



Sisters of St. Joseph
Mission & Ministries Foundation
2023 Impact Report

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ULTIMATE PURPOSE

Unite with community members to advance the SSJ mission and continue responding to the ever-changing needs of the era and area for generations to come.



DEFINING MISSION

Build resources to support the congregation, its ministries, and other like-minded organizations.



HOPEFUL VISION

Together, we will invite others to join us in mission by giving from their blessings to build a community of compassion while serving our neighbors, especially those in need.

PURPOSE - *The SSJs' creativity thrives in GAMEStvs' Art Class with Lee Steadman – more on pages 8 and 9*

MISSION - *Sr. Mary Fromknecht, SSJ, presents Mabel Howard, Bethany Outreach Center Executive Director, with their first gift from the Thanksgiving Fund – more on page 14*

VISION - *Donors like Ron and Ann DiVecchio (sitting left and center) shared lunch and the gratitude of the Sisters – more on pages 2 through 36*

We are committed to building a community of compassion and service to our neighbor.

Partner with Us



In 2023, the Sisters of St. Joseph Mission and Ministries Foundation created a new Website, Facebook page, and monthly newsletter to share the Foundation's good works.

These three communication outlets will remind us of the Sisters' past, convey current information, and acknowledge and thank those who engage with the Foundation. We will inspire others to make a future connection by supporting the Sisters' mission and their ministries.



Check us out!

Join our Facebook community at <https://www.facebook.com/ssjmmf>

Visit our website at www.ssjmmf.org for news, videos, events and more!



Compassionate Loving Caring Present Authentic



SSJ LEADERSHIP: (L-R): PHYLLIS MCCRACKEN, SSJ; MARY DREXLER, SSJ; CAROL MOREHOUSE, SSJ
SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

As I reflect on my life as a Sister of St. Joseph, many thoughts, ideas, and words come to mind. As a true SSJ, I pray my encounters with God's people bring a compassionate presence to all whom I meet; that sense of compassion that would stop to wash another's feet as Jesus does for his disciples at the Last Supper.

Recently, I saw Pope Francis wash the feet of women prisoners at the Holy Thursday service. He encounters each woman with a genuine, authentic look of love and care. As he completed the washing of feet, he bent over and kissed the feet of each woman as he looked on her with compassion. What Jesus did...what Pope Francis did...I, we must do.

I am happy to introduce the Sisters of St. Joseph Mission & Ministries Foundation Impact Report. You will see the genuine love and care you shared with the Sisters, ministries, and our neighbors in 2023.

Also, on this page and those that follow, you will see single words our Sisters use to describe both themselves as a Sister of St. Joseph and the congregation. I find it easy to equate these same words with you, our donors.

On behalf of the Sisters, Leadership, the Foundation, our ministries, and those we serve, we are moved with your compassion and grateful for your gifts.

God bless,

Mary Drexler, SSJ

Mary Drexler, SSJ
President
Sisters of St. Joseph
of Northwestern Pennsylvania



2023 DONORS

The SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation is proud to share the 2023 Donor Roll for the Sisters of St. Joseph in Northwestern PA. By their gifts, over 1,600 individuals, grantors, and businesses made a significant impact in the lives of the Sisters and those they serve. Many donors honored and remembered family, friends, SSJs, classmates, and more. As you take time to read the names, remember our thanks and the Sisters' prayerful gratitude for your continuing generosity.

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Sister Jim in her work as an educator...she exemplified Christ's commandment of "love one another as I have loved you." I will miss her.

J.S., Madison, AL

Gentleness Relational *Patient* Aspirational



Jim and Mary Claire Kennedy, SSJ



I recently planted some seeds in a few containers in my office. While I am longing for the taste of fresh tomatoes, my eyes are on the sunflowers. The other day, it was pure joy when I saw the first growth stretch from beneath the soil. Now the hard part. I have to be patient and await its growth.

Trustees are a lot like gardeners. Along with donors we plant the seeds and await the growth. Our relationship is tangible and aspirational. I hope you feel joy in the seeds that you have planted through your generosity. Some of them are just taking root; others have burst forth and have borne fruit. Oh, what JOY.

Jim Bird, Chair
Sisters of St. Joseph Mission & Ministries Foundation

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 Thanks for all of your prayers and the beautiful prayer shawl. I am getting stronger every day. I will cherish the shawl the rest of my life.
 F.M., Sanford, NC

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 Prayers to our donors who passed during 2023. These gifts are noted with a '+'

ERIE GIVES DAY 2023

THANK YOU for your generosity to the Sisters and their Foundation on Erie Community Foundation's Erie Gives Day, Tuesday, August 8!



