

ANNUAL REPORT





MISSION STATEMENT

Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we at Saints Simon and Jude School, commit ourselves to learning, proclaiming, and living the Good News of Jesus Christ. We strive to educate and develop all for Catholic leadership in the church and community, enabling one another to serve with compassion, courage, and competence.

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A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

Dear Parents, Parishioners, Alumni, and Friends of Saints Simon and Jude School,

Our hearts overflow with gratitude for all the financial support you continue to provide for our parish school as it continues to be a vibrant catholic community where our children grow in compassion, courage, and competence. Father Gerlach, priests, faculty, staff, School Board of Limited Jurisdiction, and families join me in expressing our deep appreciation for all you do that allows our school to thrive and continue to serve the children of West Chester.

Each morning, our School Mission Statement, *"Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we at Saints Simon and Jude School commit ourselves to learning, proclaiming and living the Good News of Jesus Christ. We strive to educate and develop all for Catholic leadership in the church and community, enabling one another to serve with compassion, courage, and competence"* is recited by our faculty and students at our Morning Assembly. Compassion, courage, and competence coupled with leadership is definitely needed in our church and community today. We see first-hand through our interactions with our children how these virtues are developing. Our children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation also strive to portray these virtues through their service projects. When our alumni come back to visit we are always happy to hear how they are living out these virtues in their lives.

We were truly happy to offer in-person learning for the 2020–2021 school year. There were definitely challenges, but the spirit of the SSJ family remained strong. Teachers were very flexible and creative in ensuring that Covid protocols were followed to control the mitigation of the virus through school. Students in preschool through grade eight, were amazing. Living through this pandemic, I am sure will be something the children, and all of us, will remember for years to come.

Although several of our annual events needed to be postponed, a few of our traditions were able to take place in a modified format. Parent-Teacher conferences and Home and School Association meetings were held virtually. Our annual Walk-a-Thon and Trunk or Treat followed a modified format due to the creative planning of our parent coordinators. The preschool and kindergarten Nativity programs and the eighth grade Nativity program, a highlight of our Advent season, took place while adapting and adhering to Covid protocols. These are just some of the events that were modified.

Due to the outstanding support and cooperation of our faculty, staff, students, and parents, we are able to report that our 2020-2021 school year continued the strong tradition of academic excellence and catholic identity that are so evident here at Saints Simon and Jude Parish School. Your continued prayerful and generous support is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

Be assured of our prayers of thanksgiving for each of you. May Saints Simon and Jude obtain for you many blessings.

Gratefully,



Sister Regina Elinich, IHM

Sister Regina Elinich, IHM
Principal



Mary C. Sinnott, PT, DPT, M.Ed

Mary Sinnott, PT, DPT, M.Ed
Chair of the Board



CLASS OF 2021

Congratulations to SSJ's Class of 2021! We thank you for your leadership during a particularly difficult school year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Your resiliency and positive attitudes set an example for all students at Saints Simon and Jude School. Even though many of your traditional 8th grade events didn't take place or looked different, you certainly made the best of it.

We especially thank you for carrying on the tradition of the 8th Grade Christmas Pageant. Your effort was apparent as you performed three times so that all students could enjoy an in-person experience while being socially distanced.

Congratulations to eight members of the Class of 2021 who received scholarships to Archdiocesan high schools or private Catholic schools. We are proud that 39% of the students qualified to sit for the Connolly Foundation's esteemed Neumann Scholarship exam, and one member of the class was awarded this four-year scholarship to the Archdiocesan high school of his choice.

Class of 2021 High School Selections

- Bayard Rustin High School
- Bishop Shanahan High School
- Kennett High School
- Villa Maria Academy High School
- West Chester East High School

Thank you again and congratulations! We wish you the best of luck in high school and beyond.



The school's annual talent show was cancelled due to the pandemic, but SSJ's Class of 2021 still performed the traditional 8th grade act. It was recorded and shared with the school community.



THE GIFT OF TUITION ASSISTANCE

Saints Simon and Jude School is committed to providing a quality education for all families who wish to send their children to a Catholic school. Therefore, tuition assistance is available from funds raised through the EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit) Program and SSJ's Catholic Education Fund.

EITC assistance is distributed through BLOCS (Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools) and the Chester County Foundation for Catholic Education.

Thanks to the generosity of many donors, more than \$210,000 was awarded to 73 students for the 2020–2021 school year. A portion of this assistance was given to families who suffered financial hardships due to the Covid-19 pandemic and was made possible by the SSJ Catholic Education Fund.

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SUMMARY OF GIVING & FINANCIALS

The 2020–2021 fiscal year was a vibrant one for Saints Simon and Jude School, both spiritually and academically. Faced with another challenging year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Saints Simon and Jude School continued to flourish. Despite the unusual school year, our dedicated teachers and staff were able to deliver a high quality education and spiritual enrichment to our students.

Unfortunately, the impact of the pandemic continued to adversely affect the school's financials. Our tuition revenue remained strong, but other revenue did not recover to pre-pandemic levels. We did not reach our Annual Fund/fundraising goals due to the inability to hold in-person events. An Online Auction in the spring of 2021 did help raise some additional funds.

