ('77) and her husband, Steve, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They were married June 11, 1983, at St. Anthony of Padua, Fargo.



Cheryl (Grandbois '77) & Steve Hoffman

1990's

Charles "Chas" Neff Jr. ('99) was appointed by ND Governor Doug Burgum to a judgeship in the Northwest Judicial District in June 2023.

2000's

Kevin Torgerson ('07) and his wife, Hannah, welcomed a daughter, Nicolette Larae, on February 28, 2023.

2010's

Thomas George ('14) and Ashley Hoganson ('15) were married on June 30, 2023.

Lucas Johnson ('17) married Emily Lech on June 23, 2023. Emily is the choir director for Sacred Heart Middle School & Shanley High School.



Lucas ('17) & Emily Johnson

Taryn Hoffer ('18) and Kaden Kueneman ('19) were married on June 9, 2023.

Adam McTaggart ('18) is the Deputy Sheriff for McHenry County ND. He was awarded the 2023 North Dakota Lifesaving Award. The Lifesaving Award is given to a law enforcement officer who by his/her actions significantly contributes to saving a human's life.

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DEACON DINNER AUCTION & GALA

Approaching its 40th year, the Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala is a deeply-rooted tradition each spring for our community. It has changed many times over the years, and each change has brought the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools community closer together while also raising much needed funds for the system. Most recently, changes have focused on celebrating our community. Last year, we added elements that celebrated our students: the band played, the choir was on the screen in the ballroom before dinner, student projects were on display, and the musical cast performed "We're All in this Together," from their spring show, "High School Musical."

Celebrating Community

One of the things that sets St. John Paul II Catholic Schools apart from other schools is our sense of community, not only among the students, but also including staff, families, alumni, and supporters. We honor our staff at the Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala with the Presentation Awards – a new tradition where we recognize staff who live our mission and go above and beyond to support our students as they grow into the people God intended for them to be. We celebrate our families, alumni, and supporters throughout the evening by presenting an elegant and fun evening for them to share together. We recognize our students by weaving their accomplishments throughout the evening's programming. It takes community for St. John

Paul II Catholic Schools to thrive, and we look forward to celebrating all of you this spring at the 40th Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala.

How Can You Help?

Although work on the Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala occurs throughout the year, beginning in the fall, the work starts to ramp up. It takes many contributions from the JP II community in the form of time, talent, and donations each year to create the beloved tradition that is also the major fundraising event for our schools. As the event has grown to be a system-wide fundraiser, involvement from our entire community is important for the continued success of the auction. Past Auction Chairs, Tim & Gill Graveline, have emphasized how service and attendance to the auction is vital to its continued growth and support of our schools. So how can you help?





Serve

The auction is a big event and volunteers are integral to its success. There are many areas in which you can serve, including community outreach to local businesses, display, loading, unloading, packaging, data entry, and many more!

Donate

The ability of the auction to raise much needed funds for JP2 Catholic Schools is largely dependent on donations. Donations needed include items and services to be auctioned off as well as monetary donations to be used to purchase larger items for the auction and raffles. All donations are vital to the success of the auction and will be listed on the website and auction catalog, unless the donor requests that they be made anonymously.

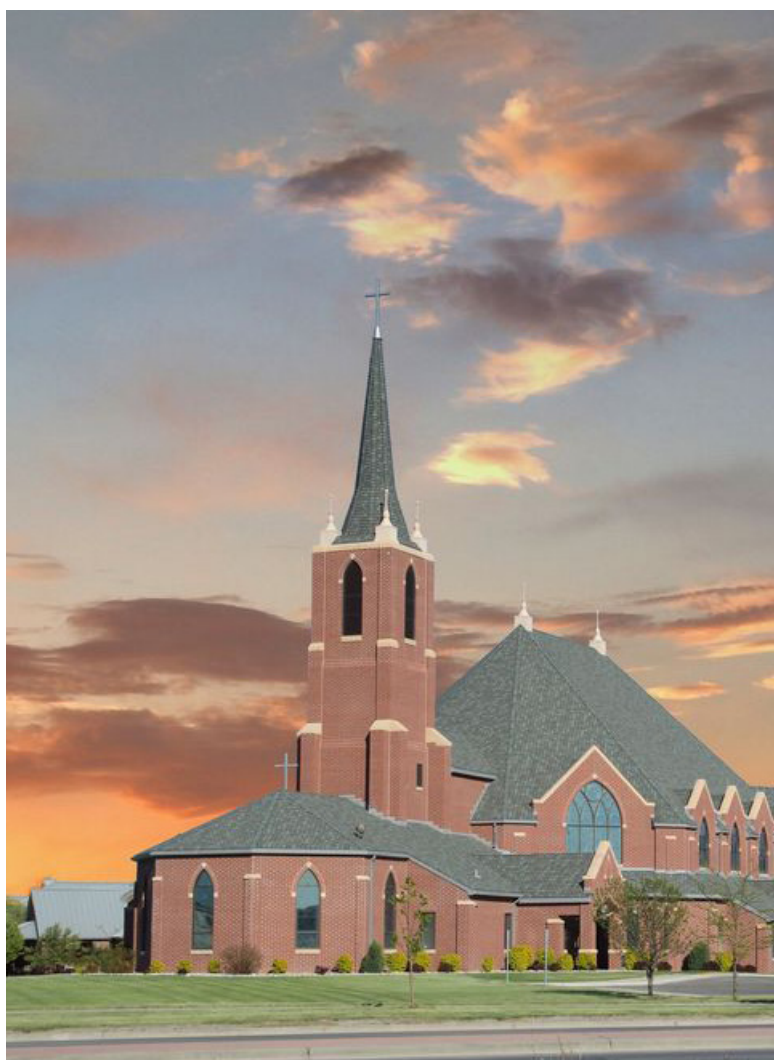
Become a Galamaker

As we continue to add features to the auction, we are constantly looking for alternative funding for these fun new features so that we can continue to raise more for our beloved schools. We are seeking Galamakers for the Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala to help offset these costs. A Galamaker can be an individual, family, group, or business. Galamaker Sponsorship levels begin at \$500 and include many points of recognition leading up to and throughout the event, including a thank you on the Auction website, a listing in the catalog, a thank you on the new marquee on the Shanley High School/Sacred Heart Middle School campus and screen recognition that night.



For more information about the Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala, please visit <https://jp2schools.ejoinme.org/deaconauction>. Or scan the QR Code.

If you're interested in helping in anyway, please contact Liz Bassett by email at specialevents@jp2schools.org or by calling 701.893.3242.



Thank You Saint Anne & Joachim Catholic Church

For more than 15 years, Saints Anne & Joachim has allowed the Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala to use space in the church for us to store items and conduct the necessary prep work prior that occurs prior to the auction. In 2020, we even broadcast our virtual auction from the room that has become known as "The Auction Room." As the church as grown, they are now in need of the space to support parish programs. This fall, we moved out of our home at the church. We are very grateful to the parish and the leadership of Saints Anne & Joachim Catholic Church for their support and use of the space for so many years.



Consider This

Do you own or work for a business that can offer an item for a service to be donated? Do you have a connection with a business who may be able to donate? Are you crafty or creative and make items that may be of interest to our attendees? If not, do you know someone who is? Or perhaps you participate in a timeshare or have a vacation home somewhere of interest that you could donate. Do you have transferrable travel miles with a major airline? If so, an item or service donation may be just the thing for you. If not, perhaps, you or your company would consider making a financial donation toward the auction to help purchase items when necessary.



Meet Your Auction Chairs!

Chris & Gina Ahlers

3rd Year as Auction Chairs

We would like to focus on the community vibe at our auction. Last year we added the dance, and it was a fantastic way to celebrate our school community – it was So. Much.

Fun! We would also like to highlight some of the talents in our schools. We have this auction to raise money for our kids' Catholic education – let's showcase the kids and what's going on in our schools! We'd also like to step up the silent and live auctions with trendy new items and experiences for families. We are excited to get working and make this event an amazing time!



