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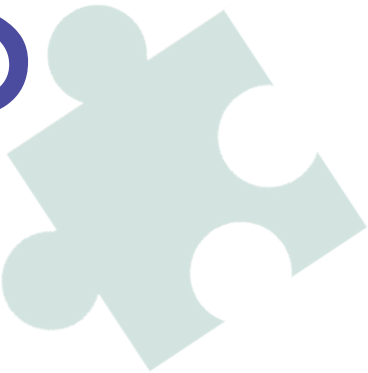
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The family of
Joseph
together again





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ST. JOSEPH
OF NORTHWESTERN
PENNSYLVANIA

Connecting with God ✚ Connecting with You

our mission

The mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania, SSJ Agrégées, and Associates, is to unite all people with one another and with God by responding to the ever-changing needs of the world and serving the neighbor without distinction.

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message from leadership

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst." (Matthew) "Were not our hearts burning within us as we walked with him and later recognized him in the breaking of the bread?" (Luke) These are two familiar quotes from scripture that I particularly love. They remind me of how close God is in all that we do. I hope they do that for you as well.

The pandemic's effect on our ability to remain close was challenging. The distance from one another — perhaps even from God — was evident.

But our doors are now open, and we welcome guests once again. I recall just last month what a glorious celebration we had for the feast of St. Joseph, our patron. On that same day, we also celebrated 40 years of our Associates walking with us, carrying our mission forward. And we did it together! We rejoiced, we celebrated, we believed that God would bring us together again. As you read Journeys, we hope you feel the energy of our coming together again.

May we carry in our hearts the goodness of our God and bring home the message that **together we are one.**

On behalf of SSJ Leadership,

Mary Drexler, SSJ
President



*SSJ Leadership: (L to R)
Carol Morehouse, SSJ,
Mary Drexler, SSJ,
and Phyllis McCracken, SSJ*

Celebrations!

Sisters

Jubilees

80 YEARS

Jean Baptiste DiLuzio, SSJ

70 YEARS

Dorothy Wilwohl, SSJ
Millicent Zimmer, SSJ
Marilyn Zimmerman, SSJ

65 YEARS

Ann Marie Cappello, SSJ
Joseph Marie Fitzgerald, SSJ
Mary Fromknecht, SSJ
Frances Therese Matia, SSJ
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Margaret Pellerite, SSJ

60 YEARS

Mary Drexler, SSJ

More information about our
Jubilarians is available at
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SSJ Associates Milestone Anniversaries

40 YEARS

Mary Ann Zarnick

35 YEARS

Karen Grove
Debra Hamilton

30 YEARS

Barbara Alward
Shirley Byers
Mary Ann Jankowski
Barbara Jones
Judy Lynch
Marilyn Mead
Timothy Natale
Evelyn Visnoski

25 YEARS

Marlene Lyda
Ellen McNerney
Linda McQueen
Gail Smith
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Jane Zawacki

20 YEARS

Sandy Clark
Mary Alice Haibach
Rev. Dennis Martin
Cecelia Shatem
Anna Turco
Gratia Wittmann

15 YEARS

Debbie Brasili
Mary Ann Cox
Kathy Davis
Kathleen Mannino
Christine Opron
Peggy Rusnak
Ted Wright
Mary Wright

10 YEARS

Gina Adams
Cynthia Bielanin
Linda Daugherty
Donna Geiger
Deborah Maciak
Deacon John Mang
Tammie Mang
Pat Moyer
Susan Reda
David Sharie

5 YEARS

Edith Benson
Janet Demjanenko
Penny Guelcher
Paul Wilkosz
Jeannette Sharie

SSJ Agrégées Milestone Anniversaries

5 YEARS

Teresa Cieslikowski
Jeanne Costa*
Judi Janke

SSJ Employees Milestone Anniversaries

30 YEARS

Barb McGaughey

25 YEARS

Tatanya Olson

20 YEARS

David Cook

5 years

Jenny Brochey
Samantha Stump
Betsy Wiest

*deceased



The family of joseph together again

After three years of not celebrating together, it was a glorious gathering on March 19 as our family of Joseph once again filled the Community Living Center to commemorate the feast of our patron, St. Joseph. The day was even more special as it included the 40th anniversary celebration of our SSJ Associates, an occasion that was previously postponed due to COVID.

The Family of Joseph theme was portrayed via puzzle pieces signifying the connection among Sisters, Agrégées, Associates, and Partners in Mission, as well as the unifying virtues of Joseph.

