

# SAINT GERARD SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

I'm writing you simply to express my gratitude to the Saint Gerard Society for giving my son a scholarship last spring. As practicing Catholics, faith is an integral part of our daily life. We love our parish and feel so blessed to find ourselves belonging to it. Through the Saint Gerard Society scholarship, you have made it possible for us to put all of our children through Nouvel Catholic Central schools. Without it, I fear it would not have been feasible. Thanks to the generous donors and the Saint Gerard Society, we have been given a chance to have our children grow, learn, and play at a school that will help deepen their understanding and love for Christ. It is not over sentimental to say that it is truly a dream come true for my children to walk the same hallways, learn in the same classrooms, and pray in the same church where I have so many fond memories. My wife and I are so grateful for the generosity of the Saint Gerard Foundation. I do not know how, or in what capacity, I would be able to give back, but if there is ever anything we can do to help further the cause of Catholic education please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Be assured of our continued prayers.

May God bless the Saint Gerard Society.



*Every time a new student joins  
Nouvel Catholic Central Schools,  
our family grows.*



**SAINT GERARD**  
**SOCIETY**  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

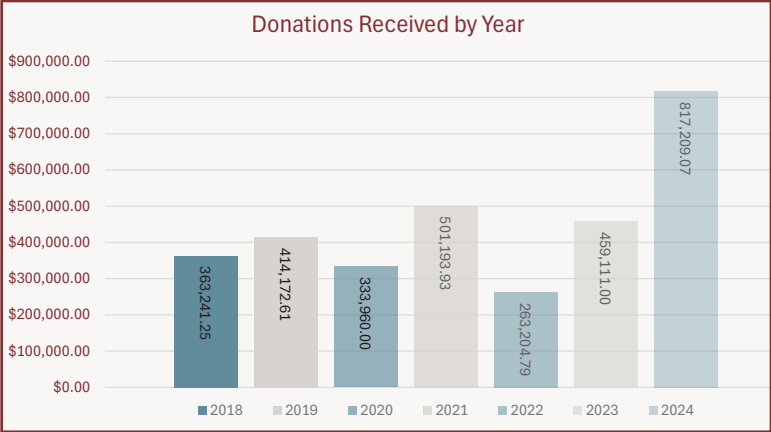
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Thank you to all Saint Gerard Society members, contributors, and friends for their support for our mission. Saint Gerard Society is making a positive impact in the lives of many students. In 2024 we achieved record fundraising as a result of an anonymous year end matching donor. Our faithful followers have continued to support deserving students of all faiths to attend Nouvel Catholic Central Schools.

**REPORT AS TO BANKING, TAX EXEMPTION & WEBSITE**

Saint Gerard Society is a tax exempt Charitable 501 (c) (3), status received from the IRS. Saint Gerard Society continues its investment relationship with Tri-Star Trust Bank in Saginaw. Jolt Credit Union maintains the deposit account. Saint Gerard Society receives credit and debit card donations that get deposited into the Jolt Credit Union account, through the secure website, [www.stgerardsociety.org](http://www.stgerardsociety.org)



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**MAKE AN IMPACT**

**106** scholarships  **77** families  
**\$300,000.00** awarded\*

\*2024-2025 school year

**DONATE TODAY**  
through our secure website  
**[www.StGerardSociety.org](http://www.StGerardSociety.org)**

“There’s nothing greater than forming a child in Christ and helping a child to learn to be like Jesus both as a child and then as an adult. That’s an incredible, wonderful gift.”

— Dr. Michael Wolohan, Scholarship Angel

## WHY IS MY DONATION IMPORTANT?

1. In the words of Pope Francis: Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life.
2. Catholic school graduates are more civically engaged, more tolerant of diverse views and more committed to service as adults than their public school peers.
3. The poorer and more at-risk a student is, the greater the achievement gains in Catholic schools.
4. Students with multiple disadvantages benefit most from Catholic schools.
5. The achievement gap between students of different racial and/or socioeconomic backgrounds is significantly smaller in Catholic schools.
6. Latino and African American students in Catholic schools are more likely to graduate from high school and college.

## HOW IS MY DONATION USED?

- One hundred percent of every donation goes directly to tuition assistance.
- The Saint Gerard Society maintains all donated funds in an investment account.
- Saint Gerard Society disburses scholarships directly to the Nouvel Catholic Central Schools on behalf of scholarship recipients.

## WHO RECEIVES DONATIONS?

When finances are a barrier to new Nouvel Catholic Central students, the school admissions and finance directors collaboratively secure scholarship funding. Scholarship amounts range from \$500 up to half of the tuition cost, based on third-party verification of need.

## WHAT IS REQUIRED OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS?

Students must adhere to the school Code of Conduct, which outlines minimum academic performance and exemplary behavior. Families and students are asked to fully participate in their Catholic education experience and to help others as their own financial situations allow.

