



Saint Jude *the* Apostle Catholic School

nurtures *the* formation of saints *and* scholars

2023 2024



2023 National Blue Ribbon Awardee



Annual Report

2023 | 2024

O U R G O A L S

Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School strives to develop the Catholic faith, demonstrate Christian living, commit to student learning, promote inquiry and perseverance, and foster good stewardship of God's world.



ALL SAINTS' DAY

Dear Saint Jude,

I'm honored to be the new Principal at Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School. This is such a special community where so many people are involved in creating a warm and loving environment. Whether you give of your time or your treasure, each act has made a significant difference in building up our school community. I have seen it firsthand, and the strength of the community is truly remarkable. Your generosity makes this school shine.

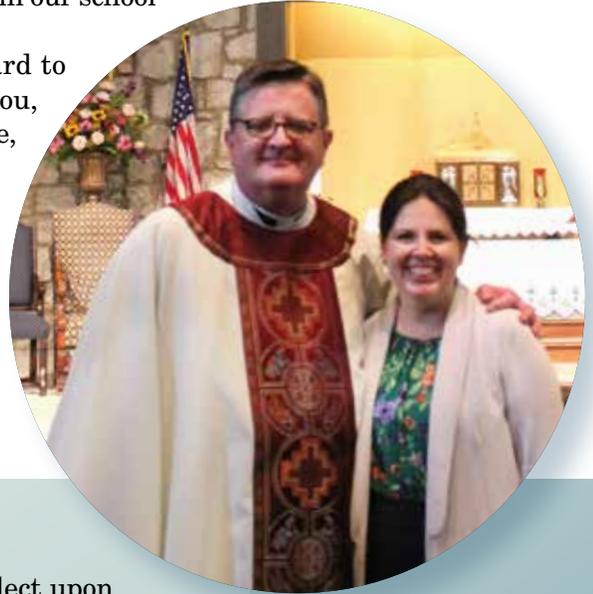
As I start this new journey, I reflect on the experiences that led me to this position and ultimately back to the first education class I took many years ago. In the class, we examined the various types of relationships that exist in the school setting between students, families, teachers, support staff, parishioners, and other stakeholders in the community. It is humbling to remember how many people are invested in our school community and share our mission of nurturing saints and scholars.

Saint Jude is a special place with a rich history, and I look forward to being part of its story. I am excited to build relationships with all of you, to hear your story of how Saint Jude has made a difference in your life, and to continue this mission together of nurturing the next generation of saints and scholars. Thank you for your continued support of Saint Jude and your dedication to our wonderful community.

Blessings,



Molly Dean
Principal



Dear Parents, Families, and Parishioners,

As pastor of our cherished parish school, it brings me great joy to reflect upon the achievements and the support that have defined the past year at our school. As we present this Annual Report for the 2023-2024 school year, I express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you.

This past year was filled with remarkable milestones for our students, teachers, and staff. Most notably, we are immensely proud that our school has once again been awarded the prestigious Blue Ribbon by the U.S. Department of Education! Furthermore, we celebrated another significant achievement as the first parish school in Atlanta to earn COGNIA STEM Certification. These accolades are a true testament to the professionalism and dedication of our educators and staff, and the commitment of our students.

As we celebrated our achievements, in the spring we also faced a bittersweet transition with the announcement of Mrs. Childs' departure after 23 remarkable years as our principal. We are excited for her new role as the Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Her dedication and commitment to Saint Jude and Catholic education will be a tremendous gift to all schools throughout the Archdiocese.

With the assistance of a nationwide recruiting firm, I was thrilled to announce mid-summer that we secured a familiar face to lead our school – parishioner Mrs. Molly Dean! I hope you have met and witnessed firsthand how Mrs. Dean embodies the qualities we value so dearly in our Catholic school community. Her commitment to excellence and understanding of Catholic education makes her the ideal principal.

From the depths of my heart, I thank you for your kind contributions of time and resources over the past year. Your support is invaluable, and I pray for your continued engagement and encouragement as we embark on this new school year together. May God bless you and your family abundantly.

Sincerely in Christ,



Monsignor W. Joseph Corbett
Pastor

Originally from Columbus, Georgia, Mrs. Dean brings over 20 years of Catholic school education and experience. A graduate of Notre Dame and Loyola University Chicago, Mrs. Dean's expertise began as a Catholic school teacher in Chicago. She then ventured to Virginia and DC where she served as an Instructional and Literacy Coach and then Assistant Principal of a prominent Catholic school on Capitol Hill.

Saint Jude is a multiple
National Blue Ribbon
School Awardee:
2003 | 2014 | 2023

Accreditations and Affiliations

*District-wide Accreditation
by Cognia*

*National Catholic Education
Association (NCEA)*

*ASCD: Professional Learning
& Community for Educators*

*Association for Middle Level
Education (AMLE)*

*National Association of
Independent Schools (NAIS)*

*Atlanta Area Association of
Independent Schools (AAAIS)*

COGNIA STEM Certified

61% of faculty have
advanced degrees

483 students from
309 families in
13 parishes

15:1 student / faculty ratio



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Founded in 1962, Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School is a welcoming, thriving, faith-based community of faculty and families working together to prepare students for not only higher education, but for life.

Serving students from Pre-K 4 through eighth grade, our teachers average 16 years of teaching experience. As a multiple National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Awardee (2003, 2014, 2023), we offer a competitive academic program with a balance of core classes, STREAM, arts, physical education, grammar and handwriting, religion, and foreign language. In addition, we have a range of athletic and extracurricular activities, before and after school programs, field trips, service projects, and retreats.

Technology

Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School recognizes the value of technology in the classroom to teach students how to develop and master skills needed for success. Technology represents the “T” in our STREAM model of learning. Students learn the importance of using technology to engage in the challenges facing our world. They are exposed to a variety of tools to aid in the implementation of the engineering design process.

Saint Jude School is a Google Workspace for education fundamentals. Every student in the school is issued their own device. Students in grades Pre-K 4, K and 1st each have an iPad. Students in grades 2-8 each have a Chromebook.

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In grades Pre-K 4-1, students use their assigned iPad to access apps to complete tasks and projects that reinforce daily learning. Students will also use apps and programs to create their own authentic work, demonstrating knowledge and understanding of material presented.

In grades 2-8, students use their assigned Chromebook to access learning resources, class notes, individual and group projects, teacher communication, and other information. Students use their Chromebook throughout the day as needed for instruction in each subject area.