We smashed our goal of 40 new donors with a total of 112, increasing our one-day donors by 61%. This increase moved us to the top of the donor leaderboard, ranking us 18th out of 493 nonprofits. The total raised, which includes the 5.8% gross prorated match, was **\$39,688.98**. We surpassed last year's total by over \$13,000.

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Dear Sisters of St. Joseph,
I am writing today to thank you for the generous donation you made to Kind Veg! Our work is a labor of love and run by volunteers who, with your help, further our mission of helping the poor obtain healthy food. We also help to reduce climate change. Thank you so much for your support! Sincerely, *Kind Veg, Erie, PA*

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Dear Friends of Bethany,
With the generous support of people like you, the Bethany Outreach Center is positioned to help many families and individuals not only meet their essential daily needs, but to work toward hope for life change. Yours in a better community.
Bethany Outreach Center, Erie, PA

SOAR! Spring Grant - GAMESts - a two-year program including Gardening, Art, Music, and Exercise for our Sisters

The Sisters are blessed with extraordinary caring professionals for this 24-month program. They include:

- **GARDENING** - SSJ Staff and Sisters who keep a year-round plan using accessible garden beds, self-watering planters, and grow lamps
- **ART** - Lee Steadman, world-renown artist - leesteadmanstudios@gmail.com
- **MUSIC** - Brittany Barko Krugger, M.M., MT-BC, NMT; Mercyhurst University - Director, Musical Therapy Program, Assistant Professor, and Director of Liturgical Music
- **EXERCISE** - Thomas Hudson, PT; SSJ Associate; Gannon University, Assistant Professor, retired - Pediatrics and Adult Neurology



SSJs Colette Palmer and Mary Drexler



Sr. Maria Assumpta Ruza, SSJ, shows Tom her strength



Mary Francis Becker, SSJ, and Mary Ellen Dwyer, SSJ

A huge thank you to Del and Bill Becker for supporting GAMESts in memory of Bill's and Del's sister and sister-in-law Mary Francis Becker, SSJ (1940-2019). What a wonderful way to remember Sr. Mary Francis' passion for the arts.



After a fun workout, GAMESts supporters Bill and Del Becker (blue and black shirts) pose with the Sisters and staff



Deb Seng, Lee Steadman, Brittany Barko Krugger, Tom Hudson, Nancy Prenatt, SSJ, and Norma Hiller

Norma Hiller, Activities Coordinator:

Lee is a gem! The Sisters are blessed to not only work with a master painter and instructor, but he puts them all at ease, reminding them there are no mistakes in art so enjoy the process. The class is filled with accomplishments, laughter, and he always brings cookies!

Brittany is an inspirational music instructor; the Sisters love her! They look forward to her classes and especially enjoy the singing.

Tom is an enthusiastic and incredible physical therapist who is making a difference in our Sisters' lives. The Sisters leave the class feeling uplifted after a challenging but energizing workout. They always come back for more!

Sr. Jean Baptiste DiLuzio, SSJ:

Tom Hudson's exuberance is infectious! He challenges each of us to reach our potential. Not only do the sisters get an amazing workout, We have fun as well! We love Tom!

Sr. Catherine Manning, SSJ:

Internationally acclaimed artist Lee Steadman has opened a whole new world of enjoyment and accomplishment for us! His remarkable teaching, encouragement and humor are most refreshing. During his classes we are being led to "see" - and to set aside the notion that "I am not an artist." Learning painting techniques and color combinations has been fascinating. As we put our paintings on display each week, we leave eager for the next class!

Sr. Nancy Prenatt, SSJ:

Our sessions with Brittany have been joyful times of singing songs with various themes and having the opportunity to compose our own songs celebrating joy and gratitude for our communal call and response. We look forward to our time with Brittany each month.

Deb Seng, Director of Sister Services:

Many Sisters that have raised vegetables and flowers this summer, are looking forward to being able to grow things during the winter months. Some of the Sisters plan to start their outdoor gardens from seed during the winter.



Support Our Aging Religious

\$11,930 SOAR! Fall Grant Upgrade of the network-switching technology and Wi-Fi connectivity for the SSJ Community Living Center

Over eighty private rooms, offices, stations, and activity areas received an IT network upgrade for all attached devices and access points. Four new transceivers, linking two of the network switches with fiber connection instead of ethernet (when was the last time you have seen the word ethernet?!), were installed for greater sending and receiving speed. The Sisters' quality of life continues to increase with each technology advancement!