The celebration began with a jubilant liturgy during which Sisters and Agrégées renewed their vows, and Associates recommitted to living the SSJ charism and mission. The day continued with a delicious meal and Irish coffee amidst beautiful decorations that reflected the theme.



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Veronica Mittal, SSJ and SSJ Associate Brandon Vogt; SSJ Associate JoAnne Sprickman and Susan Herzing, SSJ; Ann Marie Cappello, SSJ, and Sheila Mack, Rita Cappello, and SSJ Associate Valarie Carlson; SSJ Associate Rev. Dennis Martin and SSJ Agrégée Judi Janke; Marianne Stuckert, SSJ



It was indeed a family coming together after years of being apart. Joy filled the halls as we were reunited again in a celebratory way.



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SSJ Associate Marleen Scully and Mary Claire Kennedy, SSJ;
SSJ Associates Pat Fronzaglia and Cindy DeCoursey;
Margaret Frank, SSJ and SSJ Associate Jan Larrey;
Veronica Mittal, SSJ, Phyllis Hilbert, SSJ, and
Ann Stephane Stano, SSJ; SSJ Associates Mary and
Jon Fuhrman.

news

women making history

On April 3 **Margaret Pellerite, SSJ**, was one of 16 women honored by the Mercy Center for Women as one of this year's Women Making History. The event honors dynamic women who demonstrate honesty, integrity, and strong moral values; dedicated service in their neighborhoods, workplaces, or communities; a commitment to women's issues, personal growth, and development; and the courage of their convictions. To read more about Sr. Margaret, visit ssjerie.org.



Photo by Lorei Portraits

SSJ Associates celebrate 40 years

In addition to celebrating the feast of St. Joseph on March 19, we celebrated the 40th anniversary of our SSJ Associates. It was in May 1982 that we welcomed our first four associates – **Elaine Clyburn, Lori Izbicki, Patricia Marshall**, and **Ellen Mooney**. In the years since, we received 495 Christian men and women as SSJ Associates. We currently have 202 associates and four candidates.

In response to the second Vatican Council, **Sister Leonie Shanley** directed the formation team to study Associate programs in other congregations. After much research and prayer, a proposal to begin accepting Associates was approved.



Congratulations to **Pat Marshall** and **Elaine Clyburn**, who were among our first Associates and are still Associates today, 40 years later. And congratulations to all of our Associates who continue their commitment to living the SSJ charism and mission.

a befitting tribute

PA State Representative **Bob Merski** visited the Community Living Center to present



Srs. Rose Marie Chisholm and **James Francis Mulligan**

with citations in recognition of their 75 years of religious life. It was a touching tribute to two well-deserving women. Congratulations!

villa girls



Lori Caporale Colvin (VMA '79), second from left, recently published a children's book titled, *A Quiet Conversation in the Snow*. Lori visited the SSJ Administration building to deliver some signed copies. Several VMA alum greeted her including (from left) **Stephanie Hall**, (VMA '79), SSJ director of communications and SSJ Associate; **Cass Alberstadt Shimek** (VMA '78), SSJ executive assistant; and **Almi Clemente Clerkin** (VMA '81), SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation executive director. Other SSJ alum who are part of the SSJ administrative staff but not present for the photo include **Cindi Olesky** (VMA '81), **Betsy Amthor Wiest** (VMA '79), **Sheila Scully Mack** (VMA '79), and **Mary Beth Chludzinski Passauer** (VMA '78).



16th annual SSJNN “guess that tune gala”



Almitra Clerkin, SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation executive director, and her husband, Shawn Clerkin, served as chairs for this year's SSJNN Guess that Tune Gala.

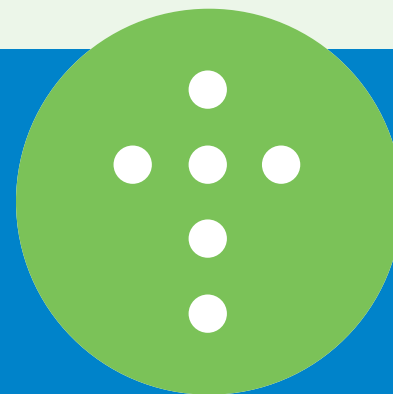


(l-r) SSJ Agrégée Cindy Brown, Nancy Fischer, SSJ; SSJ Agrégée Deb Seng; Mary Fromknecht, SSJ; and Marianne Stuckert, SSJ at the gala.