All classrooms contain an interactive LCD Projector/whiteboard that is connected to the teacher computer for viewing class materials and curriculum resources.



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Enrichment classes: Students will have use of their 1:1 device to enhance learning for these subject areas if needed for that lesson.

Technology class is scheduled once a week for all grade levels. Students complete STREAM activities that support learning, as well as build research and coding skills.

Media Center staff meet weekly with each homeroom to ignite a love for reading, instruct students on how to use the library management system, and guide students in online research. The Media Center is also equipped with a state-of-the-art broadcast studio. The student-led news crew delivers a *Morning Prayer* and *News Show* daily.

STREAM Lab

Finishing our 4th year in the Patty Childs STREAM lab, the students continued to boost their skills and confidence when facing any sort of challenge. They have excelled in coding and robotics, enhanced their abilities of collaborating and communicating with one another, and had plenty of opportunities to show off their innovation and creative thinking.

This was also the inaugural year of the Saint Jude Robotics Team, The JAGBOTS, who won the 1st Place Champions Award at the Cherokee County Fall Regional Robotics Tournament!

COGNIA STEM Certification

The school year finished strong when Saint Jude was recognized as a COGNIA STEM Certified School.



COGNIA STEM Certification identifies schools with high-quality STEM programs focused on engaging students in the process of learning, promoting deep thinking with clear connections to the outcome of learning while using integrated activities. Superintendent Mrs. Patty Childs said, "Achieving the COGNIA STEM Certification is a major accomplishment. It is an affirmation of the hard work and dedication of our teaching as they nurture our saints and scholars to be life-long learners and productive members of society. It also represents the amazing work of our students who willingly embrace thinking 'outside the box' to grow in knowledge and skill."



TEACHER of the YEAR

*Congratulations to **Mrs. Elizabeth Bierly** who was recognized by the Archdiocese of Atlanta Office of Catholic Schools as the Saint Jude Employee of the Year! Mrs. Bierly taught 4th grade for eight years at Saint Jude and helped launch the Patty Childs STREAM Lab four years ago. She now serves as the STREAM Lab Teacher.*

Congratulations Saint Jude!

2023 National Blue Ribbon Awardee!

The National Blue Ribbon School award acknowledges and validates the hard work of students, educators, families and communities in striving for—and attaining—exemplary achievement. This prestigious award serves not only as a symbol of exemplary American schools, but also as inspiration for schools across the nation. Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School is blessed to have received the National Blue Ribbon award three times since the school's founding in 1962.

Thank you to our parents, students, teachers, staff, clergy, alumni, grandparents and our entire Saint Jude School community for your support and dedication to our mission of nurturing the formation of Saints and Scholars!



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Inaugural Saint Jude Pre-K 4

Future Class of 2033

Tiny shoes, tiny hands, and tiny personalities blossomed this year into the tiny Saints and Scholars of Saint Jude – the inaugural Saint Jude Pre-K 4 Class! Due to the incredible generosity of former Saint Jude parents, **Scott and Kim Kingsfield**, and the vision of our former Principal Patty Childs, who recognized a need within our school community, the Saint Jude Pre-K 4 Class became a reality! These 15 tiny Saints and Scholars were led by **Mrs. Cheryl Gentile** and **Mrs. Lori English** who poured their love of teaching into the new Pre-K 4 Classroom.



SJA serving our community

Saint Jude students are well prepared when they leave our halls – both academically, and with a servant leadership heart to make a difference in our world. Serving others in our community is what we are called to do and our saints and scholars poured their hearts into these projects. We are thankful to all who supported these initiatives!

“AMEN, I say to you, WHATEVER you did for one of these least brothers of mine, YOU DID FOR ME.” – Matthew 25:40

Pre-K 4

Men's Homeless Shelter

Our little ones made Valentine's Day Cards for all of the lunches the 4th graders made for the Men's Homeless Shelter!

Kindergarten

Lift Up Atlanta

In December, Kindergarten held a school-wide *Toy Drive* to support Atlanta's Children's Shelter, *Holiday House!* The shelter provides free, quality day care, emotional support, and educational curriculum for homeless children, and focused social services for their families. *Holiday House* is a “free” shopping event for homeless and formerly homeless families. The *Toy Drive* was a huge success, collecting over 425 toys.

1st Grade

Animal Shelter Drive

In honor of Saint Francis Day, the first graders collected donations to support the *Atlanta Humane Society*. Over 90 boxes of milk bones and 800+ other pet supplies were collected!



2nd Grade

Our House Day Care Center

In September, our second graders promoted a school-wide *Diaper Drive* in partnership with *Our House*, a charitable organization in our community that provides day care and support for homeless families. Our House received more than 9,200 diapers and over 15,500 baby wipes, plus other much-needed items for the homeless families they serve.

3rd Grade

Dogwood Forest Pruitt Place Retirement Home

Our sweet 3rd grade students lifted the hearts and spirits of the residents at *Dogwood Forest* home with a little Saint Patrick's Day Celebration filled with joyful songs and tasty treats for all to enjoy.

4th Grade

Men's Homeless Shelter

The 4th grade students provided 645 meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner!) for 215 men at *Central Night Presbyterian* and *Shrine of the Immaculate Conception* homeless shelters. The churches provide meals and a bed to homeless men of Atlanta.



5th Grade

Community Assistance Center

The 5th grade class sponsored a school-wide *Canned Food Drive* in March to help fill the shelves at the *Community Assistance Center (CAC)* in Sandy Springs. This year, they collected over 700 pounds of food to help stock the shelves at the CAC. The CAC supports individuals and families in need.

6th Grade

The Sandwich Project

In March, our 6th grade students worked in partnership with *The Sandwich Project (TSP)* and made 400 deli meat and cheese sandwiches to help TSP meet the food scarcity needs in Metro Atlanta. Students also made 400 homemade cards with a sweet note of encouragement.

7th Grade

Tim Tebow Foundation "Night to Shine"

The 7th grade served as buddies to kids with disabilities to cheer on those attending the *Tim Tebow Foundation's Night to Shine*, a prom for individuals with disabilities. *Night to Shine* is a worldwide celebration event, centered on God's love, honoring and valuing people with special needs.

8th Grade

Ronald McDonald House

Eighth graders prepared and served dinner as well as led activities for the children and families staying at the *Ronald McDonald House*. *Ronald McDonald House* provides a place to stay for families who have hospitalized children.