NOTE: As of the printing of this report, the new equipment will be installed June 2024.

Srs. Angela Marie Servidea, SSJ, Mary Helen Forney, SSJ, and Nancy Prenatt, SSJ



Thank you! These grant projects would not happen without the leadership and teamwork of each department that cares for the Sisters. Thank you to the SSJ Leadership, Trustees, and dedicated staff members from Finance, IT, Resident Care, Worship, Sisters' Services, Food Service, Quality of Life office, and Facility Maintenance.

Out with
the
Old...



In with
the
New!

Styles & Smiles!



**Congratulations to
Jude Marie Talerico, SSJ,
for the winning name of the
hair salon, *Styles & Smiles!***

\$18,000 Norbert H. Hardner Foundation Summer Grant - accessible and aesthetic renovation of the Sisters' Hair Salon

The SSJ Community Living Center was built in 1993. After 30 years, the hair salon received a much-needed renovation and equipment update and thanks to the Hardner Foundation, received \$18,000 to make that happen!

A special thank you to Cass Shimek, SSJ Leadership Executive Assistant, and Brian Tenney, Maintenance Manager, for coordinating the many details of the project.

The Foundation would also like to thank Angela and Chris Fatica of Angelo's Salon Development Group for their guidance and generosity with *Styles & Smiles*. It is all the more special because of their expertise and participation!

NOTE: The 2024 Impact Report will have all the details of the naming and dedication.



*Maria Assumpta Ruza, SSJ,
and Josephine DePetro, SSJ*

Yes!

Hard workers

Mary Ann Cochran

*in memory of the deceased postulants
of 1957 and in honor of
Sr. Jude Marie Talerico, SSJ*

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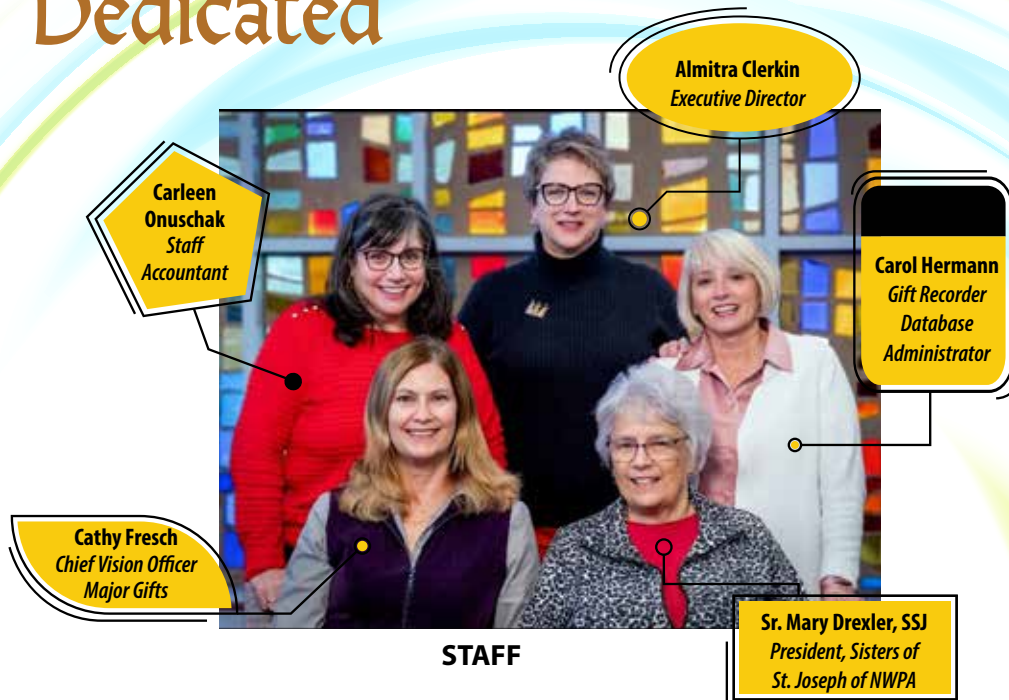
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Dear Sisters,
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Here is something we all know...

...with their endless devotion to God, the Sisters of St. Joseph are dedicated to serving others.

Here is something I have learned as part of the Sisters of St. Joseph Mission & Ministries Foundation...

...the Sisters have made an overwhelming promise to care for each other on this life-long journey of service.

Together, the Sisters' loyalty is amplified in their exemplary prayers, words, and actions. Your support of the Sisters in *our* collective mission is loyalty too, as evident in your faithful gift giving.

