

# FOUNDATION NEWS

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

## 2025 ERIE GIVES DAY

The Foundation Team is in full swing, preparing for the 2025 Erie Gives Day.

Some of our annual tasks include registering with the Erie Community Foundation, updating social media, asking a faithful donor for a testimonial,

preparation and mailing of the donor-request postcard,

work with maintenance for proper timing of placing the 26<sup>th</sup> Street banner, and much more.



### 2023

**\$39,770 in gifts**  
**309 generous donors**

### 2024

**\$48,561 in gifts**  
94% of goal  
**348 generous donors**  
99% of goal

### 2025

**GOALS - 15% increase:**  
**\$55,800 in gifts**  
**400 generous donors**

In **2025**, we celebrate God's grace through the spirit and legacy of the Sisters.

Your ongoing prayers and Erie Gives Day gifts from new and repeat donors sustain the Sisters and their good work.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
FOR ERIE GIVES DAY!**

**Tuesday, August 12  
Midnight to Midnight**



The Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania first arrived in the Erie Diocese on May 24, **1860**, in Corsica, PA.

For **165** years, the Sisters have continuously served generations of our families and neighbors without distinction.

**On behalf of the Sisters,  
thank you for your support!**



Almi, Carleen, Cathy

and Carol



## June DONORS!

Thank you for your support of the Sisters through their Foundation!



Annual gifts, scheduled monthly donations, memorials, and charitable-qualified distributions make up the gifts given by our dedicated and first-time donors.



THE CELEBRATION WE HAVE WAITED FOR IS FINALLY HERE!

Cathy and Almi will represent the Foundation at the 375th celebration this weekend. SSJ Leadership and others will be part of a dozen attending from Erie. Other Sisters, Agrégées, and Associates will share in the celebration virtually.

Check out [www.ssjmfmf.org](http://www.ssjmfmf.org) for highlights and updates.

We ask for your prayers and good wishes!



Srs. Millie, Marjorie, and Lucille  
take in the summer fun and yummy treats!

## 2025 Grants to the Sisters... so far!

The MISSION of the SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation is to support and care for the Sisters and their good work.

Since January, the Foundation Team has operated side-by-side with the 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and the Activity, Facility, and IT departments to provide the Sisters with needed improvements and celebrations.

### PROJECTS include:

\*New Hallway Flooring in Marycrest

\*Community Living Center (CLC)  
Emergency Furnace Repair

\*CLC Boardroom Electrical Upgrade  
and new Audio Visual Equipment

\*165<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration at  
Trinity Cemetery and Calvary Cemetery  
(landscape maintenance on 400+ markers)

\*GAMEStrs Stipend Funding  
(Gardening, Art, Music, and Exercise for the Sisters)

### AND

\*New CLC Dining Room Chairs - in  
partnership with a \$40,000 SOAR! Grant  
(Serving Our Aging Religious, Washington D.C.)