Dan & Sue Kadrmas

2nd Year as Auction chairs

We are proud to be a part of the JPII school system and strongly believe in its teaching of values, faith, community service, and education to inspire our students to become the total person. Not only does the JPII Schools provide an exceptional education, but students are taught the Catholic faith and the benefits and importance of contributing to and being active in a community. As chairs this year, we are most excited about celebrating the success of the school year and recognizing the students, faculty and families who contribute their time and talents to improving the JPII Schools. We are looking forward to encouraging others to attend this fun social event.



Paul & Geneva Noah

1st Year as Auction Chairs

We have seen and experienced the wonderful benefits that the JPII Schools have provided for our three children and want to do what we can to help ensure that the teaching of the total person continues for generations to come. The emphasis on our faith in our children's education in an environment that encourages service to others is an extension of what we are hoping to do as parents. We have been inspired by others who have served and look forward to doing our part to make it the best auction yet! We are "all in" on the JPII Schools, and as Co-Chairs we want to help celebrate the successes of the students, their families and the faculty in a fun yet meaningful way.



As we work toward celebrating our 40th anniversary, the Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala committee is working on a history project for the auction. This will include, a brief history of the auction, some historical displays at the auction, and social media posts with highlighting something from a past auction. But to do this, we need your help. Please take a few minutes to answer the brief survey by scanning the QR Code or going to: <https://forms.office.com/r/7GV0HB9rSr>. Or contact Liz Basset by email at specialevents@jp2schools.org or by phone at 701-893-3242.



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- Premium wine service at your table
- Premium menu selections at your table

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- Recognition as band sponsor
- Table at the Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala

GOLD GALAMAKER

\$5,000 Tax-Deductible Donation

- Silver Galamaker benefits, plus:
- Recognition at the Auction Preview

SILVER GALAMAKER

\$2,500 Tax-Deductible Donation

- Bronze Galamaker benefits, plus:
- Full-Page color ad in the Auction Catalog
- Recognition at photography station
- Logo on the Marquee on 25th Street

BRONZE GALAMAKER

\$1,000 Tax-Deductible Donation

- Galamaker benefits, plus:
- Thank you and/or logo in the Auction Catalog
- Thank you and/or logo in Auction program (slides and verbally)

GALAMAKER

\$500 Tax-Deductible Donation

- Thank you on Auction social media
- Thank you on the Auction Website

What is a Galamaker?

The Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala is a constantly evolving event, and as part of that, we have worked hard to bring some memorable and fun elements to the Auction, including: the dance at the end of the night and a fun photo station. This year, we are adding an Auction Preview on Saturday morning as a casual time to come check out the auction items and set your favorites to watch and bid on.

As a Galamaker, you are supporting these fun new additions, which encourages higher attendance, and potentially increases the fundraising capability of the event. Your support as Galamaker, allows the funds raised during the Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala to be used to support the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools mission "to inspire excellence by teaching the total person and fostering the following of Christ as taught by the Catholic Church."

To become a Galamaker, contact Liz Bassett at 701.893.3242 or liz.bassett@jp2schools.org.

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A Community Inspiring Excellence through Faith, Learning, and Service.

Reunion Recap



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2024 Shanley Reunion Weekend
June 21-23, 2024

CLASS OF 1974 CLASS OF 1999
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CLASS OF 1994



EVENTS FOR ALL ALUMNI:

Saturday, June 22 – Lunch and Golf at Suite Shots,
School Tour, Mass at Shanley, and Class Socials.

SUITE  SHOTS

Questions? Please Contact: Joelle Shewey | 701.893.3225 | joelle.shewey@jp2schools.org

6% Enrollment Increase is Signaling a Change — Calls for the HERO in All of Us!

As of October 1, 2023, our official fall enrollment reached 1215 students! That 6% increase brings us to the highest enrollment since 2017. Something is happening “out there.” We know we are marketing our schools in new ways as part of our new strategic plan.

But something else is happening. We believe more families than ever before are searching for the type of education that Catholic Schools can deliver. Catholic schools have a long tradition of excellence in education, integrating both faith and reason, and emphasizing academic rigor (think of St. Ignatius of Loyola in the 17th century and the renowned legacy of the Jesuits, for example).

Today our Catholic schools continue to build on academics, faith, and reason. We inspire virtue and excellence. We nurture a zeal for service to the community. In fact, our newly revised mission statement states our aim so well.

“As followers of Christ, the Mission of St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is to teach the total person by inspiring virtue and excellence as taught by the Catholic Church.”

Our mission is intersecting with the greatest needs of our families, who believe our schools will help their child be who God meant them to be. That’s a big, big deal. So perhaps now, more than ever before, the world needs what our schools offer.

SO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ENROLLMENT GOES UP?

Increased enrollment is wonderful for our schools for a variety of reasons.

Higher enrollment typically means increased tuition revenue, which can help our schools maintain financial stability. This additional income can be used to invest in resources, infrastructure, and teacher salaries.

With more funds available, our Catholic schools can expand academic programs and extracurricular activities. This can lead to a richer and more diverse educational experience for students.

Increased enrollment can stabilize tuition costs. A larger student body can help distribute fixed costs more efficiently, potentially allowing our schools to build reserves so we can stabilize tuition fees or offer financial aid to families in need, making Catholic education more accessible to even more students!

Strong enrollment gains can foster a stronger sense of community within the school. This can lead to increased involvement from parents, alumni, and other supporters, creating a more tightly-knit network.

So, with all of these benefits and more, doesn’t it make sense that we should do everything possible to keep the momentum of enrollment growing? Of course. That’s why we need you to become an enrollment HERO!

Help spread the word! If you attended our Catholic schools or your children did or do now, be an ambassador by sharing your experiences with those families you know in your own parish whose kids may not attend our schools. You can start the conversation as simply as, “Do your kids attend our Catholic Schools?” If they answer no, simply tell them that you or your kids just loved your Catholic education and you just recently heard that the enrollment has grown this year by 6%.

Experience. Share yours! Be ready to share the top one or two ways that Catholic education has been beneficial in your life and/or the lives of your children.

Reassure. Many families don’t think they can afford to send their children. You can reassure them that St. John Paul II Catholic Schools has a reputation for finding a way to allow every student who needs financial assistance to get it. Maybe you benefitted from this kind of assistance yourself. Tell them it’s as simple as calling the JP2 enrollment office and requesting a visit and a tour. JP2 will find a way to get their children into our schools!

Offer a gift of support to this family. Maybe it’s offering to join them for a visit to the schools. Maybe it’s offering to make a call to the enrollment department for them. Maybe you can work with a teacher to let their child shadow another child for the day. Or perhaps you want to help them financially by making an anonymous gift to our Cost of Education fund to help them or other students to attend our schools.

We certainly hope and pray that our efforts and the volunteer efforts of heroes like you can help keep this enrollment growth going so that our schools and our students and teachers can continue to benefit from the best Catholic education in the Midwest. St. John Paul II Catholic Schools!



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These QR codes can be helpful too. Scan one code and be directed right to the enrollment page on our website. Scan the other and be taken right to the Cost of Education gift fund page to make a gift to help a child online. It’s a tax-deductible gift and can change the life of a child and a family!

Scan this code to be taken to our enrollment information page. <https://jp2schools.org/admissions/>



Scan this code to make a special gift to our Cost of Education Fund to help a young person have the benefit of a Catholic education <https://alumni.jp2schools.org/donations>



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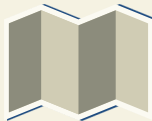
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**Questions? Call John Klocke,
Director of Advancement
at 701-893-3243**



Learn more by scanning the code or visiting <https://www.jp2gift.org>.

CHARITABLE GIVING THROUGH INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS



IRA OPTIONS

Future IRA Gift Options

While you have the opportunity to give through your IRA now, there are other options available for making future gifts from your IRA account to charity.

Bequest of IRA

One option is to designate a charity as the beneficiary of your IRA. This permits you to continue to take withdrawals from your IRA during life and then leave the remaining value of your IRA to charity.