The Foundation is here to put your contributions to work for the Sisters' personal, congregational, and ministerial efforts. Your gifts are treasured signs that you value the Sisters and their mission and trust the Foundation Board to wisely steward your gifts. We are grateful for your loyalty.

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**A special thank you to the businesses who chose to gift the Foundation
 with their generosity in 2023:**

35th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for 1,300 meals:

Allegheny Health Network/Saint Vincent Hospital - side dishes

**Gannon University and Metz Culinary Management - venue,
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Shepherd's Green Community Food Pantry and Kind Veg received their first gift from the Thanksgiving Fund



The Kang Family with Cass Shimek (left) and Sr. Marianne Stuckert, SSJ, (center), Thanksgiving 2023

35th Thanksgiving Dinner and Appeal - a Tradition of Caring

The Foundation is happy to pass on our gratitude to the Thanksgiving donors and volunteers who chose to take extra care to feed our neighbors in 2023. Thank you for understanding it is a blessing to give; a blessing that comes back a hundredfold!

In 1988, Sisters Teresa Marie Bohren, SSJ, and Mary Fromknecht, SSJ, answered a phone call from Peter Lyons to join in a "Friends of Thanksgiving dinner for the poor and lonely." Their resounding "Yes!" began a fulfilling annual event in the lives of those we serve and those who care for them.

1988 - 2023

- meals served grew from 140 to 1,300
- dinners took place at the Marketplace Grill and Gannon University, and through home deliveries
- over 33,500 meals were served
- over \$1.1 million was raised through the Thanksgiving Appeal and \$865,000 was granted to 74 unique area nonprofits to feed neighbors year-round

In 2023:

- partners in the dinner included AHN/Saint Vincent, Erie Parking Authority, Metz Culinary Management, Gannon University, and Wegmans
- 60 volunteers took meal reservations, cooked, packaged, and delivered over 1,300 meals
- 648 donors made 656 gifts
- the Sisters re-established their Staff Penny Challenge, raising over \$900
- Peter Lyons awarded his annual gift of \$500 to the *SSJ Neighborhood Network*
- Gannon University and Metz Culinary Management awarded their annual gift of \$500 to the *United Way Community School Stores*
- \$67,414 was raised and over \$69,600 was granted to 61 unique nonprofit organizations to feed neighbors year-round



Sr. Linda Fusco, SSJ (left), and Sr. Mary Drexler, SSJ (right), thank the Blessed Sacrament students for their colorful holiday notes included with the Thanksgiving Meals



In recognition of the 35th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, the Sisters of St. Joseph established the **Teresa Marie Bohren, SSJ, Memorial Award**. Sister passed away on May 12, 2023. The recipient of this \$500 annual award was chosen by the Thanksgiving Dinner volunteers, voting for their top-three agencies. Votes were tabulated and the organization receiving the highest number of votes was *SafeNet*. Congratulations!

Since 2015 and the start of the SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation, over \$582,000 was raised and \$491,000 was granted to 60+ nonprofit unique organizations.

Dear Sisters,
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God's Blessing to all the great Sisters of St. Joseph - I was sad and grateful when I saw the news of Sr. Martha Ann being born to eternal life. She had a tremendously positive impact on my spiritual life. While I'm sad she is no longer with us, I'm very grateful for her life of service to all of us. Please accept this small donation in support of the wonderful work the Sisters of St. Joseph do every day.
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Sisters,

My late Godmother, Patricia Joyce M. of
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by members of your order, starting in the late
1950s. The grace she received went forward in the
many lives she went on to touch. Thank you!

C. A., Washington, PA



ST. JAMES HAVEN

2023 turned out to be a year of incredible expansion for St. James Haven. We assisted 130 guests and provided 2,865 bed nights - the highest number of bed nights the shelter has offered since its 1996 opening. Our community provided 215 nightly meals to feed our guests.

The Sisters of St. Joseph Mission & Ministries Foundation and other generous donors helped the Haven with increased security - a concrete retaining wall, privacy fencing, and a new black top. A new air conditioner was installed, and seven new, sturdier bunk beds were delivered. Also, countless donations of essentials were received daily to make our shelter run efficiently.

2023 proved to be an excellent year of fundraising, starting with our monthly "Drive-Thru" Community Dinners, providing a home-cooked meal. In gratitude, thank yous ranged from a smile to a donation.

We held our annual fall "Sound Off for St. James Haven" worship-concert event at the shelter. This fun-filled afternoon included live worship music performed by local churches, delicious food from several local food trucks, and Haven tours.

