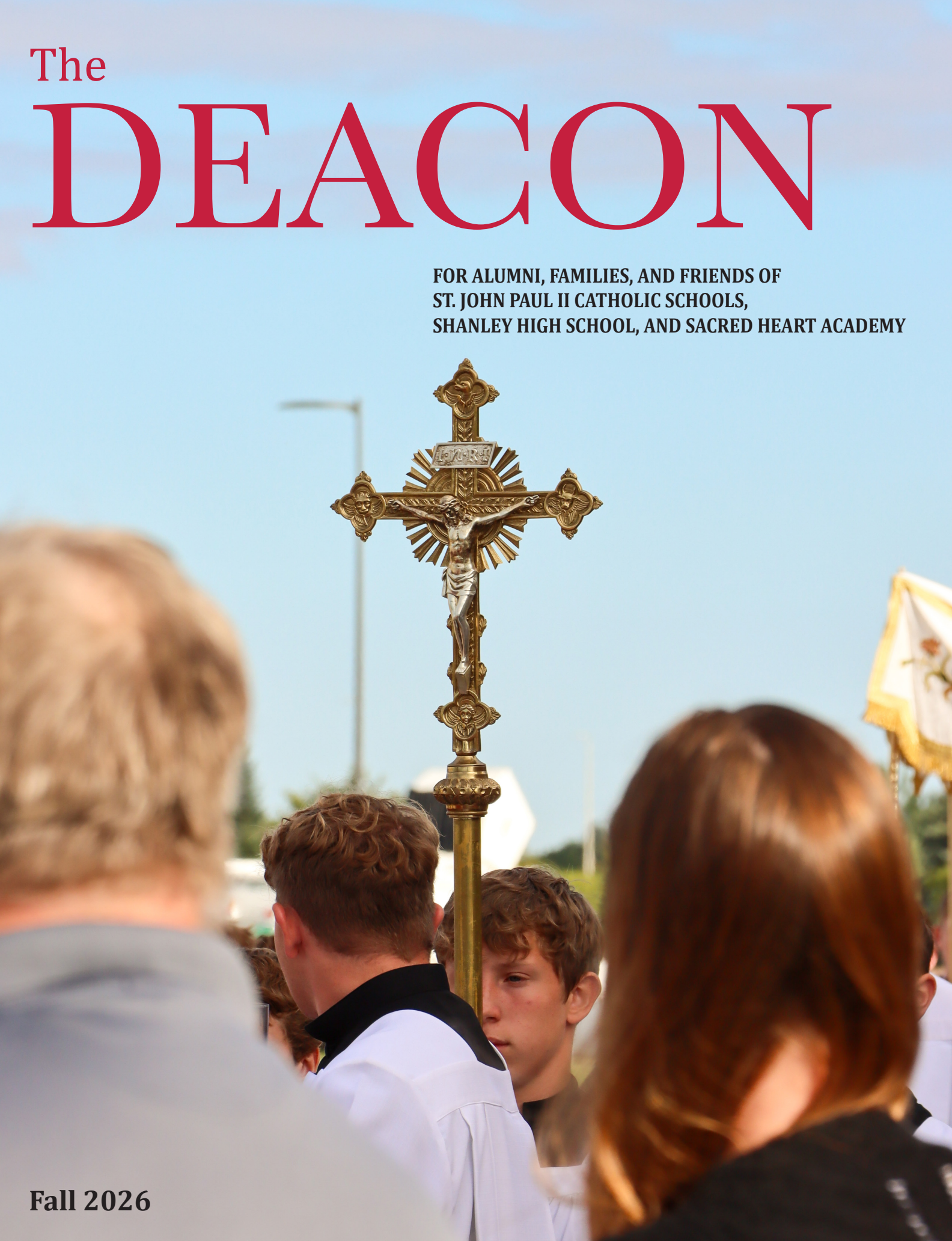
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President's Perspective

Mike Hagstrom, President, St. John Paul II Catholic Schools



Lord Jesus, You are the Way. With the help of Your Grace, may the foundations of excellence we build in our Deacon community be a fitting dwelling to encounter You, Who are the Truth, and Your abundant Life, now and forever. AMEN.

Deacons on the Way 2.0

Last June in this space, I shared the enrollment crunch and facility space needs facing our schools. I characterized it as a "good problem to have."

For the time being, we have implemented some short-term solutions. We worked very closely with new student inquiries to explore every option for enrollment at the elementary level. We also hired four new teachers at Sacred Heart Middle School to reduce class sizes, and we have maximized classroom usage in the daily schedule accordingly.

But those solutions cannot be sustained over the longer term with the demand for Catholic education, which we anticipate through our study of enrollment projections and the limitations of our current facility capacities.

Three long-term priorities emerged for consideration from our facility planning process: 1) a new Shanley High School, 2) upgrades at the other schools, 3) a new elementary school.

To discern the next prudential steps for the "Deacons on the Way," our board of directors commissioned a feasibility study, the first phase of which was conducted over the summer months.

I say "first phase," because the preliminary findings of the study were that more information, research, and conversations will be required before the board

determines the scale, scope, and sequence of facility solutions.

One director of the board used the fitting acronym “SIP” – “Still in Process” – to describe the status of the plan, which will likely be the case for several more months. Time will tell our next steps, for since our founding by the Presentation Sisters in 1882, generations of students have been taught, formed, and sent on their way to make a difference for the good as citizens of this world and the next.

Along the way, leaders in every generation have provided school facilities to meet the needs of their time and beyond, confident that “Lord, You have been our refuge through all generations” (Psalm 90:1).

Now in our day, we continue to prepare the way for the next generation of “Deacons on the Way” in St. John Paul II Catholic Schools.











Homecoming

King Michael Hollcraft and Queen Hailey Miranda
(Left to Right): Nolan Snyder, Jason McAllister, Max Hofer, Mark Wanner, Gianna Noah, Bridget Maguire, Elle Johnson, Elle Bernhardt
















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Liberal Arts in the Modern Era

Fr. Kyle Metzger '00, Shanley Principal



As is all too common in young boys, I had very little interest in reading when I was young. Books were a bore. At times, they were a cross. Rather than reclining in a chair to take in a good book, I'd rather be down in the basement playing Nintendo. My boyhood decade of the 90s was the height of *Mario Kart* and *Street Fighter II*, Yoshi and Ryu inspired me far more than Aslan or Frodo.

That changed at university. Perhaps some of it was motivated by delayed maturity, some of it due to avoiding other responsibilities, but I entered the world of books meaningfully for the first time at nineteen years old. I would wander the shelves of the university library, recognize a text, and open the cover. A half hour would pass, me standing there among the shelves, realizing I'd lost track of time. New worlds were open to me. I traveled to Narnia, Middle Earth, ancient Greece. I made new friends with Achilles, Screwtape, Edmond Dantes.

Books finally made sense to me. I didn't get all the fuss about books when I was a boy. They seemed a waste of time. But at university their power and grandeur was finally unveiled.

Now a zealous young man, I determined I needed to devote my life to the project of books, partly motivated to rescue boys like my younger self. I changed my major to elementary education, with a focus on language arts.

The subsequent six years I spent as a classroom teacher in reading and writing. From what I encountered in the classroom, I became convinced of the benefit that a robust program in the language arts has on the human person. I taught poor students in the heart of Phoenix and affluent students in the suburbs of Minneapolis. The benefit of a robust education in the language arts was universal. It opened the mind; it stirred the imagination; it fostered wonder.

This is the origin story to what I've attempted to augment in the experience of a Shanley student. Delight in the written and spoken word is a sign of a well-formed human person. And thus it became a focus of my attention as principal.

The emphasis on the language arts is an ancient approach to educating the human person, most notably fostered by the Greek scholastics. There are three language arts,

which they called the *trivium*: grammar, logic, and rhetoric. When these three arts are fostered, it should *liberate* the mind, that is free the mind to operate at its highest pitch.

The first art is grammar. This is the focus of elementary school lessons. Developing grammar is simply the skill of transposing concepts into print. You teach the student that the shiny, red, delicious fruit has a name, and it's spelled A-P-P-L-E. We teach the student that words are connected to other words in specific arrangements. In English, we learn that subjects come at the start of our sentences, and objects come later. When subjects become plural, the verb changes. These types of rules help us share ideas with each other in an intelligible way. We can express our feelings meaningfully. And we can record the history of our ancestors to pass to the next generation. This is grammar.

A tragedy of modern education is that most language arts lessons end at the grammar stage. Or too often, those basic rules of grammar, which should be mastered in elementary school, are drawn out all the way into high school instruction. This is a collapse of the language arts.

The second language art, so often neglected in English classrooms, is the art of logic. Once the student has learned the basic rules of grammar, he now works at crafting his sentences into a logical sequence of ideas. In his writing, he is building a case or crafting a narrative. One idea must naturally lead to the next, in an incremental and systematic way. One premise, when linked to a second premise, culminates in a conclusion.

Without the skill of logic, writing degrades to mere assertion of opinions. It's like an assault of ideas, without any natural – logical! – procession from point to point. Tragically, you see this deficit of language skills in political discourse on cable news, even on the floor of congress.

Logic is a skill of language, ensuring that ideas are connected in an orderly, harmonious way.

Shanley freshmen take a required year of logic instruction. On their transcript, this is recorded as a language arts course.

As part of the instruction in logic, students are taught the skill of annotation. As they read texts, they underline key statements and make notes in the margins to track the thinking – the logic – of the author. For every novel a Shanely student reads, he is given the book to keep as his own, so that he can personally annotate it and be prepared to discuss its plot with the class.

Since logic is a skill that applies to all reading, the development of this skill goes beyond an English classroom. Teachers in other departments have noted that in recent years, students will begin annotating texts in their classes without being prompted. They can then grasp the argument or intention of the author all the quicker and with greater precision. Mrs. Kari Sornsin '88 teaches government. She witnesses students annotate the *Constitution*, more readily identifying its structure and organization. Mrs. Amanda Miller teaches US History. When reading Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s *Letter from the Birmingham Jail*, her students will annotate his letter, identifying his key critiques of segregation.

This is all a deepening of the language art of logic, the ability to construct a strain of thought, and then arrive at a sensible conclusion.

But it's not enough simply to craft a sound argument. Even if something is true, a person can still delay their assent.

Whereas logic ensures an argument is true, the final language skill of rhetoric ensures that argument be attractive. It must sway the reader, even delight the reader. The human person is inherently attracted to beautiful things. That includes the written and spoken word. Therefore, we also need the third art of rhetoric.

We've all heard uninspired homilies and unhinged political speeches. We've heard cringy toasts from a best man and shallow toasts from a maid of honor. We've heard commencement speeches that were merely a litany of platitudes and lectures from professors that were incomprehensible. These are all failures of rhetoric.

It's not enough to use proper grammar and sentence structure. It's not enough to write something true. It must be presented in a manner that resonates within the reader. When all three of these are done well –

grammar, logic, and rhetoric – ideas flourish. Minds are elevated.

Every day at Shanley the school prays together during the morning announcements. We pray a prayer composed by St. Thomas Aquinas, the patron saint of students. St. Thomas is a bright intellect in the Church's history, himself a scholar and Doctor of the Church. He composed a beautiful prayer that he prayed before he studied, preached, and wrote. We pray that same prayer each day, which includes this stanza:

> Grant to me keenness of mind,
> capacity to remember,
> skill in learning,
> subtlety to interpret,
> and eloquence in speech.

St. Thomas Aquinas is known as the Angelic Doctor. He himself was well grounded in the arts of the *trivium*: grammar, logic, and rhetoric. As such, he wrote volumes and volumes of texts that the Church still reads today.

We hold books in high esteem at Shanley High School. We're coming to a deeper understanding in this technological age of the limitation that technology offers, even its detriment, and therefore, books are reclaiming their rightful place in the center of a robust education.

So there's much to be said about words, books, and ideas. There's also much to be said about numbers, science, and the order of the created world. The Greeks had a counterpart to the domain of words in the *trivium*. The world of numbers was captured in the *quadrivium*: arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, and music.

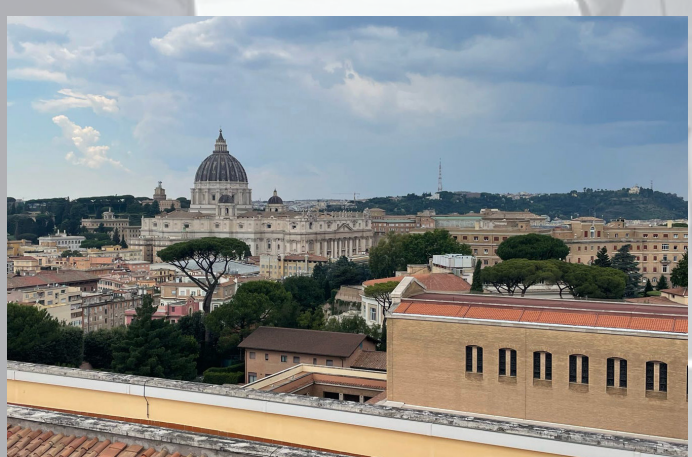
But that's for a future article. Stay tuned.











Faith Transformed in the Heart of the Church

Fr. William Slattery, Sacred Heart & Shanley Chaplain

One of the greatest privileges of my work as a school chaplain is to accompany our rising seniors on a pilgrimage to Rome. This yearly summer opportunity offered by the University of Mary invites rising seniors from the Catholic schools in North Dakota to experience the deep history of the Christian faith and its development through the many ages of the Church. From the witness of the great Apostles Peter and Paul, to the martyrs and saints both old and new, to the successor of St. Peter, Pope Leo XIV, the city of Rome continues to be the spiritual and cultural heart of the Church. Every year this pilgrimage acts as a catalyst, enlivening the faith of our seniors during a very pivotal time in their formation. For this fall's *The Deacon* magazine, I was invited to write a summary of this experience and share some of the pilgrimage's most important moments:

- The Rome Pilgrimage begins at the University of Mary, in Bismarck, ND, with two days of orientation and preparation. Since our pilgrimage group is around 140 – 150 people, these days are important ways that we can prepare for the many things that our students and pilgrims will experience.
- Arriving in Rome, our students begin with the history of Ancient Rome and the witness of the early Apostles – visiting the Roman Forum, the Colosseum, the Catacombs, and the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul.
- From Ancient Rome, our students encounter the living Church that has grown through the ages, visiting the other major basilicas, the Vatican Museum, and taking part in the Papal Audience to learn from our current Pope, Leo XIV.
- From the Church in Rome, the focus of the pilgrimage moves to Umbria and the home of many great saints like Francis, Clare, and Catherine of Siena. Studying the lives of the saints, our students see the deep impact that a holy life can have upon the church and history.
- Lastly, our students return to Rome to celebrate with the Pope and the city of Rome, the great Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. Our students are blessed with an opportunity to pray with the Pope and join in the celebration of the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of the Christian Life.







Handing on the Mysteries of Faith

How Tradition Teaches Us to Love

Fr. William Slattery, Sacred Heart & Shanley Chaplain



Sacred Heart & Shanley Students Gather in the Marian Garden for Adoration After Processing Around Campus.

The word "tradition" comes from the Latin word for "handing on." At Shanley, our Homecoming traditions are not nostalgia. They are how one generation passes the heart of the Gospel to the next. Following Christ means learning to love, and to love is to make our lives a free gift to God.

Pope St. John Paul II put it simply: Christ shows us "by His whole life, and not only by His words, that freedom is acquired in love, that is, in the gift of self" (*Veritatis Splendor*, 87). Jesus gave us two great commandments: love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37-39). These are not two separate loves. They are one gift of self, directed toward God and toward the people He places in our path. Two of our Homecoming traditions teach students each direction in turn.

The Procession: Love of God



Each year, our Homecoming week begins with the Eucharistic Procession. I carry the Blessed Sacrament to every classroom, where students kneel, or bow their heads if they are unable, and keep a prayerful silence. Then the whole school moves outside, forms a line, and sings. I tell our students that in a procession we become the sign: a sign of Jesus walking with us through life, and of a pilgrim Church, all called by Christ and all on

the same road toward eternal life.

In the procession, students give God what is most precious – their attention, their reverence, and their voices. Nobody can force that gift. If it is going to be meaningful it must be offered freely. Pope St. John Paul II wrote in *Gift and Mystery* that celebrating the Eucharist had been, from his first years as a priest, not only his most sacred duty but "my soul's deepest need" (p. 86). That is what we hope students begin to discover: that love of God is not a burden but the fulfillment of what the heart was made for.

Deacon Day: Love of Neighbor



On Wednesday of the same week, that love turns outward. On Deacon Day, our students leave the classroom to serve. In recent years, freshmen and juniors have planted trees along the Red River, sophomores have helped with projects at local parishes, and seniors have returned to our elementary schools to spend the day with our youngest Deacons.

The word "deacon" means "servant," and the day gives students a chance to live out what our mission calls us to, being "a community inspiring excellence through faith, learning, and service." No one is paid or graded for planting a tree or helping a first grader with reading. It is a gift given freely, and students learn that they are never more free than when they are giving themselves away. When our seniors return to the classrooms where they once sat, the tradition is handed on in a very literal way, from the oldest students to the youngest.

One Gift, Two Directions





Taken together, the Eucharistic Procession and Deacon Day teach one lesson. We receive our lives as a gift from God, and we are most free when we give them back, first to God and then to the neighbor in front of us. If you are an alumnus, you may remember the kindness of a classmate, the sound of a hymn sung when praying with your class, or the work you did on a service day. You may not have known then what was being handed to you.

After eight years as chaplain, seeing our graduates and alumni return home is one of my favorite moments of the year. The traditions are still here, and so is the invitation they carry: to walk with Christ and to give yourself away in love.

Go Deacons!







Recent Shanley Grad Heading to Honduras on Mission

University of Minnesota college student Carter Kochmann '21 is pausing his pre-med studies to bring the love of God to children in need.

Roxane B. Salonen | July 12, 2026 at 7:00 AM



Carter Kochmann, on the ground, reads and plays with two children from the Finca Del Niño mission, Sacred Heart Clinic, in May 2025. The clinic provides health care for the children, students, employees, and missionaries of the Finca as well as members of the local surrounding community.
Contributed / Carter Kochmann

FARGO — The simple question from a loving father pierced Carter Kochmann's heart: "Are you going to Mass consistently?"

The two were heading home for Easter from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, where the 2021 Shanley High School graduate was a freshman.

"I just said, 'No, Dad, I haven't,'" Carter recalled, "and immediately, I saw his demeanor drop."

That moment became a conduit for change. Back at college, Carter began pursuing God and his Catholic faith, slowly at first, ultimately convincing the philosophy and pre-med student to pause his post-graduate studies for a greater good.

On Aug. 9, instead of rolling up his sleeves for med school, Carter will head to Honduras to spend the next several years bringing Christ's love to children who've had a rough start.

With several short visits home planned, he'll return here permanently in December 2028, undoubtedly changed.

"I still have an interest in medicine," Carter said. He envisions possibly going to med

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Carter Kochmann and his parents, Paul and Nancy, are pictured at Huntington Bank Stadium Oct. 5, 2024, during Carter's junior year of college. The Gophers had just beat the USC Trojans and they joined other fans who rushed the field after the game ended.
Contributed / Carter Kochmann

school to become a medical missionary, but he's not "locking that into place," he added. "I don't want to get wrapped up in the future. I just want to be as present as possible to the kids and do what the Lord is wanting me to do."

The Road Less Traveled

Carter's decision to leave the well-trod path didn't happen all at once. But early in college, he began to feel an emptiness about life.