Testamentary IRA Gift Annuity

Another option would be to use your will to fund a gift annuity with your IRA. The annuity will provide your family with income for their life or a number of years and will also provide a nice gift to charity.

Testamentary IRA Unitrust

You could also use your will to transfer your IRA to a special "Give it Twice" trust. These trusts usually provide income to children for up to 20 years. Once all the income has been paid to family, the remainder of the trust is given to charity.

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SIMPLE, EASY GIFT

If you are like many individuals, your IRA has increased in value over the years and you have more income than you may need. The IRA rollover gift is a simple and easy way to provide for your favorite charity while not increasing your taxable income. Simply contact your custodian and request that an amount up to \$100,000 be transferred to charity. Charity receives a nice gift and you avoid any additional tax and may

MAKE A MAJOR GIFT

satisfy your RMD for the year. Perhaps you are considering your tax planning goals and would like to make a major gift to charity. Like many individuals, your IRA may be the largest asset in your estate. Your CPA may be looking for ways to save taxes. By making an IRA charitable rollover gift of up to \$100,000, you can reach your goal of helping charity in a significant way and reducing your taxable income.

Easy IRA Gift

Jenny was a registered nurse and a volunteer for her favorite charity. During her working years, Jenny's IRA had grown substantially and she had almost \$450,000 in her IRA account. Since Jenny's income meets her needs, she decided to make a gift of \$2,000 from her IRA to her favorite charity. Jenny called her custodian and requested a transfer of \$2,000. It was easy for Jenny to make the gift and she liked the fact that she could help her favorite charity without increasing her taxes.



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SHANLEY ARIZONA ALUMNI & FRIENDS

All Shanley Alumni, Parents of Shanley Alumni, and friends are invited to join us for these events in Arizona!

DAILY MASS WITH BISHOP FOLDA

Thursday, February 22, 2024

8:30am at All Saints Church

1534 N Recker Road

Mesa, AZ 85205

Continental Breakfast & Social to follow in McKay Hall

ALUMNI & FRIENDS LUNCHEON

Friday, February 23, 2024

11:30am Social, 12:00 noon Luncheon

Apache Wells Country Club

5601 E Hermosa Vista Dr

Mesa, AZ 85215

Cost: \$25 per person

REMARKS BY:

Bishop John T. Folda, Fargo Diocese

Mike Hagstrom, St. John Paul II Catholic Schools President

Please RSVP by February 12th at: <https://bit.ly/ShanleyArizona>

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FUN IN THE SUN

WITH FLORIDA ALUMNI AND FRIENDS!

Meet alumni and friends old and new at this year's Shanley gathering hosted by Bill and Mary Pat (Swanick) Collins '64

SUNDAY MASS WITH BISHOP FOLDA

Celebrate Mass with Bishop John T. Folda and enjoy a lunch to follow. Hear news and updates about Shanley and the JP II Catholic Schools from President Mike Hagstrom and John Klocke, Director of Advancement in The Club Room.

Sunday, March 3, 2024

11:00am

The Regent

4101 Gulf Shore Blvd N

Naples, FL 34103

Joelle Shewey

JP II Alumni Relations

701-893.3225 or Joelle.Shewey@jp2schools.org

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This event is complimentary, but the courtesy of an RSVP is requested by February 18, 2024 online at <https://alumni.jp2schools.org/events> or <https://bit.ly/ShanleyFlorida>

The Shanley Choir Department Presents

Sail, Full of Grace!



Saturday, December 9-1:30 PM
Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church



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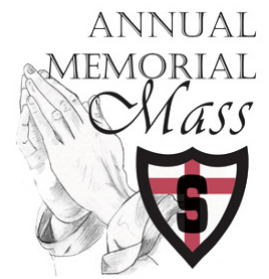
SCRAMBLE

THANK YOU
to everyone who came
out and golfed at the
Orv Kelly Shanley
Scramble on
September 18, 2023!



Annual Memorial Mass

The 51st Annual Memorial Mass was held at
Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church
5202 25th St S – Fargo, ND
Thursday, November 2nd at 9:00am



This Mass is said each year to remember and pray for St. John Paul II Catholic Schools and Shanley High School alumni & friends who were memorialized with a gift to the schools during the preceding year. As a memorial donor and/or family member of someone who has been memorialized, we invite you to join us. The Mass exercises our duty and dignity to care for the souls of the faithful departed as part of the JP II Mission "...to teach the total person and foster the following of Christ in an environment inspired by the Gospel Spirit, as taught by the Catholic Church".

The deceased who were remembered by name through a lighted candle and prayed for during this year's Mass:
(As of October 10, 2023, publication date.)

Douglas Ackerman
Sister Mary Rosaria Acton
Arthur "Tom" Alm '60
Ronald "Butch" Alphs
Anthony Appel
Bob & Sally Artz
Curtis E. "Curt" Askelson
Don '54 & Millie Bach
James E. Bailey '54
Nick Bailey
Rodman Bailey, Sr. '51
Gerald Baker
Jerrilyn Kaye Baker
Ronald J. Baker
Greg Bakke
William & Sharon Barker
Louise S. Barry
Colleen (Brunette) Bartels ('55)
Jerry Bartholomay
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
Tom Bergeson '43
Edward & Augusta Biren
Mark Bittner
Theodore "Ted" Biver
Helen Bjornson
Frances Bjornstad
Tom Bogan '45
Tim Bogenreif
Gloria Bougie
Cheryl Boutain

Alvida Rohman Brennan
Christopher Brewer
Elaine Brock
Gib Bromenschenkel
John & Lilius Bruns
Robert "Bob" R. Buth
Jean Callahan
Jim Cameron
Diane Carley
Truman Carlson
Ronald Joseph Cich
Sid Cichy
Deborah Clasen
Ray & Genevieve Coleman
J. Michael Collins '65
Michael Conyers
Gene Cortese
Clifford '38 & Blanche
Cossette
Sally Ann Courtright
Ann Dahl
Kathy (Black) Dahlsad '73
Karen Dalager
Keith W. Davis
Michael "Mike" John
DeConcini, Jr. '82
Barbara Deibert "Sr. Mary
Virginia" '53
Ben & Paula Deichert
Al DeLaPointe
Mercedes Doblado

Darla Dockter
Beth McGarvey Dronen '84
Norman Duba
John Duginski
Steve Duginski '60
Dianne Jean Dunkirk
Tom & Jackie Dunn
Travis Dunn
Ida Mae Durensky
John & Judy (Wilk '66) Eaton
Christian Roman Esser
Al Feist
Charles Flegg
John Fornes
Joan (Kodelka) Forstner '53
Wayne Francis Freund
Thomas Joseph Frost '79
Br. Andrew Gabrelcik
Gloria Garcia
Roger Gendreau
Raeann Germain-Broste
Anh Gietzen
Thomas Goltz '72
Steve Gorman '42
Jane Grage
Neville Graham
Harry Peter "Bud" Grant
Paul & Harriet Greving
Don Gunhus
Patrick Hall
Robert Hanish

Christopher Hanson
Dale & Annabelle Hardwick
Dr. Hugh & Vera Hawn
Mary (Klontz) Hebert '50
Kenneth Heinisch '60
Mark Hendrickson
Virginia "Ginny" Hicks
Cathi (Fitzgerald) Hovevar '66
Ronald Hoffart
Roberta "Bobbie" Ann Hogan
Becky Hollingsworth
Joan Hruby
Mike Hughes
LuRose (Kelly) Iacovino '47
Michael Jacobs '68
Cami Jetvig
Donald Johnson '59
Jared "J.J." Johnson '93
William "Bill" Johnson
Richard "Rick" Jordahl
Joan Elizabeth Joyce
Dr. Samy Karaz
Dick Kasper
Joseph O. Keller '18
Daniel Kenna
Stanley Kent
Kathryn "Kay" Kern
Jerold Allan Kieffer '54
Oliver & Helen Klauss

Memorials can be made through the Shanley Alumni website at <https://alumni.jp2schools.org/donations>. If you would like a family member of the deceased to be notified of the Memorial and invited to the Mass, please include their contact information. Please keep in mind that it is NOT a requirement that the memorialized individual passed away in the last year. Memorial gifts can be made in memory of anyone at anytime – regardless of when they passed away and they will be remembered at November's Memorial Mass.