St. James Haven is blessed with two amazing Resident Managers who oversee the nightly operation of the Haven, and an Executive Director who works closely with local social service agencies to assist our guests as they transition into independent living. The Board and volunteers provide support, food, time, and talents.

We could not be more pleased with the success of our mission and look forward to what 2024 will bring!

Samantha Stump, Executive Director



ST. PATRICK'S HAVEN

Thanks to a generous 2023 award of \$25,000 from the Sisters of St. Joseph Mission & Ministries Foundation, St. Patrick's Haven continued providing our guests with a safe and welcoming environment. The Foundation's support helped cover the cost of security, housing, and furniture, along with upgrades to the security system, fire alarm, and new insulation as a result of the 2022 fire.



St. Patrick's Haven resumed operations at 239 East 12th Street in Erie last July with not only the generous support and prayers of the Sisters of

St. Joseph but donations from the Erie Community, and those who support and volunteer with our ministry. We would not be back without you.

The Haven assisted 251 men, providing a total of 6,692 beds to guests in 2023.

On average:

- we provided 20 beds each night
- the length of a single stay was eight days
- the total time spent at the Haven was 27 days

Twenty-two guests stayed at the Haven for over 100 days, and the longest stay was 349 days.

Over half of the people who stay with us live with a mental health problem. Around 40% have a long-term illness or a disability, and almost one-third drink alcohol or take drugs. On any given night, five veterans stay with us, averaging 10% of all the guests who are welcome at St. Patrick's Haven.

Shelby Folga, Executive Director



SSJ NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

Our mission and service to Erie is rooted in, and fed by, the generosity of so many. This enables us to add those life-giving energies which nurture the growth of our 'dear neighbor.' Our obligation is paramount, and we celebrated many milestones in 2023.

- The 2023 Sisters of St. Joseph Mission & Ministries Foundation Grant of \$25,000 was used to complete a Unified Neighborhood Plan.
- The SSJNN embarked on a new six-year cycle of funding with our tax credit partners through the PA DCED Neighborhood Partnership Program (NPP).
- A joyful event in Little Italy was held in May with partner Highmark Health and their subsidiary United Concordia Dental.
- We honored Bhutanese refugees Anil and Dirpa Pradhan, who graduated from the NPP-funded Genesis Homebuying Program in 2020.
- The 10th year of the Little Italy Farmers Market kicked off in June. The mission stays rooted in providing healthy, affordable, and local produce to the people of Erie while bringing our neighbors together. We provided a record \$18,000 in market match bonus bucks for SNAP, WIC, and FMNP voucher shoppers.
- In the fall we dedicated Anthony's Garden, the former Namaste Garden, next to Larry's Market on Sassafra, honoring our beloved late Anthony Cortes. This space will serve as an expanded produce garden and educational space for all.
- After a combined 17 years of tireless service to making a lasting difference in our neighborhoods, Lora Caldwell and Margarita Dangel retired. Their compassion and zeal for our neighbors, volunteers, donors, and more cannot be commended enough.
- We welcomed new team members Patrice Swick and Jennifer Kennedy, both longtime supporters of the SSJNN.



Heather Caspar, Executive Director, and Susannah Faulkner, Development Director



SAINT MARY'S HOME ASBURY RIDGE

In 2023, we served over 300 seniors and their families. The mission of *Loving to Care* was brought to life by more than 180 employees and 43 volunteers. Asbury Ridge also served as a clinical site to more than 250 nursing and therapy students attending local schools and training programs. We completed two major facility projects including the expansion of the Carriage Homes at Asbury Ridge and the renovations in Residential Living and Personal Care to create four two-bedroom apartments.

We were honored to represent senior care in the Erie region with a visit from Dr. Valerie Arkoosh, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. Dr. Arkoosh toured the Personal Care facility while hearing first-hand from the residents and staff the importance of the services Saint Mary's provided seniors and their families in our corner of the state.

Residents were engaged and active in many fun events, keeping busy with popular activities such as a baking group and therapy dogs visits. Outdoor games, including the new Bocce Court - funded through the 2023 Sisters of St. Joseph Mission & Ministries Foundation - summer picnics, gardening, and community outings were highlights for many!

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Dear Sisters of St. Joseph,

Sr. James Francis is the reason I went to VMC back in 1970. She had befriended my mother at a course they were both taking. Sister suggested to Mom that I might enjoy Villa Maria College. I was an awkward, insecure teenager. Villa turned me into a secure and self-assured woman. It was a perfect fit! Sr. James Francis (and my Mom!) were correct as usual! *M.R., Edinboro, PA*



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Saint Boniface Food Pantry, Erie, PA.