8th Grade Daffodil Project

The 8th grade took part in *The Daffodil Project*, which aspires to build a Living Holocaust Memorial by planting 1.5 million daffodils around the world in memory of the 1.5 million children who were murdered during the Holocaust. Saint Jude parishioner and former school parent, Nida Mudd brought the Daffodil Project to Saint Jude over 10 years ago. Every year, 8th graders plant hundreds of daffodils on the Saint Jude campus. Over 5,500 have been planted on campus by students since 2003.



Middle School Service Projects:

Students assembled 140 kits for the following charities:

Mercy Care

Sixth graders put together meal kits for patients at *Mercy Care*. *Mercy Care* is an organization that provides quality health care for vulnerable communities. Over half of their patients are homeless.

Aurora On Wheels

Seventh graders assembled winter-theme activity kits for hospitalized children. Volunteers wheel a tie-dyed trunk filled with games and crafts around the hospital for patients to help bring some fun to their day!

Cure Childhood Cancer Organization

Eighth graders assembled snack bags for the *CURE Childhood Cancer Organization*. *CURE* provides snack bags to families during their appointments to help alleviate food costs, provide distraction, and uplift spirits.

Christmas Clash Tournament

Mustard Seed Communities and Childhood Cancer Foundation, Inc.

A Saint Jude tradition lives on...

Every year, 8th graders challenge the 7th graders to a game of basketball to support two charities. Through ticket sales, raffle tickets and concessions, the 8th graders raised over \$1,468 which was divided between *Mustard Seed* and the *Childhood Cancer Foundation*.



Catholic Schools Week:

United in Faith and Community

Family Day of Service

To kick-off Catholic Schools Week, our 10th annual *Family Day of Service* supported the *Homeless at Heart* organization by delivering 165 kits to the homeless. They included: socks, winter hat, toothbrush kit, lip balm, disposable masks, hand sanitizer, snacks, and a handmade card.

Rise Against Hunger

The school hosted a school-wide service project packaging over 15,000 meals for *Rise Against Hunger*, an international relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. Special thanks to all of the parent volunteers who helped on this day of giving!

jaguar sports

AT SAINT JUDE

Saint Jude offers the greatest number of sports programs in the Archdiocese of Atlanta ranging from Pre-K 4 soccer to high school basketball! Jaguar Sports competes in the Catholic Metro League of Atlanta and provides multiple opportunities for kids to stay active in year-round sports!



2023-2024 Jaguar Sports Stats:

Fall Sports

- Cross Country 5th-8th grade** | 20 athletes
- Soccer Pre-K 4 - 6th grade** | 252 athletes | 27 teams
- Volleyball 5th-8th** | 66 athletes | 5 teams
- New! Fall Tennis** | 7 athletes
- New Session! Fall Golf Clinic** | 19 athletes
- New! Fall Basketball Skills Clinic** | 42 athletes

Winter Sports

- Basketball K-2nd** | 59 athletes
- Basketball 3rd-8th grade** | 209 athletes, | 19 teams
- Cheerleading** | 19 athletes, multiple squads
- High School Basketball** | 88 athletes | 8 teams
- New! Flag Football** | 23 athletes | 2 teams

Spring Sports

- Soccer Pre-K 4-6th grade** | 208 athletes | 19 teams
- Volleyball 5th-8th grade** | 55 athletes | 4 teams
- 3v3 Basketball Jaguar Jam** | 59 athletes
- Spring Golf Clinic** | 27 athletes
- New! Middle School Baseball** | 12 SJA athletes

Additional Sports Activities:

- 4th Grade Volleyball Clinic** | 17 athletes
- Irish Dance** | 19 athletes
- 8th Grade Shamrock Tournament** trip to Charlotte, NC

Championships!

2023 Fall Volleyball

7th-8th grade Regular Season and Tournament Champions

2023-2024 Basketball

5th Grade Girls | Coach Duffy | Regular Season Runner-Up

6th Grade Boys | Coach Drost | Regular Season Champions | Tournament Champions

7th Grade Girls | Coach Iannucci | Regular Season Champions | Tournament Runner-Up

7th Grade Boys | Coach McDonald | Regular Season Champions

8th Grade Girls | Coach Pate | Regular Season Runner-Up

2024 Sam Robb Basketball Tournament

6th Grade Boys | Two Saint Jude Teams competed in the Finals

7th Grade Girls & 8th Grade Girls won their respective tournaments



Grateful, thankful, blessed!

Our faculty and staff always achieve **100%** participation in our Annual Fund!





The 2024 PTA Mardi Gras Ball & Auction held at the Crowne Plaza at Ravinia Hotel on Saturday, February 3rd was where the Krewe of Saint Jude *Laissez les bons temps rouler...Let the good times roll!* Over 350 parents, faculty, staff, and friends came together and raised **\$202,500** to make various track and field improvements including building a brand new 6-foot-wide sports track on the Saint Jude soccer field for our students, athletic teams and community to enjoy. We are extremely grateful to our co-chairs, **Nellie Thompson** and **Joslyn Lawhead** and to all our sponsors, parents, and volunteers!



Thank you! TO OUR SPONSOR FAM

Community Partners

GOLD (\$5,000)

Allison and Matt Chapman
Dental Implant & Aesthetic Specialists
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Sue and John Heldrich
Sue and Tom Coleman
The Ageless Center
Vision Care and Therapy Center

PURPLE (\$2,500)

Atlanta Orthodontic Specialists
Clean Corp
Corps Communications
Mary O'Neill
My Southern Doodles
Nobu Hotel Atlanta

GREEN (\$1,000)

ACAPX
Andi and Cullen Millsap
ASCOT Diamonds
Atlanta Specialized Care
Augusta Wilson Studio
CycleBar Dunwoody
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Holland Fine Art Portraits
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JAN-PRO Cleaning & Disinfecting in Atlanta

JPO Interiors
Kaplan Orthodontics
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Mosquito Shield of Marietta
New Age Hibachi
NorthPoint Mortgage
Southern Pelvic Health
Tebarco Mechanical Corporation
Village Orthodontics
Wine Tasting Driver Napa

FLEUR DE LIS (\$500)