Members of the SSJNN staff (l-r) Phyllis Hilbert, SSJ, Susannah Faulkner, and Lora Caldwell enjoying the gala.

we remember deaths



Sisters

James Francis Mulligan, SSJ
February 26, 2023

Geraldine Olon, SSJ
December 22, 2022

Martha Ann Rinderle, SSJ
December 9, 2022

Associates

Patricia McLaughlin
April 8, 2023

Carol Bocan
February 1, 2023

Loeta Derby
December 14, 2022

Thelma Manendo
September 6, 2022

Frank J. Gredler
September 5, 2022

Lawrence R. Lewis
September 4, 2022

Robert H. Haibach
August 24, 2022

Mary Margaret Jones
August 5, 2022

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or to make a memorial gift,
visit www.ssjerie.org

The New Arising: The evolution and

by Rosemary O'Brien, SSJ

For years we have heard about the declining number of Catholic Sisters. There has also been a growing sense that religious life, as we've known it, is going by the wayside. And we've heard that religious life will look different in the future. Maybe it's not going away, but rather it's being transformed. Our conversation with Katie Gordon, co-founder of Nuns & Nones, gave us a glimpse of what one form of religious might look like in the future.

The New Arising: The evolution and expansion of religious life today was the topic of a conversation with Katie Gordon at our Community Living Center during Catholic Sisters Week. More than 35 Sisters, Agrégées, Associates, and guests gathered for a lively fireside chat about religious life. Katie, an organizer committed to nurturing relationships and weaving networks to support spiritual and religious evolution, opened our eyes to possibilities and new life.

In 2016, Katie co-founded Nuns & Nones by bringing Sisters and seekers together to explore themes such as community, belonging, justice, spiritual practice, and responding to the needs of the times, an inherent part of our SSJ mission. Nuns & Nones has become a collaboration between Catholic Sisters and spiritually diverse millennials seeking to create communities of care, contemplation, and courageous action. The movement is an intergenerational

a reflection on maxim 85

by Betsy Wiest, SSJ Agrégée



In the 17th century, **Father Jean Pierre Médaille, SJ**, the Jesuit founder of the Sisters of St. Joseph, wrote the Maxims of Perfection, fundamental principles or rules of conduct that a person seeking a life with God could follow. Now, nearly 400 years later, The Maxims still have relevance today.

expansion of religious life today.



and interspiritual alliance co-creating new containers for spiritual community and prophetic action.

"I am encouraged by Katie and Nuns & Nones," said Mary Claire Kennedy, SSJ. "Like Sandra Schneiders, IHM said, 'we don't know the lifespan of the historical phenomenon we call religious life but, from the standpoint of spirituality, its survival and transformation is in the hands of the God who calls, and the few who respond, today and tomorrow, just as so many have in the past.'" 🙏

Katie Gordon sharing at our Community Living Center during Catholic Sisters Week.



"Katie's presentation opened an area of new information for me," said Charlene Kellerman, an SSJ Agrégée. "I was left with the desire to continue exploring where this fits in my life and the life of our (SSJ) community."

MAXIM 85: *Advance good works until they are almost finished, and then, whenever possible, let them be completed by someone else who will receive the honor.*

This is such a freeing thought. This maxim encourages us not just to help but to walk with others without expectation of recognition. When we focus on the area of need and walk with others to address that need, we promote a true love of neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God. We live the charism and create an environment where we are all one. When we walk with others, it doesn't matter who gets the credit,

what matters is how we have helped those around us and made our community and world a better place. The earthly reward is not the one that matters anyway – what truly matters is one day hearing "Well done, good and faithful servant." (Matthew 25:23) So when you enter your next project, walk with and then step away and feel the freedom!

CONTEMPORARY TRANSLATION: *Lead a project, step out, and let someone else finish and get the credit.*

something more significant has happened

I remember when Sr. Michele Healy came to our 8th-grade class during a special week on reading sacred scripture. It was the first time I heard the phrase “sacred scripture.” Sr. Michele revealed to mere 13-year-olds a deeper reality of the mystery of reading, praying, listening, and following our God. All this is accessible by sitting with the Word. It was one of those “aha!” moments for me, but something the Sisters of St. Joseph habitually and gracefully convey.

