



**ST. JUDE**  
Catholic Church & School



# IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS 2024-2025



# OUR MISSION



St. Jude Parish is a Catholic Community of God's People of the Diocese of Palm Beach located in Boca Raton, Florida, founded in June, 1979. We are a people of diverse backgrounds and ethnic origins united by God, formed by the Gospels, strengthened by the Sacraments and the teachings of the Catholic Church. We seek to deepen our personal union with Jesus Christ and to grow as a faith community.

We seek to enrich our heritage of care and concern for all by sharing God's love and healing with the world around us. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we pledge ourselves to pursue this mission by participation in the liturgical, educational, and social ministries of the Church.

We recognize that to be effective, these ministries require spiritual, physical, and financial resources, and we accept our responsibility as Christian Stewards to provide these resources.

## IMPACT

This report highlights the collective impact of our church's outreach programs, ministry groups, parish members, volunteers and our school initiatives over the past year. It reflects our commitment to serving our community, nurturing faith, and providing a welcoming and supportive environment for all. We are grateful for the dedication of our volunteers, the generosity of our donors, and the unwavering spirit of our community.



# CHURCH PROGRAMS



## Ministry Groups

St. Jude currently hosts many active ministry groups that gather weekly in Mt. Carmel Hall, The Gathering Place, and the church itself. Each ministry addresses various needs within our community.

### Food Drive:

- The Hunger Program collected 1000 grocery bags filled with non-perishable goods to support multiple food pantries in the area. Donations were sent to local and international charities to feed the hungry.
- Knights of Columbus collected 26,000 pounds of food for Boca Helping Hands.
- Parish Thanksgiving Box Brigade collected 100 bags of food.

Our ministry food drive continues to be a vital resource for individuals and families facing food insecurity. We have seen many lives transformed through these efforts, and we are committed to continuing this important work.

## Child Welfare Nonprofit Support :

- Sponsored 100 underserved students to attend summer camp at Campo Allegre.
- Distributed 575 Christmas gifts to children through our Holiday Giving Tree.
- Donated 200 tickets for low-income families to enjoy our popular events: Fall Festival, Breakfast with Santa and Easter Breakfast with the Bunny.
- Organized a Baby Shower, gathering over 300 essential baby items.

St. Jude ministry groups continues to reach out to our local community and make a positive impact beyond our church walls.

## Community Outreach:

- In July, the Christ Child Society group successfully established a new Little Library at Place of Hope.
- The American Heritage Girl Scouts collected 63 boxes for Operation Christmas in partnership with Samaritan's Purse. Additionally, they organized a drive for personal healthcare supplies benefiting the Veterans Association.
- Provided financial assistance to families facing economic difficulties.



# CHURCH PROGRAMS



*Breakfast  
with*  
**SANTA**



Christmas  
Giving Tree



# CHURCH PROGRAMS



There are many nonprofits doing wonderful work in our local community and we know by working together, we can be a stronger catalyst for positive change.



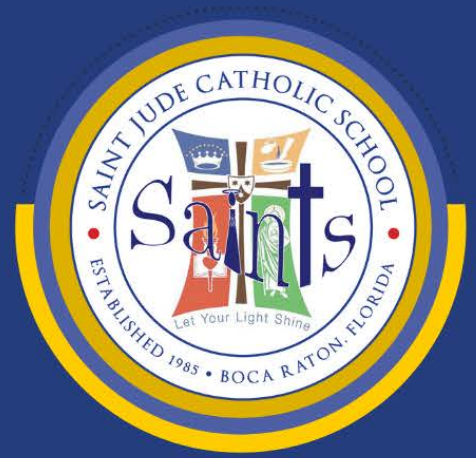
"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:10





# SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECTS 2024-2025



Saint Jude School remains committed to serving the broader community by extending resources and outreach that uplift and support those in need, while staying firmly rooted in the values and teachings of the Gospel. Guided by our Catholic identity, we strive to be a beacon of faith, service, and compassion, ensuring that every initiative reflects Christ's call to love and serve others. In that light the following are service projects organized by our Student Council and National Junior Honor Society in union with the administration and staff.

- Stocking the Saint Ambrose Food Pantry
- Stocking the Helping Hands Pantry for the local community
- Financial donation to Boca Regional League of Ribbons
- Full school Pajama Drive for Palm Beach County residents
- Summer Cereal Drive for Boca Helping Hands pantry
- Donating School supplies to a Palm Beach Diocesan school
- Diaper Drive for Diocesan Catholic Charities
- Lenten Rice Bowl Drive - funds for the USA and developing countries.

# CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS



## Our Commitment to a Safe and Welcoming Church

We are dedicated to preserving our church as a warm and secure environment for worship, fellowship, and community events. This year, we have made considerable investments in enhancing our facilities, including the opening of the new Adoration Chapel, maintenance of Mt. Carmel Hall, and upgrades to office computers, to name just a few. These enhancements will ensure that our church continues to be a valuable resource for our community for many years ahead.