"I remember my freshman year feeling that cliché of meaninglessness," he said. While reading the classic novel, *Crime and Punishment,* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky that spring semester, however, he began thinking about how our actions affect us and others.

"Everything collapses in his attempt to choose what he thinks is good," Carter said of the main character, Rodion, who tries justifying a murder he committed. "There's this objective reality that our souls are in tune with – we can tell right from wrong."

The story was hitting a little too close to home. Though his sins weren't as extreme, he said, he was "making selfish choices, going against my conscience," and experiencing "the downward spiral."

The Catholic education he'd set aside, for the most part, was "finally getting pressed and instilled into me in real life."

Another pivotal moment happened after a spring-break trip to Europe his sophomore year.

"There was a lot of sin and regret; that was the lowest point," Carter said. On the flight home, experiencing the darkness of it all, something seized him. "I felt the Lord come to me in that moment, and he loved me through it."

Returning to campus, Carter went to confession and broke down in front of the priest. "I realized, OK, enough of this kind of life," he said. "I see where this is going and I



Carter dressed up as Saint Paul for Mrs. Eppler's first grade Halloween party in October 2009, for which students all dressed as saints. Contributed / Carter Kochmann

don't want it."

He began hunkering down on his studies and attending Mass regularly. Carter also began engaging with Gopher Catholic, the ministry for Catholic students on campus, and observed the "authentic joy" and adventurous spirit of the on-campus missionaries.

It got him thinking whether his path toward medical school might be becoming another selfish pursuit. "I was just trying to secure my own future," he said, and "in a way, idolizing medical school, and not really asking God what he wants of me."

Soulful Stirrings

While walking home from class one day, Carter heard a voice from within say: "What if you do mission, Carter?"

He laughed it off. "I called it a crazy Jesus thought," he said.

But as he opened to the idea, he said, he began to experience peace and joy – even if "in small fragments" initially. Finally, the surrender came, and Carter told God that if he wanted him to be a missionary, he'd do it. "The fire was lit," he said.

But where? The answer came one day in the middle of ethics class. During the lecture, Carter, whose mind was elsewhere, searched "physician saints" on his laptop and found an image of Saint Gianna Molla.

It sparked a long-ago memory. "I said out loud, 'Luigi!'" Carter said. "I had completely forgotten, but it all came to me in a moment. I met her son in first grade!"

Indeed, that year, in Mrs. Jean Eppler's first grade class at Nativity Elementary School, the group was invited to meet Pierluigi Molla, the son of Saint Gianna, visiting here from Italy to tour the Saint Gianna Maternity Home in Warsaw, N.D.

"I started reading about her life and saw that she wanted to do international mission, joining her brother in Brazil, but couldn't because of health issues," Carter said. "That started me looking toward international mission, and the spark went off. It felt right, like the Holy Spirit was working."

He came upon Finca del Niño, Farm of the Child, a mission in Honduras that houses children 2 to 18 who've been orphaned, abandoned by family, or have suffered severe emotional and physical trauma, malnutrition, or gang violence.



The elementary school, St. Peter's Catholic School, at Finca Del Niño, in Trujillo, Honduras, is where kids at the mission as well as local children attend classes. Contributed / Carter Kochmann



Mrs. Eppler's first grade students are pictured May 12, 2010, with Pierluigi Molla, who was visited North Dakota from Italy to honor his mother and the Saint Gianna Maternity Home in Warsaw, N.D., which was named for her. Carter is wearing the white shirt directly in front of Pierluigi.
Contributed / Carter Kochmann

Carter visited the mission in May 2025, and after discernment his senior year, committed to two years of service.

Eppler recalled that Carter was "joyful and well-liked." She also remembered the meeting with Pierluigi was a gift from the Bell Bank "Pay It Forward" program. "They served pancakes with bacon smiles and strawberry eyes, and the kids had each made a page about the life of Saint Gianna and got to read their story," she said, calling the day "magical."

But it's even more so, she said, realizing the story "is still affecting people," like Carter. "It's getting added onto even now."

When Carter reached out recently by letter, she said, "I sat on my front porch and just cried, thinking, 'Look at you, God. You used that moment in time when he was 6 years old to be a missionary because of Saint Gianna's life!'"

Other Mentors

One of Carter's campus mentors is Brother Brandt Haglund, who belongs to a religious order that, according to Brother Brandt, is a bit "like urban monks." He noted that a service mission trip to Oklahoma Carter took with other college students in March 2024 was another flash point. The students stayed at the Holy Family Retreat at Remnant Ranch serving an impoverished area of the state and the Choctaw Nation.

"I think that was an accelerant" in his spiritual life, Brother Brandt said. "I find that most of the students who come back from Cancun return tired and yuck from staying up late, etc., but those working at soup kitchens come back so alive, so fulfilled," he said.

He watched Carter grow in Gopher Catholic to becoming a leader, he said, naming "authenticity" as one of his best qualities, along with "courage and generosity."



Brother Brandt Haglund, who's been a spiritual mentor for Carter, is associated with the Brotherhood of Hope religious community, which espouses "living the monastery life" but in the city. The order has a presence at the University of Minnesota.
Contributed / Carter Kochmann

"Someone who delays med school for over two years to go to a different country where most people don't speak your language," he said, "and depriving oneself of a number of comforts we experience in America; this is courageous and generous."

Brother Brandt suspects Carter's presence among the children there – many of whom have not had healthy male role models – will be profound, he said, though "the full ripple effect might not be seen until we're in heaven."

Carter's parents couldn't be prouder of their youngest child, they said, describing him as always having had a zest for life and a spiritual inclination.

Paul, his father, recalled a photo of Carter holding up a toddler "with a big smile on his face" after his initial visit to the Finca in Honduras in 2025, and his "burning desire" to return.

His mother, Nancy, has been learning Spanish and buying children's books to read to the kids when they visit six months into his service. "We also sponsor a little guy from Honduras through church, so we're hoping to meet him," she said.

Readying to embrace his next adventure, Carter said he's leaving the itinerary open.

"I just want to be a conduit for (God), to love the kids the best I can, to learn what it means to love and to be a man who upholds virtue without other distractions pulling me away," he said. "God only knows where that might lead."

To follow Carter's journey, visit:
https://www.farmofthechild.org/carter
or scan the QR code!



Carter, third from right, stands with missionaries and Honduran staff at the beach at Trujillo, Honduras, to celebrate one of the staff member's birthdays on June 1, 2025.
Contributed / Carter Kochmann

DOUBLE-HEADER
ALUMNI NIGHT &
POST-GAME GATHERING

ALL PARENTS, FANS, AND ALUMNI OF SHANLEY HIGH SCHOOL ARE INVITED TO A POST-GAME GATHERING FOLLOWING THE DAVIES-DEACONS DOUBLE-HEADER!

Register here!

Friday, January 15
5:45PM - Girls Varsity @ Shanley
7:15PM - Boys Varsity @ Shanley
Post-Game Gathering @
Frank's Lounge
(2640 52nd Ave S)



Special recognition of the 1996 Girls Basketball Team and the 1997 Boys Basketball Team celebrating the 30th anniversary of their state championships.

DEACON YOUNG ALUMNI DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Join us!

Shanley Mass
10:00 AM at Sts. Anne & Joachim

Cookies & Ice Cream Social with Teachers
3:00-3:30 PM in the Shanley Library

Featuring Patty's Famous
"Shanley Chocolate Chip Cookies"
(No limits!)

Please RSVP here!



Salonen: 'Meeting' Sister Annella at the Cemetery

Roxane Salonen shares her experience at a recent ceremony honoring Hubert and Emma Zervas and their saintly daughter.

Roxane B. Salonen | August 19, 2026 at 7:00 AM



Crookston Bishop Andrew Cozzens prays a blessing over the area with onlookers – including, in the foreground, several missionaries of Charities Sisters, the order Mother Teresa of Calcutta founded in India. Contributed / Roxane Salonen

"See you at the cemetery!" I texted the friend who'd shared that she also was going to the event to honor a possible saint's parents that afternoon.

I recalled my sister, Camille, and I perusing our hometown cemetery in Poplar, Montana, decades earlier, mesmerized by the headstones, and, on some of them, photos, flowers and trinkets left by loved ones.

We were learning about people now gone, but who were as real as we were, and spiritually speaking, just as alive.

It was the same on August 8, when local faithful gathered with Bishop Andrew Cozzens from the Diocese of Crookston at St. Joseph's Cemetery, just north of the American Crystal Sugar plant in Moorhead, where we honored Hubert and Emma Zervas and their saintly daughter with a brand-new memorial at the family plot.

Sister Annella, born Anna Cordelia in Moorhead in 1900, died at 26 and is buried at St. Benedict's cemetery in St. Joseph, Minnesota, where she was consecrated to God. Her parents lived, died, and were buried here.

Over 100 pilgrims joined the gathering,

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hosted by the guild advancing her cause for canonization. The new, large cross marker brings visibility to the flat, simple grave markers of Mr. and Mrs. Zervas to benefit future pilgrims visiting their graves, especially now that their daughter's story is being revived.

Sister Annella died here 100 years ago of a ravaging skin disease that caused great suffering, which, by God's grace, she bore with heroic bravery. The book about her life, "Ticket to Eternity," can be downloaded for free from the guild's website.

As a young girl, Anna attended church and school at St. Joseph's in Moorhead, Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, and a year of what is now Shanley High School, before joining the convent at 15.

At the cemetery, Bishop Cozzens affirmed that as Christians, "We are not afraid of cemeteries," mainly because those buried there are our brothers and sisters, making cemeteries places of communion.

The whole purpose of life is to prepare for heaven, he said, and in that way, Sister Annella's life wasn't tragic but a beautiful fulfillment of that ultimate goal.

To further illustrate, he said that when Benedictine monks take their vows, they lie prostrate on the floor during the Litany of the Saints and are blanketed with the same funeral pall covering them again at death, reflecting, "You're dying to this world in order to live for God."

Sister Annella's life became a witness to this reaching toward heaven, he said, in her decision to live for God through sacrificially offering herself and her suffering to him.

"One of the reasons we like cemeteries is because we know we'll end up in one someday soon, right?" he said, prompting chuckles. "It's a good reminder of what the purpose of our life is, and how we should live our life — to be prepared for the day we meet the Lord."



A large, cross grave marker at the family plot allows pilgrims to more easily find the graves of Hubert and Emma Zervas, parents of Sister Annella Zervas in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Moorhead.
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Pictured with Sister's image are several of her Shanley alumni relatives (first cousins, once removed): Ann (Hall) Steinhouse '67 and Hugh Hall '58.

Sr. Annella Zervas Guild:

More Info:

Sanford, NDSU Team Up on Athlete Heart Screenings

Athletic trainers and cardiologists say expanded screening could help identify heart-related risks before athletes take the field.

Isak Dinesen | July 17, 2026 at 10:23 PM



NDSU football players undergo EKG screenings as part of preseason physicals on Thursday, July 17, 2026, at NDSU in Fargo.
Isak Dinesen / WDAY

FARGO — Data collection is everywhere in college sports, both on and off the field.

This season, North Dakota State University athletic trainers will have more data on the health of football players through tests that emphasize cardiac health.

"We're moving up to a bigger level, so we're trying to make sure we're taking care of all the athletes here," said Dr. Drew Glogoza '08, a primary care sports medicine physician at Sanford. He is the team physician for NDSU, Minnesota State University Moorhead, and Concordia College.

NDSU Athletics and Sanford Health are teaming up to provide cardiology exams for its athletes, with EKG readings, for the first time.

"It's very easy to do, it takes a minute or two at most, it's a pretty good screening test to look for cardiovascular disease," said Dr. Matt Glogoza '10, an interventional cardiologist at Sanford Health. Drew and Matt Glogoza are brothers.

The machines record heart rates through several different wires, checking for possible risk factors like irregular heartbeat.

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Brothers Dr. Drew Glogoza '08 (left), a Sanford primary care sports medicine physician and team doctor for NDSU, MSUM, and Concordia, and Dr. Matt Glogoza '10 (right), a Sanford interventional cardiologist, speak with WDAY News on Thursday, July 16, 2026.
Isak Dinesen / WDAY

Sanford had previously offered help with athletes who had reported symptoms of cardiovascular issues. Now they're getting out in front of the issue for everyone.

"Some of these athletes who get to be large human beings, which definitely is what we're seeing in football, there may be a higher risk for some of this stuff, so that's why sometimes it's better to do some of this screening so that we have some ideas that will hopefully help us," Drew Glogoza said.

NDSU says this level of testing is becoming more common among Division I institutions, with some athletes transferring in and providing previous results.

"I think the more people we see doing this, the more people we can help and make sure are safe for participation," Matt Glogoza said.

With access continuing to expand, they anticipate athletes at all levels could get access to information that could keep them playing longer.

"I think it's going to really help us provide better care for our athletes, hopefully keep things safe so we can prevent some bad things from happening," said Drew Glogoza.

A 2022 study by Science Direct found that about 60% of Division I schools require their student athletes to take an EKG screening.



A technician performs an EKG screening on an NDSU football player during preseason physicals on Thursday, July 16, 2026. Isak Dinesen / WDAY

School Choice and the Common Good

President Mike Hagstrom submitted this written testimony for the 2025 legislative session and The Forum published it in its Saturday, March 8, 2025 edition.



Dear Education Committee Members,

Given the various means available to attain the end of education—a public good for the State of North Dakota—please consider the Education Savings Accounts as an effective way to enable parents to choose the best means of education for their children.

Thank you for your consideration of the ESA bills in the legislative process.

Mike Hagstrom
President, St. John Paul II Catholic Schools
Director of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Fargo

"The child is not the mere creature of the state."

So wrote Supreme Court Justice James C. McReynolds, in the unanimous 1925 court decision upholding the rights of parents to choose the best education for their children *(Pierce v. Society of Sisters).*

Yes, a Catholic religious order, "Society of Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary," was the plaintiff in the case as the sisters challenged Oregon's 1922 law that required all students to attend public schools with the 1926-1927 school year. Oregon Governor Walter Pierce was named as the respondent in the sisters' lawsuit.

Several decades after the ugly, anti-Catholic Blaine Amendment initiatives of the late 19th century, this new wave of bigotry, led by the Ku Klux Klan, further sought to intimidate Catholics. (Recall, for example, Fargo's Anti-Catholic Klan rally and parade in September of 1925 as 8,000 people gathered at the Fargo fairgrounds. Recall, also the pervasive presence of the KKK in the halls of power in Grand Forks in the mid-1920s.)

In upholding the freedom of parents to educate their children in the school of their choice, the Supreme Court also acknowledged that the state has a right to regulate non-public schools and to require compulsory education of children. Thus, a century later, we comply with the non-public school approval process through the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and follow the applicable state and federal regulations for schools.

Twenty-two years after *Pierce v. Society of Sisters,* another Supreme Court ruling *(Everson v. Board of Education,* 1947) found that a New Jersey statute that provided parental re-imbursement for busing to non-public schools—including Catholic and other religious schools—did not violate the establishment clause. Rather, the court held that law benefitted the common good and facilitated the free exercise of religion by parents.

I am supremely grateful for these two

Supreme Court rulings, for my life would likely have been very different without these precedents.

In the summer of 1969, my family moved from Minneapolis to a farmstead in rural Minnesota. My parents wanted to exercise their right to choose a Catholic school for me and my siblings. They were also empowered to do so with a new Minnesota law modeled on the Everson decision that allowed non-public school students to ride the public-school bus.

In speaking with my mother recently, she revealed that without the then-new busing option, my parents wouldn't have been able to send us to Catholic school (which, in hindsight, gave me tremendous, unique opportunities).

I am grateful for the progress of School Choice Bills in this North Dakota legislative session. Besides empowering and enabling parental choice, they would also cultivate the common good and invigorate the educational landscape. Those are good choices for any state that desires a well-educated and engaged citizenry—not "mere creatures of the state."



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600 Wins and Counting for Fargo Post 2's Luke Rustad '95

Rustad has coached Post 2 for 15 seasons and tacked on another milestone last week.

Ryan Spitza | July 16, 2026 at 7:29 AM



Fargo Post 2 Head Coach Luke Rustad gives instructions to players during game one of their American Legion doubleheader against Williston on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at Jack Williams Stadium in Fargo. Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum

FARGO — Luke Rustad doesn't pay attention to personal accolades.

The Fargo Post 2 head coach is cognizant that no accomplishment is attainable without a strong supporting cast of players, assistant coaches, parents and supporters of the program.

That's why, when Rustad picked up his 600th win with Post 2 on July 10, he could only reflect.

"(It just means) that I've been coaching a lot of baseball games," Rustad told The Forum. "It's something I don't think about, I guess everybody else has to bring it up to me. It's just a game you're going to coach that day that matters and one you're getting ready for."

In this case, the game was against the BPC (Mo.) Reds at the Kansas City Program Invite in Kansas City, Missouri. Post 2 rallied from a three-run deficit to win 11-7, earning its 25th victory of the season and the 600th of Rustad's tenure.

"And then, when you look back on it after you've reached that number, you just think about all of the different teams or the different summers you've been around coaching,"

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Rustad said. "What I think about the most is all of the kids that have come through the program that helped that number be realized."

2026 marks Rustad's 15th season coaching Post 2. He's the second-longest-tenured head coach in the American Legion program's history behind Jerry Harter, who led the team for 29 seasons from 1967-95 and remains the program's all-time winningest coach with 1,199 career victories.

Rustad ranks second behind Harter on the all-time wins list.

"A lot of credit goes to the kids for performing on the field," Rustad said. "They're the ones who have to go out there and bring the coaching into a game situation and be able to execute and perform.

"And then, to be able to do it with the demand we put on them every day, even on days off we're out here practicing and working on getting better. The kids have just been super resilient."

As with every previous milestone, Rustad was unaware until the team informed him after the win.

"It was not on my radar, I wasn't even thinking about it," Rustad said. "We got done winning the game, we were out talking to the team and then (assistant) coach (Gunnar) Linstaedt said he had something to say.

"He told the team and they congratulated me and it was pretty cool. Yeah, (Linstaedt) knew and he made sure everybody knew. I guess the kids all knew before the game, too."

Since Rustad began coaching Post 2 in 2012, the program has won seven North Dakota Class AA state championships and two Central Plains Regional championships.

Winning the Central Plains in 2019 and 2024 earned Post 2 trips to the American Legion World Series, including a runner-up trip in 2019.

Those trips to the ALWS are among Rustad's fondest memories coaching Post 2, but none stand out more than those from his first two seasons at the helm.

"My first year and second years stick out, too," Rustad said. "My first year, I was trying to leave my mark and get my team to play the way I wanted them to play and be the guy in charge. So I remember that team pretty well."

Rustad recalled the 2012 state tournament. Held in Mandan, teams still played nine-inning games at the time rather than the seven-inning contests used in Legion baseball today.

"Mandan didn't have turf yet, and so the entire state tournament rained out for one full day," Rustad said. "The next day, we had to win three nine-inning games in one day just to get to the championship.

"Then we lost to West Fargo in the championship game that next day. But we won three nine-inning games in one day in my first year (at state)."

Year No. 2 saw Rustad's Post 2 team rebound to defeat West Fargo in the title game, and there was a family connection to go with it.

"It was my first state championship and my dad was my assistant coach," Rustad said. "So I remember that one really well as well."

The win milestones, however, haven't been home-friendly, Rustad's 400th victory in 2021 happened at a tournament in Mankato, Minnesota. Win No. 500 in 2024 occurred at a tournament in Omaha, Nebraska.

This time around, Kansas City.

Perhaps the stars will align for No. 700 to take place at Jack Williams Stadium.