Dear Sisters,
Please accept these donations in memory of our mom.
Mom was a long-time tenant of Heritage Apts.
Sr. Margaret Frank could not have been more helpful to not only mom, but to me in those last hard months. As the days and weeks and months pass by, we continue to return to our new normal, and are comforted by where mom is now, thanks to our friends and family. Please keep mom in your prayers & again, thank you and God Bless.
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Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, Erie, PA

Dear Sisters,
Please accept this donation on behalf of a few members of the VMA Class of 1971. We meet frequently for breakfast and to share our lives whenever one of us has a surgery, etc., we collect money for meals, comfort gifts, etc. Recently one of our classmates had a hip replacement and additional money was sent to me after we had already provided gift cards for meals for her. When I asked the classmate who prefers to remain anonymous, what she preferred we purchase for her, she decided to donate to the Sisters of St. Joseph "because it was the SSJ's and our beloved VMA that brought us all together." Our friendships have lasted over 50 years.
We are grateful to all of you, VMA Class of 1971

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Dear Sister,
As a young girl at Villa, I struggled scholastically but Sr. Phyllis DiFuccia helped me to see that my strengths were perhaps in other areas of life. I'm reminded of the life lessons from VMA constantly.
C.D., Laramie, WY

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Dear, Almi, Ms. Seng, and the Sisters of St. Joseph, "This food assistance is very helpful for our family. It helps us to have adequate food for our daughter and fill the gaps so we can get through the week. St. Martin Center is a blessing to our family." – Diane receives assistance from the food pantry. Your faithful support continues to turn a difficult situation around for this family and many others. Thank you for making it possible for us to change lives in our community. With thanks, many thanks! *St. Martin Center, Erie, PA*

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Thank you for remembering my family in your prayers. Please remember them again as it helps those of us who love them so much. Thank you, M.B., Naples, FL

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sisters in the sun

Outdoor Bench Campaign

The SSJs are Sitting Pretty!



The Sisters of St. Joseph live in a lovely Community Living Center (CLC) on a sprawling campus filled with nature's seasonal beauty. Now, they are blessed that their friends, family, and students have dotted their surroundings with 20 benches in which to relax and enjoy the great outdoors.

The Foundation hoped to place 12 benches, easily accessible every 50 yards or so around the property. We were thrilled that the desire to provide the Sisters this outdoor comfort grew to 20 benches!

The jaunt between benches, mapped out with great care by Deb Seng, Director of Sister Services, and Brian Tenney, Maintenance Manager, is a good walking distance to the next bench for a respite and another unique view.

The donor's message on each bench is distinctive. We hope you can visit and see all the unique messages while experiencing joy and fun as you sit with a Sister in the Sun!



(Top left, clockwise) Fr. Jerry Simmons blesses the benches; Sr. Mary and Cathy supervise Facility crew members Don Olson and Dave Cook; benches before assembly; Sisters Lucille DeStefano, SSJ, and Marjorie Adams, SSJ, enjoy the sunshine; Sr. Mary, and Mike & Sue Drexler try out their family bench; Sr. Mary Arnold Tann, SSJ, and Sr. Mary Rita Kubn, SSJ, sit on the bench donated in their honor by VMA Class of '70

Thank you to our **sisters in the sun** Bench Campaign Donors:

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Carry these Sisters in your minds and hearts. Their presence and faithful work in the world - along with that of many others like them - is worthy of respect, support, and honor. E.W., North East, PA



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Dear Sisters,

As I read the petite journeys, I found/saw a picture of a Sister in her habit. It brought me back to 1948 when I went to Erie, PA to go to Saint Vincent School of Nursing. The Sisters helped me graduate to become an RN. It was nice to have that time brought back to me. God Bless.
M.P., Westfield, NY

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Dear Sisters,

It's hard to put into words how grateful I am.

Thank you for all the meals, hugs, and the beautiful smiles. C.D., Emporium, PA

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Dear Sisters,

I just finished the Thanksgiving meal that you so very kindly provided. It was excellent. Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in the preparation and delivery. God Bless all of you.