### Church Facility Enhancements:

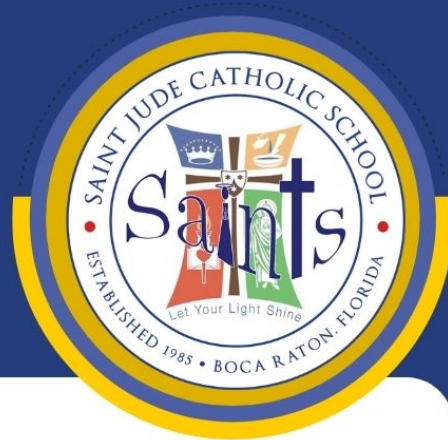
- Opened a new Adoration Chapel.
- Installed a new projector and screen in Mt. Carmel Hall.
- Revamped the church website.
- Upgraded office computers.
- Revamping free standing street signs for the church & school.
- Rectory home roof repair.



*Adoration  
Chapel*



# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS



## School Facility Improvements:

At Saint Jude Catholic School, we believe our physical spaces should reflect our mission, values, and vibrant history. This summer, we embarked on a long-anticipated transformation of our middle school facility—a project born from thoughtful planning, creative vision, and a desire to inspire our students as they grow in faith and knowledge.

From the start, we knew we needed some repairs to our roof and interior building. Once that was completed we wanted something more than just a plain painted renovation. We envisioned a space that would speak to the heart of who we are. Drawing inspiration from a previous project by a talented artist, we invited Paul O'Neill to collaborate with us, but this time, with a focus on the story of Saint Jude and the legacy of our school. We selected custom images that reflected our history and our patron saint, ensuring the final result would be deeply personal and meaningful to our community.

To bring this vision to life, we began by completely resurfacing the atrium space. The area was handed over to Gantt Construction for a full refresh. The walls were stripped of carpet and dated décor, the furniture removed, and once their expert work was complete, the artist stepped in — and in just two and a half weeks, transformed the space with stunning artwork that brings our story to life through the lives of the saints.

New blue lockers and sleek baseboards were the final touches, adding a sense of order and freshness to the area. The result is a bright, inspiring, and deeply spiritual space that celebrates our past and looks toward our future.

We are over the moon with the transformation and cannot wait to welcome our students back to school. As they enter this renewed space, we hope they feel the power of community, the beauty of our faith, and the excitement of a new year filled with hope.



# SUMMER SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS



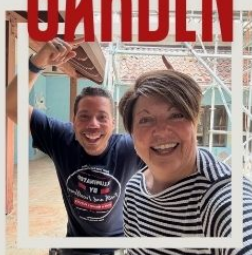
*Atrium*  
**REFRESH**



*community*  
**SUPPORT**



*Rosary*  
**GARDEN**



**LOCKERS**





Thank you for your continued support of our church's mission and ministry. Together, we are making a positive difference in the lives of individuals and families in our community. We are confident that, with your help, we can achieve even greater things in the year ahead. We invite you to join us in prayer, service, and generosity as we strive to live out our faith and make the world a better place.



# PREPARING FOR THE YEAR AHEAD



As we look forward to the upcoming year, we have identified several crucial areas where we can enhance our impact and extend our outreach. We warmly invite you to join us in achieving these goals.

- Expand our outreach program: Collaborate with other nonprofit organizations to continue supporting families facing hardship.
- Enhance church and school security and technology.
- School & Religious Education: Establish a continuing education fund to support faculty ongoing study.
- Retention bonuses
- Enhance the Arts & Drama Programs: Our goal is to inspire students from a young age to express their creativity. By developing techniques and fostering confidence, each student will learn to communicate effectively through exhibitions, performances, and competitions.
- Programs focused on character formation and moral development of our students.
- Enhance faith formation programs and sacramental preparation. Establish family faith formation.
- To reach out to families with special needs and provide a welcoming community where they can feel at home.
- Establish an Endowment Fund: We aim to create an endowment fund for the church and school, ensuring their sustainability for future generations.



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Dear Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends of Saint Jude Catholic Church and School,

You are holding in your hand an impact statement which we hope will give you an understanding of how your donations were used to further the mission of our Parish- our Church and School. Thanks to your generosity and kindness and other like-minded people, we have been able to engage in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we have been able to extend a helping hand to others, educate and form youth and adults in the Gospel which brings hope, place smiles on the faces of children and fulfill the mandate Jesus left his disciples to serve as He served.

Nothing we have done would have been possible without the commitment of the time, talent and treasure of kind people who wish to make a difference in our world. To everyone who has assisted us we say thank you and assure you of a remembrance in our prayers.

As you read through this brochure, and look at the various photos, please know that you had a role to play in the many wonderful things that took place here this past year. Actually, your donations went far beyond our Toledo Road campus and touched people in many parts of the world.

May God, Who is never outdone in generosity, bless you abundantly for your goodness.

With gratitude, good wishes and prayers for you and those you love, I remain,

Sincerely,

Father John F. Horan, O.Carm.  
Pastor