Please help transform a child's future by providing an academically rigorous, Christ-centered education.



*Young people today need Catholic education more than ever. In a world where truth, beauty and goodness are considered all but subjective, the Way, Truth and Life offered us in Jesus Christ are our only source of direction, clarity and hope. Furthermore, being rooted in faith does not endanger the academic quality of Catholic schools, but in fact is their very motivation for excellence in all things.*

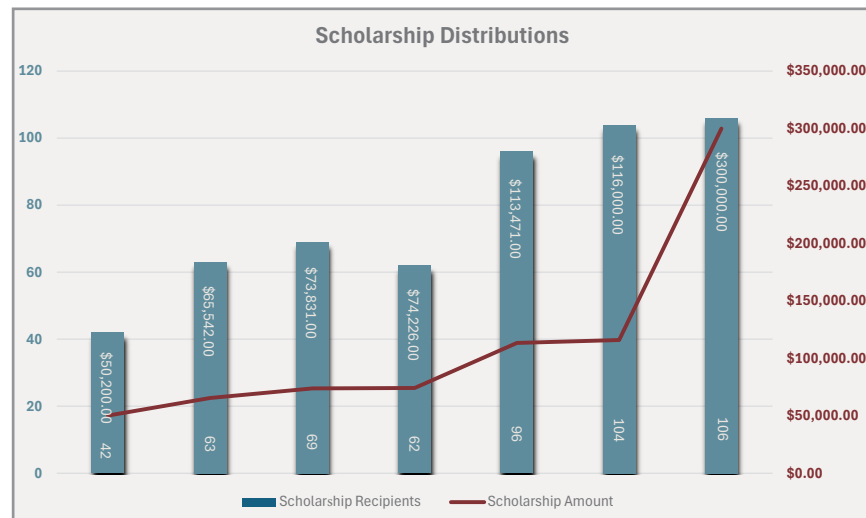
— Bishop Michael C. Barber  
Chairman of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Committee on Catholic Education

## ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

Your prayers and financial support for St. Gerard Society realize two very important goals. One of the best ways to help a young person is through supporting their Catholic Education at Nouvel. Parents, our parishes, Nouvel Schools and the St. Gerard Society are partners forming disciples of Christ. In addition to this Godly cause, SGS provides much needed tuition revenue to Nouvel for each scholarship recipient.

As other Catholic Schools around the country face economic challenges, and local Catholic Parishes struggle with their finances, Nouvel, thanks to SGS, is balancing its budget and growing enrollment. SGS has committed \$400,000 annually to Nouvel to bolster tuition support for financially deserving students desirous of a life defining Catholic Education. This additional tuition support will grow enrollment and strengthen Nouvel's budget. Please generously support SGS to keep Nouvel vibrant and grow our Catholic faith community.

**It is necessary for Saint Gerard Society to secure additional donations before this annual scholarship commitment level can be raised to meet additional need.**



One Hundred percent (100%) of all donations to Saint Gerard Society are used solely for scholarship assistance. General administrative costs for mailing and printing are paid for by the generosity of a few core members. All scholarship applications are vetted independently by the NCC Financial Aid Director. Scholarship money is sent directly to NCC schools to be applied to a student's account.

SGS offers renewals of its scholarships every year that a child stays in school through 12th grade graduation. In this way a family can count on SGS for ongoing scholarship assistance. Scholarship monies are greatly appreciated by students and their families.

Thank you cards from students and parents are received regularly.

**BANK BALANCES AS OF 12/31/24**

JOLT CREDIT UNION	\$	208,756.06
TRI-STAR TRUST BANK	\$	2,536,125.40
	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,744,881.46</b>

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENTS**

Member	\$500
Benefactor	\$1,000
Distinguished Benefactor	\$2,500
Father Nouvel Benefactor	\$5,000
Scholarship Angel	\$10K

**2024 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY**

The Saint Gerard Society remains committed to its mission statement to assist deserving students of all faiths with partial tuition scholarships to help maintain and grow enrollment at Nouvel Catholic Central Schools. Many of you either attended Catholic Schools, had children who attended Catholic Schools and/or believe in the academic excellence and the Christ - centered education that has been the enduring philosophy of Nouvel Catholic Central Schools. I encourage each of you to renew your membership and donations on a yearly basis so SGS can assist, revitalize and improve the enrollment of Nouvel.

I have and continue to pray each night for all our Saint Gerard Society faithful who do so much for our worthy cause. Please continue your commitment to help our grass roots effort. The love and continued support that you are providing for young NCC Catholic School students will help sustain these students and grow our faith. Please spread the good word to others who share your values.

For donations, please go to or secure website, [stgerardsociety.org](http://stgerardsociety.org), or mail in your check to the address below. Like us on Facebook and or contact me directly if you have any questions or comments.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS.

*Pete Ramah*

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