30 Something Fashion
Alloy Personal Training: Dunwoody
ASW Distillery
Atlanta Irish Dance
Auteur Wines
Balk Aesthetics
Beat the Bomb
Bryan Archer (*Guitar Lessons*)
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J Gold Salon
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KKC Abstracts
Lost Key Golf Club
Marianne and Jeff Lawhead
Marist Athletics
Margaret Miller
Martha Allayne Douglas Art
Mary Brooke and Sam Grier
McDaniel's QN2 (*Catering for 20*)
Monday Night Brewing
Nothing Bundt Cakes:
Alpharetta & Sandy Springs
Paige Molina Photography
Peachtree Cabinet Distributors
Repris Winery
Splatter Studio Sandy Springs
Steve Garrett
The Graivier Center
The Inn at Serenbe
Tie One On Fly Fishing
Tijuana Joe's
Timberline Glamping Company
Village Threads
WIFH
Woodhouse Day Spa: Dunwoody

HERITAGE

Harriette and Edgar Bohannon
Lori Millsap
Amy and Dale Urban





ILLIES AND COMPANIES:

Patron Packages

THE BIG EASY

Janna and Josh Conklin
 Lyndsay and Brett Langston
 Kristie and Edward Piasta
 Liane and Jason York

ROYAL COURT (\$1,500)

Kaylee and Nat Estes
 Natalie and Sami Nassar
 Beth and Shane O'Neill
 Jessica and Andrew Reale

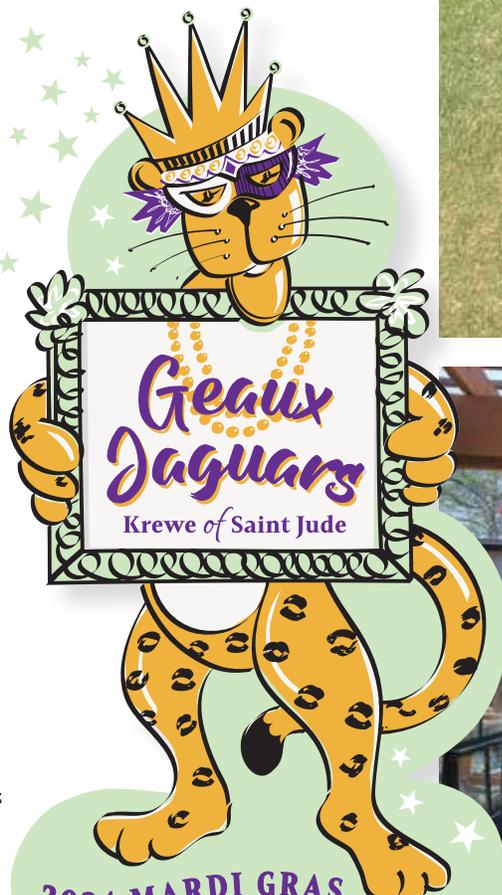
CROWN JEWELS (\$1,250)

Suzanne and Jared Abram
 John Backman
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 Natalie and Ben Collinger
 Abbi and John Paul Diego
 Meghan and A.J. Hurst
 Kelly and Matt Lawson
 Megan and John Marsh
 Barbara and Matt McElhanon
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 Jennifer and Brandon Morris
 Cheron and Craig Patterson
 Lili and Jordan Ray
 Hannah and Ron Stolte

KNIGHTS OF REVELRY (\$750)

Catherine and Tate Blenke
 Eleanor and Nathaniel Cates
 Patty and Doug Childs
 Megan and David Collins
 Stephanie and Mark Foster
 Monica and Stephen Garrett
 Magen and Aaron Giles
 Jess and Blake Golden
 Mary Brooke and Sam Grier
 Anne Tyler and David Hall
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 Caryn and Mike Woolley



**2024 MARDI GRAS
 BALL & AUCTION**



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Grandparents' Day!

MAY 7, 2024

Over 575 Grandparents attended the Annual Grandparents' Day – a school record! Grandparents enjoyed a welcome breakfast and then ventured to church for a Grandparent Blessing followed by student performances led by our Fine Arts Faculty, **Jeff Simpson** and **Sabrina Lively**. Grandparents joined their students for classroom visits and the legendary Book Fair. A special thanks to our Leadership Committee Grandparent Chairs, **Shirley and Cary Franklin**, who shared their story of watching their kids and now their grandkids grow up at Saint Jude!



Sts. Anne and Joachim Guild

Grandparents play an important role in the lives of our students – bringing love, joy and wisdom across generations. Saint Jude was pleased to establish the *Sts. Anne and Joachim Guild* named after Jesus's Grandparents, the patron Saints of Grandparents. Grandparents of current and former students who donate to the Annual Fund will become part of the *Sts. Anne and Joachim Guild*. With an Annual Fund gift, grandparents can honor and support their grandchildren's Catholic education, as every student and program benefits from these generous gifts. We are grateful for the love and generous support of our grandparents. Their commitment and dedication to the Annual Fund is appreciated – especially this year as their gifts made up 21% of our 2023-2024 Annual Fund – the most ever!



Thank you ...

2023-2024 Sts. Anne and Joachim Guild

Anonymous (2)
 Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Arrieta
 Steve and Debbie Asip
 Mrs. Joan Barrett
 Mr. Kenneth Beauchamp
 Tom Bezold and Alina Guasch-Bezold
 Bud and Laura Ann Bierly
 Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bivone
 Mr. Alexander Black
 Jim and Jeanie Blackburn
 Mr. and Mrs. Pat Blenke
 Ms. Angel Bobel
 Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bouton
 Mr. and Mrs. David Boyd
 Julie Braswell
 Marilyn Brooks and Brian Brooks
 Ms. Jane Brown
 Karen and H. King Buttermore
 Mr. and Mrs. Carey Caldwell
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cassetori
 Miguel and Lia Cornejo
 Dr. James F. Crispen
 Ed and Lori Crunk
 Mr. and Mrs. David Curry
 Jack and Margaret Curtin
 Mary Pat and Mike Davis
 Mr. and Mrs. Tony Dean
 Gene and Kathy DeBerardinis
 Muff DeCelles
 Mr. and Mrs. Pablo Diego
 Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Douglas
 Proud Grandparents
 Cary and Shirley Franklin
 Karen Boland Geheber
 Bill Gifford

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 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Golden
 Virginia W. Gottschalk
 Mary Ann Hall
 Nancy Harper
 Anna Hatfield
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 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Luczynski
 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Malone
 Mr. and Mrs. Herman Manderson
 Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Matthews
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Michna
 Lori Vick Millsap
 Georgianna Miniscalco
 Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moon
 Dr. and Mrs. David Moore
 Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore
 Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Morrow

Phil and Julie Mouldous
 Mr. and Mrs. John Moyer
 Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Nimmer
 Vickie Nordmark
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 Mary Jane Poppel
 Mr. and Mrs. Garth Peters
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reale
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Reardon
 Chavigny Revelette
 Mr. and Mrs. Rolando Rodriguez
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 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sand
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 Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Simmons
 John Southern
 Donna and J.K. Speas
 Mr. and Mrs. David Speight
 Mr. and Mrs. John Splude
 Mr. and Mrs. Steve Swords
 Ruth Uhl
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Venezia
 Mr. and Mrs. Ron Vesely
 Grace Vicchiolla
 Mr. and Mrs. Mick Walsh
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Philip Walsh
 Mrs. Lynda Wojno
 Edward and Hazel York
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Yother



alumni notes:

We want to hear
from you, as
Saint Jude Alumni!

