



Dear Parishioners of Saint Jane Frances de Chantal Church,

It has been a year since my last letter to you on the parish finances and I want to thank you for your generosity and faithfulness to the parish mission. Your offertory gifts increased, which has certainly been a blessing, especially since gifts to the Easter and Christmas collections were not what they were in the past, and the cost of many parish related expenses has increased significantly at the same time.

Soon, the parish will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding. At the same mass, the final stained-glass windows for the sanctuary of our beautiful church will be blessed. It will be a wonderful occasion to look back toward all those who have been part of this same wonderful church and to look forward to many more years to come of sharing the light of Christ in this neighborhood and community where we live.

It is also a blessing to move into the cooler months of the year. As I shared at different masses this past summer, both air-conditioning units for the church have come to the end of their service lives. Installed twenty-five years ago, they are no longer repairable. We have, however, placed orders for two new, more modern and efficient units, which we hope will arrive toward the end of February 2026. Their purchase represents a substantial capital expenditure and in the early part of the next calendar year I will share with you how you can help fund this much needed project.

Finally, this past summer, several steps were taken to update the look of our parish school and to assure a comfortable environment for both students and teachers. The results are already being felt as there are over 60 new students at the school this year. Many thanks to Mrs. Skibo and her staff for moving the school forward and welcoming new classes to an excellent education and faith formation.

With gratitude to all of you, I am sincerely yours,

Rev. Samuel Giese
Pastor

Join our St. Jane
Community for
Coffee, Donuts, &
Fellowship!



Every 3rd
Sunday, after the
8am & 10am
Masses.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am,
12 pm, 5 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – Saturday: 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:45 – 4:45 pm

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION

9 – 10 am

HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL MASSES

www.stjanedechantal.org

Save the Date!

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Mass at 10:00 am, followed by a reception in Caulfield Hall.

Celebrating 75 Years

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish ♦ 1950 - 2025

Join us in celebrating

- ♦ The Dedication of the Central Chancel Triptych Stained-Glass Windows
- ♦ 40th Anniversary of Father Samuel Giese' Ordination to the Priesthood

The parish council is in the process of gathering historical images of our church, parish families and memorable events for the 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Send in your family pictures taken at St. Jane de Chantal Church by November 7th!

Please share them with us by email to: parish.news@stjanedechantal.org. Thank you!

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL PARISH CENSUS

	2023 - 24	2024 - 25
REGISTERED ACTIVE PARISH FAMILIES	1620	1499
BAPTISMS	37	30
FIRST COMMUNIONS (INCLUDES OCIA)	42	45
CONFIRMATIONS (INCLUDES OCIA)	41	44
MATRIMONY (INCLUDES CONVALIDATIONS)	5	7
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FUNERALS	36	28

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish & School Financial Report