"We'll have to see, I have no idea," Rustad said with a laugh. "It's just kind of where the games fall and what the timeline looks like and where the wins come. But yeah, it would be awesome to win one of those in front of our home crowd and in our own stadium, that'd be great. Or maybe the 700th is a win that gets you to the World Series or wins the World Series. That'd be great too."

Just as the players have been instrumental in the success of the program, so have the parents and assistant coaches.

"I can honestly say that there's not a single

parent that sticks out in my mind that has given me a problem or any issue in regards to expectations of their own child's success," Rustad said. "They've just been total team players and have been really great to work with, so I've been fortunate there."

Post 2's success at the Class AA level begins with the program's other teams: the Class A Post 2 Jets and the Junior Legion Post 2 Bombers.

"My assistant coaches do a great job," Rustad said. "As I've gone on doing this longer and longer, I've given them more rope to do their thing with their position groups and stuff like that. Taking a step back a little bit more and not shadowing over them as much. I've been really fortunate with them."

Post 2 is set to host this year's Class AA state tournament July 27-Aug. 1 at Jack Williams Stadium. The team last won state in 2023 and holds a record of 27-10 as of July 15.

"We definitely have a team that could win a state championship," Rustad said. "We have some injuries right now, so we'll see how those play out. That'll determine some of our depth and where we're going to be to be able to navigate a state tournament. If we get those guys back, we'll look a little bit better.

"But at the end of the day, it just comes down to, 'Are you pitching, fielding and hitting well at the right time and doing the things it takes to win a baseball game?' ...As long as we continue to compete the way we're doing, I like our chances in any game."



Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum



Fargo Post 2 Head Coach Luke Rustad coaches third base during game one of their American Legion doubleheader against Williston on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at Jack Williams Stadium in Fargo. Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum

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SAVE THE DATE
June 24, 2027

Freshman Kicker Ian Maguire's Extra Point Sends Shanley to OT Victory Over Davies

Deacons tie game with six seconds left before downing top-ranked Eagles in overtime Friday.

Ryan Spitza | October 02, 2026 at 10:50 PM



Shanley freshman kicker Ian Maguire kicks the game-winning extra point in overtime against Fargo Davies on Friday, Oct. 2, 2026, at Davies High School.
Chris Flynn / The Forum

FARGO — Fargo Shanley lost by one point to West Fargo last week on a failed two-point conversion attempt.

This week against Fargo Davies, the Deacons didn't need two points to win.

Down by six in overtime, quarterback Jacob Perkerewicz hit Charlie Dukart for a game-tying touchdown pass on Shanley's first possession. From there, it came down to the leg of freshman kicker Ian Maguire, who booted the extra point to give the Deacons a 57-56 OT win over the top-ranked Eagles on Friday in North Dakota Division 3A football at Davies High School.

More than likely the biggest kick of Maguire's career so far.

"Yeah, I guess," Maguire said. "It means everything. We kind of doubted ourselves (after last week). But after this win, we know that we are a state team and we're going to get to state."

Shanley spoiled the homecoming of its 25th Street rival to improve to 4-2 overall and 1-1 in the Eastern Dakota Conference.

Perkerewicz was 24 of 38 passing for 337 yards, six touchdowns and two interceptions. He added 137 yards and a TD on the ground

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on 23 carries.

"It's huge," Perkerewicz said. "(Davies) is our biggest rival. This is 'The' game, and it feels awesome just winning it with our team. We're a band of brothers and there's nothing like it."



Shanley quarterback Jacob Perkerewicz scrambles for a long gain against Fargo Davies on Friday, Oct. 2, 2026, at Davies High School. Chris Flynn / The Forum

Perkerewicz's second interception of the game came with 1:38 left in the fourth quarter with Davies holding a 43-42 lead.

The Eagles' Chase Kungel picked Perkerewicz and returned it to the Deacons' 17-yard line. Bennett Simmers punched it in for Davies two plays later, a 7-yard run for his fourth touchdown of the night. Colby Nelson's extra point made it 50-42 with 1:27 on the clock.

That was plenty of time for Shanley, which drove down the field before Perkerewicz hit Michael Hollcraft for a 17-yard touchdown reception with 6 seconds remaining in regulation. Despite a false start penalty moving the two-point try back to the 8-yard line, Perkerewicz found Eli Danduran in the end zone to tie the game at 50.



Fargo Davies linebacker Chase Kungel intercepts a pass by Shanley quarterback Jacob Perkerewicz late in the fourth quarter on Friday, Oct. 2, 2026, at Davies High School. Chris Flynn / The Forum

With the Eagles taking the ball first in the extra session, Simmers punched in his fifth touchdown of the night from the 3-yard line. Davies opted to go for two, but the run by Talen Tuchscherer was snuffed out by Shanley to hold Davies' lead at 56-50.

Perkerewicz found Dukart in the end zone on the first play of the Deacons' possession to set up Maguire's game-winner.

"Every EDC football game is going to be like this and our kids battled to the end," Shanley head coach Troy Mattern said. "We got the ball back with about 1:20 left and our kids didn't panic which was really cool to see. ... Credit to our kids and credit to our quarterback, he stepped up and made plays."

Davies fell to 4-2 overall and 1-1 in conference on a night it rushed for 530 yards, led by Simmers' five touchdowns and 232 on the ground on 29 carries.



Fargo Davies running back Bennett Simmers rushes for a touchdown against the Shanley defense in overtime on Friday, Oct. 2, 2026, at Davies High School. Chris Flynn / The Forum

Davies head coach Wayne Werremeyer said the decision to go for two points right away in overtime was influenced in part by a desire to put the Deacons on their heels on the ensuing possession.

"I told the kids I thought it was a chance for us to win the football game," Werremeyer said. "That's who we are, we take chances to win the football game and that's who we've always been. ... No regrets, it wasn't a clean play. The kids played their tails off and Shanley just made more plays than us."

Tuchscherer finished with 198 rush yards and two touchdowns on 21 attempts for the Eagles. Quarterback Tucker Kosen also added a rushing score.

Ryan Ommen finished behind Perkerewicz in Deacons rushers with 95 yards and a touchdown on six carries. Ommen added eight receptions for 59 yards and a touchdown through the air.

Hollcraft was Perkerewicz's top receiving target with seven receptions for 206 yards and three touchdowns.



Shanley's Michael Hollcraft catches a touchdown pass against Fargo Davies on Friday, Oct. 2, 2026, at Davies High School. Chris Flynn / The Forum

Knox Collins also pulled in an interception for Davies defensively while Brody Iverson had a fumble recovery for the Eagles.

Will Ness and Liam Ertelt scooped up fumble recoveries for the Deacons.

Both teams are back in action Friday, Oct. 9, at 6:30 p.m. Shanley hosts Fargo North (1-5, 0-2 EDC) while Davies hosts No. 5-ranked West Fargo (3-3, 1-1 EDC).

"Crazy response," Perkerewicz said. "We're built for these situations now. Unlucky turn of events last week. We knew what we needed to get done and we did it."

The Shanley Deacons finished their regular season 6-3, earning the #3 seed in the East going into playoffs.

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If You Want to Learn About Fargo's Hockey History, It's All Right Here

Mural honoring Fargo hockey 'godfather' John Noah installed at Fargo Parks Sports Center.

Andrew Haugland | October 09, 2026 at 7:09 AM



The children of John Noah, from left: Paul '80, Dave '79, Lisa (Harvey) '77, Andy '85, Mark '82, Chris '89, Matt '76, and Tom '84, pose next to a hockey mural installation featuring their father on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, at Fargo Parks Sports Center.
Rob Beer / The Forum

FARGO — The Noah family gathered on the second floor of the Fargo Parks Sports Center and each took turns looking at the newly-created mural honoring their father, John.

Looking at the mosaic sent all eight of John, who died in 2015 at 87, and his late wife Mary's children on a trip down memory lane. For them, the man in the artwork was simply known as "dad."

For those who have or will someday stumble upon the piece, the man in the artwork can be called the "Godfather of Fargo Youth Hockey."

"He would be impressed with the continued growth of youth hockey, both with girls and boys, and the increased skill at younger ages," his son Paul said. "Our parents would be thrilled with this facility and the opportunities Fargo Parks has generated not only for our youth but for everyone."

The project was officially completed Monday, Oct. 5 and was funded by local hockey support, as well as Forum Communications Company, which owns The Forum.

The mural features a large photograph of John wearing his 1952 U.S. Olympic hockey

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team uniform. The U.S. earned the silver medal that year at the Olympic Games held in Oslo, Norway.



The history of Fargo hockey mural installation featuring John Noah is seen Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, at Fargo Parks Sports Center.
Rob Beer / The Forum

The silver medal eventually became a token prize that each of his children offered up to display during show-and-tells at school. John, who was never materialistic, likely didn't mind that the medal was lost after what could have been another show-and-tell excursion.

"We eventually found it under the back seat," said daughter Lisa Harvey, who's 4-year-old grandson, William, also has a photo on the piece.

Before John was an Olympian, he was a University of North Dakota standout defenseman. It was said John played every position for the then-called Fighting Sioux and was the team's first All-American player on defense in 1951.

John, a native of Crookston, Minnesota, was inducted into the UND Letterwinners Association Hall of Fame in 1976.

"(John) always had a smile on his face," former UND hockey head coach Brad Berry said in a 2015 Forum article. "His fondest memories came from UND hockey and he told everyone that."

John's love of hockey carried over to his family.

"It was togetherness," his son Dave said. "You're spending time with your dad, your mom, your brothers and your sister. It was just something you did."



Andy Noah checks out the history of Fargo hockey mural installation featuring his father, John Noah, on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, at Fargo Parks Sports Center.
Rob Beer / The Forum

John and his brother, Tim, helped form the Fargo Shanley High School hockey team in 1961. Around that time, most organized hockey was played outdoors. The Deacons first game was played at 3:30 p.m. on a Friday in late December at Island Park.

It wasn't until the creation of the now-named John E. Carlson Coliseum, located near Fargo North High School, in 1968 that the area had a designated indoor arena for hockey and skating.

John eventually shifted his focus to the youth levels, where he coached a handful of teams. In search of fresh competition, John and his youth teams would travel all across the region.



The history of John Noah is on display in a segment of a hockey mural installation seen Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, at Fargo Parks Sports Center.
Rob Beer / The Forum

John was heavily rooted in his Catholic faith. If a game was played on a Sunday, all the players on his team would attend morning Mass, regardless of a player's religious denomination.

"Attending Mass was the priority before playing games," Noah said.

John's influence on the youth hockey game couldn't have been done without the help of Mary. Mary helped organize potlucks, sew the teams' jerseys and made everyone feel welcome in the hockey community.

In the Fargo Parks Sports Center, the mural, designed by local artist Spider Johnk, is installed between two windows that overlook the aptly-named John and Mary Noah Rink. On Tuesday evening, a team was practicing on his namesake ice sheet below.

"He would be floored at what's happened in Fargo and Moorhead, and hockey in general in the area," his son Matt said. "This facility, the teams, I think he would have been very proud."

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Remembering Patrick "Pat" Conmy '51 – 2016 HoF Inductee

Obituary from Eastgate Funeral Home



Patrick (Pat) Conmy passed away on October 7, 2026 after 92 years of laughter, music, family, friends, and a life well lived. He was born on January 5, 1934, in Fargo, North Dakota, the third son of J.F.X. and Marcella Conmy. He graduated from Shanley High School, Class of 1951; Harvard College, Class of 1955; and Georgetown University Law Center in 1959. While attending late-afternoon classes at law school, he was employed by the U.S. Department of Labor. He was admitted to the bars of Virginia and North Dakota in 1959.

Josephine Keller became his bride in Moorhead, Minnesota, in 1953. Six children followed. Twins Patrick and Michael were born in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Marcie and Stephen were born in Alexandria, Virginia; and Tim and Mary were born in Bismarck, North Dakota. He began his private law practice in Bismarck with his father and Joe Donahue and continued in various partner combinations from 1959 to 1985.

He was elected to the Bismarck City Commission and served for eight years, with responsibility for the Police and Fire portfolios. During this period, he emceed many local and state Miss North Dakota pageants, sang with a number of local organizations, appeared in community theater productions, and performed with the Bismarck-Mandan Civic Chorus. He was once overheard to say, "I would love to have been able to earn a living in musical theater, but unfortunately, talent was required." He also sang with the Lake Havasu Community Choir and several church choirs. He served as President of the North Dakota State Bar Association from 1971 to 1972.

He served five terms in the North Dakota House of Representatives, representing District 47, and twice served as chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He was appointed to the Federal Judiciary by President Reagan in 1985 and became an inactive Senior Judge in 2014, giving credence to the saying, "Crime does not pay nearly as well as politics."

Summers, when possible, found him perched on his riding lawn mower at Lake Tschida or trying to keep the various toys running while reading every book in sight. Winters were spent in Lake Havasu, Arizona, for many years with Bismarck friends and new Arizona friends.

Pat is survived by his brother, James Conmy, and family; his six children, Patrick (Lynn) Conmy, Michael Conmy, Marcie Conmy, Stephen (Nancy) Conmy, Tim (Joann) Conmy, and Mary (Jon) Adams; 15 grandchildren, Laura (Jeff) Kelley, Tim (Jamie) Krous, Jason Krous, Cory Conmy, Monta Rae (Tom) Zimmerle, Michaela (Zachary) Huntington, Marissa (John) Fisher, Dalton (Emily) Adams, Ian (Katherine) Adams, Whitney (Bill) Anderson, Brianna (Zachary) Sherritt, Sarah Conmy, Sean Conmy, Jey Weisgerber, and Rebecca Weisgerber; 20 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren and many members of his extended family.

Pat was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine; brothers, Dr. Walsh Conmy and Dr. Michael Conmy; sister, Ellen Cornwell; and daughter-in-law, Teena Conmy, along with other members of his extended family.

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2027 Shanley Reunion Weekend

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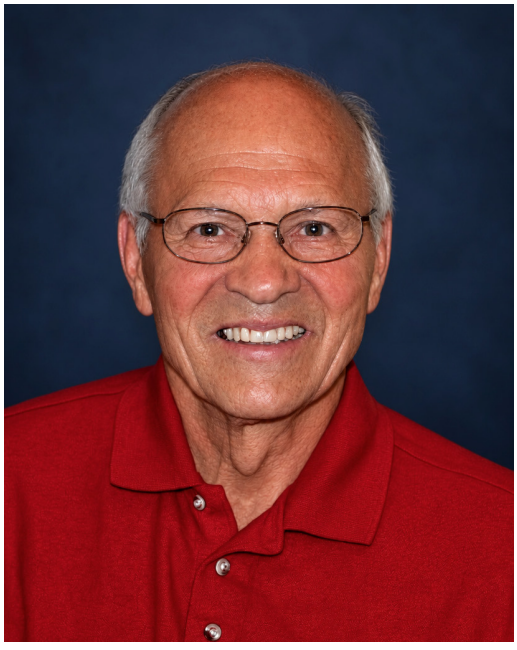


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Remembering Ronald Walter Noesen – 2019 Deacon Award Recipient

Obituary from Pagenkopf Funeral Home



Ronald Walter Noesen, age 94, of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, died September 28, 2026, in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

Ron was the firstborn son of Walter George Noesen and Myrtle Gladys Storm, born June 9, 1932. He was preceded in death by his treasured wife of 62 years, Laura Mae Noesen, his parents, and his sister, Madonna Ann Hobson. He is survived by his two brothers, Michael and David Noesen, his children (4), grandchildren (14), and great-grandchildren (8).

Ron was a standout athlete and coach. He was inducted into three Halls of Fame. Detroit Lakes High School honored him as a three-sport star in football, basketball, and track. Ron was one of Minnesota's most feared running backs and a state finalist in the pole vault. His hometown also honored his accomplishments as a Hall of Honor Inductee. Moorhead State University inducted him into its Hall of Fame as an all-conference running back. Shanley High School in Fargo, ND, honored him in its Hall of Fame as the head track coach who led his team to their first indoor state track title.

Ron taught, coached, and was Athletic Director and Dean of Students at Shanley High School. In 2019, he received the Deacon Award for exemplifying the ideals of a deacon (servant) through extensive gifts of time, talent, and treasure. His proudest accomplishment was starting the Roger Maris Honorary Golf Tournament in 1983.

For all of Ron's athletic accomplishments, the way he treated people said the most about who he was. He could strike up a conversation with anyone and had a genuine interest in people, especially those who often went unnoticed – the custodian, the cafeteria worker, or anyone quietly going about their work behind the scenes.

Ron enjoyed golf and missed playing at the Hawley Golf Course when his body was no longer able. Ron was a self-taught woodworker and had blessed his children and grandchildren with hundreds of crafted pieces. The grandkids will miss their cherished time with him and Grandma on Cotton Lake every summer.

Ron's greatest legacy is his family. Ron's eldest daughter, Susan Noesen, has three children: Matthew Pederson (wife Amulya), Thomas Pederson, and Emma Jensen (husband Kelby), who are expecting their son shortly.

Daughter Theresa Jace and Tony have four children and four grandchildren: Clara Piano (husband Ennio and their children Marialaura, Pietro, and Benedetto), Adam Jace, Anna Shehan (husband Curtis and their son Thomas), and Samuel Jace.

Daughter Brenda Peppers and Ty have four children and three grandchildren: Kristen Kelly (husband Quintin and their children Ryan and Mason), Christopher Peppers (and his son Rowan), Katherine Peppers, and Rebecca Peppers.

Ron's youngest daughter, Rebecca Steinberg, and Mat have three children: Joseph Steinberg, Ella Steinberg, and Luke Steinberg.

The Cornerstone of Our Mission: Why Your Annual Fund Gift is the Most Important Gift You'll Make

Anthony Hebert '95, Director of Advancement

As summer came to an end this year, I was excited for the new school year, and for what is truly my favorite time of the year. After months of quiet halls at Shanley/Sacred Heart, it was wonderful to see students return for a new school year, and to feel the positive energy in the building as we embark on a new year.

As the Director of Advancement, I appreciate the daily reminder of why all of us who work for JPII Catholic Schools are here. Our mission of teaching the total person is at the core of everything we do, and I have the good fortune of seeing our students every day when I come to work.

Beyond JPII staff, our schools also rely on the broader community which supports our schools. This includes alumni, current families, parents of alumni, grandparents, and other friends of our schools. This community supports our schools in a variety of ways, and is an integral part of what allows JPII Schools to continue to thrive.

One of the key ways that this community supports our schools is in the form financial support. Like all Catholic schools, JPII Schools rely on more than tuition to educate our students. With an average gap of $3,250 between tuition and the full cost of education per student, we rely on donor support to close this gap, as well as to help fund other facets of our five schools.

The JPII Fund is our chief annual fundraising endeavor, and is the most important donation we can ask for to support our schools. It funds salaries & wages, cocurricular resources, maintenance, instructional materials, tuition assistance, transportation, utilities, and more. Beyond the financial impact of supporting the JPII Fund, it creates a sense of community, a community that affirms its dedication to Catholic education, including our wonderful teachers, strong academics, faith formation, and activities.

Without the JPII Fund, we would face difficult choices. Raising tuition beyond what some families can afford, scaling back programs or services that make the JPII student experience distinctive, and putting the future of our schools at risk.

As Mother Teresa said, "It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." Every gift to the JPII Fund, whether $25 or $25,000, is a message to current students and those yet to come, that their formation matters to our community. It is an act of faith in our schools and in the next generation, and a tangible way of ensuring that JPII Schools continue to thrive for generations.