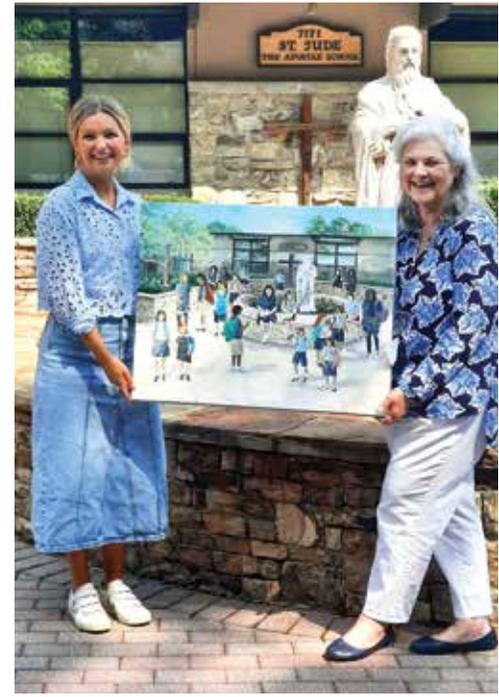
Let us know about your
career accomplishments,
promotions, awards and
milestones to share
with fellow alumni!
Send news about new
jobs, marriages, births,
awards and recognition.
Please include a photo of
yourself with your message.

For more Alumni
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update your contact
information, go to
www.saintjude.net/Alumni/
or send an email to
alumni@saintjude.net.

ALUM ERIN TAPP

Class of 2008

The teachers and staff
commissioned alum, **Ms. Erin
Tapp** ('08) to paint a “thank you”
portrait for Mrs. Childs. Erin is
the middle of five siblings, many
of whom attended Saint Jude.
Erin is a graduate of Wake Forest
University and has an art studio
in Atlanta. She has received
numerous awards and has been
recognized as a young artist
everyone will be talking about.
Erin’s art includes abstracts,
landscapes, florals and everything
in between. Visit Erin’s work at
www.erintapp.com.





2020 alumni NEWS legacy

Alumni Class of 2020
Congratulations to the Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School Class of 2020 on their recent high school graduation! The school "surprised" the Class of 2020 with their own final "Walk of the Halls" since they were unable to experience it in 2020 due to Covid. Wishing them all great success as they venture off to college! The graduates will be attending the following schools:

- Appalachian State University
- Auburn University
- Berry College
- Florida State University
- Georgia College & State University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Georgia Southern University
- Kennesaw State University
- Kutztown University
- Louisiana State University
- Miami University (Ohio)
- Ohio State University
- Texas Christian University
- United States Naval Academy
- University of Alabama
- University of Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of Mississippi
- University of North Georgia
- University of South Carolina
- University of Tennessee

Alumni and their Legacy at Saint Jude!

Did you know...Forty Alumni are current parents of a Saint Jude student! Over 72 legacy students attended Saint Jude in the 2023-2024 school year with an additional 12 sibling students who graduated over the past few years. The school is blessed to have so many families who believe in the mission of Saint Jude and Catholic education and choose to send their kids to their alma mater. #ItallSTARTSAttheJUDE!

Jamie Robinson Podraza ('92)

"Why did I choose to send my kids to Saint Jude? It felt like home when I first walked in the doors for my oldest daughter's kindergarten testing. It even smelled the same! I had such wonderful memories of my time at Saint Jude and wanted my children to grow up in the same special and supportive environment that I had."

Pia Cornejo Goosen ('85)

"I love going to school Mass and hearing the Saint Jude school song. It always gives me goosebumps, especially hearing the children sing, 'years from now, far from here, we shall hold forever dear...' I just know Eva and Luca will cherish their Saint Jude memories long into the future!"

annual fund donors and supporters

Gratitude, enthusiasm and confidence about the future of Saint Jude was certainly demonstrated by the incredible generosity and support of the 2023-2024 Annual Fund! The philanthropic spirit of our school community blessed our saints and scholars with over 720 former and current parents, grandparents, alumni, parishioners, friends and dedicated faculty and staff as well as corporate and community supporters, helping to raise over \$478,000 for the Annual Fund. The most ever!

Our teachers and staff jump started the Annual Fund by reaching **100% participation** within the first month of school! The Leadership Committee, chaired by **Shannon and Matt Blackburn** along with 20 class representatives were all focused on rallying parent participation—which was accomplished with a staggering **98% of our current families** making a gift to the Annual Fund. WOW! Thank you to all who served on the 2023-2024 Leadership Committee.

Our donors' **unwavering support** and **dedication** have made a significant impact on our students' educational and spiritual experiences within the halls of Saint Jude. Thanks to YOUR generous contributions, enhancements were made to various aspects of our school—whether in the classroom, extracurricular activities, professional development for our teachers and staff, facility improvements, or financial aid for those pursuing a Catholic education – our Saint Jude Community was blessed by YOUR financial gifts supporting the 2023-2024 Annual Fund, the Saint Jude Endowment Fund, our 13 scholarships and Grace Scholars. Thank you!

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Dear Saint Jude Family,

As I reflect on my tenure at Saint Jude , it brings me great joy to think of our many accomplishments over the years. From expanding the Fine Arts wing, to welcoming our first Pre-K 4 students, achieving our third Blue Ribbon, earning STEM Certification, and graduating over 1,000 special young men and women, I am grateful for the learning, loving, and laughter all these years.

To our wonderful volunteers and benefactors, thank you! You continue to give selflessly of your time, talents, and treasure. Your dedication, support, and commitment are the true embodiment of Christ's spirit alive in our midst.

The Saint Jude Faculty and Staff are outstanding individuals who continue to make Saint Jude a School of Excellence. Thank you! Your dedication and enthusiasm nurtures the academic progress and the spiritual growth of the young people entrusted to Saint Jude School. May God bless your work!

