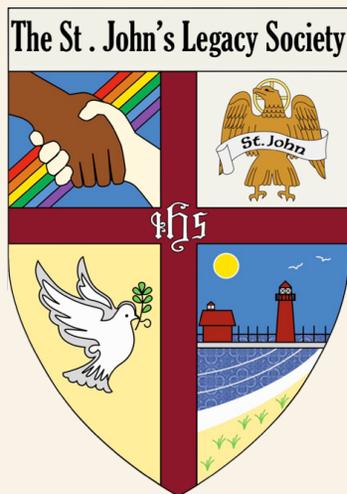
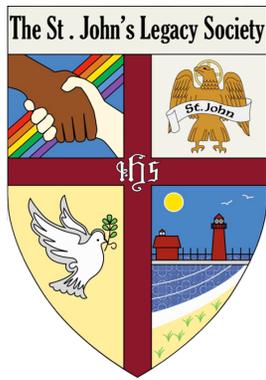


For more information, or to fill out an application to join the Legacy Society, please contact the Parish Office or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SJELegacy>



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# What's your legacy?

## AN ENDURING IMPACT

### WHAT IS THE LEGACY SOCIETY?

The SJE Legacy Society is a group of those currently living who have chosen to include St. John's in their estate planning and have given the Parish Office a record of the designation.

### WHAT IS THE VISION OF THE LEGACY SOCIETY?

The SJE Legacy Society's vision is to encourage careful consideration and planning of estate matters and to invite all those who support the ministry of St. John's to make an enduring gift to our Endowment, ensuring our ministry remains strong and vibrant. These gifts are acts of hope for the future of our parish and they resonate throughout our parish history.

### WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THE LEGACY SOCIETY?

When someone becomes a member, their name is added to a plaque outside the nave doors in honor and recognition of their gift. Once a year, all Legacy Society members will be honored at an Annual Members' Dinner. Additionally, the Rector and Vestry may reach out to the Legacy Society for consultation when they are discerning a question on the life and ministry of the parish, so that they may keep the long view in mind.

When someone dies, their name remains on the plaque until the next Members' Dinner. At that Dinner, their name is read aloud and is recorded in our Memorial Book, along with a record of their gift.



### WHAT CONSTITUTES A LEGACY SOCIETY GIFT?

A legacy gift is intended to provide long-term financial support or other on-going benefits for the church in memory of an individual or family. A legacy gift is recognized as a gift to strengthen church finances, equity, structure, or value for the future. Generally, there are three types of gifts that would result in membership in the Legacy Society:

1. When someone makes provision in their will for an estate gift of any amount to be given to the parish at the time of their death and also records the provision for that gift with the Parish. *This is the most common.*
2. When someone makes a substantial gift to the Consolidated Endowment Fund, usually more than \$10,000, before they die. *Gifts of a lower amount to the Endowment Fund may still be recognized with membership in the Legacy Society upon recommendation from the Legacy Society Committee and action of the Parish Vestry.*
3. When someone makes a substantial gift to the ministry of parish, usually with a value of more than \$10,000, using funds that would normally have been given at time of death. *This usually happens when someone had intended a significant bequest in their estate, but decides to give the gift while they are still living so they may see the fruits of their gift before they die. Gifts of a lower amount that have a legacy aspect to their donation may still be recognized with membership in the Legacy Society upon recommendation from the Legacy Society Committee and action of the Parish Vestry.*