If you believe in the mission of JPII Schools, please consider a JPII Fund donation this year. If you have already given to the JPII Fund, please accept my deepest thank you for your partnership.



If you have any questions about how you can support the JPII Fund, or St. John Paul II Catholic Schools, please contact me at anthony.hebert@jp2schools.org or 701-893-3243, or Joelle Shewey at joelle.shewey@jp2schools.org or 701-893-3225.

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Can the Class of 1970 hang on to the trophy for another year?

In Memoriam

As of October 26th, 2026, publication:

Mary Jane (Saefke) Akers ('45) passed away on July 18, 2026. Mary Jane was the sister of the late **John Saefke ('38), Fred Saefke ('39), Charlotte (Saefke) Cibrowski ('41),** and **Ramona (Saefke) Neeb ('49).**

Catherine (Stevens) McMullen ('47) passed away on October 4, 2026. Catherine was the mother of **Pat McMullen ('70), Tim McMullen ('72), Dan McMullen ('74), Mary (McMullen) Braunberger ('76), Mark McMullen ('80),** and **Ann (McMullen) Zetocha ('82).**

Paul "Earl" Obermiller ('50) passed away on July 12, 2026. Earl was the father of **Deb Obermiller ('76), Dave Obermiller ('78), Dan Obermiller ('80), Jane (Obermiller) Sparks ('81), Sara Obermiller ('88),** and the brother of the late **Lois ('48), Gloria ('45),** and **Anna ('61).**

Judge Patrick "Pat" Conmy ('51) passed away on October 7, 2026. Pat was the brother of **James Conmy** and the late **Dr. Michael Conmy ('49), Dr. Walsh Conmy ('50),** and **Ellen Cornwell.** Judge Conmy was a 2016 Hall of Fame Inductee.

Patricia (Rush) Setter ('51) passed away on June 27, 2026. Pat was the mother of **Terry (Setter) Sitarz ('73), Don Setter, Connie (Setter) Restemayer ('76), Kathleen (Setter) Smith ('77), Janet (Setter) Dryer ('79),** and the grandmother of Shanley graduate, **Bill Restemayer ('08).**

James V. Hebert ('53) passed away on July 25, 2026. James was the brother of **Louise (Hebert) Lingen** and the late **Genevieve (Hebert) Durben ('39), Marie (Hebert) Haugen ('45), Eileen (Hebert) Cossette, Willard Hebert ('50), Carol Hebert,** and **Shirley (Hebert) England.**

Mary (Eide) O'Brien ('54) passed away on September 15, 2026. Mary was the sister of **Jim Eide ('59)** and **Paul Eide ('64).**

Ivan C. Erickson ('55) passed away on February 26, 2026, in Renton, WA. Ivan was the brother of **David Erickson ('57), Dennis Erickson ('58),** and the late **Diane ('51), Phyllis ('52), Noelle,**

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and **Paul Erickson ('61).**

Sister Peggy Byrne ('56) passed away on August 30, 2026.

Dorothea (Murchison) Halverson ('57) passed away on July 16, 2026, in Grand Forks, ND.

Kathleen (Reitter) Lillehaugen ('57) passed away on March 30, 2026, in Alexandria, MN.

John M. Kelley ('58) passed away on July 10, 2026, in Mesa, AZ. John was the brother of **Kathleen (Kelley) Godon ('61), Thomas Kelley ('63),** and **Timothy Kelley ('63).**

Dr. John Howard Jensen ('59) passed away on August 25, 2026 in Oceanside, CA.

Kathleen (Cosgriff) Fortney ('60) passed away on June 25, 2026. Kathy was the wife of **Charles "Chuck" Fortney ('60),** the sister of **Thomas Cosgriff ('63), Mary (Cosgriff) Hachenburg, Susan (Cosgriff) Hutchinson,** and the grandmother of Shanley graduates, **Grace Dietz ('17), Sam Dietz ('20),** and **Evalyn Dietz ('23).**

Gary Schulz ('60) passed away on July 17, 2026. Gary was the brother of **Doyle Schulz ('64).**

Faith (Hall) Smith ('61) passed away on October 1, 2026. Faith was the sister of **Hubert Hall ('58), Mary Hall-Bernstein ('64), Louis Hall ('66), Ann (Hall) Steinhouse ('67),** and **Teri (Hall) Smith ('69).**

Sr. Gertrude Massine ('61) passed away on August 10, 2026.

Michael "Mike" David Wolf ('61) passed away on September 6, 2026, in Edina, MN. Mike was the husband of classmate, **Kathy (Clower) Wolf ('61),** and the brother of **Tom Wolf ('67), Mary Wolf ('69), Janet "Flow" Wolf ('72), Tim Wolf ('82),** and the late **Kathleen Wolf ('66).**

Vicki (Olson) Edstrom ('62) passed away on August 30, 2026. Vicki was the sister of **Mary (Olson) Becker ('70), Mark Olson ('74), Katie (Olson) Guptill ('76),** and the late **Peggy Wahl** and **Linda (Olson) Stanley ('64).**

Phyllis (Rheault) Hamilton ('63) passed away on September 22, 2026.

Delores (Fugere) Pinkney Sollin ('64) passed away on June 12, 2026. Delores was the sister of the late **Jerome Fugere ('68),** and the wife of the late **Timothy Pinkney ('59).**

Roger F. Olson ('65) passed away on March 8, 2026. Roger was the brother of **Michael Olson ('63), Bonita (Olson) Craft, Angela (Olson) Etter ('69), Marsha (Olson) Stangler, Anthony Olson, Teresa (Olson) Hough ('77), Shelly (Olson) Pankow,** and **Todd Olson.**

Denise (Fitzgerald) Yunker ('65) passed away on June 12, 2026. Denise was the wife of the late **Tim Yunker ('65),** and the sister of **Mary (Fitzgerald) Martinez ('67), John Fitzgerald ('69), Patti (Fitzgerald) Mahoney ('72), Clare (Fitzgerald) Donnalley ('77), Peggi (Fitzgerald) Hughes ('80),** and the late **Cathi (Fitzgerald) Hocevar ('66).**

Laurence "Larry" Yunker ('65) passed away on May 18, 2026. Larry was the brother of **Catherine (Yunker) Krause ('62), Frank Yunker ('67),** and the late **Mary (Yunker) Hoss ('64).**

Mary "Cea" Virginia Fischer ('66) passed away on June 30, 2026. Mary was the sister of **James Fischer ('67), Joseph Fischer ('69), William Fischer ('70), JoAnn Fischer ('72), Debra Fischer-Parmley ('73), Rebecca (Fischer) Jacobson ('75), Michael Fischer ('76), Elizabeth (Fischer) Halseth ('77),** and the late **Karen (Fischer) McCarthy, David Fischer, Pauline (Fischer) Schroedl, Roger Fischer ('63),** and **Jack Fischer ('65).**

James Maurer ('66) passed away on August 24, 2026. James was the brother of **Charles Maurer, Jr. ('64), Jackie (Maurer) Wanzer ('70), Joan (Maurer) Connell ('72),** and **Mary Jane (Maurer) Ingstad ('73).**

Loretta (Dullea) Sauvageau ('70) passed away on September 13, 2026. Loretta was the sister of **Patsy (Dullea) Dwyer ('61), Michael Dullea ('65), Eileen (Dullea) Donahue ('66), Julie (Dullea) Wagner ('72),** and the late **Margaret (Dullea) Fell ('52), Mary (Dullea) Marty ('53), Edward Dullea ('57), John Dullea ('58),** and **Daniel Dullea ('67).**

Anthony "Tony" Nistler ('76) passed away on September 30, 2026. Tony was the brother of **Peggy (Nistler) Lorz ('74), Mary (Nistler) Romero ('76), Katie (Nistler) Traynor ('78), Peter Nistler ('80), Paul Nistler ('80), Theresa Nistler ('82),** and **Amy (Nistler) Scott ('84).**

Laura (Martin) Herrick ('97) passed away on August 23, 2026.

Larry R. Astrup Sr. passed away on June 13, 2026. Larry was the father of **Antoinette "Toni" (Astrup) Huisman ('90), Larry "Rob" Astrup Jr. ('93), Josh Astrup ('95),** and **Thomas Astrup ('96).**

Jeannette L. "Janie" Barone passed away on October 6, 2026. Janie was the mother of **James Patrick Barone, Angelique Barone ('85),** and the late **Thomas Barone.**

Timothy Joseph Beaton passed away on May 19, 2026. Tim was the husband of **Joan (Tool) Beaton ('67).**

Nancy DeCock passed away on August 11, 2026. Nancy was the mother of **Laura (DeCock) Schmaltz ('93), Andrew DeCock, Christopher DeCock, David DeCock,** and the grandmother of current JPII students, **Joey DeCock ('28), Paul DeCock ('33),** and **Mary DeCock ('36).**

Phyllis C. Drake passed away on May 8, 2026. Phyllis was the mother of **Debbie (Drake) Wille, Terri (Drake) Spaeth, Gail (Drake) Kjos, Denise (Drake) Kemmer, Jim Drake, Deanna (Drake) Newell ('80), Tony Drake ('84),** and the grandmother of Shanley graduates, **Angie (Kemmer) Shaw ('94), Adam Drake ('02),** and **Kate (Kemmer) Mauch ('06).**

Janet Kathryn Feist passed away on August 31, 2026. Janet was the mother of **Amy Streeper, Peggy Kamrud,** and **Brad Lesmeister ('87).**

Jane Gerdes passed away on June 9, 2026. Jane was the mother of **Tim Gerdes ('70), Claudia Gerdes ('72), Thomas Gerdes ('75), Mike Gerdes ('77), Mary (Gerdes) Broberg ('78), John Gerdes, Julie (Gerdes) Meaux ('85), Dave Gerdes,** and the late **Cindy Gerdes ('74).**

Myron Hankel passed away on October 3, 2026. Myron was the father of **Peter, Mark, Debra ('98), Paul, Beth, Kashawn, Quintesha, Jacquez, Nehemiah,** and **Lariya.**

Keith Holm passed away on August 15, 2026. Keith was the husband of **Suzanne (Cossette) Holm ('69).**

John Charles Jambois passed away on September 30, 2026. John was the father of **Kelly (Jambois) Greisen ('00).**

Lloyd Jensen passed away on October 15, 2026. Lloyd was the father of **Wayne Jensen, Debra (Jensen) Fraser, Valerie Jensen, Vicki (Jensen) Orvik,** and **Heidi (Jensen) Mayer ('88).**

Sue Jordahl passed away on June 8, 2026. Sue was the mother of **Rob Jordahl ('86), Angela Jordahl ('89),** and the grandmother of Shanley graduates, **Drew Jordahl ('19)** and **Carly Jordahl ('21).**

Daniel "Danny" Krein passed away on May 21, 2026. Danny was the son of **Laurie (Schoener) Leonhart ('75).**

Thomas Kukowski passed away on October 4, 2026. Thomas was the father of **Thomas Kukowski ('84), Martin Kukowski, Kelly Kukowski ('86), Stefanie Nelson ('88), Nichoel Klinghagen ('89), Joshua Kukowski, Nicholas Kukowski,** and the brother of the late **Francis Kukowski ('53).**

Jean Maynard passed away on June 16, 2026. Jean was the mother of **Nick Maynard** and **Jeff Maynard ('82).**

Patricia Kay Muldoon passed away on September 28, 2026. Patricia was the mother of **Mary (Muldoon) Swanson ('87).**

Ronald Walter Noesen passed away on September 28, 2026, in Oconomowoc, WI. Ron dedicated over 30 years to Shanley as a teacher, coach, Athletic Director, and Dean of Students. He was also the father of **Susan Noesen ('78), Theresa (Noesen) Jace ('80), Brenda (Noesen) Peppers ('83),** and **Rebecca (Noesen) Steinberg ('86).**

Irvin Devitt Rustad passed away on September 6, 2026. Irv was the father of **Elizabeth (Rustad) Cox ('86), Mark Rustad ('88),** and **Mathew Rustad ('91).**

Raymond Schneider passed away on July 9, 2026 and **Rosemary Schneider** passed away on June 17, 2026. Raymond & Rosemary were the parents of **Pamela (Schneider) Rolfes**

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('77) and **Paul Schneider ('80).**

Earl Eugene Simdorn passed away on October 16, 2026. Earl was the father of **Ranette (Simdorn) Fischer ('82), Tim Simdorn, Todd Simdorn ('88),** and the grandfather of Shanley graduate, **Gabrielle Simdorn ('19).**

Mary Lou Thoreson passed away on March 27, 2026. Mary Lou was the mother of **Barb (Thoreson) Brockevelt ('75), Rick Thoreson ('77), Jean (Thoreson) Adams ('82),** and was also the grandmother of Shanley graduates, **Ryan Thoreson ('03), David ('04), Mike ('09),** and **Kelly ('13).**

LeeRoy C. Vetsch passed away on May 28, 2026. LeeRoy was the father of **Darin Vetsch ('83).**

Cheryl Jean Wiebe passed away on June 23, 2026. Cheryl was the mother of **Michelle Wiebe ('90), Kristen Wiebe,** and **Karla Wiebe.**

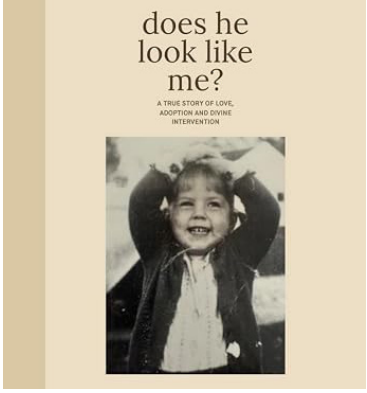
If you would like to inform classmates and other alumni of a loved one's passing, please submit information either by phone or by email to Joelle Shewey at 701-893-3225 or

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 Father Luke Meyer, Vicar General, at (701) 356-7945 or the victim assistance coordinator, at (701) 356-7965 or victimassistance@fargodiocese.org. For additional information about victim assistance, visit: https://fargodiocese.net/victimassistance

Alumni Feature

Peggi (Fitzgerald) Hughes '80 published a book called "Does He Look Like Me?"



It is available on Amazon.com.

Interested in Hosting a Deacon Alumni Event in Your Area?

We'd love to help!

You pick the time & place, and we can help promote your event!

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Preserving the Legacy of Shanley Football

Todd Lefor, Alumni Parent & Shanley Deacon Football Website Manager



Walk into Sid Cichy Stadium and you'll see the banners. The championships. The evidence of something extraordinary.

What you won't see are the people who made those championships reality.

Many of them are still around, and would love to tell you their stories. Look into the stands, they're there. Frequently there's someone who was part of a Shanley team fifty, maybe sixty years ago. Ask him about it. He'll tell you about a frozen field, a teammate, a play nobody remembers anymore. And somewhere in the middle of that conversation, something remarkable happens.

An eighty-year-old man becomes seventeen again.

That's the history we should preserve.

When I began managing the football website, ShanleyDeaconFootball.com, I started collecting records, photographs, newspaper stories. Then alumni began contributing. Families brought forgotten treasures. Eventually, boxes of old 16mm game film surfaced, discovered by Shanley High School and the Cichy family.

And suddenly, we had something the championship banners could never give us. The films let us see who they were.

If we can save them.

Because film doesn't wait for us. It shrinks. It cracks. It disappears. I lifted a reel marked 1952 from its box, and part of the label crumbled into dust. Seventy years of history, and even the words identifying it were disappearing.

So we went looking for people who knew how to save history.

That search led to the North Dakota State Archives in Bismarck and Deputy State Archivist Lindsay Meidinger '08. She understood the importance immediately. Turns out, Lindsay is a Shanley alumnus. Her father, Don Schott '78, played for Sid Cichy.

On October 8, the reels officially entered the State Archives. Digitization is underway, with video expected online by year's end. Many reels have no labels. We'll need alumni to help identify the players and games.

And that's the part I keep thinking about. Imagine a grandfather sitting with his grandchildren, watching one of those films. The uniforms look strange. The helmets are impossibly small. Then Grandpa leans forward. He recognizes a formation. A teammate. A boy crossing the field. "There. That's me."

And suddenly they're not looking at Grandpa anymore. They're looking at the seventeen-year-old boy who has lived quietly inside him for sixty years.

Most of the boys who built Shanley's legacy won't have buildings named after them. They showed up. They did the work. They established a standard and passed it to the next generation. It's still happening. Troy Mattern's Deacons regularly compete with schools four and five times its size. They live up to a legacy of the banners. But banners tell us what happened. They don't show us how it happened.

For that, we need the photographs, the clippings, the stories, and those fragile reels of film. Because "I played football for Shanley" isn't just something you did. It's the legacy of Shanley Football.

Homecoming Brunch Recap



Bruce & Terri Dahl
2026 Deacon Award Winner

Bruce and Terri Dahl are outstanding role models who have truly lived out their Catholic faith through a strong marriage, dedicated parenting, and lifetime commitment to community service. The couple met while attending North Dakota State University (NDSU). Bruce, raised Lutheran, entered the Catholic Church through RCIA at St. Paul's Newman Center, and they were married on June 30, 1973.

Bruce practiced as a family physician in West Fargo for 36 years. Known for caring for the total person, he openly integrated his faith into his medical career by sharing inspirational quotes, scripture, and prayers with his patients. He also volunteered as a team doctor for Shanley Athletics, providing sports physicals as fundraisers and treating athletes on the sidelines. Following his retirement from medicine, Bruce was ordained as a deacon for the Fargo Diocese on October 31, 2015, serving at Nativity Church and St. Mary of the Lakes. His natural passion for evangelization led him to wear and share St. Benedict's Crosses, sparking the Men of the Cross Ministry. To date, this parish-led initiative has distributed over 75,000 crosses worldwide.

Terri graduated as the "Outstanding Pharmacy Student" from NDSU in 1974. She later chose to become a full-time homemaker, dedicating her gentle spirit and tireless work ethic to her family and community. Operating gracefully behind the scenes, Terri served as the Nativity Guild President, a scout leader, and a dedicated board member of the Shanley Athletic Club (SAC), earning her an induction into the Shanley Athletic Club Hall of Fame in 2008. She also helped establish the Women of the Word group at Nativity and volunteered for the Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Together, Bruce and Terri actively participated in faith-enriching ministries like Together Encounter Christ (TEC), Christ Renews His Parish retreats, and marriage preparation programs as a Shepherding Couple. They prioritized a deep spiritual life centered around daily Mass, eucharistic adoration, and the rosary.

The Dahls raised four children – Missy, Ben, Dan, and Jon – who all graduated from Shanley High School. They instilled a legacy of faith and hard work, a tradition that continues today with 10 of their 14 grandchildren attending or having graduated from the JPII Catholic Schools.

When faced with severe health trials – including Bruce's open-heart surgery in 1988, Terri's breast cancer in 1998, and her subsequent 12-year battle with Alzheimer's Disease–the couple relied on the power of prayer. Bruce served as Terri's devoted caregiver for many years until she moved to memory care in 2024. Terri passed away peacefully on January 19, 2026, surrounded by her praying family.

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Throughout their lives, Bruce and Terri Dahl have beautifully exemplified the core values of the JPII Schools: faith, community, excellence, learning, and service.





Maurice & Kathleen Godon '61

Kathleen "Kathy" Ann Kelley Godon (Class of 1961) and her husband, Maurice, have spent a lifetime exemplifying the mission of the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools through their time, talent, and treasure. As pillars of the Fargo Catholic community, they set a powerful example of faith, family, and service.