Jesus asked them, “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor?” “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

— Luke 10


As people of faith, we say “Happy Easter season” despite the onslaught of painful realities such as war, divisiveness, economic instability, gun violence, and more. Why? Because something more significant has happened. Jesus Christ, son of the Father, who



preached, gave, suffered, and died, has conquered all things — even death.

Despite the fallenness of this world, we are called by that same crucified, risen, and glorified Christ to unity with the Godhead. To paraphrase Bill Murray, “I got that going for me.”

As people of faith, we are called to live here and now — to live our lives and address the realities we all face. We must not retreat from the world but go out and embrace it with the Good News of God’s unifying love.

Take a moment to read, pray, listen, and follow our God by meditating on the Gospel of Luke 10: 25-37. First, Jesus asks a question, and second, He gives us a command. The first is easier than the second, but the second makes ALL the difference. 

Wishing you an Easter season full of peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Bird".

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

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DEFINING MISSION

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

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.

HOPEFUL VISION

Together, we will invite others to join us in the mission by giving from their blessings, building a community of compassion, and serving our neighbors without distinction.



i am blessed

The Sisters of St. Joseph Mission & Ministry Foundation is pleased to share our 2022 Donor Impact Report with our faithful supporters.

Please enjoy the pages that follow. They demonstrate the devotion of our Sisters, our ministries' commitment, our trustees', staff, and volunteers' dedication, and our donors' incredible loyalty and generosity.

In November 2022, I was blessed to be named the Foundation's executive director. I've learned quickly that your belief in our mission, purpose, and vision equals the perseverance of our Sisters these 160 years in our corner of Pennsylvania. Although their work has changed to fit the era

and the area, their commitment to serving our neighbors has never wavered, and your growing support every year has made that possible.

With your continued support, I look forward to what the future holds for the Foundation. Let's get to it!

Gratefully,

Almitra Clerkin

Almitra Clerkin, Executive Director
Sisters of St. Joseph Mission
& Ministries Foundation

thank you, dotty hanna!

Dotty Hanna spent her professional career with the Sisters of St. Joseph at Saint Vincent Hospital and later with the congregation. In 2009, she became an SSJ Associate, and in 2013 she began her work with the congregation. Dotty's gifts and experience were instrumental in establishing the Sisters of St. Joseph Mission & Ministries Foundation in 2015.

"Dotty had a sense about her. She could envision the work needed to help both the Sisters in retirement and their ministries," said Carol

Hermann, development associate, who worked with Dotty at the hospital and with the congregation.

"We can't thank Dotty enough for her love of the Sisters. Her words, actions, and leadership were in perfect balance with our charism, especially her faith, compassion, and service," said Sr. Mary Drexler, SSJ President. Best wishes, Dotty, on a much-deserved and enjoyable retirement!



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 their charism. I am humbled
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 I invite others to support
 them now and
 in perpetuity.”*



Scott Whalen, Ph.D.
 Foundation Trustee, 2015-2023

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Saint Mary's Home of Erie



Saint Mary's Home of Erie regards the Sisters of St. Joseph Mission & Ministries Foundation as a great partner in our ability to make a difference in the lives of seniors, their families, our employees, and the community.



~Allen Bonace, President/CEO



Saint Mary's residents and activity team members

2022 Highlights:

- Served nearly **360 seniors** from the surrounding Erie area and their families
- Honored **Rev. Charles Brock, Anita Salvia,** and **Rena Wierbinski** as three Ageless Remarkable Erieites at the Saint Mary's Follies fundraising event, which raised more than **\$104,000** to benefit Saint Mary's Home of Erie.
- Began two major projects to expand services:
 - An expansion project to the Carriage Homes at Asbury Ridge will add eight independent living homes to the community and help alleviate a lengthy waitlist.
 - Interior renovations to the community's residential living and personal care section will convert a small number of studio apartments into two-bedroom, two-bathroom suites to meet today's seniors' needs.

