

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

January 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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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

Monday, Jan. 3, 2022--Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22--4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

6:45 † Mary Rose Van Dulm

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022--St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

9:00 † Fr. Peter Carek

Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022--St. John Neumann

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

6:45 The mission of the Christ Child Society

Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022--Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19--5:4; Lk 4:14-22

9:00 † Lillian Rass

Friday, Jan. 7, 2022--Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

6:45 † Lucille McGonagill

Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022--Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

8:15 † Caesar Prospero

5:00 † Joseph Jona

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022--The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

9:00 † Robert C. Westfall, III

11:00 The Parish

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / COMMUNION

FOR THE SICK

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 odd-numbered months.

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

The New Normal?

The Economist magazine published an excellent article on December 18th, 2021 entitled "The New Normal". In it they comment on our love of 1990's music to remember the days when "suits were oversized, work ended when people left the office, and the internet was not yet disrupting cozy, established industries or stoking the outrage machine that has supplanted public discourse". All of these changes, that have so altered our lives, are unnerving and make it hard to see the future.

Our readings though, state that during the millennia of the prophets and the time of Jesus, "darkness covered the earth, and thick clouds covered the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory." (Is 60:1-6) The darkness had covered King Herod, who was afraid of the new king and therefore planned violence. The three magi trusted the changes of the future and offered their gifts to this change.

Once every seven years the celebration of the Epiphany lands on New Year's Day so we gain from this juxtaposition. Can we take this opportunity to name the changes that have most affected

us? Then, let us pray about our gifts and name how they can be used in a new way.

Most certainly we can take these days to discern our mission in life and to write it down. Then as we enter the time of rapid changes, we will not so easily get lost in clouds, but will see this God-inspired mission statement as our star guiding us through the cloudiness.

Having a 'new normal' isn't entirely new. We can better handle our current moment by being open to a new epiphany, which will help us set a new direction, which includes the presence of God, who gives us peace.

Fr. Michael Erwin



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During this season of giving, we ask that you consider a donation to Saint Jude the Apostle Tradition of Excellence Annual Fund which is a yearly fundraising campaign whose contributions are used to provide financial resources needed to sustain the mission of Saint Jude the Apostle School. By contributing to this initiative, Catholic education is made more affordable for families.

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We thank you for your generous support!

Volunteers Needed for Ft. McCoy

Catholic Charities agencies are mobilizing personnel, volunteers, and resources to provide refugees at Ft. McCoy with a welcoming atmosphere, a break from the confines of temporary housing, and relief from their difficult journey. Among the services provided are on-base legal assistance, social engagement for women and children, and learning centers. The women's centers provide a quiet and clean place for mothers to bond and play with their children and develop friendships. The children's area is a place for children to gather and create arts and craft projects, build puzzles, play games and be sociable. Volunteers are crucial to keep the centers running smoothly and safely.

The USCCB and Catholic Charities are seeking more volunteers to aid in this mission. Volunteers will spend time at one of the three Women and Children Centers, two Sewing Centers or Learning Center. Each of the centers requires between 6-10 volunteers to operate. Individuals must be able to commit to a minimum of three days.

For information about volunteer opportunities or donations, contact Andrew Ruesch, Afghan Project Coordinator, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee: aruesch@ccmke.org / 414-769-3543.

Additional Option for Tornado Relief

In addition to sending donations to Catholic Charities USA Disaster Relief to help with immediate response to the tornado victims, people may also send directly to one of the hardest hit areas, the Diocese of Owensboro.

The Diocese of Owensboro is located in the western portion of the state of Kentucky. People may donate online or they may send checks directly to the Catholic Diocese of Owensboro at 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301. Please have them designate their check as "Tornado Relief."

Praying the Rosary

All are welcome to join a recitation of the rosary on Tuesdays from 8:30 to 8:50 AM in the south cry room and/or back of church.

Food Pantry News

Our monthly food pantry collection for The House of Peace and Tosa Food Pantry is **this weekend**. 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 stewardship@stjudetheapostle.net.

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

Our Faithful Departed

*Mary Anna Novotny
Born to Eternal Life on **December 18, 2021***

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.

R.C.I.A.: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

R.C.I.A. is for adults who are interested in being baptized a Catholic Christian, or are already baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to become Catholic, or for adult Catholics who wish to be Confirmed.

The format this year is quite flexible. The sessions can be virtual or in person with the safety precautions of social distancing and the wearing of masks. The day and timing of the sessions are adaptable as well.

Please contact Rob Hoffmann (Cell: 414-828-2038) or Fr. Mike.

Invitation to the Community of St. Jude the Apostle Parish

Do you know a family member or friend who might be interested in this conversion process?

Would you be willing to sponsor a candidate?

If so, please contact Rob Hoffmann (Cell: 414-828-2038) or Fr. Mike.

Baptisms . . .

Let us welcome:



Wolfgang Charles Steldt

Parents interested in having their child baptized should register with Gary Heun, Pastoral Associate, at 414-258-8821.

Bible Study Starting This Month

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 the One who liberates, and who also gives the Law to guide and direct them.



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.



Weekly Store Hours:

Wednesdays: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturdays: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

January is "Showcase your Creativity Month". Check out our large assortment of craft supplies, along with our "Around the World" themed home decor items.

If you have any craft donations or any home decor items with a worldly theme, drop them off in our donations collection building or bring them in. We have new additions every day! Other donations are welcomed too.

Volunteers are still needed to help in the store, especially on Wednesday afternoons. If you would like to volunteer, please contact David at the Thrift Shop at 414-259-0975 or email him at dheckendorf@stjudetheapostle.net.

And finally, Happy New Year and a special thank you to all of the volunteers who faithfully help in the Thrift Shop week to week. You are the reason for our success. Thank you to all of the students that have helped too. Blessings to all of you for a joyous and happy 2022!

The Week Ahead

Monday, Jan. 3, 2022

- 6:45 AM Mass
- 6:00-7:15 PM Rel. Ed. Class (Grs. 1-8)
- 6:00-7:00 PM Rel. Ed. Class (Grs. K4/K5)

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022

- 9:00 AM Mass

Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022

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

Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022

- 9:00 AM Mass
- 7:00-8:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Jan. 7, 2022

- 6:45 AM Mass
- 8:00-11:30 AM Deadline for Bulletin of Jan. 16, 2022

Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022

- 8:15 AM Mass/Followed by Reconciliation
- 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Thrift Shop Open
- 4:00 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Mass
- 6:00-8:00 PM Parish Adult Volleyball

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022

- 9:00 AM Mass
- 10:00-11:00 AM Rel. Ed. (Grs. 9 & 10)
- 11:00 AM Mass

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

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



Rising Stars Volunteer Tutors Needed

Help at-risk students in Milwaukee schools strengthen reading and math skills. Tutors are needed during the school day, after school and on Saturday morning. Orientation is provided.

Please contact: **Laura Harvancik**
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