Other income sources (before/after school CARES, cafeteria, facility rentals, etc.) were much lower than pre-pandemic years because of decreased usage. There were also increased expenses due to investments in technology for virtual learning and maintenance/security to follow Covid-19 protocols.

With these decreases in income and increases in expenses, the parish subsidy/support increased to \$639,218. The school's goal is to bring the parish subsidy down to 10% of school expenses. The 2020–2021 school year expenses were approximately \$2,400,000, which would have made our target school subsidy \$240,000. The school administration, in partnership with the School Board, will continue to strive to push revenues higher and reduce expenses, where appropriate, to try to reach our goal while continuing to enhance the student experience and high level curriculum.

SCHOOL REVENUE

Tuition: \$1,497,825

Annual Fund: \$140,758

Other Fundraising: \$49,334

Other School Income: \$78,016

Parish Support Needed: \$639,215

**TOTAL SCHOOL INCOME:
\$2,405,148**

SCHOOL EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits: \$1,805,340

Maintenance and Utilities: \$324,283

**Administration/
Instructional Materials: \$146,523**

Professional Fees: \$95,929

Insurance: \$33,073

**TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES:
\$2,405,148**



ANNUAL FUND

Saints Simon and Jude School is sincerely grateful to our donors who supported our 4th Annual Fund. Through your generosity, we raised more than \$140,000!

The success of the Annual Fund made an immediate impact on the school budget and helped with the many needs of our school. Ten percent of the funds raised were contributed to our school's Endowment Fund.

Donations to the Annual Fund helped support:



- **Technology** – SSJ's technology needs were greater than ever as we offered in-person and virtual school options during the Covid-19 pandemic. We had expenses related to new equipment and Chromebook upkeep for students in kindergarten to grade 8 who have their own personal devices. Other needs included new classroom SmartBoards with interactive displays.
- SSJ also continued to integrate STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math) into its curriculum at all levels from preschool to grade 8.
- **Student/Faculty Enrichment** – Student enrichment included online KidBiz/TeenBiz reading and IXL programs. Faculty members took advantage of virtual professional development opportunities throughout the year.
- **Fine Arts Programs** – SSJ's fine arts programs help students enhance their creative problem-solving skills, as well as out-of-the-box thinking. All art supplies were provided by the school for hands-on weekly lessons.
- **Instructional Materials** – SSJ does not receive government funding for religion books and other extras, such as library books. Many other materials were used on a daily basis including science lab supplies.
- **Maintenance** – To maintain a pleasant and safe environment for our students, SSJ invested in upkeep and improvements of our school building and surrounding property.
- **Security** – The security of everyone at SSJ is a priority. Each school year, there are security upgrades and enhancements based on recommendations from our Security Committee. To ensure the day-to-day safety of our school community, following Covid-19 protocols, we had increased expenditures on equipment and cleaning supplies.
- **Financial Aid** – SSJ's goal is to provide a quality education for all families who wish to send their children to a Catholic school. Donations help fund our SSJ Catholic Education Fund which provided financial assistance to all families who qualified.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

Following is a list of donors who contributed to the Annual Fund and Online Auction July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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\$10,000 or more: 4

\$5,000 – \$9,999: 3

\$2,500 – \$4,999: 1

\$1,000 – \$2,499: 10

\$500 – \$999: 23

\$250 – \$499: 25

\$100 – \$249: 100

\$1 – \$99: 48

TOTAL DONATIONS: 214

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8th grade students who were in school and virtual, collaborated during their weekly science labs. With the use of iPads, tripods, and the Google Meet platform, SSJ was able to accommodate virtual students on and off throughout the school year.



Our SSJ community carried on many of our favorite traditions despite the Covid-19 pandemic. To celebrate their 100th day of school, our kindergarten students dressed as if they were 100 years old.

Mary Sinnott

Sisters of IHM Saints Simon and Jude
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SSJ Class of 2021

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Richard DiGregorio

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Vincent J. Donohue

and Terrence J. Donohue

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Support the SSJ Annual Fund

Gifts to SSJ's Annual Fund support the many priorities of our school, provide financial aid, and help grow our Endowment Fund. Gifts can be made through June 30, 2022, by check or online at school.simonandjude.org/annual-fund.

Priorities for the 2021–2022 campaign include Technology, Student/Faculty Enrichment, Fine Arts Programs, Instructional Materials, Maintenance/Security, and Financial Aid.

Matching Gifts

Many companies will match charitable contributions made by their employees. Inquire with your company to help double your gift to Saints Simon and Jude School!

Support EITC

Businesses and individuals in Pennsylvania can receive up to a 90% tax credit by donating through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. By directing tax dollars you are already paying, you can help provide a quality education for children who otherwise would not be able to afford it.

Support SSJ Events

Join us for many fun and supportive Home and School Association events throughout the school year. SSJ's Cornhole Tournament will also support the many priorities of our Annual Fund.

Planned Giving

Gifts may be donated to Saints Simon and Jude School through a will or trust. In addition to providing this meaningful gift, there are possible financial and tax benefits for you and your family.

For more information about ways of giving, contact our Advancement Director, Jennifer Appaneal, at 610-696-5249, Ext. 241, or advancement@simonandjude.org.

Thank you for your support!



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(Rain Date: Saturday, May 21)

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