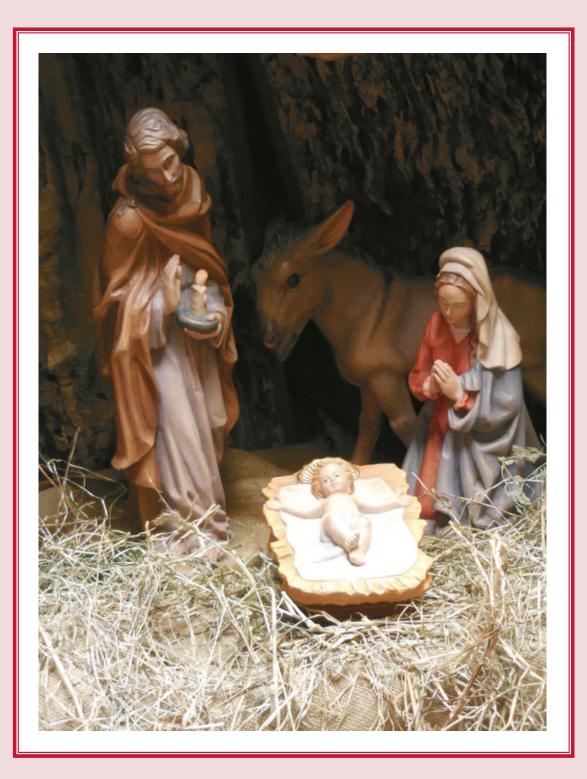
St. Jude the Apostle Parish

The Nativity of the Lord, December 25, 2021 The Feast of the Holy Family, December 26, 2021



Welcome Visitors and Guests

If you are a visitor to St. Jude the Apostle Parish, we want you to know how very welcome you are.

If you are interested in joining St. Jude or simply would like to learn more about our parish, please feel free to call Gary Heun, our pastoral minister, at 414-258-8821.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, Dec. 26--Feast of the Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52 9:00 * Robert C. Westfall III 11:00 For the Faithful Departed Monday, Dec. 27--St. John 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8 The John Dunn Family 6:45 Tuesday, Dec. 28--The Holy Innocents 1 Jn 1:5--2:2; Mt 2:13-18 9:00 [†] John L. Toohey Wednesday, Dec. 29--St. Thomas Becket 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35 6:45 [†] John R. Dunn Thursday, Dec. 30--The 6th Day in Christmas Octave 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40 9:00 † Caesar Prospero Friday, Dec. 31--The 7th Day in Christmas Octave 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18 6:45 † Salvatore "Sam" Sciascia Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022--Mary, the Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 (Not obligatory) 8:15 For the Faithful Departed 5:00 For the Parish Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022--The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 9:00 † Barb Rampolla

11:00 The Family of † Dan and † Mary Woehrer

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<u>SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / COMMUNION</u> <u>FOR THE SICK</u>

Notify Gary Heun when a parishioner is unable to attend church due to age or prolonged illness, or if someone is having an upcoming hospitalization.

Please contact Fr. Mike Erwin at 414-258-8821, x225 if you wish to arrange to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

MARRIAGES

By appointment with priest at least 6 months in advance. You must be a registered member of the parish. Weddings are not scheduled during Lent.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after the 8:15 AM Mass on Saturdays. Confessions are heard in the North Cry Room with the option of using a confessional screen or sitting face-to-face socially distanced from the priest. Those waiting for confession should line up in the center aisle of the church while maintaining social distance.

Reception of the Sacrament may also be requested by calling the parish office to make an appointment. Arrangements will be made for either the pastor or one of the resident Nigerian priests to assist you.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents of children for Baptism should be registered parish members. Contact Gary Heun to register and to schedule a date. Parent instruction class is required before Baptism. Classes are held on the first Wednesday evening of oddnumbered months.

Gary Heun, Director of Religious Education and Pastoral Associate, can be reached at 414-258-8821 x230.

Feast of the Holy Family

Jesus At Home with Us

As we celebrate the feast of the Nativity of the Lord, it is good to slow down and think about the word nativity. For each of us there is a town or people where we are from, so we say we are natives of that town or people. This can be one of our most powerful experiences in life.

In coming to St. Jude, I am much closer to my home town of Waterford in western Racine County and the large families of the Erwins and Hegemanns that are in that area. Now that I'm much closer I can readily go there to not only visit my dad and other family members, but simply sit in the local coffee shop and see, smell, and chat with the place and people that are native to me.

Christ, through whom the universe was created, wanted to have this experience to benefit himself and us. He now knows the honor of being at home where he was born in Bethlehem with Joseph's people. Jesus knows his hometown of Nazareth where he grew up, learned from his mom and dad, and worked shoulder to shoulder with his family in carpentry.

This is what we contemplate when we gaze upon our nativity sets. We also come to realize that with our prayer in our own homes, that Jesus is at home with us. The Spanish speaking people will say *Mi Casa, Su Casa* – we should verbalize the same, that Christ is to feel at home at our meal table and home prayer spaces. When we let God be at home within us, we will feel more at home with our own lives.