Robert "Bob" E. Kleason
 Marvin Klemmetson
 Harold & Maryann
 Klosterman
 Benjamin Gaffrey Knier
 Karen (Young) Knudson '53
 John Kodelka '56
 David Kosciolek
 Norma Kuehn
 Deborah Kuntz
 Sidney (Staszko) Kuropchak
 '70
 Denise Savageau Lahn '81
 Leness & Mary Laliberte
 Richard C. Lang
 George '47 & Peggy Manning
 '48 Lavelle
 Jim & Mary Lavelle
 Amanda Leininger
 Randy Lemar '84
 James Link
 Ralph Llewellyn, Sr.
 Lynda K. Lohmeier
 Robert & Patricia Longhenry
 Richard "Dick" Lothspeich
 Jane (Sornsini) Lundeen '65
 Virginia "Ginny" (Mason)
 Lynch '42
 Tony & Norma Magelky
 Kenneth Markwardt
 Rowland Marshall
 Charles "Buzz" Marvin
 Carlene Kay Mastel
 Cheryl "Cheri" Mattson
 Donald & Jeaninne McAllister

William "Bill" R. McCarthy
 James W. McCord
 Richard McGarvey
 Fr. Rene McGraw
 Lowell "Pat" McManus
 Richard Meier
 Phyllis Melvey
 Darlene Mickelson
 Grace Janeene Miller
 Geneva Miranowski
 David Moe
 John Moraghan
 Mary Elizabeth "Betty"
 Moraghan
 Janice Motschenbacher
 Charles A. Mullins II
 Craig Murie
 Jolene (Tilton) Muscha '79
 Andrew Nelson '03
 Randy Nelson
 H. Marvin Ness
 Kyle Newman
 Gary & Karen Nielsen
 Steve & Mary Lou Nistler
 John & Mary Noah
 Janice (Landblom) Nowatzki
 '64
 Chandler O'Leary '99
 Joseph Olivieri
 Richard E. Olsen, Sr. '60
 Bud & Betty Olson
 Milton Olson
 Andi Olsonawski
 Charyl (Gress) Palmer '58
 Peter Paruccini

Brad Pavak '75
 Rosalie "Rose" Pavak
 Mary (Samels) Pease '50
 Fr. Carl Peter
 Fr. Valentine Peter
 Melodie Pochmara
 Jeannie Rademacher
 Tom Rademacher
 Pearl Radloff
 Edwin "Butch" Randel '55
 Barbara Rawlings
 Dick Reynolds
 Sandra Ann Reynolds
 Mark Peter Rice
 Jacob Riedman
 Robert Joseph Roel
 George & Rose Rohrich
 Tim Rooney '61
 Ed & Marie Roth
 Kathleen Rudd
 Donald G. Rusness Jr.
 Randall R. Rustad '68
 Rita Ruud '70
 Rose Ruud
 Shirley Ruud
 Fr. Scott Sautner '92
 Kevin Savageau '78
 Carter Sharff
 Gary Edward Scheffler '55
 Wallace Robert Scheffler '51
 Constance Schmidt
 Judith Larson Schmitz '60
 Robert Schoener '47
 John Schons '55
 Rodney & Evelyn Schott

Patricia Severin
 Fr. Edward Sherman
 Stephen Sletmoe
 Alvin Edward Soukup '74
 Kathleen (Keogh) Spicer '63
 Maureen Virginia Spooner
 Rosemary Starkson-Conati
 Phyllis Stoa
 Bill & Jeane Sweeney
 Ella Sky Sweeney '20
 Larry '50 & Peggy Murphy
 Sweeney '50
 Mark V. Sweeney '49
 Sophie Swenson
 Adam & Johanna Thiel
 Frank Thomas
 Florence Thune
 Donald Tillisch
 Douglas Toliver '70
 Matthew "Matto" Traynor
 Rita C. Traynor
 Elaine Barth VanDeVoorde '80
 Denise Varriano
 Werner Veil
 Msgr. Jeffrey Wald
 Leo & Diane Wald
 Jean Wanner
 Cheryl (Birk) Wegner '70
 Leo James Welk
 Lorraine Welle
 Fred Arlen Wenger
 Rochelle "Shelly" Wieser
 James & Hazel Wilk
 Jim '53 & Jean (Williams) '53
 Wold





Holy Spirit Elementary
Nativity Elementary
Trinity Elementary
Sacred Heart Middle School
Shanley High School

EXPERIENCE THE DEACON TRADITION

As followers of Christ, the mission of St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is to teach the total person by inspiring virtue and excellence, as taught by the Catholic Church.

 **COMMUNITY**

 **EXCELLENCE**

 **FAITH**

 **LEARNING**

 **SERVICE**

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 701-893-3271

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ST. JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

A COMMUNITY INSPIRING EXCELLENCE THROUGH FAITH, LEARNING, AND SERVICE.





ST. JOHN PAUL II

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SACRED HEART MIDDLE SCHOOL
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TRINITY ELEMENTARY
HOLY SPIRIT ELEMENTARY



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Director of Admissions
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Activities Director
Exec. Administrative Assistant

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Let's forego the best name for a five-year period—suffice it to say, there is nothing as familiar and satisfying as “decade” for the ten-year time frame.

Nevertheless, this year's Annual Report not only features the highlights of the past year, but also the accomplishments of our JPPII Catholic Schools five-year Strategic Plan (Fall 2018-Spring 2023).

As we note the progress and growth we have made as a school system in that span, we are also delighted to share our new five-year Strategic Plan (Fall 2023-Spring 2028).

Don't forego the goals and objectives of that bold, transformative vision of our future. Instead, scan this QR Code or go to our website www.jp2schools.org: Whether looking backwards five years at our accomplishments or ahead five years at our plans, the bottom line is gratitude. Thanks be to God and thank you to all stakeholders for support and engagement in our “community inspiring excellence through faith, learning, and service.” Go Deacons!



Mike Hagstrom
President
St. John Paul II Catholic Schools

ANNUAL REPORT

Financials audited by Eide Bailly

REVENUE

	JUNE 30, 2023
TUITION	\$6,172,310
PARISH SUPPORT	\$2,206,480
DIOCESAN SUPPORT	\$39,810
CONTRIBUTIONS - EDUCATION, MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	\$61,782
CONTRIBUTIONS - ADVANCEMENT	\$980,138
CONTRIBUTIONS - BENEFICIAL INTEREST	\$407,991
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS - BUILDINGS	\$768,803
ACTIVITIES/ATHL/FOOD SVC/MISC.	\$1,264,585
OTHER	\$881,036

SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTED REVENUE

BENEFICIAL INTEREST	
CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION	\$1,395,776

TOTAL REVENUE

\$14,178,711

***Beneficial interest is invested in the market at the Catholic Development Foundation and the change in beneficial interest is caused by market fluctuation.

