NATIVITY SCHOOL FOUNDATION
2026 ANNUAL MEETING

EST. 2010

Annual Meeting

Annual Report to Benefactors

PRESENTED MAY 8, 2026

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2026 ANNUAL REPORT

(PRESENTED MAY 4, 2026)

Opening Prayer

We give thanks to God for our Nativity BVM Cathedral and parish, for our Nativity BVM Elementary and for all the dedicated parishioners, staff, volunteers and benefactors supporting the church and school. We ask you for Your continued blessings and guidance as we seek to do Your will and grow Your kingdom here on earth.





MR. AND MRS. VICTOR MAVAR, SR.

Founders of the Nativity School Foundation



Victor was always asking about the Foundation and "How are we going to grow?"



History of Foundation to Today

Vision…Steady Progress

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mavar had the idea to form a foundation to help lower the cost of tuition at Nativity BVM Elementary

Mr. Victor discussed this for years at our Nativity Men's Club meetings.

2010, Victor and volunteers from Men's Club formed the Nativity School Foundation with three Board Members

2011, we expanded the board to seven Board Members

2015, we added an eighth Board Member

2018, we reached 100 donors and corpus exceeded $1,050,000 for first time – called meeting and, with Sr. Mary Jo present, board passed resolution authorizing first distribution = $300/student

October 2018, Foundation's first distribution = $51,600 (5% of corpus)

2019, we expanded to 10 board members; voted to reduce maximum distribution to 4% of corpus

As of October 2025, Foundation has made eight distributions totaling $501,701 while corpus has continued to grow.

MEET THE FOUNDATION'S BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS

Michael Bruffey, President
Peter Abide, Vice President
Stephen Theobald, Treasurer
Roland Creel, Secretary

Elizabeth Corso Joachim
Victor Mavar, Jr.
Dewey Brashier Mason
Claire Mavar Porter
Fr. Godfrey Andoh

**Victor Mavar, Sr. (passed on 9/3/2022)*





SR. MARY JOAN MIKE



Sister Mary Jo served as Principal of Nativity BVM Elementary for more than 27 years; she was very supportive of the Foundation from its inception.

Sister Mary Jo passed on January 2, 2019 and was the first to ask that donations to the Foundation be made in her memory.



PRINCIPAL TRACI KESSLER



Mrs. Kessler, a Nativity alumnus and 1991 graduate of Mercy Cross High School follows in the footsteps of beloved longtime principal Sister Mary Jo Mike.

"Being the principal of Nativity BVM Elementary, where my own education started, is a dream come true," said Kessler. "I am both humbled and honored to be able to carry on the legacy that Sister Mary Jo created and nurtured. I feel blessed to be able to share the Catholic faith with the students, teachers, and parents of Nativity."