Included in this bulletin is a lot of information of what is happening at our parish in the weeks and months ahead.

May God bless your family on Christmas and Sunday, December 26th, which is the feast of the Holy Family. *Fr. Michael Erwin*

Dear Members of the St. Jude Parish Community,

With joy and gratitude, I extend to you and your families prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas. May we all seize the opportunities that this Christmas season presents and help share the love, peace and joy that came to earth that first Christmas. The unchanging message still brings hope and excitement to all.

At this time of year, I want you to know how much your support and prayers, your time, talent and treasure, and all your gifts to St. Jude the Apostle School are appreciated. When we count our blessings, know that you are right at the top of the list.

A very Merry Christmas to you and your family and the best of everything to you in the new year.

Mrs. LaDien, Principal

Adult Volleyball

In celebration of Jesus taking bodily form, it is time to take care of our bodies as well. Fr. Mike is inviting adults who want to play volleyball to come to the big gym on Saturdays from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. We will make up teams with whoever arrives. This is not only great exercise but an opportunity to better know each other.

Dates to play: January 8th, 22nd February 12th, 26th March 12th, 26th

Helpful Hints For Making Year-end Contributions

As we approach the end of the 2021 calendar year, we wish to thank all those who have generously given of their time, talent and treasure. St. Jude the Apostle Parish and School would not be what they are today without our amazing volunteers and benefactors. Your various contributions have helped us sustain a vibrant parish community for over 90 years!

As you begin year-end tax planning, we hope you consider St. Jude the Apostle as one of the possible recipients of your charitable contributions. To take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for gifts made before December 31, please consider the variety of gift options available to you.

Checks

Checks must be received at the parish business office or be postmarked by **Friday, Dec. 31**st, to be counted in 2021. Contributions received in the offertory basket at Mass on January 1st will be treated as 2022 gifts.

To Make a Gift of Securities

To request stock gift instructions or to notify St. Jude the Apostle of a gift of securities, please contact Dave Grunwaldt, Director of Administrative Services, at 414-258-8821 ext. 232 or email <u>dgrunwaldt@stjudetheapostle.net</u> with complete donor information (name, address, phone number), the name and type of securities to be gifted, the number of shares, and the date you intend to make the gift. Feel free to introduce yourself to Dave; he wants to get to know the parish members.

Gifting of IRA Required Minimum Distributions

If you have an individual retirement account and are over the age of 70¹/₂, you might consider a tax-free transfer of your required minimum distribution to St. Jude the Apostle. Please note that in order to be considered a qualified charitable distribution, the funds must be transferred directly from your retirement account to St. Jude the Apostle. Consult your tax and/or financial advisor for more information.

We <u>encourage those considering a gift of Stock or an IRA</u> <u>Charitable Gift to do so as quickly as possible</u> to assure their gift is completed for the 2021 tax year. Thank you for your consideration and continued generosity.

In Gratitude for Parish Participation

Many thanks to those who participated in any way this Christmas season with the Human Concerns outreach activities. We received many items for the Christ Child Society's *My Stuff* bags, dozens of hats/mittens/gloves for Father Gene's HELP Center and several pajama sets/robes for the MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary.

Thank you to all for the generous donations of sleeping bags and blankets for the MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary, and to school families for the dozens of sandwiches made for distribution to those living in the food desert where the MBHS is located. Thank you for your generosity during these difficult times.

Please keep the Christ Child Society, MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary and Father Gene's HELP Center in your prayers. Gratefully, *The Human Concerns Committee*

BULLETIN <u>ARTICLE DEADLINE</u> Submit articles, announcements and flyers via email to dengelhart@stjudetheapostle.net <u>before</u> <u>noon on the Friday prior to the next weekend's publication</u>. Please see the parish calendar on our website: www.stjudeparishwauwatosa.org for the actual deadline date, which changes especially around holy days/holidays.

Let Us Hold In Prayer . . .

The Infirm and the Homebound

As always, let us pray in a special way for all those who are homebound or recovering from an illness or surgery. Fr. Jeff Loebl, S.J., Carmen Singleton, Denise Erickson, Theresa Ulrich, Bev Kreul, Helen Bielefeld Wanda Baker, Don Washburn, Michael Sasada, Elizabeth Handrich, Polly Westfall, Louise Stemo, Dorothy Schneider-Fuelling, Emily Winter

All Those Who Serve to Protect

Please pray for our service men and women, who are serving both at home and overseas, and their families.

If you would like to add the name of a St. Jude parishioner to our prayer lists, please call the parish office at 414-258-8821.



Food Pantry News

Our monthly food pantry collection for The House of Peace and Tosa Food Pantry is **the weekend of January 1st and 2nd**. Items may be placed in the food collection baskets located

near the south entrance of the church. Please, no expired items. Boxes for monetary donations will be located on the communion rails at all Masses during the same weekend.