***Capital Campaign includes new promises pledged and cash collected

EXPENSES

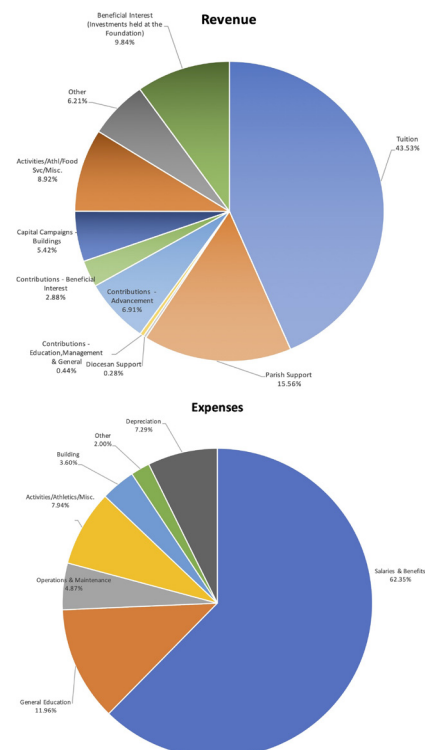
	JUNE 30, 2023
SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$7,982,084
GENERAL EDUCATION	\$1,531,760
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	\$623,326
ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS/MISC.	\$1,015,971
BUILDING	\$460,253
OTHER	\$255,649

SIGNIFICANT NON-CASH EXPENSES

DEPRECIATION	\$933,253
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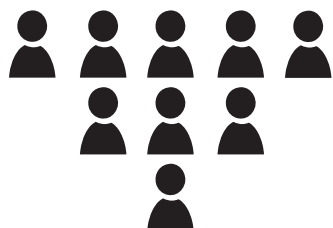
TOTAL EXPENSES

\$12,802,296



A YEAR OF EXCELLENCE

1151



STUDENTS
ENROLLED

13:1 STUDENT TO
TEACHER RATIO



NATIONAL
HONOR
SOCIETY

41



NEW MEMBERS
INDUCTED



GRADUATES
CLASS OF
2023

74

82%

ATTENDED 4 YEAR SCHOOLS

7%



ATTENDED 2 YEAR SCHOOLS



NATIONAL
MERIT
SCHOLAR
FINALIST
SAMUEL FETNER

4 SMART LABS
K-8

COGNIA SYSTEM



ACCREDITED



STUDENT iPADS
(GRADES 3-12)

VIRTUE
PROGRAMS

LITTLE
DEACONS-
HIGH
SCHOOL



97% PARTICIPATED IN 15 VARSITY
SPORTS AND 22 CLUBS

TEACHERS WITH
MASTER'S DEGREES

42%

15%

STAFF MEMBERS WHO
ARE ALUMNI



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023

WHERE THEY ARE NOW

CLASS OF 2023 COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE:

Arizona State University
Ave Maria University
Bismarck State College
College of St. Benedict
Concordia College
Creighton University
Minnesota State University Moorhead
Minnesota State Community and Technical College Moorhead
Montana State University

North Dakota State College of Science
North Dakota State University
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
South Dakota State University
Southern Methodist University
University of St. Thomas
United States Military Academy West Point
University of Alabama
University of Denver
University of Jamestown

University of Kansas
University of Mary
University of Minnesota Duluth
University of Nebraska Lincoln
University of Nebraska Omaha
University of North Dakota
University of Notre Dame
University of Tampa
University of Wisconsin Madison
Villanova University

**CONTINUE ON THE
DEACON WAY!**

LEGACY STUDENTS

*THE FOLLOWING CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATES HAVE PARENT(S)/
GRANDPARENT(S) WHO ARE ALSO ALUMNI OF SHANLEY HIGH SCHOOL*

Lindsey Astrup Mother: Pam (Mastel) Astrup '91
Emilia Bowden Mother: Bridget (McAllister) Bowden '94
Ryan Careaga Mother: Kara (Sauvageau) Careaga '88
Taylor Clasen Mother: Renee (Keller) Clasen '93
Alexandra Cossette Mother: Andrea (Walker) Cossette '93
Evalyn (Eva) Dietz Grandmother: Kathy (Cosgriff) Fortney '60 & Grandfather: Charles Fortney '60
Madeline (Maddie) Fischer Father: Kenneth Fischer '85
Briea Freeman Mother: Sara (Godon) Freeman '92, Grandmother: Kathleen (Kelley) Godon '61 & Great-Grandmother: Mary (Rupert) Kelley '32
Paige Friederichs Father: Matt Friederichs '88
Thomas Gallagher Father: Mike Gallagher '86
William Hofer Father: Mike Hofer '96 & Grandmother: Karen (Cossette) Hofer '66
Ethan Lantz Mother: Teri (Schwan) Lantz '90, Father: Steve Lantz '90 & Grandfather: James Lantz '58
Kayla Mathison Father: Brian Mathison '89
Calvin Montgomery Mother: Lisa (Sullivan) Montgomery '85, Father: Mike Montgomery '85, Grandmother: Erlys (Mische) Montgomery '52 & Great-Grandmother: Isabel (Lemna) Mische '31

Giovanni (Gio) Nasello Mother: Sarah (Anstett) Nasello '88 & Grandmother: Marilyn (Mathison) Anstett '64
Katherine Noah Father: Mark Noah '82
Sara Noah Father: Tom Noah '84
Paige Rustad Father: Lucas Rustad '95, Grandmother: Mary (Cossette) Rustad '70, Grandfather: Randall Rustad '68 & Great-Grandfather: Clifford Cossette '38
Olivia Splettstaszer Mother: Maureen (Deutsch) Splettstaszer '97, Grandmother: Patty (Rasmussen) Deutsch '68, Grandfather: Jim Deutsch '67 & Great-Grandmother: Roberta (Ridley) Deutsch '42
Beckett Stimpson Mother: Jessica (Rustad) Stimpson '96, Grandmother: Mary (Cossette) Rustad '70, Grandfather: Randall Rustad '68 & Great-Grandfather: Clifford Cossette '38
Abigail (Abby) Sweeney Father: Joe Sweeney '93, Grandmother: Donna (Klontz) Sweeney '54 & Grandfather: Don Sweeney '55
William Sweeney Father: Patrick Sweeney '70 & Grandfather: William Sweeney '35
Jack Traynor Father: Pat Traynor '84
Christian Ulmer Grandmother: Sandy (Stromme) Ulmer '67
Keagan Walker Mother: Corie (Gronso) Walker '97 & Father: Brian Walker '97



2018-2023 STRATEGIC PLAN

Accomplishments

MISSION & CATHOLIC IDENTITY

- Rebranded St. John Paul II Catholic Schools honoring our Patron Saint and Founders.
- Implemented Diocese of Fargo religion curriculum standards.
- Implemented Education in Virtue program LD-12. One virtue and saint per week along with monthly social teaching.
- Integrated coach/athlete mentorship, virtues, and ceremonies in high school activities.



- Integrated grade-level sacramentals in elementary school.
- Integrated Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 atriums in elementary schools.
- Added Associate Priests to teach part-time in religion classes at middle and high school.
- Provided quarterly staff faith formation.
- Expanded March for Life to include local state component.
- Instilled the virtues exemplified in the "Deacon Way."
- Implemented Presentation Awards for staff, coaches, and administration.
- Integrated Nurtured Heart program into behavioral supports.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



- Focused on 21st Century learning skills: critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication.
- Implemented 1:1 Apple devices in grades 3-12.
- Standardized classrooms- interactive projectors, teacher MacBooks and iPads.
- Leveraged standards-based curriculum, assessment data, and Professional Learning Communities to drive instruction.
- Hired Curriculum Technology Integration Specialist to assist teachers with using technology as a tool in their classrooms.
- Hired Curriculum Coordinator to oversee curriculum and alignment PK-12.
- Increased resource time at all levels to meet student learning needs (unable to hire middle school position).
- Enhanced teacher mentoring program by dedicating two mentor coaches one at elementary level and the other at the secondary level.
- Partnered with Outside Service providers and parents to provide for student needs.
- Enhanced new teacher orientation to three days.

"Deacons on the Way" is the new strategic plan that will guide St. John Paul II Catholic Schools from 2023-2028.

At the end of the 2022-23 school year, St. John Paul II Catholic Schools wrapped up the five-year Strategic Plan. Listed below are the accomplishments we made during that plan.