Kathy's connection to the Fargo Catholic Schools began in 1950. Following her mother's footsteps, she became a second-generation student alongside her three brothers. At Shanley High School, Kathy immersed herself in student life, participating in the Girls Athletic Association (GAA), Sodality, Band, and Choir. Her academic dedication earned her the prestigious Alpha Honor, graduating with honors in 1961.

Kathy studied chemistry at North Dakota State University, graduating in 1965 as a trailblazing woman in her science courses. She began working at the USDA Metabolism and Radiation Research Laboratory. Maurice – an athlete, dancer, and president of the Catholic singles group The Cardijn Club – met Kathy through mutual friends. They married in 1965, beginning a partnership built on shared values.

A year later, Kathy stepped back from her career to focus entirely on raising their six children. Education and faith were paramount in the Godon household. Together, Maurice and Kathy wholeheartedly supported their children's schoolwork and activities, volunteering at school whenever needed.

Their commitment bore incredible fruit: Maurice and Kathy raised six graduates of Nativity Elementary, Presentation South Middle School, and Shanley High School (spanning 1985 to 2000). All six earned college degrees. Today, they have eleven grandchildren, including three JPII graduates or students, continuing a rich multi-generational legacy.

Once her youngest child was in school, Kathy's enduring love for Shanley drew her back. She earned a teaching certificate and taught math at Shanley High School

2026 Mike & Karen Hofer Deacon Award Winners

from 1996 to 2000. Long before joining the faculty, Kathy helped establish the annual Shanley Auction, dedicating endless hours to soliciting items during its foundational years.

Maurice and Kathy have been faithful members of Nativity Parish since 1965, back when Mass was celebrated in the school gymnasium. For nearly 50 years, they lived just a block away, making Nativity a true "second home" for their family.

For decades, the Godons quietly served in nearly every capacity available:

- Parish Ministry: Kathy served as a CCD teacher for many years, learning guitar to lead parish children in song. Both dedicated time as greeters and ushers.
- Community Help: They assisted with childcare, funerals, the Women's Guild, church decorations, bazaars, festivals, and the Nativity School Library.
- Convent Support: Kathy devoted significant time and financial support to the Presentation Sisters, assisting with gardening and upkeep.

Though famously humble, Maurice and Kathy consistently "put their money where their heart is." They established a profound tithing example for their children, contributing faithfully to the weekly collection basket for decades. Their philanthropy reached far beyond their neighborhood, supporting parish infrastructure (including funding for the Nativity pipe organ installation), local food pantries, and international Catholic missions. Maurice and Kathy truly embody the servant heart celebrated by the Mike and Karen Hofer Deacon Award.





Paul Kochmann

Paul grew up and graduated from high school in Mahnomen, Minnesota. During his middle school years, he remembers a Shanley family who would visit relatives in Mahnomen. It was during those visits that Paul first heard about the Shanley Deacons. Little did he know at the time that he and his wife, Nancy, would one day have four children attend John Paul II Catholic Schools, with three graduating from Shanley High School.

While his children attended Nativity

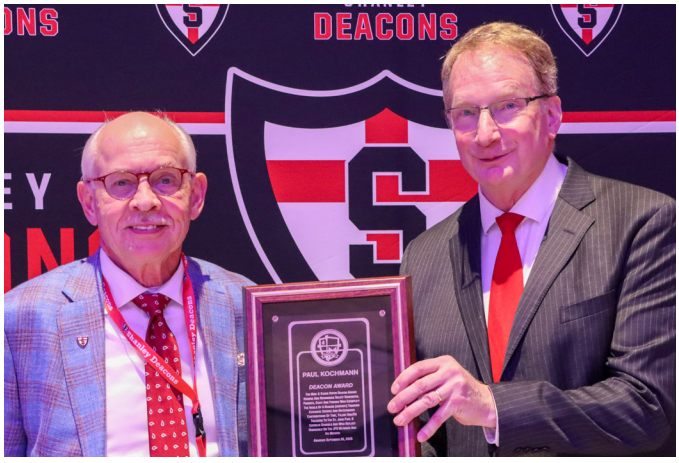
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Elementary, Paul volunteered as a coach for second and third-grade flag football. He also served on the playground committee, helping coordinate the demolition and construction of the current playground. That experience became a segue into becoming more involved with Shanley High School.

Paul was a co-owner of Kochmann Brothers Homes, a company that, for several years prior to his involvement, had contributed to various projects at the Shanley football stadium. In 2017, Paul joined the Shanley Athletic Club (SAC). During his time with SAC, Paul presented and helped bring forward projects designed to enhance the stadium experience for students, staff, visiting teams, and fans.

Among the projects Paul had an impact on were the expansion of the press box, construction of the storage shed south of the bleachers, the Champions Walk into the stadium, installation of Deacon wind screens throughout the stadium, Deacon LED lighting atop the scoreboard, renovation of the football equipment room to create additional storage, installation of Deacon flags at the top of the stadium, and Deacon banners throughout the campus parking lot and main entrance.

Paul enjoyed each and every project he worked on, even when a few pushed him outside his comfort zone. With his experience in the construction industry, Paul felt a strong desire to give back to Shanley High School, a school and community that had given him and his family so much joy and Deacon Pride over the years. Now retired, Paul continues to offer his time, experience, and helping hand whenever needed. His commitment to Shanley is a reflection of his belief in giving back, supporting students and families, and helping make the Deacon experience something special for generations to come.





Charlie Hanish '66

Charlie Hanish is a proud 1966 graduate of Shanley High School, where he established a legacy of leadership, academic excellence, and athletic distinction. During his time at Shanley, Charlie was a member of the National Honor Society and was voted the Most Representative Boy of his senior class. A natural leader on the field and court, he served as co-captain for both

2026 Hall of Fame Inductees

the football and basketball teams. He was named Shanley's Athlete of the Year and was selected as the Most Valuable Player on the school's legendary, undefeated, Hall of Fame football team. Playing both halfback and defensive back, one of his most memorable high school achievements was scoring five touchdowns in a single game against arch-rival Fargo North – a program he would later return to coach.

Following his graduation from Shanley, Charlie continued his athletic and academic journey in Catholic higher education at St. John's University in Collegeville, MN. He made an immediate impact, earning the title of Most Valuable Freshman football player, and went on to start for three years at tight end for the Johnnies. His collegiate football career concluded on a high note with a St. John's victory in the Mineral Water Bowl. Charlie graduated from St. John's in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

In the fall of 1970, Charlie served his country at Fort Jackson, SC where he was awarded the prestigious American Spirit Honor Medal for demonstrating outstanding qualities of leadership, initiative, honesty, and devotion to his fellow soldiers.

Charlie returned to Catholic education in January 1971, beginning his teaching and coaching career at Aberdeen Roncalli High School. Over two seasons as the head basketball coach, he led the team to impressive records of 18-3 and 19-6. He also spent one season as Roncalli's head football coach, guiding the team to a 7-1-1 record.

He then joined the University of North Dakota as a graduate assistant, coaching football for the Fighting Sioux while earning his Master's degree. Charlie later returned to Fargo to teach psychology and serve as the head football coach at Fargo North High School for six seasons. From 1975 to 1979, North compiled a 41-12 record – with seven of those losses coming at the hands of his powerhouse alma mater, Shanley, during their own undefeated streaks.

Following his distinguished coaching and teaching career, Charlie transitioned to the financial services industry, where he worked for 32 years, spending 30 of those years in management.

Rooted in the Fargo-Moorhead Catholic community, Charlie is the oldest of seven siblings who all attended Holy Spirit Grade School. He and his family have passed down this tradition of Catholic faith and education; Charlie is a proud father of five daughters who also graduated from Holy Spirit Grade School (four are also graduates of the College of St. Benedict), and he is a blessed grandfather to 16 grandchildren, some of whom are currently attending Nativity Grade School. Charlie, and his wife, Kathy, are past members of Holy Spirit Parish, and are currently active parishioners at Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church.





1975 Deacon Football Team – State Champions - Hall of Fame Inductee

Consistent with other teams Sid Cichy coached, the 1975 squad upheld his flawless playoff record, culminating in a 35-16 victory over Fargo North during the North Dakota's inaugural NDHSAA-sanctioned playoff system. Composed primarily of seniors and captained by Tom Mickelson and Mark Miller, the team remained undefeated throughout what was arguably one of Shanley's most challenging schedules.

Week	Opponent	Shanley	Opponent
1	Superior, WI	27	0
2	Fargo South	20	0
3	Grand Forks Central	60	0
4	Wahpeton	60	22
5	Fargo North	27	19
6	Grand Forks RR	26	7
7	Jamestown	63	6
8	Moorhead	12	7
9	Cavalier	55	0
10	Fargo North	35	16



Row 1: Tom Bellefeuille, Mark Miller, Kent Poirier, Steve Campbell, Jim Schott, Rick Moe, Al Schuelke, Dave Driscoll, Bill Dancer. **Row 2:** Tim Frost, Mark Gaukler, Doug Turing, Pat Korsmo, Gary Fritz, Gerald Kranz, Tom Myers, Tom Mickelson, Mack Traynor, Dan Lavelle. **Row 3:** Tom Helms, Gordon Kranz, Tom Sweeney, Paul Driscoll, Rick Fischer, Jeff LeDoux, Bill Doyle, Jim Altringer, Chris Gaukler. **Row 4:** Paul Cortese, Jon Gunderson, Don Schott, Dave Wey, Jeff Sornsin, Jon Hughes, Paul Lavelle, Scott Gronland. **Row 5:** Charlie Lavelle, Tim Zelinski, Steve Cichy, Roger Ceynowa, Michael Walsh, Frank Johnson.



Pat Abel, Kathy Soukup, Cathy Prochniak, Mary O'Day, & Michelle Savageau

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):

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

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone:_____ Email: _____ Date: _____

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

Kevin Bucholz Receives Athletic Club Hall of Fame Award

Kami Kueneman, Shanley Athletic Club



From left: Haley '19, Kari, Kevin, and Somer '15 Bucholz

For more than a decade, Kevin Bucholz has been a dedicated supporter of Shanley High School and its students. His children, Somer (Class of 2015) and Haley (Class of 2019), were both student athletes. Somer competed in volleyball and basketball, while Haley competed in football, basketball, and track. Through countless hours of volunteering, serving on the Shanley Athletic Club (SAC) Board, and supporting student activities, Kevin and his wife Kari have shown what it truly means to give back to their school and community.

Kevin served as a SAC Board member from 2008 through 2019. At his very first meeting he was nominated to serve as treasurer. Kevin's reputation for integrity preceded him, earning the immediate trust of the board. Beyond managing the finances, Kevin also helped rewrite the organization's bylaws, dedicating his time, knowledge, and commitment to strengthening the organization for the future.

When asked what he enjoyed most about his time on the board, Kevin noted that he appreciated helping student athletes achieve their goals. He understood that it was often the little extra things that made the big improvements possible – whether that was providing support for activities, lending a helping hand, or simply being there when students needed it, Kevin knew that every contribution mattered. "The collective efforts of parents showed that we cared for and supported their dreams," Kevin reflected. "We made a difference."

That spirit of service continued beyond Kevin's years on the SAC Board. In 2018, Kevin joined the Shanley football chain crew, a volunteer role he proudly continues today.



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Alumni News

1970's

Diane (Seminary) Nicolet ('70) lives in Reno, Nevada, and has been married for 53 years. She is a blessed oldest sister of 5 amazing siblings, mother & grandmother. She completed a PhD in Educational Leadership and currently serves as an elected school board trustee to a district of 104 schools with 58,000 students in Washoe County, Nevada. She serves on local, state, and national education and accreditation councils and is a Governor-appointed member of the education council. She credits her K-12 Catholic Education for guiding her desire to serve students, educators, families, and communities.

Donnie Olson ('74) currently works for Ness Auto Sales in Fargo. He has been in the automotive sales and leasing business for 48 years.



Donnie Olson '74

1980's

Roger Hoffman ('80) married Cecelia Holzer on June 20, 2026.

1990's

Damon Bradshaw ('96) has earned a Doctor of Criminal Justice from Keiser University. For his dissertation, he developed a new theory produced on an original framework he calls "Adaptive Navigation," a thoery of how long-serving leaders sustain resilience across the pressures of a demanding career. He has spent more than two decades in law enforcement and is a U.S Army veteran. Beyond its scholarly contribution, his research offers practical insight into leadership, resilience, and how the people who carry heavy responsibility can keep doing so over the long haul.



Damon Bradshaw '96

1950's & 1960's we want to hear from you!
Send us your life updates!

2000's

Karla (Buth) Bell ('04) and her husband, John, have been living in Perham for 11 years and both are teachers in the Perham school district. John was recently ordained a deacon in the St. Cloud Diocese.



Karla (Buth) Bell ('04) & her family (Maria, Audrey, & Monica) at John's ordination at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud, MN

2010's

Paris Ekman ('13) married Garrett Burk on October 3, 2026 in Laguna Beach, CA.

Darian Slama ('14) married Benjamin Tiedemann on August 28, 2026 at Lone Oak Farm in Ayr, ND.



Benjamin & Darian (Slama) '14 Tiedemann

Michael Azzaro ('17) works for Coldwell Banker Richard Ellis as a Project Manager in downtown Phoenix, AZ.

Clare Bath ('17) graduated with a MA in Peace & Justice from the University of San Diego in 2023. She is now in her 4th year of PhD studies in Sociology at the University of Notre Dame.

Jacob Fritz ('17) is the head coach for the Deacon Boys Soccer team and the assistant coach for the Deacon Girls Soccer team.

Emily Heinrich ('17) graduated from the University of Missouri-St. Louis College of Optometry in May 2025 and is an Optometrist with Bergstrom Eye and Laser Clinic in Fargo. She married Grant Cottingham on August 15, 2026, at Sts. Anne & Joachim, Fargo.



Grant & Emily (Heinrich) '17 Cottingham

Kolby Johnson ('17) and his wife, Loren, recently welcomed a baby boy, Walter. Kolby continues to work at Duncan Aviation in Lincoln, NE since graduating from UNL.

Paige Mathison ('17) married Hunter Bjorge on June 19, 2026 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in West Fargo, ND.

Luke Sandy ('17) is married to Kierra Freih. Luke works for Case as an engineer.

2020's

Olivia Johnson ('20) is a 3rd year med student at UND.

Hope Wilson ('20) married **Caleb Flanagan ('20)** on June 20, 2026.

Send Us Your News...

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

Email _____Phone (____) _____ Class of _____

Since high school I have... _____

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I am currently (working, retired, married, children, etc.) _____

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One thing I would like others to know about me is... _____

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Please return to: JPII Catholic Schools, 5600 25th Street South, Fargo, ND 58104 or Email: joelle.shewey@jp2schools.org.
You may also send us your news via our alumni web site or scan the QR code: https://alumni.jp2schools.org
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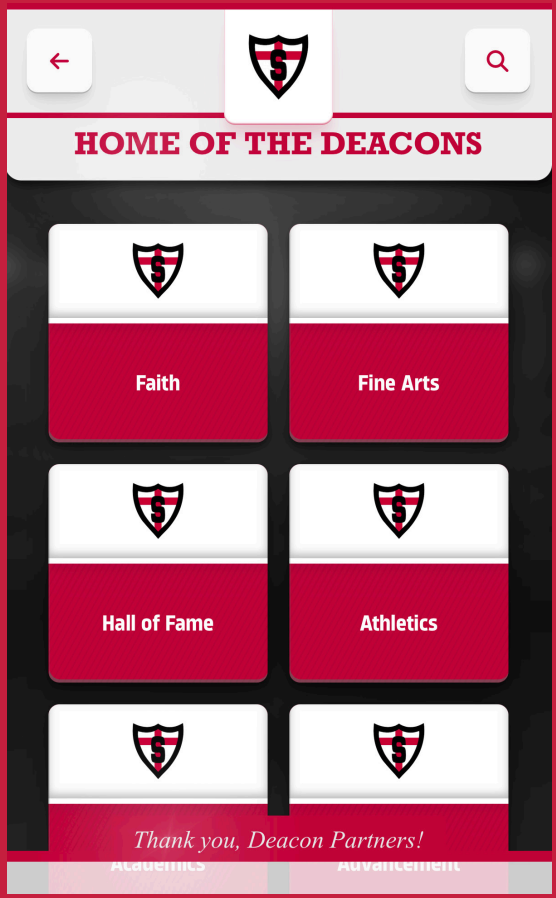
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Give Jan 11 - Feb 11



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ROCKET ALUMNI TV



Be sure to check out the new and improved Rocket Alumni interactive touchscreen!

If you haven't explored it recently, there are a lot of new enhancements that showcase JPII Schools. Learn more about the history and mission of our schools, current athletic and fine arts activities, advancement information, and donor and alumni recognition. The screen is located in the hallway outside of the McCormick Gymnasium in Shanley High School.

View it here:

DEACON
DINNER AUCTION
& GALA

Join Us for the 43rd Annual Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala

For more than 42 years, Deacon parents, alumni, and friends have come together on the last Saturday in April to celebrate our strong, faith-filled community while also providing essential support for our schools. We are excited to continue this tradition on **Saturday, April 24, 2026**, at the **43rd Annual Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala.**

Celebrating Community

At St. John Paul II Catholic Schools, community is at the heart of everything we do. It's what makes our schools unique. Our community extends beyond our students – families, staff, alumni, and supporters are all part of our Deacon family.

During the Gala, we celebrate this community in many ways. Since 2022, the **Presentation Awards** have honored staff members who live out our mission and go above and beyond to help students grow into the people God calls them to be. Families, alumni, and supporters are recognized with an elegant evening filled with fellowship and fun. And our students shine throughout the program as we showcase their accomplishments and gifts.

It truly takes our entire community for St. John Paul II Catholic Schools to flourish – and the Gala is a joyful reminder of what we can achieve together.

How Can You Help?

Planning for the Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala is a year-round effort, but the fall marks the time when preparations shift into high gear. As our **largest system-wide fundraising event**, it relies on the generosity of our entire JPII community through service, donations, and sponsorship.

Serve

The Gala is a major event, and volunteers are essential to making it a successful event. Opportunities include community outreach, display setup, packaging, loading and unloading, data entry, and more. Whatever your skills or interests, there's a place for you to get involved.

Donate

Auction success depends on the generosity of donors. We welcome a wide variety of contributions – services, vacation homes, timeshares, handcrafted goods, or financial gifts to help purchase larger items and raffle prizes. Every donation, no matter the size, makes an impact. Donors are recognized in the catalog and on the auction website, unless anonymity is requested.











Become a Galamaker
Each year, new features are added to the Gala to enhance the evening and expand its impact. **Galamakers** help offset these costs so more funds can go directly to our schools. Sponsorships begin at $500 and include recognition leading up to and during the event—such as listings in the catalog and on the website, mentions on the Shanley/Sacred Heart marquee, and on-screen acknowledgments at the Gala. Individuals, families, businesses, and groups are all welcome to become Galamakers.

We invite you to play a part in this cherished tradition that strengthens our schools and celebrates our community.

For details, visit https://jp2schools.org/event-directory/deacon-dinner-auction-gala/ or scan the QR code. To get involved, make a donation, or discuss sponsorship opportunities, contact Liz Bassett at specialevents@jp2schools.org or 701-893-3242.





Consider This

• Do you own or work for a business that could provide a service or item?

• Do you have a vacation property, timeshare, or airline miles to share?

• Are you crafty or creative with something unique to contribute?

• Do you or know a friend who might like to get involved?

If so, consider making a donation or sharing your time. It could make a big difference!

Interested? Contact Liz Bassett



Meet Your Auction Chairs!