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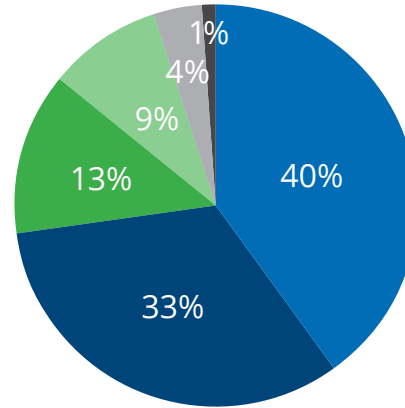
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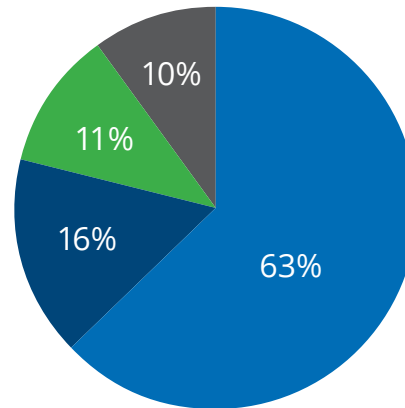
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Unrestricted Gifts	40%
Estate Gifts	33%
Thanksgiving Appeal	13%
Sisters of St. Joseph/Congregation	9%
Grants	4%
Ministries	1%



EXPENSES

Operating	63%
Grants	16%
Thanksgiving Appeal	11%
Sisters of St. Joseph and Other Ministries	10%

I have had the honor and privilege of working with the Sisters of St. Joseph for over 20 years. Their commitment to caring for neighbors, the elderly, and all in need is humbling and inspiring. The Foundation's strength and stability are critical to the Sisters maintaining their ability to provide for themselves as they age, as well as provide for others. I am proud to play a small role in their continuing success.

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I enjoy being a part of the Foundation board as I was drawn to the Sisters' story of having the conviction to take chances in fighting for the rights of others in a time when that was dangerous. As we look to the future, the Foundation will continue to be there to fund and advocate for that work.



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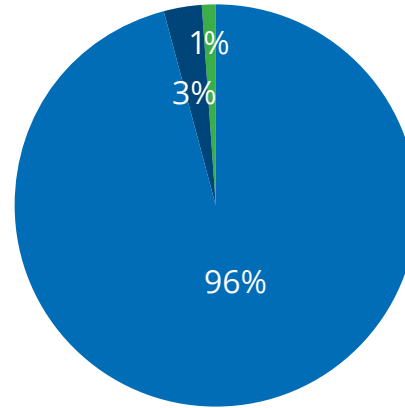
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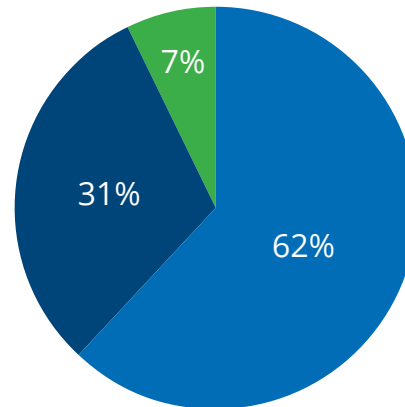
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The Sisters of St Joseph have served the Erie community for decades in many ways. I cannot begin to explain their positive effect on students, families, and more. My goal is to remain associated with the effort and lend support to ensuring the Sisters' ministries stay active and the Foundation achieves its purpose while remaining loyal to each donor's intent and objectives.



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The SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation is grateful for the opportunity to apply for much-needed grants to make our Sisters' lives better. The grants received in 2022 include the following:

\$25,500 Norbert H. Hardner Foundation Grant

Purchase sit-to-stand lift (1), tilt wheelchairs (2), new mattresses (4), AV equipment for improved chapel live-streaming, and repairs to the Sisters' exercise room.

\$20,000 SOAR! Spring Grant

Improve technology for virtual, in-person, and hybrid needs, keeping Sisters fully engaged in meetings, events, and community life.

\$26,000 SOAR! Fall Grant

Purchase easily accessible chairs (72) and slighter tables (15) for the Sister's multi-purpose Gathering Room in the Community Living Center.

A special thank you to SSJ Leadership, the Foundation trustees, and dedicated staff members from finance, information technology, resident care, and worship. In addition, thank you to the Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation office, food service, Quality of Life office, and facilities and maintenance for their planning, paperwork, installation, and ongoing care of the equipment and programming. The Foundation team is grateful for your tangible love for the Sisters in all you do!

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SSJ staff members Marcia Calabrese, Kim Dinges, and Murveta Borovina with Sr. Teresa Marie Bohren in her new wheelchair.



St. Patrick's Haven considers the community a partner in our mission to offer a ministry of presence and provide a place of welcome, nightly refuge, food, comfort, and friendship for homeless men of Erie.