OPERATIONAL VITALITY

- Developed “Hiring for Mission” criteria designed to recruit and retain highly qualified staff.
- Developed and implemented comprehensive Advancement plan. Hired Major Gifts, Events Coordinator, and Marketing and Communications personnel.
- Partnered with FACTS Management for tuition collection and grant and aid awards.
- Grew endowments to over \$20 million hitting the phase 1 goal of \$7 million for teacher salaries.
- Added over \$6,000 to teacher base salary.
- Re-tooled Admissions process and implemented FACTS Application and Enrollment solution.
- Highlighted JP2 Catholic Schools unique attributes in promotional materials.
- Instituted exit surveys for staff and families who leave JP2 Catholic Schools.
- Evolved annual Shanley Auction to Deacon Dinner Auction and Gala.
- Launched annual Homecoming Community Block Party.
- Enhanced website to include virtual tours of schools.



GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

- Implemented annual Board of Directors and JP2 Council training.
- Developed Key Performance Indicators for Strategic Plan reporting.
- Developed and implemented Board of Directors evaluation tool.
- Earned System Accreditation through Cognia in 2018 for six year term.
- Established President’s Leadership Council to advise and give feedback on the advancement of the schools.
- Initiated Presidents Dinner for annual reporting to stakeholders.
- Updated Policy and Procedure manual.
- Developed Staff handbook.
- Implemented “Traction” as a way to organize and focus leadership on a shared mission and accountability.
- Developed key processes in the organization that provided consistency across all schools.
- Expanded opportunities for parent engagement: surveys, committees, presentations.



To read the new strategic plan, scan the code or visit:
https://jp2schools.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/255395_St-John-Paul_Strategic-Plan-Booklet-Forum-Proof.pdf



A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

OUR 2022-23 ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

The mission of St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is to inspire exceptional student achievement by teaching the total person and fostering the following of Christ in an environment guided by the Gospel spirit, as taught by the Catholic Church. The idea of the total person encompasses many facets of student's lives: physical, mental, spiritual, social, and emotional to name a few.

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools offers the following NDHSAA activities through Shanley:

Baseball	Softball
Basketball	Speech
Cross Country	Student Congress
Cheer	Swim and Dive - girls
Debate	Tennis
Football	Theater
Golf	Track and Field
Soccer	Volleyball

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools also offers the following NDHSAA activities through cooperative sponsorships in partnership with other schools:

Gymnastics	Swim and Dive - boys
Boys Hockey	Wrestling
Girls Hockey	

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools also offers a variety of student clubs and organizations:

American Heritage Girls	National Honor Society
Art Club	Philanthropy and Youth
Audio/Visual Club	Quintessence
(Shanley TV)	Recorder Club
Bible Studies	St. Ann's (Belcourt)
Boy Scouts	Mission Trip
Chess Clubs	Sandpebbles
Chimbote, Peru	Science Bowl
Mission Trip	Service Club
Fishing Club	Spanish Clubs
Garden Club	Student Ambassadors
Girl Scouts	Student Councils
Ham Radio	Teens for Life
Journalism	Trap Shooting
Junior Classical League	Weight Lifting Club
Math Club	Yearbooks

Rostered slots in
Student Activities

862

6

43 Club Members
(4 years of 3 sports)

42 Club Members
(4 years of 2 sports)

21



A YEAR OF EXCELLENCE



Shanley Deacons were shining examples of excellence this year, winning three state championships!

FOOTBALL

2022 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONS



HOCKEY

BOYS STATE CHAMPIONS



**KNOW YOUR FAITH
STATE CHAMPIONS**

Deacon “Forever Funds”

Endowment Funds Continue to Ensure a Bright Deacon Future

The power of endowments is forever fueling the growth of scholarships for higher enrollment, teachers and coaches salaries, aiding retention, and operating endowments for financial strength.

Endowment funds began returning to original values after a downturn in 2022. Thankfully, the JPII board of directors aims for excellent financial stewardship using a five-year rolling average for endowment fund payout. This wise strategy helped JPII increase endowment payouts by 10.4% over the previous fiscal year. This key financial strategy was critical for our schools.

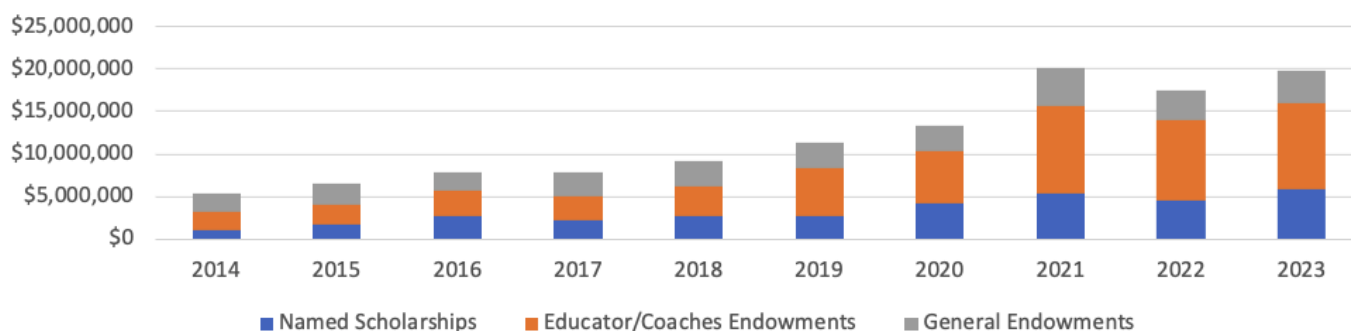
The Gift Matches Available

Several gift matches were available for endowments in 2021-22 including:

- All Gifts to Teacher Salary Endowment Receive a \$ for \$ Match from Hoffart Family Challenge. Nearly \$4 million in matching gifts have been earned for this \$5 million challenge.
- Many generous employers provide matching gifts. Does your employer?

271% Endowment Growth Since 2014!

10 Years of Endowment Growth
as of June 30, 2023



The ND State Endowment Credit continues to provide a 40% state income tax credit (see page 38 for more information) which is great incentive for our supporters to continue building endowments for the future. Contact John J. Klocke at 701-893-3243 for more information.

37%
marginal tax rate on
individual return

Gift Amount	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
Federal Estimated Tax Savings*	(\$1,850)	(\$3,700)	(\$7,400)	(\$9,250)	(\$18,500)
ND Income Tax Credit**	(\$2,000)	(\$4,000)	(\$8,000)	(\$10,000)	(\$20,000)
Net Cost of Contribution	\$1,150	\$2,300	\$4,600	\$5,750	\$11,500

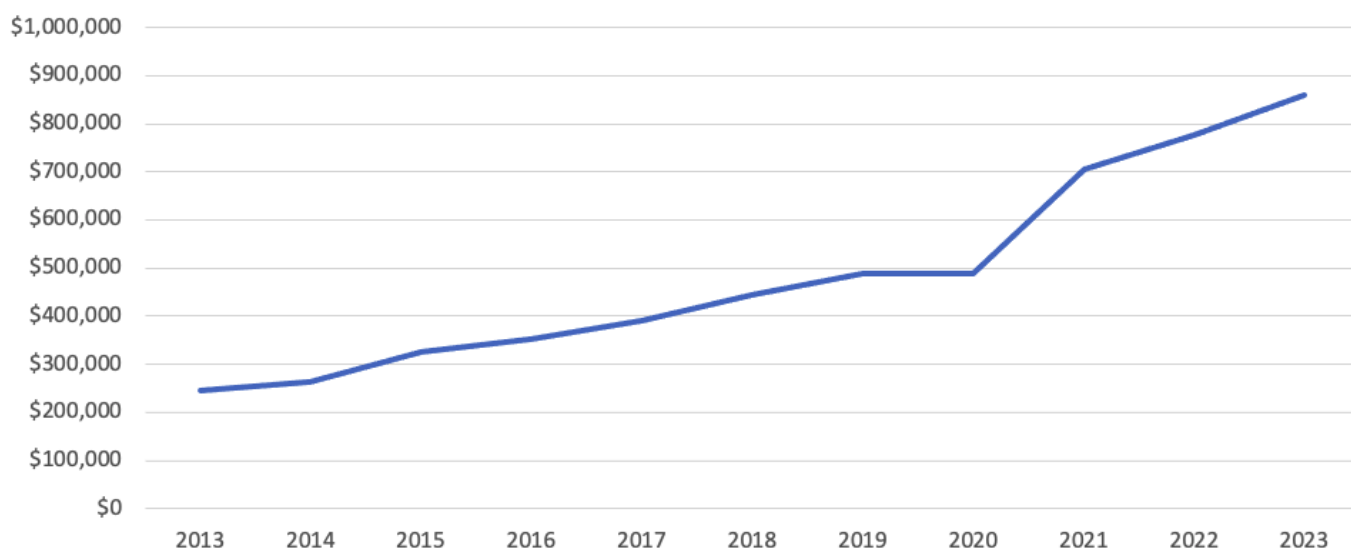
Alumni, Families and Friends Kept the Faith with Outstanding Generosity in 2022-23!