As of June 30, 2024, I bid farewell to Saint Jude School to serve as the Superintendent of Catholic Schools. I am sincerely grateful for the 23 years of service as your principal. These have been years filled with many blessings and much love. Thank you! Thank you for all that you do for the students, teachers, and staff of Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School. I am forever grateful for your support, kindness, and dedication.

Thank you to Mrs. Molly Dean for her “yes” as she begins her principalship. She will lead Saint Jude School with enthusiasm and dedication to another great school year filled with exciting challenges and bountiful rewards!

God Bless,



Patty Childs

Superintendent of Catholic Schools, 2024

Principal, 2001-2024

Thank you, Mrs. Childs, for your unwavering support and service to Saint Jude for the past 23 years! **Congratulations** and **best wishes** to you in your new role as the Superintendent of the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Office of Catholic Schools! *It all STARTS at the JUDE...Celebration!*



PATTY CHILDS

Cheers to 23 years!



A 5-ft statue of the Holy Family was a gift from the PTA and School.



giving opportunities

Annual Fund Giving is a financial priority for our school. It is a tax-deductible opportunity for donors to help make a difference in the future of Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School. Gifts are unrestricted and added to the school's budget to meet current operating expenses, to enhance academic excellence in the classroom, and to support all programs and services offered to students. The Annual Fund allows Saint Jude School to successfully advance our mission of *nurturing the formation of saints and scholars!* Each family is asked to support the Annual Fund as our goal is 100% parent, faculty, and staff participation.

Endowment Fund giving is an opportunity to invest in the future of Saint Jude School and an excellent way to invest in the future of Catholic education. Contributions to the Endowment Fund are perpetual, and as the Endowment grows, so does the school's ability to carry on its mission. The Endowment Fund was established in 2002 to ensure the future financial stability of Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School. Memorial and honorary gifts can be allocated to the Endowment Fund at any time.

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A donation to this fund provides a tax-deductible opportunity for donors and allows them to make a direct impact on a current student's ability to continue to pursue a Catholic education. Donors may provide full or partial tuition scholarships for a student or students in a family that demonstrates financial need.

St. Martin Scholarship Fund
was established in 1996 to provide financial assistance for current Saint Jude School families who are experiencing an unexpected life crisis such as divorce, job loss, or death in the family.

Emily Johnston Scholarship Fund was established in 1988 by the Saint Jude Home and School Association in memory of Mrs. Emily Johnston, much-loved school librarian for 19 years. The fund provides tuition assistance to Saint Jude School families who demonstrate financial need.

Rob Paulinelli Memorial Award

Rob Paulinelli attended Saint Jude in 7th and 8th grade and graduated in 1983. These two years were instrumental in establishing a strong friendship base for Rob going into high school. The Rob Paulinelli Memorial Award is given to a graduating 8th grade boy who is respectful, cooperative, a good friend, involved in athletics, a team player, always tries hard and is an all-around good kid.

Elizabeth Huffner Angel Fund was established in 2010 by Don Huffner in loving memory of his wife, Elizabeth, a former Saint Jude teacher. A scholarship is awarded each year to a current 5th grade student who possesses similar qualities as Elizabeth, particularly her love of literature.

Elizabeth "Bitsy" Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2011 by Kathy Davis Pepe in loving memory of her daughter, Bitsy, who was a Saint Jude student and a graduate of Marist School. This scholarship is presented to a 5th grade girl, as Kathy taught 5th grade here at Saint Jude for over 20 years before joining administration. The recipient must possess an enthusiasm for living, be fun loving, yet a rule follower, a responsible student and exhibit kindness to everyone – all qualities Bitsy displayed during her life.

Regina Hersey Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2012 by Brian Hersey to honor his cherished wife, Regina. Regina made such an impact on the Saint Jude Community and was greatly admired by faculty, parents, and students. Her selflessness and dedication were so evident in all her endeavors. This scholarship is presented to a deserving student whose family is actively involved with the PTA and school community.

Dr. Amy Bennett Bellows Book and Scholarship Award was established in 2013 by Brent R. Bellows in loving memory of his treasured wife, Amy. Amy was the proud mother

of Jack ('18) and Will ('21) Bellows and was active in all aspects of their lives. Amy was also an avid Saint Jude School volunteer. Each year, a book and scholarship will be awarded to a 4th grade girl and boy committed to reading, achieving academic excellence, and loving God – all virtues Amy cherished, lived by, and strived to instill in her children each and every day.

Liz and Bill Oliver Memorial Scholarship Award was established in 2016 by long-time Saint Jude parishioner, Bill Oliver, to honor his beloved wife, Liz. This scholarship award is given annually to a current seventh grader who goes above and beyond his or her service hour requirements, and is, overall, a well-rounded student. As helping others was near and dear to Liz, this award was established to recognize a student who has made an impact in the community through dedicated service to others.

Shane Matthew Connolly Memorial Scholarship Award was established in loving memory of Shane Connolly in 2021 by his parents, Patrick and Annie Connolly, and his sisters, Lauren, and Maeve ('03). Shane was a former student at Saint Jude and a graduate of Marist School. The scholarship is awarded to a rising 8th grader, boy or girl, who demonstrates outstanding achievement both in the classroom and on the playing field, and who does so while emulating Shane's humility, unflinching even-tempered sportsmanship, and consistently exhibited concern for and kindness to others.

Christina Marie Wenke Memorial Scholarship Award was established in 2021 by an anonymous Saint Jude School family together with Lisa Wenke, in loving memory of her daughter, Christina, who attended Saint Jude School from kindergarten through 8th grade. Christina was a ray of sunshine, appropriate as yellow was her favorite color! She was loving, kind, and compassionate. Beautiful both inside and out, Christina was not attention-seeking, yet had a sweet, spirited personality and radiated joy and happiness

to all. This scholarship will be awarded to a 5th grade student, boy or girl, whose quiet 'unsung hero' demeanor and contagious smile best exemplifies our angel, Christina.

Germaine Baxter Memorial Teacher Scholarship was established in honor of Germaine Florette Baxter (mother of Assistant Principal Josette Perez) in 2023. A devout Catholic, Germaine was born in St. Martin, New Brunswick, Canada and chose teaching elementary school as her career. She and her husband raised their family of five in Sandy Springs and were active members of Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church for over 50 years. Germaine will always be remembered for her joie de vivre (joy of life), unflinching faith, quick wit, devotion to family, generosity to those less fortunate, and her strong morals and convictions. Germaine wanted to establish an annual scholarship of \$500 to an outstanding teacher at Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School.