FOUNDATION'S CORPUS IS GROWING



2018, corpus $1,050,000

2019, corpus $1,135,000

2020, corpus $1,275,000

2021, corpus $1,586,000

2022, corpus $1,600,000

2023, corpus $1,725,000

2024, corpus $1,944,000

2025, corpus $2,122,000





SEPTEMBER 30, 2020







OCTOBER 8, 2021





OCTOBER 24, 2022



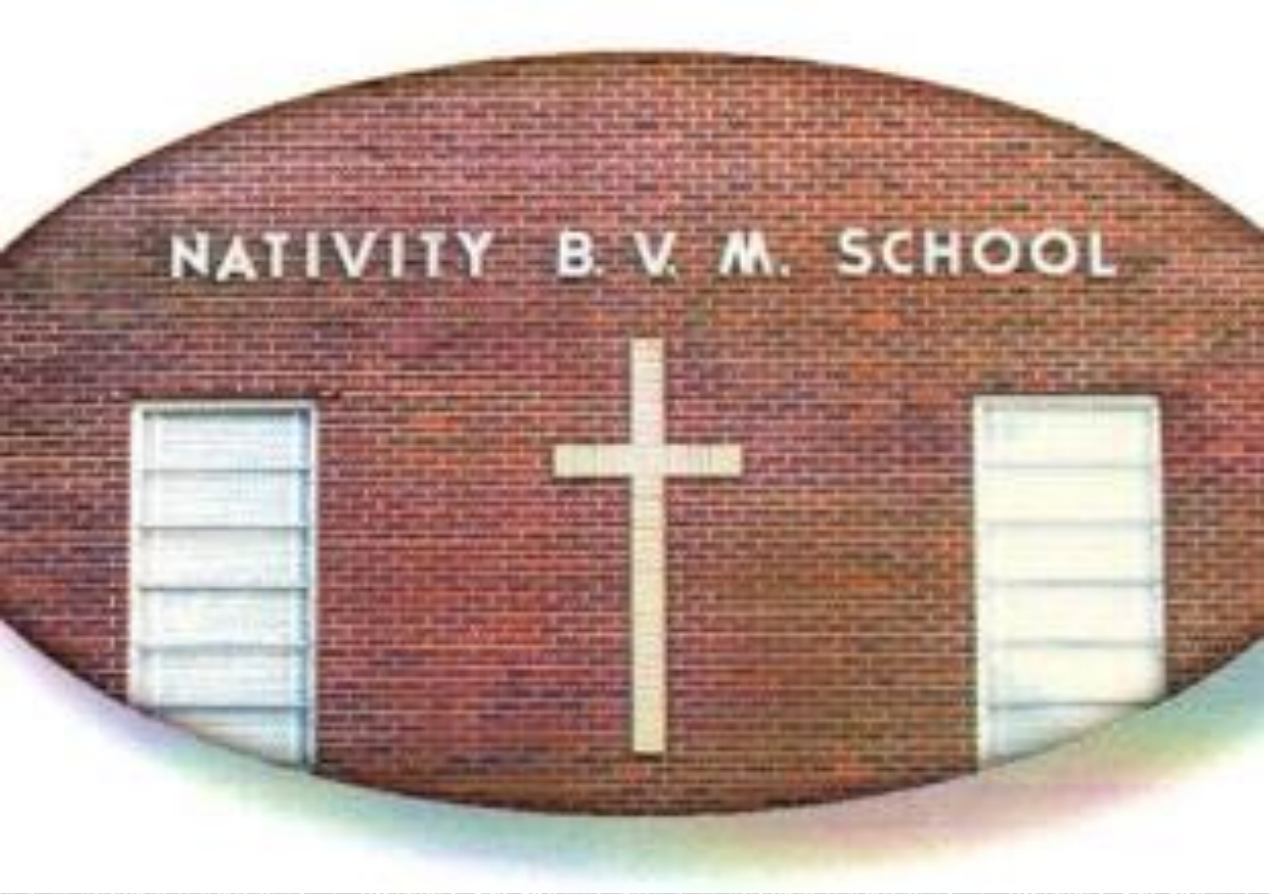


OCTOBER 10, 2023



NATIVITY B. V. M. SCHOOL

OCTOBER 15, 2024





OCTOBER 29, 2025

FOUNDATION'S DISTRIBUTIONS TO FAMILIES



$51,600, October 2018 (5%)

$44,550, October 2019 (4%)

$50,000, October 2020 (4%)

$63,457, October 2021 (4%)

$63,800, October 2022 (4%)

$68,800, October 2023 (4%)

$74,602, October 2024 (4%)

$84,892, October 2025 (4%)

Total Distributions = $501,701

FOUNDATION'S FINANCIAL STATUS



- Donations Received in 2025 = $67,272
- Distribution made in Oct. 2025 = $84,893 ($496 per student x 171)
- Balance as of January 2026