~ Shelby Folga, Executive Director



Shelby Folga, Executive Director



St. Patrick's Haven Board members Edith Benson, Eardly Wickramasinghe, and Stephen Drabant at the Erie Fitness Academy Fundraiser

2022 Highlights:

- Welcomed **Executive Director, Shelby Folga** who has dedicated her life to "helping with a servant's heart"
- Provided service to **189** unduplicated guests for a total of **7,330** bed nights, a **16%** annual increase in bed nights
- **Experienced a fire on September 13**, safely evacuating everyone in the building — while extensive fire and water damage rendered it uninhabitable - and moving to a temporary location to continue serving Erie's homeless men

St. Patrick's Haven is hopeful to reopen this summer and is preparing for their 40th anniversary celebration in 2024!

2022 Sisters of St. Joseph Mission & Ministries Foundation Grant

St. Patrick's Haven was granted \$16,400 for:

- Building improvements for safety, comfort and efficiency
- Insulation project

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*In keeping with the Sisters of St. Joseph mission of unity of neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God without distinction, **St. James Haven** provides a place of welcome, nightly refuge, food, and comfort for homeless men in the Meadville, Pennsylvania area.*



~ St. James Haven Mission



Samantha Stump, St. James Haven executive director.

2022 Highlights:

- St. James Haven celebrated its 25th anniversary.
- While dealing with the pandemic's effects, St. James Haven assisted 122 guests and provided more than 2500 bed nights.
- St. James Haven's mission partners include CHAPS (Crawford County Mental Health Awareness Program), Meadville Drug and Alcohol, Center for Family Services, the Meadville City Police, and numerous Meadville area churches, companies, social clubs/organizations, and individuals.

"I went from living in my car to having a comfortable and safe place to sleep at night. Staying at St. James has alleviated the fear and anxiety of not knowing what the next night may bring. I am so grateful for this safe space to have the time to put my life back together and get on my feet again." - George

2022 Sisters of St. Joseph Mission & Ministries Foundation Grant

St. James Haven was granted \$19,950 for:

- Building improvements, including electrical system replacement and new flooring
- Removal of a large, dead tree that was interfering with a needed wiring project

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OF SSJ THANKSGIVING DINNERS

Generosity grew throughout the years. Starting with our first Thanksgiving in 1988, donor gifts paid for all the Thanksgiving food and supplies, and the excess funds were granted to local organizations that feed the hungry. In 2012, donations of food and supplies began. In 2021, all food and supplies were generously donated. This made it possible to distribute funds to more organizations in support of their mission.

	MEALS SERVED	32,187
	TURKEY	24,800 LBS.
	POTATOES	18,509 POTATOES
	CORN	7,458 LBS.
	GRAVY	630 GALLONS
	PIES	3,703
	COOKIES	3,800



NUMBER OF DONORS **2,770**

VOLUNTEER HOURS **13,240** 



VOLUNTEERS **4,413**



\$ RAISED (2014 - 2022)
\$991,250

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\$786,350

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55 ORGANIZATIONS
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The **SSJ Neighborhood Network** provides leadership, serving neighbors from Cranberry Street to East Avenue and 12th to 26th Streets in Erie. Our purpose is to advocate for residents and partners with the broader community, develop personal-growth opportunities, and neighborhood revitalization.

**2022 Highlights:**

- Served more than **4,800** hot meals at St. Paul's Church
- Supplied more than **600** neighbors with emergency supplies
- Equipped **226** neighbors, many New Americans and refugees with bikes
- Provided **60** families with garden and urban farm space
- Renovated five properties into affordable housing units
- Gave **\$10,000** in market match to patrons at the Little Italy Farmers Market
- Completed **16** homes, small business façade improvements, and murals
- Mentored **13** teens building skills in customer service, urban agriculture, and career readiness

2022 Sisters of St. Joseph Mission & Ministries Foundation Grant

The SSJ Neighborhood Network was granted **\$21,450** for:

- Staff professional development to support growth of services and strategic direction
- Purchase of two data management tools in fulfillment of strategic plan

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thank you for your service!

ORIGINAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

grateful

The six original Foundation trustees will complete their official board terms in 2023. They include **Bob Cox, William Hilbert, Jr., Catherine Manning, SSJ, Tina Mengine, Carol Morehouse, SSJ,** and **Scott Whalen.** Since 2015, their dedication to the Sisters in establishing the policies and procedures for the Foundation has been outstanding. We are grateful to them for sharing their experience and gifts and laying the groundwork for our future. Our ability to raise funds needed for the Sisters' mission and ministries are possible because of their insight, resolve, and leadership. We are blessed that each of these wonderful people promises to continue helping in any way they are needed!