CHURCH

	Fiscal year ended June 30,			
	2024 Actual last year	2025 Budget current year	2025 Actual current year	2026 Budget next fiscal year
Operating Income				
Offertory collections	\$873,945	\$865,000	\$895,817	\$890,000
Donations, bequests, memorials	\$277,095	\$200,000	\$151,479	\$154,800
Investment Income-Operations Use	\$44,114	\$19,000	\$44,075	\$40,500
St. Louis Church donation & Elections Site, etc.	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$12,000
Religious education	\$14,646	\$10,000	\$16,673	\$16,500
Christmas, Easter, Collections at Devotions, Poor Box	\$158,935	\$158,000	\$140,414	\$145,000
Maintenance collection(monthly) & Snow Collection	\$109,075	\$106,000	\$109,835	\$110,000
Music & Arts, Religious Store, Grants and Other Income	\$44,552	\$33,600	\$62,764	\$39,400
Insurance Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Merrill Lynch stock donations	\$5,145	\$0	\$8,611	\$8,600
Gains/Loss Fixed Assets (write-off of replacements)	-\$59,366	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total Operating Income	\$1,468,142	\$1,391,600	\$1,441,669	\$1,416,800
Chg. in Market. Value -Investments	\$167,400	\$0	\$133,357	\$0
Capital Campaign Donations	\$608,481	\$300,000	\$303,519	\$10,000
Total Income	\$2,244,023	\$1,691,600	\$1,878,545	\$1,426,800
Expenses				
Salaries and benefits	\$888,802	\$953,524	\$878,866	\$763,404
Parish Life and Worship	\$61,450	\$62,900	\$62,677	\$58,250
Rectory & Parish Clergy	\$17,254	\$17,000	\$13,488	\$14,685
Religious education	\$19,697	\$15,480	\$10,076	\$12,480
Social concerns	\$21,190	\$28,000	\$12,971	\$18,000
Administration and other	\$84,368	\$73,542	\$70,848	\$74,378
Facilities and maintenance	\$247,305	\$243,300	\$244,374	\$264,750
Archdiocese assessments	\$147,453	\$145,650	\$150,847	\$208,864
Parish Other-Fundraising, religious items store,etc.	\$11,928	\$12,000	\$3,429	\$10,500
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,499,449	\$1,551,396	\$1,447,577	\$1,425,311
<i>Other uses of funds (expenses)-Capital Campaign expenses-fundraising</i>	\$455	\$250	\$199	\$250
Total Operating Expenses with Campaign expenses	\$1,499,904	\$1,551,646	\$1,447,776	\$1,425,561
<i>Other uses of funds (expenses)-Capital improvement expenses-assets</i>		\$139,000	\$49,607	
Total Parish Expenses	\$1,499,904	\$1,690,646	\$1,497,383	\$1,425,561
Net Inc./Loss with (Cap. Camp. Income & Invst. Mrkt. Value)	\$744,119	\$954	\$381,162	\$1,239
Net Inc./Loss w/out (Cap. Camp. Incm&Exp & Invst.Mrkt. Value)	(\$31,307)	(\$299,046)	(\$5,908)	(\$8,511)
National Collections				
Collected/remitted-Arch. 2nd Collections			\$29,227	

SCHOOL

	Fiscal year ended June 30,			
	2024 Actual last year	2025 Budget current year	2025 Actual current year	2026 Budget next fiscal year
Operating Income				
School tuition (K-8), Reg., Tuit. Assist.,fees. Fiels trips	\$2,721,270	\$2,942,425	\$2,738,495	\$3,001,625
Staff Dev.;HSA Staff Dev. & HSA Proj.Support	\$12,848	\$16,500	\$26,682	\$12,500
Msgr. Christopher Fund-Parish.Col.	\$14,210	\$9,000	\$10,758	\$14,000
Donations, CFC Program, misc.	\$24,873	\$12,250	\$13,692	\$22,000
Before/After school care	\$118,057	\$89,000	\$135,740	\$112,000
Pre-K Tuition & Fees	\$156,950	\$284,550	\$314,562	\$365,300
Other Income-fees,programs,reimbursements,French School,camps, etc.	\$78,892	\$67,050	\$120,490	\$65,250
MD State and Federal Grants	\$26,833	\$0	\$13,727	\$0
Insurance Reimbursements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
DeChantal 70th Anniv. Tickets	\$24,262	\$0	\$0	\$0
School Excellence Fund	\$11,459	\$0	\$23,150	\$0
Sub-total Operating Income	\$3,189,654	\$3,420,775	\$3,397,293	\$3,592,675
Endowmnt.Fnd-Invstment Income	\$20,682	\$0	\$21,571	\$0
Endowment Fund Market Value	\$97,101	\$0	\$75,332	\$0
Total Income	\$3,307,438	\$3,420,775	\$3,494,195	\$3,592,675
Expenses				
Salaries and benefits	\$2,728,051	\$2,815,634	\$2,810,302	\$2,925,565
Instruction	\$196,804	\$148,900	\$151,050	\$195,600
Facilities and maintenance	\$359,566	\$356,200	\$434,094	\$365,300
Administration	\$104,880	\$94,900	\$91,613	\$105,450
Before/After care & pre-K (non-payroll)	\$523	\$1,000	\$410	\$700
Total operating expenses	\$3,389,825	\$3,416,634	\$3,487,470	\$3,592,615
Net income(loss) with Endow. Fund investment market value change	(\$82,387)	\$4,141	\$6,725	\$60
<i>Other uses of funds</i>				
Capital improvements (as not operating expenses)				
Net income(loss)-school (operating)	(\$82,387)		\$6,725	
School Endowment Use of Funds	\$0		\$0	
Annual Appeal Fundraising(in 2023-\$12,882 in Income)				
School Excellence Fund Collection & 70th Anniv. Proceeds-2024	\$15,220			
Budget Plan-NET		\$4,141		\$60

