One of the greatest gifts we can give to others is to inspire them. What a beautiful thing when our gifts can inspire others for years to come! When our gifts can touch many, we create a legacy. St. James Basilica and St. John’s Academy is blessed to have wonderful people that choose to leave a legacy through their selfless giving. Legacy gifts strengthen our mission at SJA for future generations. We are blessed to have this legacy gift from the Estate of Mary Jean Robichaud gifted from her sister, M. Joyce Rulon, and her husband, J. Thomas Rulon, MD., in memory of her and her devotion to elementary education. This gift allowed SJA to upgrade the computer lab with all new computers! This gift reaches so many children as they spend their days learning about God’s love and the amazing world He has given us.

Mary Jean Robichaud was born April 28, 1931, in Crystal Falls, Michigan. She was the daughter of the late Katherine and Raymond Robichaud. She was born with a spinal defect, spina bifida, which required multiple surgeries for her medical condition through her entire life. She graduated from Crystal Falls High School in 1950 and from Badger Green Business College in 1951. She then worked in Crystal Falls as a bookkeeper for a medical office and the local hospital. She attended Northern Michigan University, graduating in 1968, with a degree in Elementary Education. She then taught first grade in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, retiring in 1991. In 1997 she moved to Ripon, WI, living there until 2007 when she became a resident in Rochester, MN, at the Mayo Clinic Retirement Facility, the Charter House, where she died on December 11, 2016. She is survived by one sister, M. Joyce Rulon, Spokane, WA.

Back in 2009 Dr. Tom Rulon and his lovely wife, Joyce, left their first legacy gift with great joy in honor of his parents, Arthur and Therese Rulon. Their memorial gift to Tom’s home parish of St. James Basilica was a beautiful grand piano.

Leaving a memorial gift for your loved ones is truly a gift as the memory of their life will live on for generations to come.

I, personally, cherish their friendship immensely, and I love when they come to visit as they are a part of our St. James/St. John’s family. They have given back in so many ways. In fact, in June of 2011, they even came back and cooked for the Men in Black dinner as it was a Greek theme. They have traveled to Greece many times so it was appropriate that they could share their experiences with our guests. Dave & Lisa Barnick and their guests enjoyed the evening and their company.
Each time I sit down to write about happenings at St. John’s Academy, my mind goes first to the various events or important activities that mark each school year. While reporting on those things is certainly important, invariably, my thoughts eventually lead to the most significant purpose for our existence—our mission of educating minds and saving souls. The things that happen each day in our school.

It is not possible to be in this school on a daily basis without having a profound and growing appreciation for the work at hand and for the people who strive to carry on that mission. We are an elementary school, so educating the students in the various academic disciplines is, of course, of utmost importance. Our teachers and specialists work very hard to give each student every opportunity to be successful in this area. We want our students to be safe and well-cared for, and we have dedicated, caring people who do their best to provide in these areas too. But beyond the work of every elementary school, we are a Catholic school, charged with the mission of educating our students about the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. This is the characteristic that distinguishes St. John’s Academy from other schools. Daily life in our school revolves around God and teaching students what they need to know in order to attain eternal salvation. While nobody here is perfect, I am privileged to work with teachers, staff, parents, parish, and supporters who believe in our mission and are dedicated to its purpose.

We look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving, Christmas, the New Year and all that goes with the Holiday season. Thank you for all you do and for supporting us in our work.

God Bless,
Lawrie Paulson, Principal

How many of you have ever heard of the “Starfish Story”? To me the Starfish Story is such an inspiring story as we sometimes may feel we are not making a difference in the modern chaotic world we live in. But the lesson I have learned from this story is if we become more Christ like in our lives and give of our gifts and show kindness and love to others you can make a difference. You may be the only person that person meets today who shares Christ light, of hope and love. YOU Do Make a Difference!

God bless You for giving of your time, talent and treasures to make a difference in God’s Kingdom here on earth. Here’s the Starfish Story!

The Starfish Story
Original Story by: Loren Eiseley

One day a man was walking along the beach, when he noticed a boy hurriedly picking up and gently throwing things into the ocean.

Approaching the boy, he asked, “Young man, what are you doing?”

The boy replied, “Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don’t throw them back, they’ll die.”

The man laughed to himself and said, “Don’t you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can’t make any difference!”