We are truly thankful to so many alumni, families and friends who increased total giving in 2022-23. Over 1409 donors gave over \$3.3 million to scholarships, our teacher salary endowment, our JPPI Annual Fund, Deacon Dinner Auction, and Giving Hearts Day. That's a 43% increase in total giving!

One outstanding highlight of the year was raising the initial \$1.5 million in cash and pledges to replace our turf football field and begin work on our first ever home track and field complex set for completion in summer of 2024 after completion of fundraising. We thank the over 300 donors who made the new turf possible.

Nearly \$5.3 million paid from JPPI endowments over 11 years!

Endowment Payout Impact Over 11 Years as of June 30, 2023



ND State Income Tax Credit for Gifts to JPPI Fund and Giving Hearts Day

More of our supporters than ever before took advantage of giving to one of our elementary schools, Sacred Heart Middle School and Shanley High School through the state of North Dakota's non-public school tax credit for more information see our flyer on tax credits on page 38.

Contact Joelle Shewey at 701-893-3225 for more information.

DEACON HONOR SOCIETY

HONORING CUMULATIVE/LIFETIME GIVING OF OUR VERY
GENEROUS ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL DONORS



DEACON HONOR SOCIETY

Lifetime Gifts of \$4,000,000 +

Ron & Marlene Hoffart

Lifetime Gifts of \$2,000,000 - \$3,999,999+

The Barry Foundation
Dan & Heather Butler

Lifetime Gifts of \$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999+

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Bell Bank
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Roger Maris Celebrity Golf Tournament
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Lifetime Gifts of \$100,000 - \$249,999

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Dr. Richard & Sharmae Vetter
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James & Jean Williams Wold
Don & Marilyn Wold
J. Gary & Donnis Zespy

Lifetime Gifts of \$50,000 - \$99,999

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Glen & Connie Altringer
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Ronald & Linda Beare
Bremer Bank
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Butler Machinery Company
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DEACON HONOR SOCIETY

Lifetime Gifts of \$25,000 - \$49,999

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American Family Insurance - Ken Kraft Agency
Anonymous
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Dr. Patrick & Rae Colliton
Jerome H. Cossette
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Dave & Paula Ekman
Elmer & Kaya Berg Foundation
First International Bank & Trust
Gate City Bank
Jim & Jan Leonard Gerlach
Robert & Elizabeth Gibb
Thomas & Holly Gibb
David & Janice Glatt
Timothy & Jill Graveline
Charlotte Kramer Griffeth
Bill & Geri Harbeke
Mike & Nicole Hofer
Christopher & Jennifer Hoffmann
Impact Foundation

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Stephen Kostecke & Dr. Pamela Antoniuk
Antoinette M. Kozel
Kenneth & Bonnie Kroetsch
Dr. Gary & Judy Kubalak
Norman & Josee Leslie
Luther Family Buick GMC
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Master Construction
Dr. Susan M. Mathison
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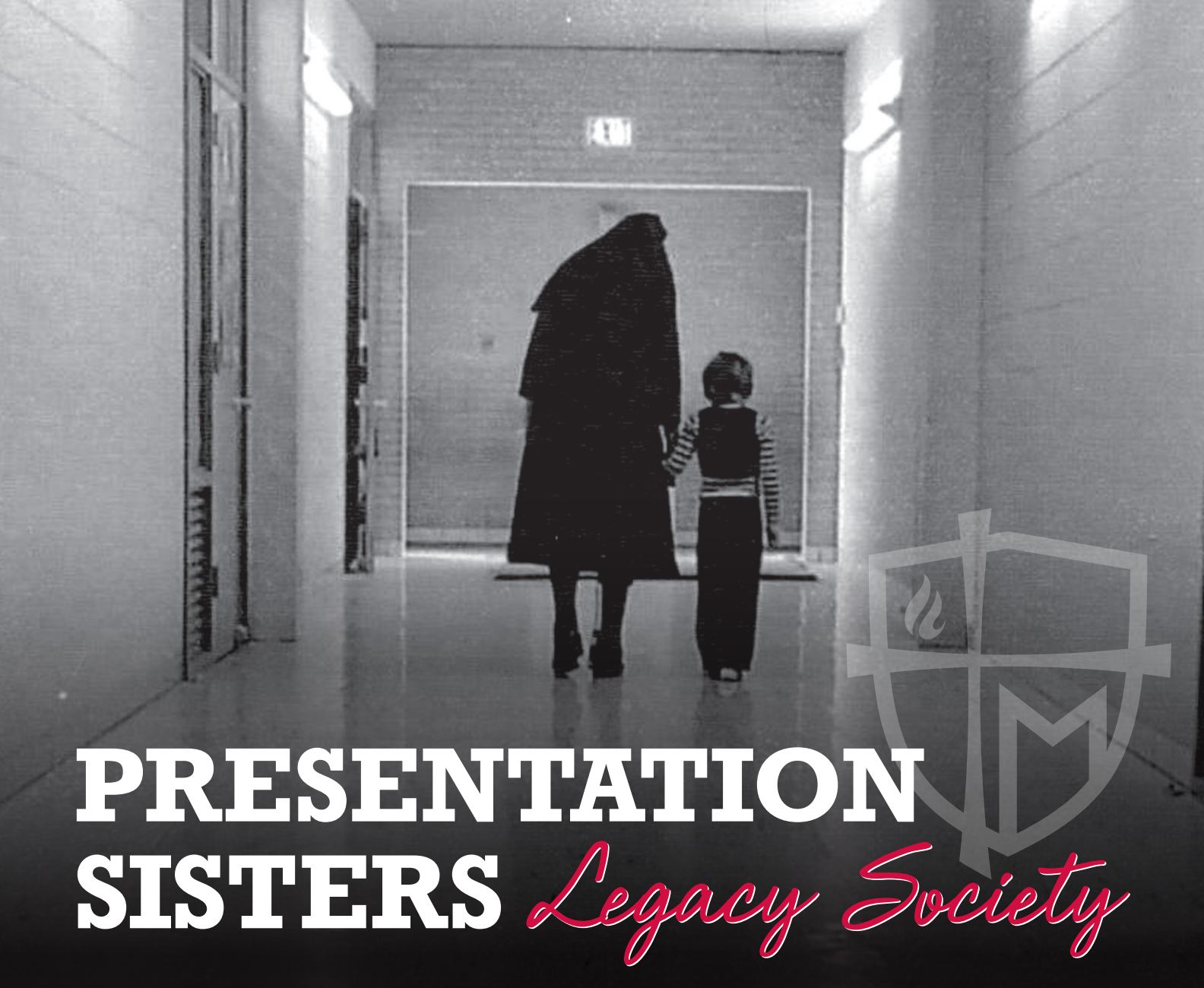
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Lois Black Will – Estate Gift	Alice (Crahan) Helland '34 † Estate Gift	Larry † & Gail Nelson Will – Estate Gift	Michael & Barbara Stenberg Life Insurance Beneficiary
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Dennis Bower '71 Charitable Remainder Trust	Mike & Karen (Cossette) '66 Hofer Will - Estate Gift	William '47 † & Elizabeth Nilles Trust	Patrick & Jamie Traynor Estate Gift
Bob & Deb Buth Will – Estate Gift	Ron † & Marlene Hoffart Charitable Remainder Unitrust	Frank & Patricia Paumen Gift Annuity	Charles '57 † & Nancy † Yirchott Will – Estate Gift
Gary & Kathy Dietz Life Insurance Beneficiary	Larry '66 & Sandy Klosterman Will - Estate Gift	James F. Pettinger '55 † Estate Gift	David & Brenda Zens Will – Estate Gift
Patrick Dunn '70 Will – Estate Gift	Antoinette Kozel † Estate Gift	Paul & Mary Jo Richard Will – Estate Gift	† Denotes Deceased
John † & Ruth (Cantlon) '53 Dunnicliff Will – Estate Gift for Named Endowed Scholarship	Patricia Ann Longhenry † Estate Gift	Marie F. Robbins † Trust	
Margaret Ann (Welu) Eastman '53 † Trust	Richard Ludwig '62 Will – Estate Gift	Hal & Bonnie Rodenbiker Will – Estate Gift	
John Ermer † Will – Estate Gift		Robert Savageau '60 Will – Estate Gift	