$2.055 million



OUR GOAL FOR 2026

$2.5 million

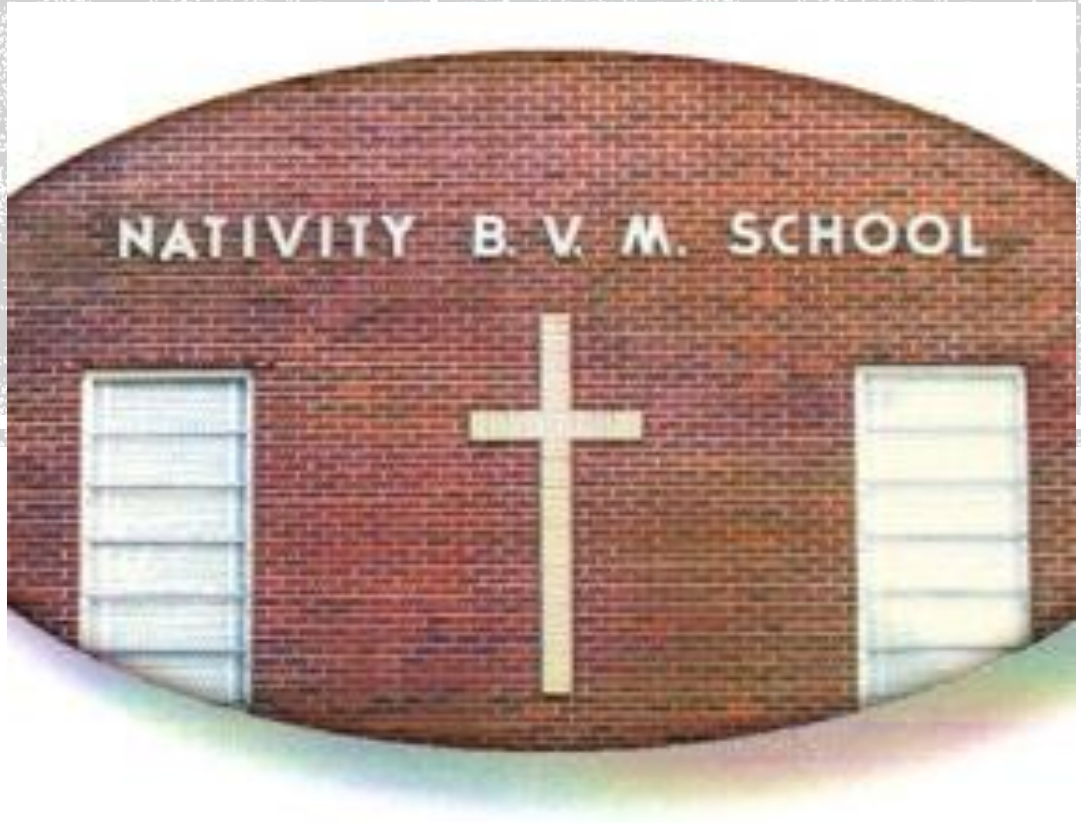
= $100,000 or $585 per student

(assuming 171 students)

"How do we get there?",
question posed by Mr. Victor …



WAYS TO SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION



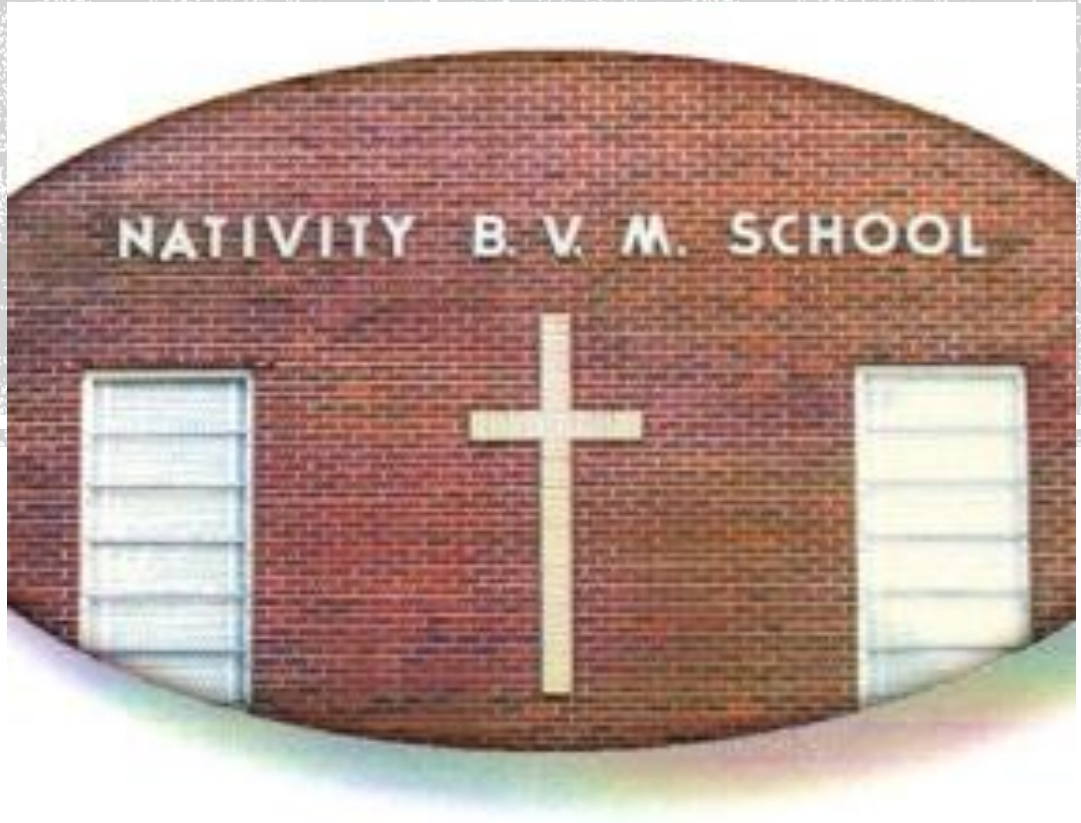
- Monthly Donors (cards available)
- Annual Donors (mail to PO Box 453, Biloxi)
- Memoriam Donations



DONATIONS TO DATE:
COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

(2010–2021) = 106
(2022) = 148
(2023) = 40
(2024) = 62
(2025) = 41

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT DONATIONS TO THE FOUNDATION



- *Today we have reached more than 400 benefactors supporting the Foundation.*
- Foundation has a specific purpose – reduces cost of tuition.
- All students benefit.
- Corpus not spent; it's a perpetual fund.