The Walter and Yvette Kisil Memorial Scholarship
This new scholarship was started by James and Tatiana Matthews, in loving memory of Tatiana's beloved parents. Walter's family fled communist Russia during the Cold War to practice their faith. Yvette was one of nine children, raised in a strict Catholic family, on a laborer's salary. Both were shining examples that faith, family, tradition, gratitude, accountability, and perseverance can lead you through any challenge and dreams can become reality. This scholarship will be awarded to a 7th grade boy or girl who has shown tenacity, grit, fortitude, and a belief that "when the going gets tough, the tough get going."

Appreciated Securities Gifts of marketable stocks, bonds, or mutual fund shares that have appreciated in value can help donors avoid a capital gains tax and allows donors to make a larger gift to Saint Jude School.

Bequests Donors can leave a legacy by remembering Saint Jude School in their will. A charitable bequest in a will can benefit Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School while saving donors estate tax dollars.

A Gift of Gratitude



Instrumental in establishing the Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School Endowment in 2002, Patty Childs has always been passionate about maintaining the mission of the school, by offering a top-notch Catholic education. Thank you to all of these donors who made a gift honoring Mrs. Childs and her 23 years of service.

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The Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School Endowment Fund was established in 2002. Unlike the Annual Fund which focuses on the school's immediate needs, the goal of the Endowment Fund is to ensure the future financial stability of Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School. The Fund's goals are to moderate tuition increases, fund the multi-child tuition structure and tuition assistance, and support programs to attract and retain teachers.

Giving to the Endowment Fund is a wonderful opportunity to invest in the future of Catholic education. Contributions to the Endowment Fund are perpetual, and as the endowment grows, so does the school's ability to carry on its mission. Anyone can add to the endowment fund at any time, in any amount.

Our school Endowment Fund is held and managed by the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia – a non-profit serving the parishes, schools and ministries in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, as well as Catholic individuals and families. The funds are invested in line with Catholic teaching. For more information, contact the Saint Jude Advancement Office.

endowment fund

additional gifts

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Christina Marie Wenke Memorial Scholarship Award

Matt and Shannon Blackburn
 Matt and Katy Cowan
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THANK YOU to all Scholarship Founders and Supporters who continue to honor the legacy of those who have been part of Saint Jude. Annual gifts to the scholarship funds help to celebrate students and teachers for a variety of reasons – financial need, academic success, faith formation, determination, sportsmanship and more! For more information on establishing a scholarship or to make a gift, contact the Advancement Office.



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 Dr. Diane Lefebvre
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**Germaine Baxter Memorial
 Teacher Scholarship**

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 Julie and Jaime Walker



scholarship winners 2023 | 2024



**The York Family (Chase
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 and Scholarship Award



Meara McCue
 Christina Wenke
 Memorial Scholarship



Austin Blackburn
 Shane Connolly Memorial
 Scholarship



Olivia Romak
 The Walter and Yvette Kisil
 Scholarship

“For where your treasure is,
there also will your heart be.”

Luke 12:34

Statement of Activities

REVENUES

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Tuition and Fees | \$5,412,950 |
| Less: Tuition Assistance | (576,179) |
| Archdiocesan Financial Aid | 45,000 |
| Grace Scholars | 136,604 |
| Advancement | 940,997 |
| Student Services | 29,988 |
| Investment and Interest Income | 530,031 |
| Auxiliary Services | 3,420 |
| Other Income | 26,856 |
| PTA | 212,133 |
| Athletics | 117,742 |
| Total Revenues | \$6,879,542 |

EXPENSES

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|--|--------------------|
| Salaries and Benefits | \$4,596,127 |
| Instructional | 219,492 |
| Administrative | 184,931 |
| Advancement | 90,540 |
| Student Services | 104,866 |
| Facilities | 460,705 |
| Capital Improvements | 390,140 |
| Technology | 137,939 |
| Athletics | 81,262 |
| PTA | 182,460 |
| Total Expenses | \$6,448,462 |
| Net Surplus | \$431,080 |
| Unrealized Gains and Income on Endowment Assets | (386,824) |
| Operating Surplus | \$44,256 |

Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Cash – Operating | \$199,767 |
| Operating Reserve Fund | 266,431 |
| Cash – Restricted Scholarships | 655,249 |
| Cash – Capital Reserves | 766,196 |
| Accounts Receivable | 58,122 |
| Endowment Fund | |
| General | 3,676,452 |
| Capital Reserves | 612,624 |
| Property and Equipment | 1,418,769 |
| Other Assets | 108,735 |
| Total Assets | \$7,762,345 |

LIABILITIES

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Deferred Tuition Revenue | \$153,155 |
| Accrued Payroll and Benefits | 217,744 |
| Other Liabilities | 539 |
| Total Liabilities | \$371,438 |
| Net Assets | \$7,390,907 |

ADVANCEMENT REVENUE

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Annual Fund | \$478,546 |
| <i>Restricted Gifts:</i> | |
| Scholarship and Other Donations | \$259,950 |
| PTA Auction | \$202,501 |

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cost to Educate | \$12,370 |
| Tuition | \$10,915 |
| Gap | \$1,455 |

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PTA Financials 2023-24

INFLOWS

| | | |
|----------------------|------------------|-----|
| Auction | \$202,501 | 73% |
| Bingo Nights | 2,085 | 1% |
| Book Fair | 5,429 | 2% |
| Campus Shop | 3,318 | 1% |
| Enrichment Fee | 17,500 | 6% |
| Spring Fling | 5,219 | 2% |
| Fall Festival | 13,322 | 5% |
| Other Income | 729 | 0% |
| Partner Cards | 2,322 | 1% |
| Chick-fil-A Days | 2,058 | 1% |
| Secret Santa | 4,845 | 2% |
| Used Uniforms | 5,132 | 2% |
| School Supplies | (283) | 0% |
| Spirit Nights | 1,411 | 1% |
| Sponsorships | 10,293 | 4% |
| Total Inflows | \$275,881 | |

OUTFLOWS

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|---|-----------------|-----|
| Board Expenses | \$1,314 | 4% |
| STEM Field Trips | 5,450 | 17% |
| Field Day | 2,444 | 8% |
| Speakers and Family Fun Events | 418 | 1% |
| Pastries for Parents | 1,860 | 6% |
| Jaguar Sports Association (JSA) Committee | 230 | 1% |
| Staff Appreciation | 8,942 | 28% |
| St. Francis Day | 1,175 | 4% |
| Spiritual Life | 2,399 | 8% |
| Middle School Activities | 1,612 | 5% |
| Teacher Start Up Money | 3,965 | 13% |
| Student Appreciation Day | 1,489 | 5% |
| Volunteer Events and Other Expenses | 286 | 1% |
| Total Outflows | \$31,584 | |