Aaron & Janine Wolf



3rd Year as Auction Chairs

It was very important for us when choosing a place for our son's high school education that he finds a place that would not only challenge him intellectually, but also allow him to grow in his Catholic faith in a supporting and enriching environment. We have certainly found that in JPII Catholic Schools and could not be more thrilled to see him thrive at Shanley. We first volunteered our time for the Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala in 2023 as a small way to give back to a school and community that educates our son. It was awesome feeling so welcomed by people we had never really met before, since we had come over from Minnesota. They truly made us feel like family, so when we were asked to be 1st Year Auction Chairs, it was an easy decision. We had to do something as a way of giving back. We are looking forward to learning the ins and outs of the gala and offering our advice as needed. Most importantly, we are glad to be a part of the Deacon Family and are excited to give back to a school that does so much for the community.

Ed & Jenn Schwind



2nd Year as Auction chairs

It takes a village to raise a child, and we feel so fortunate to have the JPII community of teachers, families, and students as our village. The culture of faith and community at our Catholic schools not only impacts the formation of the "total person" in our children, but our "total family" as well. This year we have three kids at Shanley, two at Sacred Heart, and one at Nativity. We are happy to serve as auction co-chairs – and to step outside our comfort zone – as a way to give back to JPII, which is helping us grow in and live out our faith alongside our children.

Tony & Maranda Tasa



1st Year as Auction chairs

Faith and service are important values in our family. With a senior and a second grader, we have seen firsthand how Catholic education helps shape students academically, personally, and in their faith. We believe we should always be students ourselves continuing to learn, deepen our faith, and find ways to serve others. Serving as Auction Chairs is one way we can use our time, skills, and connections to give back to a community that means so much to our family.

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Save the Date! April 24, 2027
Delta Hotels by Marriot Fargo



Reunion Recap

Follow the Shanley Alumni Facebook for updates!





































CONGRATULATIONS
to our winning team at this year's
Orv Kelly Shanley Scramble held on
Thursday, June 25th of Reunion Weekend!

L to R:
Lavione West
A.J. Jacobson '13
Dylan Alderman '13
Tim Traynor '13

Thanks to everyone
who golfed!





SHANLEY ARIZONA ALUMNI & FRIENDS

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

JOIN US FOR MASS & LUNCH IN ARIZONA!

Celebrate daily Mass with Bishop John T. Folda of the Fargo Diocese and enjoy a continental breakfast to follow. Hear news and updates about Shanley & the JPII Catholic Schools with family friends!

DAILY MASS WITH BISHOP FOLDA

Thursday, February 25, 2027 | 8:30 AM

All Saints Church | 1534 N Recker Road, Mesa AZ 85205

Continental breakfast and social to follow in McKay Hall.

ALUMNI & FRIENDS LUNCHEON

Friday, February 26, 2026 | 11:30 AM Social | 12:00 Noon Luncheon

Ancala Country Club

11700 E Via Linda

Scottsdale, AZ 85259

This event is complimentary, but the courtesy of an RSVP is requested by February 12th.

REMARKS BY:

Bishop John T. Folda, Fargo Diocese

Mike Hagstrom, St. John Paul II Catholic Schools President

HOSTED BY:

Betty Lou Scott

JPII Catholic Schools

Please RSVP by February 16th online at https://alumni.jp2schools.org/events or by scanning the QR code.



JPII ACTIVITIES

"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." 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:

- Basketball
- Debate
- Golf
- Speech
- Student Congress
- Volleyball

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

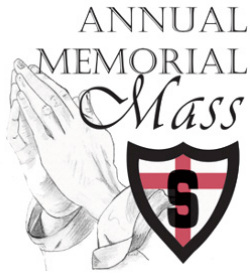
- Baseball
- Cheer
- Cross Country
- Football
- Hockey - boys & girls
- Soccer - boys & girls
- Softball
- Swimming & Diving - boys & girls
- Track and Field
- Tennis - boys & girls
- Wrestling - girls & boys

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools also offers a variety of student extracurriculars:

- Art Club
- Apologetics Club
- Bowling Team
- Chess Club
- Chimbote, Peru Mission Trip
- Deacons for Life
- DECA (Marketing & Entrepreneurship)
- Fidei Flores (Bible Study Club)
- Fishing Team
- HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America)
- Junior Class (Prom Committee)
- Junior Classical League/Latin Club
- Know Your Faith
- March for Life to Washington, D.C
- North Dakota Association of Honor Society
- Philanthropy and Youth (PaY)
- Quintessence / Sandpebbles
- Radio Club
- Reminscor (Yearbook)
- Service Club
- SHACK (Student Newspaper)
- Shanley TV/Audio Visual Club
- Spanish Club
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Council
- Theatre
- Trap Shooting Club
- Weightlifting

Annual Memorial Mass

The 54th Annual Memorial Mass was held at Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church 5202 25th St S – Fargo, ND Monday, 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 JPII 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".

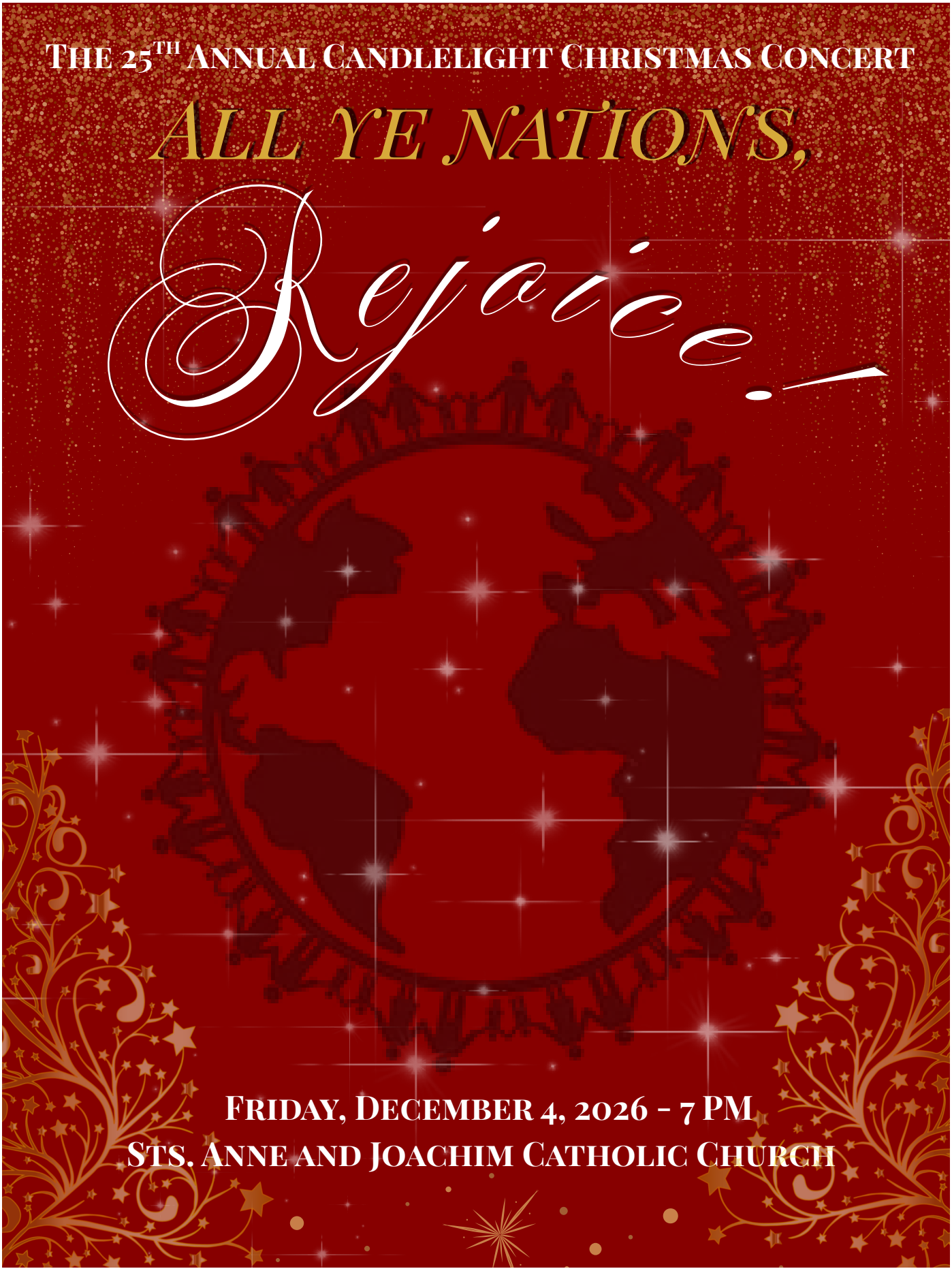
The deceased who will be remembered by name and through a lit candle and prayed for during this year's Mass:
(As of October 27, 2026, publication date.)

Lynn Adair '66
Patricia Adams
Martha "Marty" Anderson
Tony Appel
Sr. Andrea Arendt
Larry R. Astrup, Sr.
Eleanor Axness
Arlene Bailey
James E. Bailey '54
Nick Bailey
Rodman Bailey, Sr. '51
Luanne (Chap) Baker '69
Robert "Bob" Bakkum
David Vernon Barfuss '65
Carmella Barker
Nicole Barker
William & Sharon Barker
Jeannette "Janie" Barone
Barbara Bartholomay '66
Gordon Bartholomay '54
Jerry Bartholomay
Timothy Joseph Beaton
Julie Ann Bellefeuille '77
Swain Benson
Tom Bergeson '43
Dr. Duane Berglund
Edward & Augusta Biren
Wayne '53 & Joanne Blanchard
Jake & Gloria (Wetzstein) Blotsky '58
Don Bolgrean '71
Bette Bossart
Elizabeth "Betty" (Brown) Bossart '55
Gary Boyer
Lee & Elaine Brock
Robert "Bob" & Mary Brown
Michael Raymond Burnett
Diane Bush
Sr. Peggy Byrne
Jim Cameron
Katie (Frost) Carlisle '72
Richard Carlson
Dorothy Chizek
Carol (Bailey) Christensen '56
David Christesen '66
Sid & Elaine Cichy
Patrick Clark '59
Ray & Genevieve Coleman
Br. Michael Collins
J. Michael Collins '65
Ken & Pauline Collins
Leo Thomas Collins '63
Paul Collins '69
William Robert Collins, III '64
Liz Anne Conmy
Edwin Cooke
Gene & Joyce Cortese
Clifford '38 & Blanche Cossette
Jerome "Jerry" Cossette '45
Fr. Alberic Culhane
Ellen Cushing
Dennis Cuypers '66
Theresa "Terri" Dahl
Nancy DeCock
Patrick Charles Deutsch '77
Angeline Ding
Morris '48 & Margaret (Viets '48) Doyle
Phyllis C. Drake
Beth (McGarvey) Dronen '84
Art & Betty Duchscher
John & Marleane Duginski
Steve Duginski '60
Luella Dukart '66
Tom & Jackie Dunn
Gabrielle Dunne
Paul Durben '66
Dale Duval '79
Doran Eaton
Rachel Ellingson '01
Ivan Erickson '55
Micah Erickson '99
Peggy Erickson '66
Aloys "Al" Feist
Janet Kathryn Feist
Cindy (Nilles) Fellman '70
Arden Feser
Mary "Cea" Virginia Fischer '66
Cathi Fitzgerald '66
Steve Follett '66
John Fornes
Timothy John Fornes '91
Bob & Joan (Kodelka '53) Forstner
Kathy (Cosgriff) Fortney '60
Jeanette Foster '99
L.B. "Jack" & Katie Frost
Thomas Joseph Frost '79
Roger Gendreau
Jane Gerdes
Sr. Dominica Gerszewski
Beverly Glessner
Kathy Goeke
Mary Rita "Marita" Goering
Neill & Deborah Goltz
Thomas Goltz '72
James "Jim" Lloyd Gompf
Tim "Storm" Gonser '65
Steve Gorman '42
Paul & Harriet Greving
Gerald "Jerry" Grover '63
Cindy (Cossette) Gunderson '73
Dorothea Halverson '57
Gerald & Agnes Hamerlik
Myron Hankel
Kenneth Hartman
Margaret (Sapa) Hartze '65
Dr. Hugh & Vera Hawn
James Hebert '53
Willard '50 & Mary (Klontz '50) Hebert
Troy Donald Hegney '87
Larry Heier

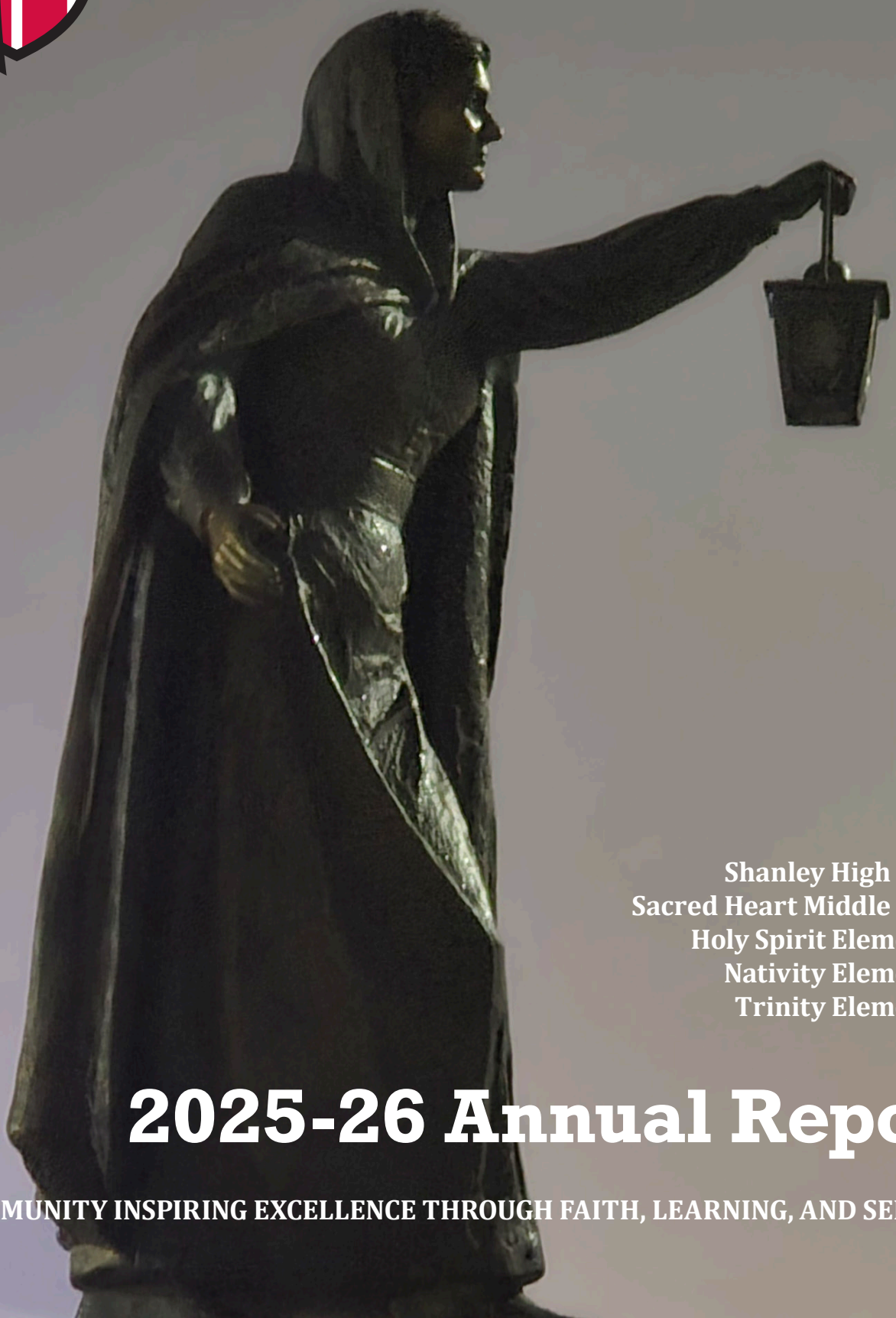
Memorials can be made through the Shanley Alumni website at https://alumni.jp2schools.org/donations. If you would like a family member of the deceased to be notified of the Memorial and invited to the Mass, please include their contact information. Please keep in mind that it is NOT a requirement that 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.

Jerry & Jeanette Hennen
Josephine "Jody" Hensley
Laura (Martin) Herrick '97
Brian Himmelberger '66
Robert Himmelberger
Mary Hnasko '66
Rebecca Hollingsworth
Sylvia Holmstrom
Deacon James Hunt
John Charles Jambois
Lloyd Jensen
Donald Johnson '59
Duane "Butch" Johnson
Jared "J.J." Johnson '93
Marie (Richard) Jones '58
Rick & Sue Jordahl
Richard "Dick" Kasper
Joseph O. Keller '18
John M. Kelley '58
Jack & Delores Kelly
Oliver & Helen Klauss
Rick Klauss
Carter Kleinsasser
Mary Jo Klosterman '73
Paul Knosalla '72
John Kodelka '56
Kari Hamerlik Kolstoe
Sr. Maris Stella Korb '55
David Kosciolek
Monte Kovash
Daniel "Danny" Krein
Thomas Kukowski, Sr.
Katherine Kuppich '59
Sidney (Staszko) Kuropchak '70
Denise Savageau Lahn '81
Leness & Mary Laliberte
Paul Laliberte '66
Eileen LaMont '66
Rosemary Lang '66
George '47 & Peggy Manning '48 Lavelle
Jim & Mary Lavelle
Loralee Lavelle '66
Shirley LaVoi
Jimmy LeDoux '74
Randy Lemar '84
Mandy Lenhardt '94
Rudolph "Rudy" Thomas Lenhardt
Ralph Lenzmeier
Earl Lessard
Virginia "Ginny" (Mason) Lynch '42
Tony & Norma Magelky
Roger Maris '52
John Mark
Lois Massa
Sr. Gertrude Massine '61
Thomas Matchie
Jane Marie Mathew
Beatrice Bertha Mattern
James Maurer '66
Peggy McDonald '66
Earl & Adel McDonnell
Ray '45 & Nancy (Nilles '45) McLaughlin
Lowell "Pat" McManus
Patrick McManus '91
Catherine (Stevens) McMullen '47
McKenzie Marie Mehlisch
Dennis Meier
Kevin Meier
Raymond Meier
Richard Meier
Victor Meier
Leo Joseph Meyer
Robert Meyer '79
Don '45 & Ruth Mickelson
Kevin Mickelson '74
Richard "Rick" Mickelson '82
Carol Miller '66
Michelle Miller
Harry Moe
Gene Monteith
Walter Montplaisir '53
John & Betty Moraghan
Phyllis Morehead
Jeffrey W. Muhle
Patricia Kay Muldoon
Andrew Nelson '03
Randy Nelson
Patricia "Patty" Neuharth
Kyle Newman
Bill '47 & Betty Nilles
Ralph Nilles '66
Anthony "Tony" Nistler '76
Steve & Mary Lou Nistler
Gretchen Margaret Noah
John & Mary Noah
Chuck Noesen
Ronald & Laura Noesen
Teresa Marie Nord '88
Ken Novak '66
Paul "Earl" Obermiller '50
Gerard & Mary Ellen Obert
Mary Eide O'Brien '54
Chandler O'Leary '99
Bud & Betty Olson
Dennis Olson
Roger Frank Olson '65
Rita Pearson
Mary (Samels) Pease '50
Michael B. Pflugrath, Jr.
Pete Pianka '65
Gregory Pratschner '66
Duane Quaschnick
Gary Riedman
Jacob Riedman
Raphael "Ray" & Lois Riedman
Lavetta Ringuette '66
Gerald Rivard
Gregory Roberts
Eleanora Roder
Robert Rowell '71
Irvin Devitt Rustad
Randall R. Rustad '68
Rita Ruud '70
Rose Ruud
Shirley Ruud
Kirby Sandvik
Joanne Sandy
Larry Sattler
Bonnie Sauvageau '66
Loretta (Dullea) Sauvageau '70
Kevin Savageau '78
Lloyd Albert Schmidt
Edward Schmitz
Judith (Larson) Schmitz '60
Raymond & Rosemary Schneider
Robert Schoener '47
Stacey Schommer
John Schons '55
Tim Schons '72
Rodney "Chuck" Schott '80
Rodney & Evelyn Schott
Gary Schulz '60
Mary Jean Schulz
Kevin Schwab
Thomas Schwebach
Catherine (Rutten) Schwinden '68
John Dennis Scott '69
Peter Seeba
Patricia (Rush) Setter '51
Edward Shorma
Earl Eugene Simdorn
George Sinner
Charles "Chuck" Sjostrom
Faith (Hall) Smith '61
Thomas Charles Sornsin, Jr. '66
Evelyn (Ukestad) Soukup '48
Joseph Spier '66
Rachel (Torgerson) Steckling '09
Fr. Leo Stelten
Kathleen Strunc
Kathy Swann
Bill '35 & Jeane Sweeney
Ella Sky Sweeney '20
Larry '50 & Peggy (Murphy) Sweeney '50
Mark Sweeney '49
Paul Sweeney '82
Sophie Swenson
Hildegarde Taylor
Adam & Johanna Thiel
Frank Thomas
Mary Lou Thoreson
Daniel Tierney '66
Jeffrey Dean Tilton '86
Douglas Toliver '70
Joanie Tool
Rita Traynor
Susan Turner '66
Bernard John Urlaub
Patricia Vacek
Elaine (Barth) VanDeVoorde '80
Msgr. Jeffrey Wald
Sr. Jane Michael Walker '39
Marty & Verna Walsh
Jean Wanner
Tyler James Ward
Roy Wasche '70
Cheryl (Birk) Wegner '70
Charles "Chuck" Wehage '56
Mary (LaBore) Weiler '61
Nancy Weinmann '66
Tom Westerholm '71
Cheryl Jean Wiebe
Judy Wilk '66
Laura Williams-Jaffe '71
Karla Wohlers
Jay Wold
Jim '53 & Jean (Williams '53) Wold
Kathleen Wolf '66
Donald R. Wood '47
David John Wosick
John Wren
James "Jim" Thomas Young
Denise (Fitzgerald) Yunker '65
Laurence "Larry" Yunker '65