MEMORIAM

Remembering those we love…

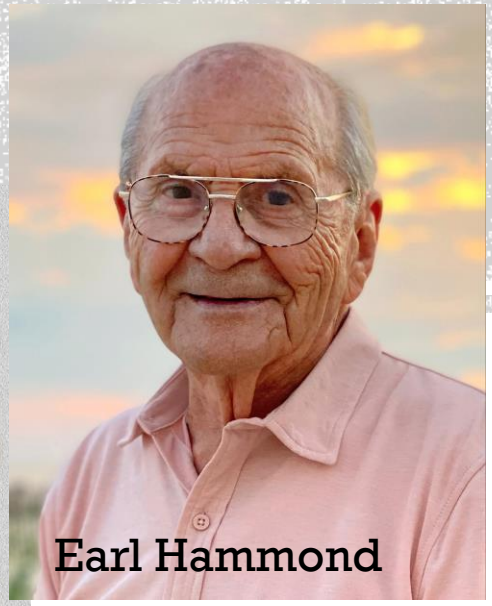


Kay Pringle Semski



Jack Joachim





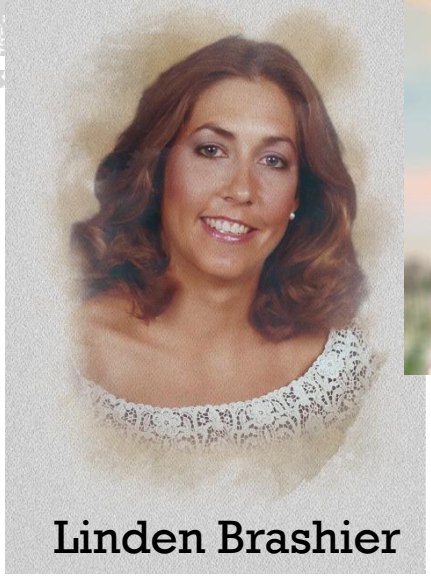
Earl Hammond



Victor Mavar, Sr.



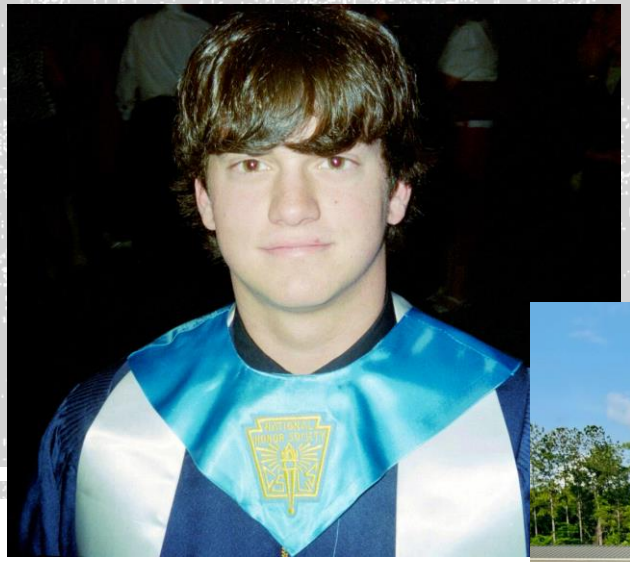
Sr. Mary Jo Mike



Linden Brashier

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The 2025 Josh Bozeman Courage Award & Scholarship





THANK YOU

PRINCIPAL KESSLER &
NATIVITY ELEMENTARY STAFF

NATIVITY PARENTS' ASSOCIATION
NATIVITY SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD
CCD VOLUNTEERS

TERRY MADDOX (MUSIC VOLUNTEERS)
FR. GODFREY & FR. BART

AND SO MANY MORE…
FOR YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT
NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NATIVITY SCHOOL FOUNDATION

- Annual Meeting (May 4, 2026)
- Annual Report to Benefactors
- For more info, go to www.nativityschoolfoundation.org

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN SUPPORTING THE



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