J.P., Erie, PA

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Dear Sisters,
Thank you for everything your ministry is doing.
You are always in our prayers. W.G., Crossville, TN

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Dear Sisters,
 God Bless you for all you do for others. Regards,
 T.G., Pinehurst, NC

Jane Marie Zawacki
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 Srs. Margaret Arcella Proesl, SSJ,
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 and Anita James Gausman, SSJ*

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 Dora Zimmer
*in honor of Journey Jean, Marie
 Lauren, Liz Peapples, and Joanne
 Barry and in memory of Dave Arata*

Caroline Zimmerman
*in honor of
 Sr. Marilyn Zimmerman, SSJ*

Jane Zimmerman
in memory of Mary Humaney
 Rosalind and John Zimmerman

Helen Joyce Zipper

Betty Zito
 Carolyn C. Zur



Beauty

Winter 2023

Dear Sisters,
 Thank you so much for the delicious Thanksgiving
 dinner. It was very good. I really enjoyed it. God
 bless all of you wonderful Sisters of St. Joseph for
 what you do. J.W., Erie, PA

In Memoriam

2023

Well done, good and faithful servant.

Matthew 25:23



James Francis Mulligan, SSJ
April 2, 1925 - February 26, 2023
76 years of religious life



Teresa Marie Bohren, SSJ
July 2, 1930 - May, 18 2023
74 years of religious life



Elizabeth (Betty) Ruza, SSJ
April 1, 1936 - December 15, 2023
69 years of religious life
(formerly Sr. Mary Olive)

The SSJ Mission & Ministries

Prayer Shawl Ministry of Comfort and Love

If you or someone you know would benefit from the comfort offered by the Sisters of St. Joseph through a special prayer shawl, please contact Cathy Fresch, SSJ Mission & Ministries Chief Vision Officer, at 814-836-4253, cathy.fresch@ssjerie.org, or <https://ssjmmf.org/ministries/#prayers>.

Prayer Shawls lovingly made by

Margaret Gardner

Heartfelt Hands Ministry - Sacred Heart Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. John's/Holy Rosary Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. Joseph Church/ Bread of Life Community

and many others



Dear Sisters in Christ,

I cannot begin to tell you how much the gift of the beautiful prayer shawl meant to me. Knowing that it was made in prayer was a very special blessing to me. It came at a time I needed it in my life. My love and prayers to you. *C.O., Erie, PA*

*Thanks for supporting
our ministries.*



(Left standing and sitting) Allen Bonace, President & CEO, and Emma Berkstresser, Director of Marketing & Development - Saint Mary's Home Asbury Ridge; (Center standing) Samantha Stump, Executive Director - St. James Haven, (Center sitting) Shelby Folga, Executive Director - St. Patrick's Haven, (Right standing and sitting) Heather Caspar, Executive Director, and Susannah Faulkner, Development Director - SSJ Neighborhood Network

A VISIT TO OUR FRIENDS IN NORTH CAROLINA

The Foundation Team ventured to North Carolina in April to thank our donors for their support. Sun and fun were abundant!

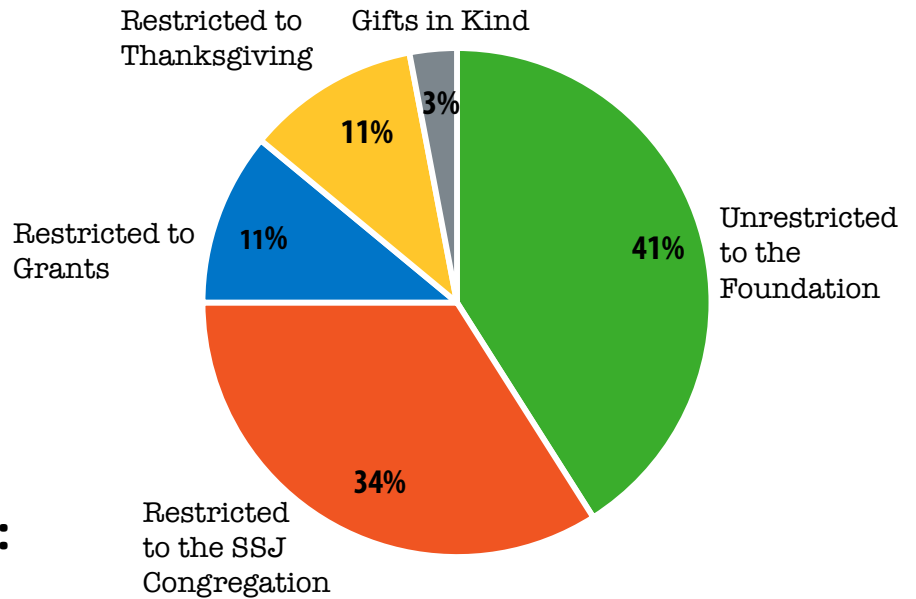
(Top left, clockwise) Cathy, Carol and Almi spent a sunny afternoon with Larry Bindseil; Captain Carol showed our friends a wonderful afternoon on her pontoon boat; A member of an award-winning dance troupe called Sophisticated Ladies, Paula Barrett (second from left) and her friends, following a show at a Pinehurst senior center, auditioned four new dancers; Sr. Mary joined our visit with Michael Barrett.