*We make every effort to assure the information listed in the 2022-23 Annual Report is correct. If we have inadvertently forgotten to list a donor or spelled a name incorrectly, we sincerely apologize.



NORTH DAKOTA OFFERS NEW TAX CREDITS FOR DONATIONS TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

In Thanksgiving to all of our parents, alumni and friends we want to make sure you have the latest information on the tax benefits of your charitable gifts! Whether your gift is cash, stocks/securities or other property, your gift might offer some new tax incentives when it comes to paying your North Dakota state income tax. Whether you are a resident of ND or not, if you pay North Dakota state income tax, the tax credits and deductions below might help you make more impact with your charitable giving!

The 2021 North Dakota Legislature expanded tax credits for non-public schools, which means charitable gifts to Catholic schools in ND are now eligible for a ND tax credit! This is big news to those who make annual or regular contributions to their favorite Catholic Schools.

ND resident taxpayers (individuals, corporations or fiduciaries) are allowed a non-refundable credit equal to 50% of the amount of their contribution, but limited to 50% of the taxpayer's total state income tax OR \$2,500, whichever is less. (ND Century Code 57-38-01-.7) There is no carry forward of these credits when filing returns, so taxpayers will likely want to apply these credits before applying other available credits. The credits for non-public schools are divided into three different buckets, so to speak. For those who donate to various education levels of Catholic education, this new law provides for more tax credit opportunities.

THREE WAYS TO RECEIVE AND BENEFIT FROM THE TAX CREDIT *IN THE SAME YEA*

BUCKET 1

ND Catholic Elementary/
Middle School (K-8)



BUCKET 2

ND Catholic High School



BUCKET 3

ND Catholic University



Example: John and Mary figure they will owe \$1,000 income tax to North Dakota for this past year. With some clever planning, they make three donations to various Catholic Schools (Elementary, High School and University). They make three checks out for \$500 to each school. Because of these donations, they will now earn a \$250 ND Tax Credit for each gift. They are now able to reduce their tax bill by \$750 (3 x \$250), and only have to pay the remaining \$250 in income tax.

P.S. What a great way to use the IRA Charitable Gift Rollover! Ask me for details.

TAX CREDIT STILL AVAILABLE FOR ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Tax credits are still available for contributions to qualified ND endowment funds. Gifts of \$5,000 or more to one of the many qualified endowment or scholarship funds (school related or not) are eligible for a tax credit equal to 40% of the charitable gift. The maximum credit is \$10,000 for an individual; \$20,000 for married individuals filing a joint return; and \$10,000 for corporations and pass-through entities. Any unused portion of the credit can be carried forward for up to three taxable years, so this credit can be applied after the non-public school credits. (ND Century Code 57-38-01-21)

General Tax Benefits for your Endowment Gift:

37%
marginal tax rate
on Individual return

Gift Amount	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
Federal Estimated Tax Savings*	(\$1,850)	(\$3,700)	(\$7,400)	(\$9,250)	(\$18,500)
ND Income Tax Credit**	(\$2,000)	(\$4,000)	(\$8,000)	(\$10,000)	(\$20,000)
Net Cost of Contribution	\$1,150	\$2,300	\$4,600	\$5,750	\$11,500

Your Endowment Gift can go further and cost you less!

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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TAX DEDUCTION AND A TAX CREDIT?

You might think the two are interchangeable but they aren't. A tax deduction is something that reduces how much taxable income you claim. A tax credit is something that directly reduces how much tax you owe.

As usual, for your own unique tax situation, please consult a professional tax advisor. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact:



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Trinity Elementary School

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2023-2024 DEACON PARTNER PROGRAM FOR BUSINESSES



DIAMOND PARTNER – \$20,000

Package includes all the benefits of Gold, Silver, Bronze, & Platinum Partners, **plus:**

- School bus advertising on all JP II buses that shuttle students between our schools twice daily as well as some in-town and out-of-town activities.
- Diamond Sponsorship of the 2024 Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala that includes recognition and promotion in all materials leading up to & during the event (Auction webpage & bidding app), catalog advertisement, and table for 8 with premium wine service on April 27, 2024.
- Full page ad in SAC programs

PLATINUM PARTNER – \$10,000

Package includes all the benefits of Gold, Silver & Bronze Partners, **plus:**

- Platinum Sponsorship of the Orv Kelly Shanley Scramble that includes recognition and promotion in all materials leading up to & during the event, signage, hole sponsorship, and a team of 4 golfers.
- Ad space (displayed every 3 minutes) on the digital scorekeeper's table in McCormick Gymnasium.
- Full table of 8 with premium wine service at the Dinner Auction & Gala.
- Half page ad in SAC programs



GOLD PARTNER – \$5,000

Package includes all the benefits of Silver & Bronze Partners, **plus:**

- Signage in Sid Cichy Stadium
- Advertising on the Shanley/Sacred Heart 25th St marquee!
- Advertising on ShanleyTV and in-house Game Time radio during all home sporting events.
- Full page color advertisement in the catalog & business promotion on the webpage & bidding site for the Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala.
- Quarter page ad in SAC programs



SILVER PARTNER – \$2,500

Package includes all the benefits of Bronze Partners, **plus:**

- Business name & logo in the program for the annual Deacon Award/Hall of Fame Induction banquet during Homecoming.
- Ad space (displayed every 9 minutes) on the digital scorekeeper's table in McCormick Gymnasium.
- 1/8 page ad in SAC programs



BRONZE PARTNER – \$1,000

Package includes all the benefits of Red + White Partners, **plus:**

- Business name & logo in the semi-annual publication of the Deacon magazine sent to all Parents, Alumni, and Friends of JP II plus our Annual Report publication.
- Business name & logo on the JP II website and Shanley Alumni website on a rotating basis.
- Business name & logo in the weekly JP II E-Newsletter sent to parents on a rotating basis.

RED + WHITE PARTNER – \$500

- Cart Sponsor at the Orv Kelly Shanley Scramble
- Full page color advertisement in the Shanley Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala catalog.

DEACON PARTNER – \$250

- Hole Sponsor at the Orv Kelly Shanley Scramble
- Half page color advertisement in the Shanley Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala catalog.
- All Deacon Partners at all levels are featured in our annual JP II Red & White Business Directory.

For more informaton, contact Joelle Shewey at joelle.shewey@jp2schools.org or 701-893-3225.

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Business Directory

RED & WHITE PAGES

**Do you own a business
that you'd like to
promote to fellow JP II
Families?**

Submissions for the
*2024 JP II Red & White
Pages Business Directory*
are being accepted
NOW through Dec. 1st!

You can find an application in
the "Deacon Partners Program"
section of the JP II homepage at
www.jp2schools.org or contact
Joelle.Shewey@jp2schools.org.



APPLY TODAY!

THANK YOU TO OUR DEACON PARTNERS



Thank You for your support of the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools
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For more information about our Deacon Partners Program, visit our website at: www.jp2schools.org



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