Both pantries welcome your donations of low fat, low sugar, and low salt healthy foods. All

donations should be non-perishables, such as: canned tuna, chicken, corned beef, peanut butter, soups, vegetables, cereals etc. Personal care items are accepted as well.

Thank you for your generosity!!!

If you wish to volunteer for any of the opportunities for ministries in the parish, simply e-mail us at <u>stewardship@stjudetheapostle.net</u>.

CHRISTMAS 2021

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Imagine being a lowly shepherd, watching over your sheep on a typical night, and then suddenly, your life changes forever. A bright light and a multitude of angels appear, proclaiming that "great joy" is to be had. While the message was one of celebration and awe, I can't help but think that if it were me, I too would be a little more frightened than overjoyed in the moment.

How many times have we been struck with fear in our lives? During the past year, many of us faced the fear of a worldwide pandemic, a serious health diagnosis and possibly a job loss. During difficult times, it can be hard to "fear not," as the angels assured the shepherds.

No matter where you find yourself this Christmas – perhaps back to Mass for the first time in a long time, or in the same pew you've been sitting in for years – please know that Jesus loves you and wants to be in a relationship with you.

This coming year, I encourage you to reconnect, rediscover, and renew your relationship with Jesus and his Church. Here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, you'll discover a multitude of opportunities to encounter the love of Jesus and deepen your spiritual life.

Together, let us not fear but rejoice in the "good news of great joy!"

Sincerely yours in Christ, Jerome E. Listecki

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki Archbishop of Milwaukee

Christmas 2021

Masses, Special Features, Other Information

December 27th - 31st -- Daily Mass

6:45 AM: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 AM: Tuesday and Thursday

January 1st Mary Mother of God, (Not obligatory)

8:15 AM

January 1^{st} and 2^{nd} -- Epiphany

Christmas hospitality with gifts for children in cafeteria after Mass 5:00 PM

Christmas hospitality with gifts for children in cafeteria after Mass 9:00 AM

11:00 AM Christmas hospitality with gifts for children in cafeteria after Mass

January 8th and 9th -- Baptism of the Lord

All Masses

Parish Office Hours for Christmas & New Year's

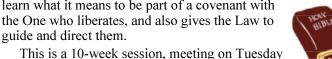
Mon., Dec. 27th Open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Tues., Dec. 28th through Thurs., Dec. 30th Open 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Fri., Dec. 31st Closed all day Sat., Jan. 1st, 2022 Closed all day Mon., Jan. 3rd, 2022 Regular hours 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Please Welcome Our New Parishioners . .

Gayle Schmitz-Zien

Bible Study Starting in January

The next Bible Study session will start on Tuesday, January 11th, 2022 at 7:00 PM. We will study *Exodus*. The exodus is the central event of the Old Testament. The book of *Exodus* covers; from slavery in Egypt, to the call of Moses, wandering through the wilderness, to freedom in the Sinai. God's people learn what it means to be part of a covenant with



This is a 10-week session, meeting on Tuesday nights in the Activity Center and on ZOOM,

through March. We follow the *Little Rock Scripture Study* program. New members are most welcome. Come and enjoy lively discussions. For more information contact Paul Lorenz at 414-476-8111 or plorenz@milwpc.com.



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aint Jude RIFT SHOP

Weekly Store Hours:

Wednesdays: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturdays: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Volunteers are needed especially during regular store hours on Wednesdays. Please call the Thrift Shop at 414-259-0975 or email David at dheckendorf@stjudetheapostle.net.

The Shop is closed Saturday, January 1st.





Dinner at the Seminary St. Andrew Dinner at 5:00 PM. Tuesday. Dec.

28th, 2021 for boys and men who are 7th grade or older. You will go with Fr. Mike and if a minor, also preferably with a parent. This is simply a Mass and a dinner and a general introduction to our seminary.

The Week Ahead

Monday, Dec. 27, 2021

6:45 AM	Mass
6:00-7:15 PM	No Rel. Ed. Class (Grs. 1-8)
6:00-7:00 PM	No Rel. Ed. Class (Grs. K4/K5)

Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021 9:00 AM Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021

6:45 AM Mass 10:00 AM-4:00 PM Thrift Shop Open

Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021

8:00-11:30 AM Deadline for Bulletin of Jan. 9, 2022 9:00 AM Mass

Friday, Dec. 31, 2021--New Year's Eve

Parish Offices Closed All Day 6:45 AM Mass

Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022

8:15 AM 9:00 AM-2:00 PM 5:00 PM 5:00 PM

Mass/Followed by Reconciliation Thrift Shop **Closed** Food Pantry collection Mass/Christmas hospitality for children--church & hall

Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022

9:00 & 11:00AM	Food Pantry collection
9:00 AM	Mass/Christmas hospitality for children-
	church & hall
11:00 AM	Mass/Christmas hospitality for children-
	church & hall



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