2023 NEW FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

welcome

Adrienne (Kloecker) Kalivoda



Adrienne is the owner and supervisor at Kloecker-Bailey Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. in Lawrence Park and a Funeral Director at the Francis V. Kloecker

Funeral Home, Inc. Adrienne attended Blessed Sacrament Grade School and Villa Maria Academy. Adrienne earned two bachelor's degrees in business management and business marketing from Mercyhurst University and attended the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science (PIMS). Adrienne is happily married to Adam Kalivoda, and they have two daughters, Theresa Rose, and Anne Marie. She is a parishioner and lector at St. George Church, a member of the Board of Directors for the Erie Catholic School System, and President of the Erie Crawford County Funeral Directors Association.

Joseph E. Kloecker, MBA, CPA



Joe's career in finance began after he graduated from Gannon University in 1974 with a B.S. degree in accounting and an MBA. Joe joined Marine Bank and became a senior vice

president and controller. In his role, Joe was instrumental in the transition when PNC acquired Marine Bank. After 20 years at Marine/PNC, Joe joined HBKS Wealth Advisors as a senior financial advisor, where he remained for 27 years until he retired in November 2022. Joe served on the finance committee and as president in the early years of the Cathedral Prep Advisory Board. He volunteered at Gannon University and was president of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity as an undergraduate. In addition, Joe has served many area nonprofits, including as President of the Erie Chapter of the National Association of Accountants, United Way of Erie County, Saint Peter Cathedral Finance Committee, Cathedral Center Elementary School, and as a member of the Investment Committee for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

To read the full bios of our new trustees, please visit [ssjerie.org/trustees](https://www.ssjerie.org/trustees)



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Missing from photo: Carol Morehouse, SSJ



Stephanie Powers



Stephanie is a senior advisor for public policy and partnerships at the Council on Foundations. In her work, she identifies opportunities to connect foundations with

government, bringing together the public agenda and philanthropic interests for collaboration and leveraging investments. Before joining the Council in 2007, Stephanie was the CEO of the National Association of Workforce Boards and held positions in the Clinton Administration. She was chief of staff and director of public affairs in the Department of Labor's Employment & Training Administration from 1993-1998. Stephanie is a 1967 graduate of Villa Maria Academy and a 1971 graduate of Seton Hill College in Greensburg, PA (now Seton Hill University) where she earned a B.A. in sociology and classical studies. She received the university's Distinguished Alumnae Leadership Award in 2001. She has resided in Fairfax County/Alexandria, Virginia for 30 years and loves the dynamism of the nation's capital.

Lisa Campagne Winschel



Lisa grew up in Erie, attends St. George Church, and graduated from Villa Maria Academy in 1984. For 21 years, Lisa was the operations manager

in her father's company, Career Concepts Staffing Services. In 2012, Lisa received her degree from Mercyhurst University and became an LPN. She later became an RN in 2015. An extensive career in nursing at local hospitals followed. Lisa worked with the Sisters of St. Joseph as a nursing coordinator for two years before leaving to care for her parents and family.

Lisa's mission and ministry are to advocate for epilepsy education, research, and support for people and families living with epilepsy. Lisa and her husband, Tom, have two children, Anthony and Carla, a son-in-law, Nick Vicentini, and a 7-month-old granddaughter, Carina. Completing the family is a large lovable dog, Charlie, and his close cat companion, Cheddar.

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sisters in the sun

Outdoor Bench Campaign

During this campaign from **May 1 to August 1**, we invite you to consider purchasing an all-weather outdoor bench on the grounds of the SSJ Community Living Center. The benches will be in easily accessible locations where the Sisters can relax and enjoy the outdoors.

Twelve benches are available to sponsor for \$750 each

Purchase a bench in honor or memory of someone, and we'll include a plaque on the bench.

We welcome gifts from individuals, groups, neighbors, businesses, schools, graduating classes, and more!



*Rose Marie Chisholm, SSJ and
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Call us or send an email to learn how you can become a part of this unique campaign as we spread some sunshine!

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Join us for Mass and brunch with the Sisters and members of the *Mother Agnes Spencer, SSJ Legacy Society*

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SSJ Foundation Day

Celebrate the 163rd anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of St. Joseph at our French-themed soiree

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Help us serve more than 1,200 neighbors and support more than 50 organizations that serve our community.
GOAL: \$100,000

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