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- ◆ The St. Jane de Chantal Parish income from Offertory, Christmas, Easter, Maintenance and Collections at Devotions was \$17,440 over budget.
- ◆ Repairs and snow removal were within \$20,800 under budget. Insurance costs increased by \$5,000. The new Religious Items Store staffed by the Ladies of Charity and operational on Coffee and Donuts weekends had an income of \$2,241.
- ◆ The St. Jane de Chantal School concluded the 2024-2025 school year with a \$90,000 shortfall if excluding the Endowment Fund market gain and interest income. These funds remain invested to rebuild this fund after using it to help cover operational expenses during the Covid school years. When including these funds, our De Chantal School financial balance is positive.
- ◆ Special Note: St. Jane de Chantal Parish and School received \$27,727 in Federal/State grants for increased security across the campus. Skip Mahon, a parishioner, volunteered many hours requesting and negotiating these funds.

Parish Organization- Bank Account Balances

	Opening (July 1, 2024)	Closing (June 30, 2025)
Sodality	\$30,556	\$30,474
Home & School Association	\$77,706	\$109,818
CYO Operating	\$54,312	\$74,653
St. Martin's Cloak	\$8,275	\$12,399
Ladies of Charity	\$281	\$229

Organization Highlights

ST. MARTIN'S CLOAK

- ◆ Distributed \$16,594 to 71 appeals from various organizations and individuals in need. Members of the Guild donated over 1200 hours of time in pursuit of its mission.
- ◆ Hosted 4 food drives collecting 5006 lbs. of food which was distributed to Bethesda Help, Catholic Charities, Sacred Heart Church, and The Fr. McKenna Center. In addition, \$2290 in grocery gift cards and \$2500 in cash donations were collected and distributed to these organizations and individuals seeking nutritional assistance.
- ◆ SMC worked with Catholic Charities distributing resources during Thanksgiving, participated in the Sodality Annual Giving Tree, and for the second year - worked with the Archdiocese in distributing grocery food cards.

SODALITY

- ◆ The Parish Advent Giving Tree project organized by Sodality provided 323 gifts to 9 charities and \$3,850 in monetary donations to 5 charities. \$3,056 tithed to the parish.
- ◆ \$791 raised from the new Refresh for Spring social event, \$6,214 raised by the Sodality Plant Sale to support charitable works and signature events.
- ◆ \$1,400 Sodality Associates funds earmarked to organize and archive Sodality paperwork.
- ◆ \$2,500 in Catholic high school scholarships awarded to two Jr. Sodality essay contest winners.
- ◆ Sodality-sponsored activities included October Welcome Mass and dinner, Communion Breakfast, Morning of Recollection, Milestone Anniversary Mass and Brunch and May Crowning. This past June, hosted a parish reception for Fr. Cerritelli after his first mass.

LADIES OF CHARITY

- ◆ 7 LOC members donated numerous service hours. \$140 sent to Archdiocese of Washington from member "dues".
- ◆ 3 LOC members regularly donated sandwiches to SOME ministry covering 109 weeks.
- ◆ 32 total hours by 4 members to 2 assisted living homes.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

- ◆ HSA coordinates parental support through activities, social events and fundraisers. HSA supports new parents and runs parent education forums.
- ◆ The HSA hosts many events including Family Fun Night, Cornhole Tournament, Trunk or Treat, Breakfast with Santa, Secret Santa, Father-Daughter Dance, Mother-Son Event, Easter Egg Hunt, and Grandparents Day.
- ◆ Campus beautification: New shrubbery planted to enhance our campus and school grounds.
- ◆ Sunshades were installed in our school playground, for a more comfortable play area.
- ◆ Student lockers were installed for the upper school children to enhance student daily routine.
- ◆ Our major school fundraising event "de Chantal Dash" raised \$30,000.

