

# FOUNDATION NEWS

for the SSJ Sisters, Agrégées, Associates,  
Ministries, Trustees & Staff



## VENEZ CÉLÉBRER!

"COME CELEBRATE"

...AND THEY DID!



Over 125 Sisters and donors celebrated the SSJ Foundation Day at the Oct. 19 Soirée!

Delicious food & drink and beautiful art filled the hours with joyful camaraderie.

The Sisters' paintings, under the direction of GAMEStRs artist

Lee Steadman, were a hit. As of last count, **31 donors gifted \$4,210!**



Christine and Warren Beaver thank Sr. Catherine Manning and all the SSJ for their 164 years of prayful love and service.

Carol Hermann, Foundation Team member, purchased a Sr. Colette Palmer original and proudly displays it in her NC home on her PA table!

Sr. Clare Marie Beichner welcomes SSJ Investment Committee member Joe Rys and his wife, Chris.



See you October 2025 for our 165th celebration!

MERCI BEAUCOUP!



## THANKSGIVING EVENT TIMELINE

### November 19, 9 am - noon

Next Tuesday is a big day in the annual Thanksgiving Dinner event plans. Over 1,300 reservations will be taken by phone. A rousing Foundation Team **THANK YOU** to Srs. Ann Marie C., Mary F., Rosemary O., Marianne S., and Millicent Z., with Agrégées Cindy P., Tammy V-B., and Deb S., Associate Pat M., and staff member Norma H. who will take RSVPs and help with alpha coding. A special thank you to Vickie P. and her IT expertise!

### November 26, 10 am - 11:30 am

Thanksgiving Dinners would not happen without the help of the Sisters and other volunteers. A favorite pre-event project is packing the 1,300 cookies donated by Wegmans and preparing the meal bags, including a holiday prayer, reheating instructions, and a unique card from Erie's Catholic Elementary School students.

### November 28, 8 am - 11 am

Thanksgiving blessings to all! We are grateful to our partners - AHN/Saint Vincent, Erie Parking Authority, Metz Culinary Management, GFS, and Gannon University - as well as our all-weather 'garage' volunteers who happily greet our dedicated drivers who, with a giving heart, deliver meals from Lake City to North East.

### January 28, 2024 - 9 am to 11:30 am

Mark your calendar to share in the Thanksgiving Day Liturgy, Brunch and Check Presentation to over 60 non-profit organizations who support our neighbors throughout the year with hearty and nutritious meals. More soon!

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# OCTOBER DONORS



The Foundation Staff is pleased to share the October Donor List!

We are grateful for our donors, Agrégées, Associates, Ministries, Trustees & Staff who live out the SSJ Charism.



**Judy Alstadt** (right) - a supporter of the Sisters and a high-school classmate of Sr. Margaret Ann Hardner (left) and Sr. Mary Arnold Tann - shared memories over a delicious Vegetable-soup lunch.

Sr. Mary Rita Kuhn's mother and Judy taught together, and shared a wonderful friendship.

If you would like to visit a Sister over lunch, please contact Cathy @ 814/836.4253 or Almi @ 814/836.4202.



The SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation Trustees, including the SSJ Leadership, thanked outgoing Chair Jim Bird for his five years of leadership.

Meghan Fuhrman (center) begins her role as

Chair in the Foundation's second decade, continuing to fulfill our mission to support the Sisters in perpetuity.

The Foundation is happy to participate in



**TUESDAY, DEC. 3 DAY OF GIVING**

MAKE YOUR GIFT FOR OUR THANKSGIVING APPEAL, IN SUPPORT OF THE SISTERS NOW AND IN THE FUTURE, AND/OR THEIR MINISTRIES:



Use this QR Code to take you to the donation page for your 2024 gift.

Thank you!



Our Lady of Peace



Saint Luke Catholic School



Saint Jude School

Sr. Mary, Almi, and Corey Ferraro, ECSS Campus Minister, had the opportunity to thank the elementary school students for over 1,000 handmade cards that will be shared with our neighbors on Thanksgiving Day!

ALSO...our thanks go to Blessed Sacrament, St. George Catholic School, and St. James School!

