

Dear Friends of St. Jude,

November, 2023

The 2023-2024 school year is a proud milestone for our St. Jude faith community. It marks **60 years of educating hearts and minds in mercy, service, and academics at the St. Jude Catholic Education Center.** Our 60th anniversary is a chance for us to celebrate its rich history and give thanks to those who played a role in building the success of our Education Center.

Our school opened its doors in September 1963 under the loving guidance of the Sisters of Mercy. As the parish rapidly grew, the original school building was expanded in 1981. God's providence miraculously spared our school during the horrific fire that burned the attached church to the ground in October of 1982. As the church was rebuilt, our classrooms continued to fill, and by October 2006, our current Education Center was dedicated, featuring additional classrooms, a library, a technology lab, and a gymnasium. **The St. Jude Education Center is now a parish hub,** used by the PREP program, the school, CYO, and many other parish ministries, and gives us a place for large social gatherings for our parish family.

**God has abundantly blessed us these past 60 years,** and under the patronage of St. Jude, we have changed and grown to meet the challenges and demands of the day. The St. Jude Education Center was not only built with brick and mortar but with the generosity and commitment of those who came before us and those who were dedicated to seeing us grow. As we look to the future, we must renew our focus on the power of Catholic Education.

If you donated to the **St. Jude Education Center Annual Fund** in the past, I sincerely thank you for the role you've played in building the success of our parish center, and I hope that you will participate once again during this anniversary year. If you were unable to do so before, I ask that you prayerfully consider honoring the legacy of our school with a gift this year.

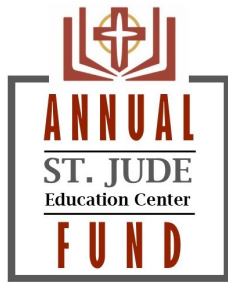
We are so very grateful for all the prayers and contributions that pave the way for future generations here at St. Jude. **I appreciate your support.**

In Christ's Love,

*Rev. Anthony J. Costa*

Reverend Anthony J. Costa, Pastor





### What is the St. Jude Catholic Education Center Annual Fund?

The St. Jude Catholic Education Center Annual Fund is a designated fund established to provide for the future of our Education Center. The money generated from this fund underwrites the operating budget, which includes maintenance and upkeep of the building. No matter the amount, each contribution helps ensure the center's future.

Your gift and any matching gift from your employer are tax-deductible. The 2023 - 2024 Annual Fund goes through the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2024. A tax letter will be sent to you once your complete donation is received.

If you have any questions about the St. Jude Catholic Education Center Annual Fund, please contact:  
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[www.stjudechalfont.org](http://www.stjudechalfont.org)  
[www.stjudeschool.org](http://www.stjudeschool.org)



### Two Ways to Donate to The Education Center Annual Fund:

- **Online: Scan the QR Code**

You can also visit our websites:

School website [www.stjudeschool.com](http://www.stjudeschool.com) under Giving.

Parish Website [www.stjudechalfont.org](http://www.stjudechalfont.org) under Giving.

- **Return the Donor Envelope:** You can return the enclosed donor envelope in the collection basket at Mass or mail to  
St. Jude School, 323 W. Butler Ave., Chalfont, PA 18914. Attn: Advancement



### Show Your Support:

All donors, with the exception of those who choose to be anonymous, will be acknowledged on our parish and school websites.

#### Consider joining one of our Giving Societies:

**St. Jude Society (\$25,000 +)**

**Mercy Society (\$10,000-\$24,999)**

**Mother McAuley Society (\$5,000-\$9,999)**

**Leadership Society (\$2,500-\$4,999)**

**Pastor's Circle (\$1,000-\$2,499)**

**Principal's Circle (\$500-\$999)**

**Teacher's Circle (\$250-\$499)**

**Maroon & Gold Club (\$100-\$249)**

**Friends of St. Jude (Up to \$99)**

### MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM: You can Double your Gift!

You can take it one more step by asking your employer if they have a Matching Gift Program.

**It's easy!** This doubles your donation and helps to continue the important work of St. Jude Catholic Education Center. Here's how it works:

- Ask your company's Human Resources Department if they have a Matching Gift Program. Most companies do. They can match your gift or give even more! Ask them to please be generous.
- Obtain your company's appropriate form and complete the section related to you and your company.
- Return the form with your donation. **We do the rest!** We will contact your employer and make all the arrangements to secure the funds.

Your form and donation can be returned in the collection basket at Mass or mailed to St. Jude School, 323 W. Butler Ave., Chalfont, PA 18914. Attn: Advancement Office. If your employer has any questions, please direct them to Mrs. Pat Kerwin at 215-822-9225 ext. 251 or email [pkerwin@stjudeschool.com](mailto:pkerwin@stjudeschool.com).

**Thank you for your generous support!**