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CYO)

- ◆ CYO's income is from registration fees and fundraising activities such as CYO Open Golf Tournament. Proceeds fund registration fees, field permits, event costs, financial aid and other expenses. Volunteers play a key role in minimizing costs to participants.

- ◆ 6 Sports (Cross Country, Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Track) + 3 Clinics
- ◆ 500+ Registered Participants
- ◆ 50+ Coaches and 12 Commissioners
- ◆ 19 Board Members. CYO welcomes new board members: Jerry Truman as Baseball Co-Commissioner, Tom Boylan as Basketball Co-Commissioner and Sil McIntyre as At-Large Member.

FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE

2024-2025	Church	School
HVAC and Boiler	11,542.72	26,168.00
Landscaping/Snow/Grounds Care	1,173.48	2,338.09
Outsourced Cleaning	58,030.00	78,216.78
Elevators	3,705.00	4,988.47
Assessments and Inspections	3,372.67	2,686.85
Fire Protection & Alarms	7,684.63	12,064.81
Repairs/Construction/Renovations	12,950.13	22,699.15
Other Maintenance	1,035.50	3,467.50
(Sound system, Key service, Pest Control, etc.)		

MUSIC AND LITURGY

Total volunteers in each ministry, with rotating service schedules during the year:

- * 2 Librarians
- * 56 Music Ministers within 3 music groups.
- * 9 Altar Guild members
- * 16 Eucharistic Ministers; 29 Lectors; 30 Hospitality (includes Ushers). Recruitments and training for new ministers, respectively during the year.
- * 12 Cantors, to which newly recruited members were trained correspondingly.
- * 46 Altar Servers, to which 6 training sessions took place for new servers, and procedure refresher for existing servers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- ◆ Faith Formation Program
 - * 17 volunteer Catechists and Aides
 - * Weekly Faith Formation classes for over 100 children from 1st – 8th grade
 - * 41- 2nd graders made their First Reconciliation and received 1st Communion
 - * 40- 8th Graders received their Sacrament of Confirmation
- ◆ Order of Christian Initiation (Formerly RCIA)
 - * 5 OCIA (RCIA) Volunteer Catechists
 - * 4 Adults received sacraments of 1st Communion and Confirmation
- ◆ High School Youth Group
 - * 21 Registered Teens
 - * 1 Live Stations of the Cross, and 1 Offsite Bowling Event
 - * Made sandwiches that were donated to Shepherd's Table, and helped facilitate 3 outdoor Mass and Movie nights for the parish.
- ◆ The Special Religious Education Program (SPRED) families met monthly for prayer services and social activities.
- ◆ The Scripture Study Group met weekly throughout the year.

Poor Box

Is designated each week for a specific local charity.

Msgr. Christopher Fund

Provides need-based scholarships to families in our school. During the 2024-2025 school year, the fund received a collection income of \$10,758 and assisted 11 families (18 students).

Saint Martin's Cloak

Provides financial and other assistance to parishioners and parish neighbors in need.

Memorial and Tribute Gifts

Memorial and tribute gifts can be designated for the parish, the school, the Msgr. Christopher Fund, the School Endowment Fund, and Saint Martin's Cloak.

St. Jane de Chantal School Excellence Fund

Each year St. Jane de Chantal School provides children with an exceptional Catholic education. When calculating the tuition rate we purposefully keep the tuition level moderate in an effort to make Catholic education affordable for families from all income levels. As a result, there is a gap between the actual cost to educate and the tuition paid. Help us maintain the extraordinary "Excellence" of our school by making a tax deductible donation towards instructional expenses that are not covered by tuition, and make a meaningful impact on children for years to come. Visit faith.direct/md30, or make checks payable to St. Jane de Chantal School Excellence Fund.

Gifts of Stock

Visit www.stjanedechantal.org/ways-to-give for instructions on

transferring shares of appreciated stock or mutual fund shares. Please notify the parish office in advance, contact Mae Villa-Agustin at mae.villaagustin@stjanedechantal.org or 301-530-1550.