The 25th Annual Candlelight Christmas Concert
All Ye Nations,
Rejoice!
Friday, December 4, 2026 - 7 PM
Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church

ST. JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



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

2025-26 Annual Report

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

ST. JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Front Cover: Our statue of Nano Nagle, the courageous foundress of the Presentation Sisters, established 250 years ago on Christmas Eve, 1775.

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Mike Hagstrom
President
St. John Paul II Catholic Schools

"Do not be afraid" is one of the most frequently used phrases in the entire Bible. Variations include "Be not afraid," "Fear not," or "Have no fear."

Those encouraging words were also at the heart of the inauguration homily of our patron, Pope St. John Paul II, given on October 22, 1978, and "Do not be afraid" became a leading theme during his 26 years of service as "The Servant of the Servants of God."

One of my Theology professors acknowledged the importance of the frequent phrase while also countering that one thing Christians should fear is *amnesia*—forgetting who we are as the Lord's.

St. John Paul II made sure we didn't forget that through his work and witness.

"Do not be afraid" he said, then, from the beginning. He explained later, "Peoples and nations of the entire world need to hear these words. Their conscience needs to grow in the certainty that Someone exists Who holds in His hands the destiny of this passing world… And this Someone is Love—Love that became man, Love crucified and risen, Love unceasingly present among men."

Fifteen years ago, on May 3, 2011, Bishop Samuel Aquila named St. John Paul II as Patron Saint of the Catholic schools of Fargo and West Fargo. Bishop Aquila wrote "Knowing Bl. John Paul II's love for youth and Catholic education, we place our Catholic schools, youth, faculty, and administration under his patronage and intercession."

Our Catholic schools are designed to teach and form our students to be joyful and confident in their identity as followers of Christ. His presence sets our schools apart, as Bishop John Folda emphasized: "He is at the heart of our schools and every day we strive to help our students grow in their relationship with Him." Bishop Folda added, "I'm very proud of the great things that are happening in our Catholic schools, and I want to thank our pastors, families, and benefactors for supporting the great mission of our Catholic schools."

With joy, we give thanks for all the blessings of St. John Paul II Catholic Schools this past year. With confidence and courage rooted in relationship with Christ, we face the future unafraid, knowing the presence of Love in our schools.

St. John Paul II: *"Pray for us."*



ANNUAL REPORT

Financials audited by Eide Bailly, LLP.

REVENUE

	JUNE 30, 2026
TUITION	$7,843,396
PARISH SUPPORT	$2,495,783
DIOCESAN SUPPORT	$51,306
CONTRIBUTIONS – EDUCATION,MGMT & GENERAL	$60,373
CONTRIBUTIONS – ADVANCEMENT	$2,090,405
ENDOWMENT EARNINGS	$429,546
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS & BUILDING REVENUE	$282,074
ACTIVITIES/ATHL/FOOD SVC/MISC.	$1,626,309
OTHER	$774,991
TOTAL REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS	**$15,654,183**

****Endowment Earning are from Endowments held by the Catholic Development Foundation for the benefits of JPII Catholic Schools.*

**** Capital Campaign includes new promises pledged and cash collected during the year.*

EXPENSES

	JUNE 30, 2026
SALARIES & BENEFITS	$9,467,382
GENERAL EDUCATION	$1,709,654
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	$634,582
ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS/MISC.	$1,428,541
BUILDING	$450,645
OTHER	$360,267
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE BEFORE DEPRECIATION	**$14,051,071**
NET GAIN FROM OPERATIONS	**$1,603,112**

SIGNIFICANT NON-CASH EXPENSES

DEPRECIATION	$1,497,999
TOTAL NET LOSS	**($105,113)**

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSE BREAKDOWN

PROGRAM SERVICES	$13,754,077
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	$724,976
FUNDRAISING AND ADVANCEMENT	$1,070,017
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$15,549,070**

WE ARE DEACONS

























DEACON NATION

OUR 2025-26 ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

"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." 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 and cooperative sponsorships with other schools:

- Baseball
- Basketball - girls & boys
- Cheer
- Cross Country
- Debate/Forensics
- Football
- Golf - girls & boys
- Gymnastics
- Hockey - girls & boys
- Soccer - girls & boys
- Softball
- Speech
- Student Congress
- Swimming & Diving - girls & boys
- Tennis - girls & boys
- Track and Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling - girls & boys

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

- Art Club
- Audio/Visual Club (Shanley TV)
- Bowling Team
- Chess Club
- Chimbote, Peru Mission Trip
- Deacons for Life
- DECA (Marketing & Entrepreneurship)
- Fishing Team
- Junior Class (Prom Committee)
- Junior Classical League/Latin Club
- Know Your Faith
- March for Life to Washington, D.C
- North Dakota Association of Honor Society
- Philanthropy and Youth (PaY)
- Quintessence / Sandpebbles
- Radio Club
- Reminscor (Yearbook)
- Service Club
- SHACK (Student Newspaper)
- Spanish Club
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Council
- Theatre
- Trap Shooting Club
- Weightlifting

Rostered Slots in Student Activities **1,008**

8 **43 Club Members** (4 years of 3 sports)

42 Club Members (4 years of 2 sports) **23**



A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE









A YEAR OF EXCELLENCE

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

EDC Senior Athlete of the Year: Arianna Hoff (Park Christian)

All-Conference: Isla Rogne (Oak Grove) & Alexa Heckaman (Park Christian)

3rd Place State Finisher



VOLLEYBALL

All-Conference and All-State (2nd Team): Carly Hulstein



FOOTBALL



All-Conference:
Shawn Kotrba, Jax Mattern, & Jacob Perkerewicz

All-State:
Shawn Kotrba (2nd Team), Jax Mattern (1st Team), & Jacob Perkerewicz (2nd Team)

CROSS COUNTRY

EDC Senior Athlete of the Year: Quinn Carroll & Lily Elbert

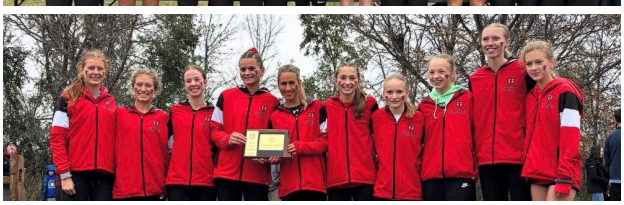
All-State: Quinn Carroll, Ethan Erickson, Lucy Grothmann, & McKenna Johnson

2nd Place State Finisher: McKenna Johnson
4th Place State Finisher: Ethan Erickson

EDC Coach of the Year: Chris Foerster

Women's Team: 3rd in State
Men's Team: 5th in State





GOLF - GIRLS

All EDC Team: Annika Astrup, Lauren Graveline, & Izzy Tillisch



East Region All-Tournament Team: Annika Astrup & Lauren Graveline

10th Place State Finisher: Lauren Graveline

Team: 4th Place State Finisher, 2nd in EDC

BASKETBALL - BOYS



All-Conference: Tommy Baumgartner

SOCCER - BOYS

EDC Senior Athlete of the Year: Andrew Schneider

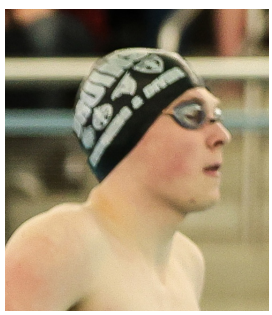
All EDC Team: Hayden Braun, Henry Liebl, & Ben Tingueley

All-State: Hayden Braun (1st Team) & Andrew Scneider (2nd Team)

4th Place State Finisher



SWIM & DIVE - BOYS



All-State (2nd Team): Joshua Hollingsworth

BASKETBALL - GIRLS

All-Conference: Jaya Taylor & Rylee Seavert



All-State (2nd Team) & All-State Tournament Team: Rylee Seavert

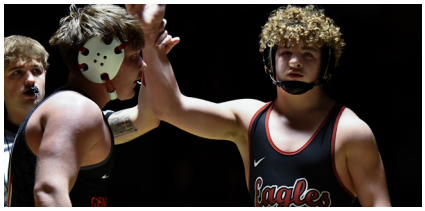
HOCKEY - GIRLS



All-State (2nd Team): Hudson Hofer

WRESTLING

5th Place Finisher at State:
Nolan Mack

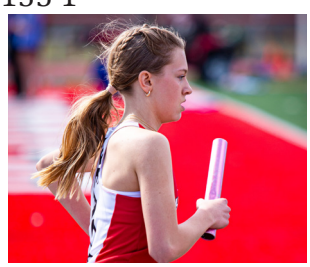


TRACK & FIELD

State Finishers:
Landon Howe, 100 Meters, 2nd Place
Ethan Erickson, 400 Meters, 5th Place
Ethan Erickson, 800 Meters, 6th Place
Isaac Haas, Jax Mattern, Hayden Braun, & Landon Howe, 4x100, 6th Place
Isaac Haas, Stone Schauer, Drew Schneider, & Hayden Braun, 4x200, 6th Place
McKenna Johnson, 2 Mile, 4th Place
Lucy Grothmann, 2 Mile, 5th Place
McKenna Johnson, 1 Mile, 7th Place
Lucy Grothmann, 1 Mile, 8th Place
Addison Larson, Discus, 4th Place
Addison Larson, Shotput, 8th Place

School Records:
Landon Howe, 100 Meters, 10.84 seconds
Isaac Hass, Jax Mattern, Hayden Braun, & Landon Howe, 4x100, 43.03
McKenna Johnson, 2 Mile, 10:51.11
Addison Larson, Discus, 135'1"





TENNIS - GIRLS

3rd Place in EDC



GOLF - BOYS



All-Conference: Ryker Grinaker

All-Region: Ryker Grinaker & Tommy Baumgartner

All-State Team:
Ryker Grinaker

2nd Place State Finisher:
Ryker Grinaker

SOFTBALL

All-Conference: Taelyn Card, Alexa Gregg, Ava Klein, & Emmalise Maher



All-State: Taelyn Card (Park Christian) & Ava Klein (Park Christian)

EDC Coach of the Year: Dale Dingman

1st Place in EDC

SOCCER - GIRLS



All-Conference: Danica Clasen, Molly Flaherty, Hudson Hofer, Carly Hulstein, & Emma Rohrich

All-State Tournament Team: Danica Clasen, Molly Flaherty, Hudson Hofer, & Emma Rohrich

All-State: Molly Flaherty (1st Team), Hudson Hofer (1st Team), Emma Rohrich (2nd Team)

1st Place in EDC

1st Place State Finisher



CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF
2026

WHERE THEY ARE NOW

CLASS OF 2026 POST-GRADUATION PLANS:

CONTINUE ON THE DEACON WAY!

Arizona State University
Auburn University
Augustana University
Concordia College
Columbia University
Florida Atlantic University
Full-Time Employment
Josef's School of Hair & Skin
Junior Hockey
Magnum Electric Powerhouse Academy
Minneapolis Community and Technical College
Minnesota State Community and Technical College — Fergus Falls
Minnesota State Community and Technical College — Moorhead
Minnesota State University — Moorhead
North Dakota Air Guard
North Dakota State College of Science
North Dakota State University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
St. John's University
South Dakota State University
University of Mary
University of Minnesota — Twin Cities
University of Nebraska Lincoln
University of North Dakota
University of Sioux Falls
United States Marine Corps

LEGACY STUDENTS

THE FOLLOWING CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATES HAVE PARENT(S)/ GRANDPARENT(S) WHO ARE ALSO ALUMNI OF SHANLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Nicolas Anderson — Nancy (Gallagher) Anderson '88 (Mother)

Christian Backlund — Jill (Bozovsky Backlund) '98 (Mother)

Quinn Carroll — Brian Carroll '88 (Father)

Danica Clasen — Renee (Keller) Clasen '93 (Mother)

Ava Cooper — Charlotte (Arneson) Highness '54 (Grandmother)

Bergin Deutsch — Sarah (Berg) Deutsch '96 (Mother), Josh Deutsch '96 (Father), Patty (Rasmussen) Deutsch '68 (Grandmother), Jim Deutsch '67 (Grandfather), and Roberta (Ridley) Deutsch '42 (Great-Grandmother)

Megan Dietz — Dave Dietz '87 (Father)

John Eaton — Matthew Eaton '02 (Father), Judy (Wilk) Eaton '66 (Grandmother)

Molly Flaherty — Missy (Dahl) Flaherty '94 (Mother)

Noelle Friederichs — Matt Friederichs '88 (Father)

Lucelia Grothmann — Anna (Voigt) Grothmann '96 (Mother)

Joseph Lepine — Mike Lepine '87 (Father), Jim Lepine '61 (Grandfather)

Joshua Lorshbough — Angie (Hogue) Lorshbough '96 (Mother), Diane (Anderson) Olson '72 (Grandmother), David Olson '69 (Grandfather)

Nicholas Lorshbough — Angie (Hogue) Lorshbough '96 (Mother), Diane (Anderson) Olson '72 (Grandmother), David Olson '69 (Grandfather)

Taya Ressler — Jeanie (McMerty) Brummer '70 (Grandmother)

Justin Schmitt — Kathy (Rivard) Schmitt '88 (Mother)

Addison Seavert — Amy (Borkenhagen) Seavert '95 (Mother)

Danik Stevens — Angela (Senger) Stevens '98 (Mother)

Elizabeth Voss — Nathan Voss '97 (Father)









A YEAR OF EXCELLENCE

FOLLOW @JP2SCHOOLS ON INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK!

1282
STUDENTS ENROLLED

5 SCHOOLS
3 ELEMENTARY
1 MIDDLE SCHOOL
1 HIGH SCHOOL

HONOR SOCIETY
35
NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

VIRTUE PROGRAMS
LITTLE DEACONS-HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY PRAYER & ADORATION
WEEKLY MASS

COGNIA ACCREDITATION
SCORE: 323 (2024)
303 (2018)
NATIONAL AVERAGE: 296

Service Projects
Students regularly participate in community outreach.

$845,000+
ASSISTANCE & SCHOLARSHIPS
2025-26

14:1 STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO

8 SPONSORING PARISHES

4 SMART LABS K-8

Experience the Faith
Rome Pilgrimage Opportunities

ENCOURAGED ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

94% PARTICIPATED IN 21 VARSITY SPORTS AND 22 CLUBS

TEACHERS WITH MASTER'S DEGREES **39%**

18% STAFF MEMBERS WHO ARE ALUMNI

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR & NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR FINALIST

SUNISHA TANGPONG

GRADUATES CLASS OF 2026 **64**

3.62
MEDIAN GPA

77%
ATTENDED 4 YEAR SCHOOLS

14%
ATTENDED 2 YEAR SCHOOLS

9%
MILITARY/OTHER

Deacons Have Their Day, Capping Unbeaten Season With ND Girls Soccer State Title

Shanley shuts out defending state champion Mandan for the first time this season.

Josh Dungan / Bismarck Tribune | May 30, 2026 at 8:24 PM



Fargo Shanley's Emma Rohrich (3) and Carly Hulstein (13) celebrate with their teammates after winning the North Dakota girls soccer state championship against Mandan on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at the Sanford Sports Complex.
Tanner Ecker / Bismarck Tribune

BISMARCK — Fargo Shanley shined in a battle of unbeatens Saturday afternoon at Sanford Sports Complex, while unseating the defending state champion.

The Deacons got goals from Carly Hulstein, Emma Rohrich, and Annie Yablonski to earn a 3-0 victory against Mandan for the North Dakota girls soccer state championship.

Shanley completed its unbeaten season, while shutting out defending champ Mandan for the first time this spring.

"The girls were excited to play Mandan, two undefeated teams and someone had to come out as the winner," Deacons head coach Ryan Christianson said. "Whoever worked the hardest was going to come out champions, our girls were hungry."

The Deacons (13-0-4) won their first state crown since 2019 and third overall. Mandan (17-0-1) fell one win shy of a repeat.

"Tough game, I felt like we controlled the game, to be honest," Mandan head coach Aaron McElwee said. "We knew they would be dangerous on set pieces and that's what they created."

Shanley converted on a corner kick in the opening half for what proved to be the game-winning goal. Hulstein got a late head touch on a corner off the foot Rohrich, giving the Deacons a 1-0 lead with 16 minutes remaining until halftime.

"The first goal in the first half, that sparked momentum," Christianson said. "Coming off of last year, we scored a bunch of corners,

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but this year I think we only had one or two. To make it count in the state championship game, I'll take it."

The first insurance goal for the Deacons came with less than 18 minutes left in the second, as Rohrich scored off a rebound.

"That second goal was a hustle effort by Emma with an awesome finish," Christianson said. "Emma was locked in from yesterday's game, two goals sparked the fire and led into today. She deserved that one."

Yablonski, a freshman, scored her first varsity goal for a 3-0 lead with 1 minute, 31 seconds remaining, as Mandan tried to apply pressure late.

"Annie with the cherry on top with the deep ball after the goalie was pushed up to help her team," Christianson said. "That's a way to start off your varsity career. She was close earlier in the game with a shot that went wide of the post, but that was a heads-up play by her, noticing the goalie was out."