2023 marks the Sisters of St. Joseph Mission & Ministries Foundation ninth year of doing good works as an SSJ sponsored Ministry. The Foundation supports the Sisters and our neighbors through your philanthropic giving and our Board of Trustees' commitment to excellent oversight.

We know that growing the Foundation is important to the Sisters and their unwavering donors. Thank you for your continued confidence in our organization and your selfless resolve to support the Sisters now and in the future.

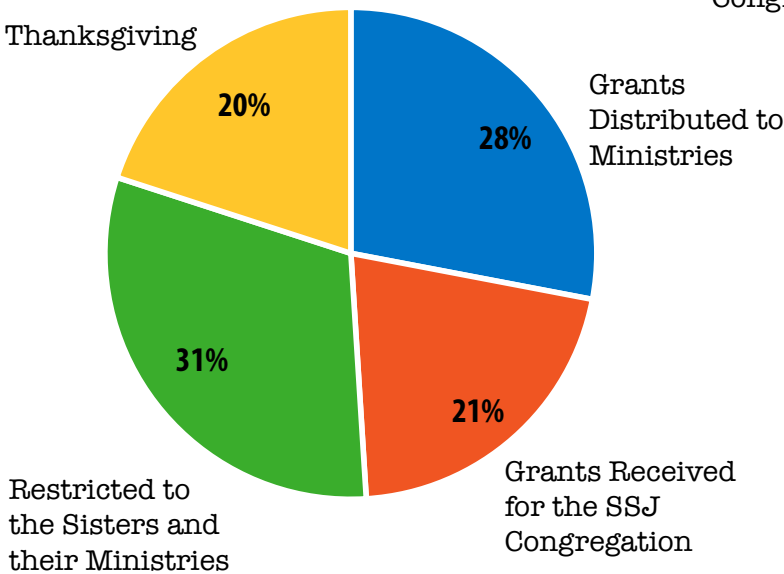
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As we look into the future, we will continue to be there to fund and advocate for the work of the Sisters and their ministries.

*Brittany Taylor,
 Trustee - Secretary / Treasurer*

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It is my hope to contribute to further the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Their tireless effort advances a sense of community that reflects God's love for all people.

*Ernie DiSantis,
 Trustee - Grantmaking Committee*



Prayerful

Thoughtful



with gratitude

2024 SPRING APPEAL

God's grace is at work in **YOU**,

just like God's grace inspired the hearts, minds, and actions of the first six Sisters of St. Joseph in Le Puy, France, nearly 375 years ago, and beginning 165 years ago with our Sisters in the Erie Region. Fast forward to today and you will see the loving SSJs continuing their unbreakable union with God and neighbor.

The Sisters' lives are directed by 100 Maxims of Perfection, written in 1560 by Jean-Pierre Médaille, SJ, a Jesuit Priest who was instrumental in the founding of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The maxims emphasize a life of spirituality and a person's relationship with God, others, and self. They not only continue to inspire the Sisters in their grace-filled work, but the maxims are a confirmation of who **YOU** are:

- o In your faith, *you accept as much grace as God gives you.*
- o In your kindness, *you do ordinary good with extraordinary care.*
- o In your generosity, *you serve the needs of our time.*

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Thank you for mirroring the faith, kindness, and generosity of the Sisters of St. Joseph.



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2024 FOUNDATION EVENTS

**August
13**

Erie Gives Day

Support Erie nonprofits, including the Sisters of St. Joseph and the SSJ ministries - Saint Mary's Home of Erie, The SSJ Neighborhood Network, St. James Haven, and St. Patrick's Haven



**October
19**

SSJ Foundation Day

Enjoy a French-themed Soiree with the SSJs to celebrate the founding of the Sisters of St. Joseph of NWPA.



**November
28**

36th Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner & Appeal

Help us continue to serve over 1,300 neighbors and support more than 60 organizations in our community.
GOAL: \$100,000



**December
3**

#iGive Catholic Giving Day

Support Catholic organizations including the Sisters of St. Joseph through the SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation and the SSJ ministries - Saint Mary's Home of Erie, The SSJ Neighborhood Network, St. James Haven, and St. Patrick's Haven



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