IRA Charitable Distribution

If you are aged 70 ½ or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 each year directly from your traditional IRA account to St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish. This smarter way to give may satisfy a portion or all of your annual required minimum distribution (RMD) and serve as a qualified charitable distribution for your IRA, which can save you on taxes even if you do not itemize! Contact your plan custodian to complete the IRA transfer. For IRA charitable distribution checks, please make sure the check stub lists the "donor" name and the fund the distribution should benefit (e.g., offertory, donation, St. Martin's Cloak, etc.).

Donor Advised Funds

Donations of Donor Advised Fund grants are accepted for all funds at St. Jane. (e.g., offertory, maintenance, St. Martin's Cloak, Msgr. Christopher Fund, Forever de Chantal Campaign, School Excellence Fund, etc.). Please have your grant specialist enclose a note that includes your name and what you want the grant to support. For Fidelity Charitable DAF account holders, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church is actively registered to receive grants via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) since June of 2023. It's the fastest, most secure way to send Fidelity Charitable grants to St. Jane in place of checks, and it's free! If you would like to utilize this service, please connect with your Fidelity Charitable grant specialist for more information, or to assist you in setting up your account to begin.

YOUR GIFT  

THEIR FUTURE

Please remember the **St. Jane de Chantal School Endowment Fund** if you participate in this seasonal charitable campaign. **Open: 09-11 thru 12-31-2025.** (CFC # 32653)

ST. JANE S.O.M.E. MINISTRY NEED VOLUNTEERS

For over 40 years, St. Jane de Chantal has been preparing and delivering food to SOME on the 5th Wednesday of the month (occurs 4-5 times a year). More volunteers are needed to cook, bake cupcakes or drive on meal-mornings. No cooking skills required- we have a simple recipes such as chili for fall/winter, and pasta chicken salad for spring/summer. If you are interested helping to keep this very important ministry thriving, please contact the parish office at 301-530-1550 or email mariagcornelius@gmail.com.

Men's Fellowship
Every First Saturday of the Month!


Join us every first Saturday of the month in Caulfield Hall. Doors open at 6:30 am for coffee, doughnuts, and fellowship. The meeting begins at 7:00 am and ends at 8:00 am. It's never too late to start the program. Stay tuned to our parish calendar for a schedule of all monthly meetings, or visit stjanedechantal.org/mens-ministry.

#iGIVECATHOLIC
#GIVINGTUESDAY

WHEN **December 2, 2025**
12:00 AM to 11:59 PM
Advanced Giving runs Nov. 17 - Dec. 1

HOW Scan the QR code, or visit iGiveCatholic.org/search and look up: "St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church- Bethesda".

WHY Every one-time gift of \$25 or more goes towards the **St. Jane de Chantal School Excellence Fund**. Your donation will make a meaningful difference in various DeChantal School operational expenses that are not covered by tuition.



Religious ITEMS STORE
Organized by the Ladies of Charity

Featured Items:
Christmas Books for Kids!
Rosaries, crucifixes, holy water bottles, holy cards, scapulars, miraculous medals, lives of the saints, and prayer books for all ages, and so much more!

Open After These Masses
Nov. 16 ~ 10am & 12pm
Dec. 6 ~ 5pm vigil
Dec. 14 ~ 10am & 12pm

Full opening schedule via
stjanedechantal.org/parishmastercalendar

Saint Jane De Chantal Catholic School



FALL OPEN HOUSE
October 10
November 11

Please register at dechantal.org/admissions



DECHANTAL.ORG

6 WAYS TO GIVE to St. Jane de Chantal Parish & School:

ENVELOPES CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO REQUEST ENVELOPES	ONLINE VISIT FAITHDIRECT.NET TO MAKE A ONE-TIME GIFT	TEXT-TO-GIVE TEXT \$ AMOUNT TO 301-485-5127	MAIL 9701 OLD GEORGETOWN RD BETHESDA MD 20814-1795	RECURRING THROUGH FAITHDIRECT.NET OR YOUR BANK'S BILL PAY
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NON-CASH
STOCK TRANSFERS, DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS, & IRA CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS;
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DESIGNATE INTENTION