Mandan's best chance came from senior Sarah Helderop, off a corner kick in the second half, but Shanley goalkeeper Kailey Ottmar knocked the ball down and grabbed the rebound before any Braves players could arrive.

"Kailey was focused from the beginning of the game, usually I talk to her a bit, but she wanted to be by herself," Christianson said. "She didn't have to do too much, but there was a corner, a free kick. She was heads-up and had a good handle on the ball."

Ottmar finished with six saves to earn the shutout. Gabby Frohlich had three saves for Mandan.

"Congrats to Shanley," McElwee said. "We were close."



The Fargo Shanley Deacons celebrate after winning the North Dakota girls soccer state championship against Mandan on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at the Sanford Sports Complex.
Tanner Ecker / Bismarck Tribune

Deacon "Forever Funds"

Endowment Funds Continue Significant Growth to Ensure a Bright Deacon Future

Endowment funds are vital to the long-term stability and mission of St. John Paul II Catholic Schools. By providing a permanent source of income, these funds ensure that our schools can continue providing faith-based education rooted in Catholic values for years to come.

The earnings from endowments support essential needs, such as our faculty, tuition assistance, academics, athletics, and maintenance of school facilities – helping to keep Catholic education accessible for future generations. In this way, endowments are not just a financial asset, but a lasting expression of faith and commitment to forming young minds and hearts in the Catholic tradition.

General Endowments



JPII Schools – General Endowment

Wold Family Charitable Fund

General Endowment for SHS (GROW)

General Endowment for all JPII Schools (GROW)

Knute & Charlotte Henning Endowment – FBO HS School

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Shanley Theatre Endowment

JPII Schools – SmartLab Endowment

Shanley Hockey Endowment

Educator/ Coaches Salary Endowments



JPII Schools – Teacher Pay Endowment

Susan Barry Meckstroth Educator Endowment

Presentation Sisters Fund Educator Endowment

Coaches Fund Educator Endowment

Wold Family Educator Endowment

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Named Scholarships



(All funds administered by the Catholic Development Foundation of the Fargo Diocese unless otherwise noted.)

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Andi Olsonawski Memorial Scholarship
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Brother Michael Collins Scholarship
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Harold & Mary Ann Klosterman Fund
Hoedl Family Servanthood Leadership
Hoffart Family Scholarship Fund
J. Michael Collins Memorial Scholarship
Jack & Delores Kelly Scholarship
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John Kodelka Memorial Scholarship
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Meier Family Scholarship
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Tim Schons Memorial Scholarship
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**fund administered by North Dakota State University*

Thank You for your Support!

Thank you to all of the alumni, families and friends of St. John Paul II Catholic Schools for their support of our endowment funds in 2025-26! Your generosity is a wonderful act of faith and stewardship, helping ensure that our schools continue to thrive into the future.

May God bless you for the lasting legacy that you are building in our school community!

DEACON HONOR SOCIETY

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



DEACON HONOR SOCIETY

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Dan & Heather Butler

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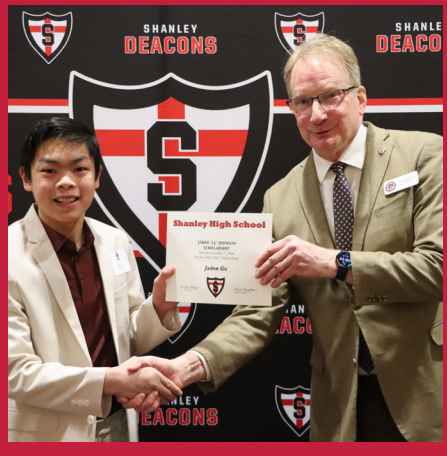
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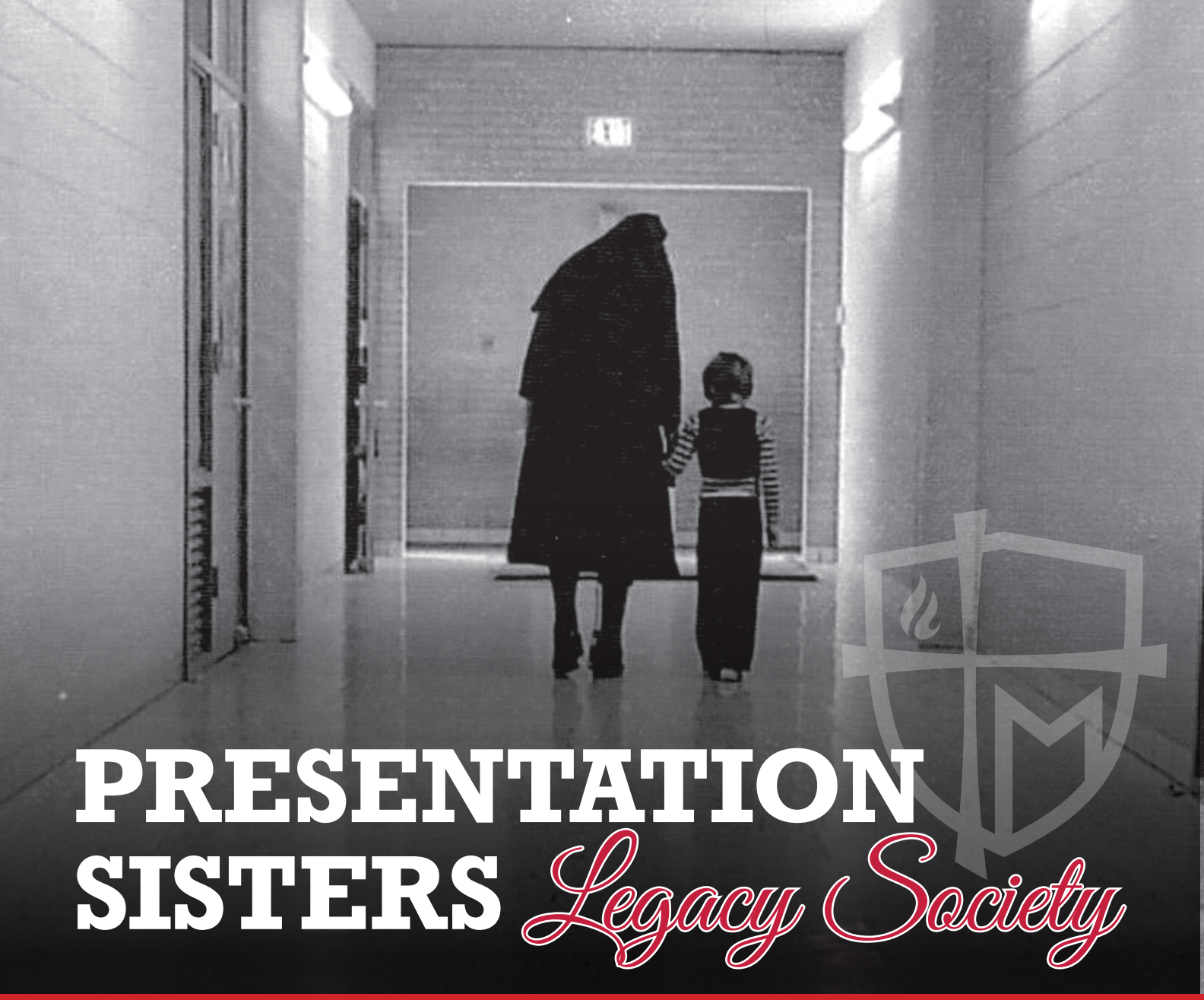
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This Society was established in 2012 with the $1,000,000 trust gift from Ron and Marlene Hoffart and their generous support and commitment to Catholic education and the Legacy of the Presentation Sisters.

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Life Insurance Beneficiary

Dan & Pauline Dunn
Will – Estate Gift

Patrick Dunn '70
Will – Estate Gift

John † & Ruth (Cantlon)
'53 Dunnicliff
Will – Estate Gift for
Named Endowed
Scholarship

Margaret Ann (Welu)
Eastman '53 †
Trust

John Ermer †
Will – Estate Gift

Philip '60 & Donna
Fitzgerald
Life Insurance Beneficiary

Willamine Fitzpatrick †
Estate Gift

Leonard & Cynthia
Fretland
Will – Estate Gift

Paul † & Harriet † Greving
Estate Gift and Insurance
Policies

Gordon & Susan Gruchalla
Will – Estate Gift

Alice (Crahan) Helland
'34 †
Estate Gift

Richard † & Lynn †
Hentges
Will – Estate Gift

Roger & Donna Hentges
Will – Estate Gift

Mike & Karen (Cossette)
'66 Hofer
Will - Estate Gift

Ron † & Marlene Hoffart
Charitable Remainder
Unitrust

Rita Hokenson
Will – Estate Gift

Timothy J. Klontz '49 †
Trust

Larry '66 & Sandy
Klosterman
Will - Estate Gift

Antoinette Kozel †
Estate Gift

Patricia Ann Longhenry †
Estate Gift

Richard Ludwig '62
Will – Estate Gift

John McCormick †
Estate Gift
Tom McCormick '68
Will - Estate Gift and
Life Insurance Beneficiary

Lila A. Meehan †
Estate Gift

Todd '78 & Peggy
(Traynor) '80 Mickelson
Will - Estate Gift

Rev. John Moore †
Estate Gift

Larry † & Gail Nelson
Will – Estate Gift

Mary (Herrick) Nelson '56
Will – Estate Gift

William '47 † & Elizabeth
† Nilles
Trust

Frank & Patricia Paumen
Gift Annuity

James F. Pettinger '55 †
Estate Gift

Paul & Mary Jo Richard
Will – Estate Gift

Marie F. Robbins †
Trust

Robert Savageau '60
Will – Estate Gift

John "Jack" Scheidt †
Estate Gift

Art '60 & Carol Schmitz
Will – Estate Gift

Betty Lou Scott
Will – Estate %

Joelle Shewey
Will – Estate Gift

Madeleine (Kaiser)
Skogen '29 †
Estate Gifts for Operating
Support and Named
Scholarship Endowment

Robert & Bridgette Startz
Life Insurance Beneficiary

Michael & Barbara
Stenberg
Life Insurance Beneficiary

Dirk & Kathleen
(Sweeney '74) Swart
Estate Gift

Pat Sweeney '70
Will – Estate %

Patrick & Jamie Traynor
Estate Gift

Ed & Sandy Tupa
Will - Estate Gift

Clay & Judy Whittlesey
Estate Gift

Charles '57 † & Nancy †
Yirchott
Will – Estate Gift

David & Brenda Zens
Will – Estate Gift

† Denotes Deceased

*We make every effort to assure the information listed in the 2025-26 Annual Report is correct. If we have inadvertently forgotten to list a donor or spelled a name incorrectly, we sincerely apologize.

North Dakota Tax Credits for Donations to Catholic Schools

The 2021 North Dakota Legislature expanded tax credits for nonpublic schools, which means ND taxpayers who make a donation to Catholic Schools in North Dakota are eligible for a TAX CREDIT.

A North Dakota resident taxpayer, which includes individuals, corporations, or fiduciaries, is allowed a non-refundable credit equal to 50% of the amount of contributions, limited to 50% of the taxpayer's total income tax or $2,500, whichever is less. [NDCC 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 nonpublic schools are divided into three buckets, which provides for greater total credits.

Higher Education



Make checks payable to:
University of Mary

Gifts to institutions of higher education [NDCC 57-38-01.7.1]

High School



Make checks payable to:
St. John Paul II Catholic Schools
for the benefit of:
Shanley High School

Gifts to nonprofit private institutions of secondary education [NDCC 57-38-01.7.2]

Middle & Elementary School



Make checks payable to:
St. John Paul II Catholic Schools
for the benefit of:
Sacred Heart Middle School, Holy Spirit, Nativity, or Trinity Elementary Schools

Gifts to nonprofit private institutions of primary education [NDCC 57-38-01.7.3]

Each bucket allows for a separate credit of 50% of the contribution, limited to 50% of the taxpayer's income tax or $2,500, whichever is less. A taxpayer with a $10,000 North Dakota income tax liability could donate $15,000 total or $5,000 each to entities represented by each bucket and receive tax credits of $7,500 ($2,500 x 3).

Tax Credits also Available for Endowment Contributions:
Gifts of $5,000 or more to one of the many school qualified endowment or scholarship funds 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 this credit can be carried forward for up to three taxable years, so this credit will be applied after the nonpublic school credits. [NDCC 57-38-01-21]

Available to assist you:



Tony Hebert, Director of Advancement
701.893.3243
anthony.hebert@jp2schools.org

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

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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2026-2027 DEACON PARTNER PROGRAM FOR BUSINESSES



DIAMOND PARTNER – $25,000

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

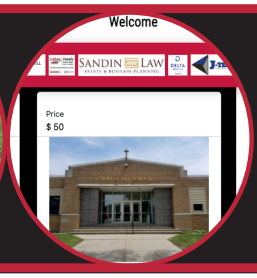
- Advertising on all JPII vehicles (including the 13-passenger people mover and school van) that shuttle students and supplies between our schools as well as some in-town and out-of-town activities.
- Diamond Sponsorship of the 2027 Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala that includes recognition and promotion in all materials, catalog advertisement, and table for 10 on April 24, 2027.
- Full page ad in SAC programs and Spring Musical Program

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 10 at the Dinner Auction & Gala.
- Half page ad in SAC Programs and Spring Musical advertising









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 productions for home sporting events.
- Full page color advertisement in the catalog & online advertising for the Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala.
- Quarter page ad in SAC programs and Spring Musical advertising

SILVER PARTNER – $2,500

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

- Sponsorship of Homecoming events - Block Party booth space
- Ad space (displayed every 9 minutes) on the digital scorekeeper's table in McCormick Gymnasium.
- 1/8 page ad in SAC programs and Spring Musical advertising
- Business logo on interactive TV in Shanley activities wing



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 JPII plus our Annual Report publication.
- Business name & logo on the JPII website and Shanley Alumni website on a rotating basis.
- Business name & logo in the weekly JPII E-Newsletter sent to parents on a rotating basis.

RED + WHITE PARTNER – $500

- Cart Sponsor at the Orv Kelly Shanley Scramble
- Online advertising for the Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala
- Business name & logo on printed home game roster programs on a rotating basis.

DEACON PARTNER – $250

- Hole Sponsor at the Orv Kelly Shanley Scramble
- All Deacon Partners at all levels are featured in our annual JPII Red & White Business Directory.
- Logo displayed on interactive RocketTV in SHS activities hallway

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

2026-27 JPII Deacon Partners

Program for Businesses

Business Name: _____

Business Contact: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Corporate Website (for linking): _____

Deacon Partner Level: _____

Please send a high resolution copy of your company logo to Joelle.Shewey@jp2schools.org

_____ Payment in full _____ Invoice in semi-annual payments _____ Invoice in quarterly payments

Payment Method:

_____ Check (make check payable to JPII Schools)

_____ Credit Card

Visa Discover Master Card

___ ___ ___ ___/ ___ ___ ___ ___/ ___ ___ ___ ___/ ___ ___ ___ ___ Exp: ___/ ___ CVC code: ____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Questions? Contact Joelle Shewey

at Joelle.Shewey@jp2schools.org or 701.893.3225

**All advertising must be consistent with the mission of the JPII Catholic Schools... "to teach the total person by inspiring virtue and excellence, as taught by the Catholic Church."*

Thank You for your support of the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools

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

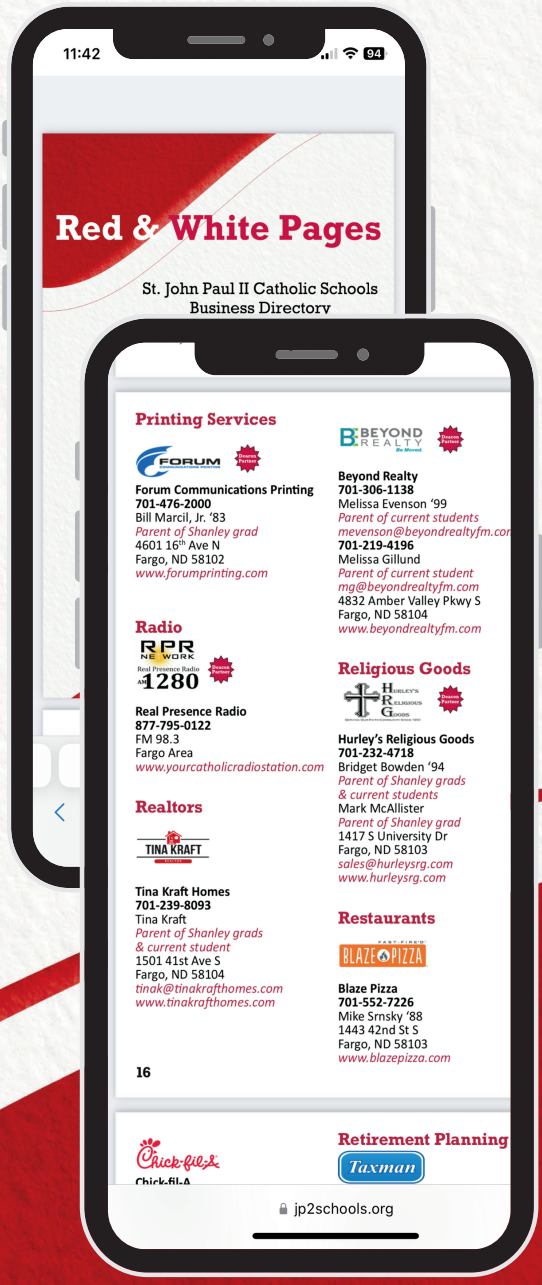
Red & White Pages

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools
Business Directory

Do you own a business that you'd like to promote to fellow JPII Families?

Submissions for the *2027 JPII 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 JPII homepage at www.jp2schools.org_ or contact Joelle.Shewey@jp2schools.org.



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Thank YOU for your support of the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools.
A Community Inspiring Excellence through Faith, Learning, and Serivce.
For more information about our Deacon Partners Program, visit our website at: www.jp2schools.org.

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5600 25th Street South
Fargo, ND 58104

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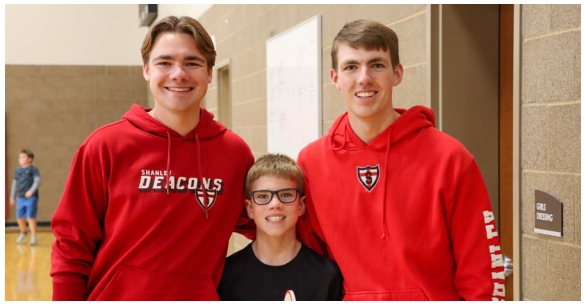
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Upcoming Events

Deacon Young Alumni Night - November 25
Candlelight Christmas Concert - December 4
Basketball Alumni Night - January 15
Catholic Schools Week - January 31-February 6
Giving Hearts Day - February 11
Arizona Alumni & Friends Luncheon - February 26
60th First Nighter Dinner & Show - March 18
Spring Musical - March 19-21
43rd Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala - April 24
Shanley Graduation - May 26
Reunion Weekend - June 24-26

ATTENTION PARENTS OF DEACON ALUMNI:
If your Deacon Alum has a new address, please pass it on to us, so we can send them the Deacon.
Phone: 701-893-3200
Email: joelle.shewey@jp2schools.org
Mail: ATTN: Joelle Shewey
JPII Catholic Schools Advancement Department
5600 25th St. S., Fargo, ND 58104



FOR A FULL LIST OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENT DETAILS, PLEASE VISIT:
https://alumni.jp2schools.org/events