2023-24 GIFTS TO SCHOOL

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|---|------------------|
| Walking Track | \$202,501 |
| Media Center (proceeds from Book Fairs) | 5,429 |
| Grey Nuns Scholarship | 1,000 |
| Msgr. O'Connor Scholarship | 1,000 |
| Table Umbrellas, Decor and PTA Tent | 3,243 |
| Middle School Off-site Service Project (in 2024-25) | 5,000 |
| ADA-compliant Wheelchair Ramp | 13,200 |
| Concession Stand Storage Supplies | 1,100 |
| Holy Family Statue (honoring Mrs. Childs) | 1,112 |
| Total Gifts | \$233,585 |
| Net Revenue after Gifts to School | \$10,712 |

A special thank you to the PTA Board, the many committees, and all the parent volunteers who put so much time, talent and treasure into making 2023-2024 a phenomenal school year!

The 2023-2024 Annual Fund helped to purchase:

- LightSpeed Classroom Management Software
- New Middle School Chromebooks (67)
- New iPads for Kindergarten and Staff (55)
- Upgraded Raptor Visitor and Volunteer Management System
- Upgraded Building Security and Camera System
- Performing Arts Stage Renovation
- New Mereki Switches (3) and Firewall

Thank you for supporting the Annual Fund!

Supporting Saint Jude...

student scholarship organizations

For the past 16 years, GRACE Scholars, a non-profit corporation and tax exempt charity (501-c-3 organization) has served as the student scholarship organization for the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Over this time, thousands of taxpayers have contributed to GRACE for the tax benefit which, in turn, has awarded scholarships to students wishing to attend Georgia Catholic Schools. All students receiving GRACE awards have demonstrated financial need.

In 2023 and 2024, over **\$429,000** in tuition assistance was designated to Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School. This amount provided enough funds for 51 students to attend Saint Jude under the GRACE Scholarship Program.

Thank you to the following taxpayers who re-directed their 2023 and 2024 Georgia tax dollars to GRACE Scholars:



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Over the past three years, **293 donors** have supported **77 students** with **\$596,808** in scholarship funding which provides parents the opportunity for their children to receive a Catholic education. Saint Jude and the Archdiocese of Atlanta previously used the SSO – GRACE Scholars to provide scholarships for those in financial need. For 2025, the Archdiocese of Atlanta and Office of Catholic Schools will now partner with the Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program to offer this tax benefit to donors while they support Catholic Education.



The Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program is a remarkable initiative that enables individuals and businesses to help deserving students access quality Pre-K-12 Catholic education that may otherwise be out of reach.

All Georgia taxpayers are eligible to receive a 100% state income tax credit in exchange for their contributions to Georgia GOAL. Funds raised through GOAL are used to provide tuition assistance for exceptional students desiring to attend Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School.

Tax credit limits based upon taxpayer filing status are as follows:

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| Single Filer | up to \$2,500 |
| Married Separate Filer | up to \$2,500 |
| Married Joint Filer | up to \$5,000 |
| Individual Pass-Through Owner | up to \$25,000 |
| C Corp, Trust, or Electing Pass-Through | up to 75% of annual tax liability |

To secure your 2025 GOAL tax credit, submit an application and register before December 31, 2024. Register by visiting **www.goalscholarship.org**. GOAL will handle all remaining steps in the process until your contribution is due in mid-March 2025, within 60 days following approval by the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Support Saint Jude by making the most of this winning program, and let's make every GOAL count!

8th grade

8th Grade Honors: Congratulations to our graduates who received the following special awards. Many are memorial awards displayed on plaques in the front hall of our school(*). We thank their families for choosing to honor their loved ones here at Saint Jude School.



| Award | Criteria |
|---|--|
| Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory Award | Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory Award: This award represents the ideals set forth by our former Archbishop of Atlanta and honors a well-rounded student who strives to "Live in Christ Jesus" and is dedicated to academic excellence. |
| Bob Moorefield Award* | Bob Moorefield was a father who was very involved in the school while his children were students. He coached several different teams and enjoyed the sports program. This award is given to an eighth-grade girl who is involved in athletics; a real team player; who tries hard and is willing to do whatever is needed. |
| The Chi-Rho Award | Given to an eighth-grade student who possesses the qualities of scholarship, faith, determination, caring and integrity. |
| Emily Johnson Award* | Given to one boy and one girl who demonstrate an interest and ability in literature and writing, a willingness to read other literary selections above and beyond those which are required in class, and an interest in writing as a possible career or as an elective course in high school. |
| Evelyn Harris Memorial Award* | Recognizes one eighth-grade boy and girl for their dedicated service to their school, parish, and community. |
| Hayden Jacques Memorial Award* | Recognizes one boy or girl who demonstrates great effort in the classroom, has high participation in school activities, demonstrates a positive attitude in all his/her actions, is a well-rounded student, shows compassion toward others, and demonstrates a great love for Saint Jude School. |
| Rob Paulinelli Memorial Award* | Recognizes an eighth-grade boy who is involved in athletics; a real team player; who tries hard, is respectful, cooperative, helpful, a good friend, likes to participate, and is willing to do whatever is needed. |
| Thaddeus Award | Presented to a student who demonstrates the love of and the enthusiasm for Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School. |
| St. Thomas Aquinas Award | Presented to a student who exemplifies a determination to achieve personal goals with diligence and perseverance. |
| Students of the Year | Presented to one girl and one boy who has above average grades and behavior, demonstrates the spirit of Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School, participates in extra-curricular activities, and demonstrates leadership abilities and qualities. |

Class of 2024
High School Matriculation

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|-----------------|----|
| Blessed Trinity | 12 |
| St. Pius X | 11 |
| Marist | 2 |
| Other/Public | 11 |

Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School

Class of 2024

8th grade graduates

Well done

Winner(s)

Marco Lopez

Sofia Malto

Taylor Dixon

Giana Calello and
Olivia Thaxton

Leila Chiaffredo and
Joey Nordmark

Kacie Bouton

Owen Adams

Maddie Lemos

Violet Hornby and
Diego Valesco-Rivera

Riley Gilmore and
Henry Germann





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Annual Fund Giving Levels:

SOCIETIES

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Up to \$499

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