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said, “I made a difference to that one.”

The 2017-18 school year is in full swing at St. John’s Academy. As St. John’s Academy’s endowment fund, FACE is providing almost $106,000 to the Academy this year for tuition assistance and other needs. We are excited to be part of the Academy experience for over 41 years. Thank you to our wonderful donors!
New Staff at SJA

**Peggy Vandal**

Hi! I am Peggy Vandal, and I am excited to be part of St. John’s Academy again! Our two children, Jessica and Paul attended SJA, and my husband, Steve, and I have always had a love for this school. When both our children were in school, I started working in the Faith Formation Office so I had many contacts with the teachers and students at SJA. Then I decided to go back into teaching as a substitute teacher for all the elementary schools in town which I did for the past five years. This was a great experience, and I met a lot of nice people and learned many different things from working in all the schools. I had always thought that I would continue subbing until my son graduated from high school, but the saying holds true, “If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans.” I guess God had other plans for me, and I am truly happy to be here! Since I have started back at SJA, there have been many times where my heart just overflows with gratitude, and I feel so blessed to be here. I will work hard to help bring your children closer to the Lord and to continue in their academic growth. Please feel free to contact me if you ever have any questions. God bless!

**Deb Hornung**

Hi! I am Deb Hornung and I consider it a privilege to become a part of the St. John’s staff as a part-time 3rd grade teacher. I have taught for 30 years, mostly at Gussner Elementary in Jamestown, but also in Leeds and Montpelier, ND. Along with my teaching, I have coached basketball and track at all levels. It is such a joy to help children grow and learn! My husband, Dan, is a retired math teacher, and now works at the University of Jamestown, where our son, Andrew is a sophomore. Our daughter, Madeline, is a fitness supervisor at TRAC, and is married to Tim Ranum, who teaches English and coaches in Carrington, ND.

The children bring a smile to my face each day. I have a great blessing at St. John’s Academy of helping them grow in their faith journey, as well as academics. I am surrounded by such a great team of teachers and staff members, and such great witnesses for Christ. I believe that we are all beautifully unique in God’s creation, and that we all have gifts to share. I learn from my students every day, and I hope to help them grow to their potential and go beyond.

Student Council

SJA Student Council did a sock drive and brought in 844 pairs of socks. The 6th graders will take the socks along when they visited Mary’s Place on their mission trip to Minneapolis in April.

In Memoriam

St. John’s Academy remembers our alumni, friends and family in loving prayer. We apologize for any omissions.

Robert M. Reck died August 9, 2016 – St. John’s Academy Class of 1954
Joan (Sauer) Schultz died Oct. 20, 2016 – attended St. John’s Academy
Don L. Wilhelm died Feb. 11, 2017 – Friend of St. John’s Academy
Robb Kaiser died Feb. 28, 2017 – attended St. John’s Academy
Elmer E. Kosse died April 19, 2017 – St. John’s Academy Class of 1941
Francis (Steckler) Hennings died April 25, 2017 – St. John’s Academy Class of 1953
Betty Hoye died March 16, 2017 – St. John’s Academy Class of 1950
Kathryn Richards died April 16, 2017 – Friend of St. John’s Academy
Barney Murphy died May 7, 2017 – St. John’s Academy Class of 1965
Tim Graven died May 20, 2017 – attended St. John’s Academy
Dominic Reinpold died July 21, 2017 – St. John’s Academy Class of 1953
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It's a quiet place
To come and think
It's a peaceful place
To God – a link.

There's lots of space and room
For everyone to come
No fancy clothes required
No problems are too dumb.

He's waiting there to listen
Why you're so glum and sad
He'll help you change your mood
Make it a happy day not bad.

It's a quiet place to come
And settle all your woes
It's a peaceful place to come
When You're troubled, God always knows.

God's house and door is open
A welcome sign within
An answer to a problem
Solution to a sin.

So come and tell your story
Be it a crisis or just a talk
Cause God is your best friend
He's worth the time and walk.
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In Honor of Class of “55” by Kay & Curt Vogel
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In Honor of Bette Parsons by Jim & Connie Harty

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2016-2017 Annual Fund Memorials

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In Memory of Donald Boyle by Marie Boyle
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In Memory of Jerry Baenen, Class of 1950 by Jeff & Laura Baenen
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