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**Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM**  
**Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM**  
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**Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary-**  
 Rosary for Vocations is Wednesday mornings at 7:30am.  
 The Rosary for Respect for Life will continue on the 2nd  
 Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – RCIA**  
 Are you interested in becoming a Roman Catholic?  
 Someone who has never been Baptized, Baptized in another  
 faith tradition or maybe Baptized Catholic but never  
 received First Communion or Confirmation If you are  
 interested, or know someone who may be interested, please  
 call the Parish Office at 283-1162.

**Baptism**  
 Please call the Parish Office to arrange for a meeting with a  
 member of our Pastoral Team (283-1162).

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)**  
 Saturday from 3:00 – 3:30PM in the Church. Individual  
 Confessions may be arranged by calling the Parish Office.

**Communion to the Homebound**  
 Please call the Parish Office to make  
 arrangements

**Marriage**  
 Couples wishing an appointment for  
 marriage preparation should call the Parish  
 Office six months in advance and prior to  
 making reception plans.

**Anointing of the Sick.**  
 The Sacrament is administered upon  
 request and at special celebrations during  
 the year..

*New Parishioner Information*

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Community**

**Gospel Reflection****The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
*Deacon Nicholas Ascioti*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, Christmas Day, we are given one of the most beautiful parts of the New Testament to reflect on: the prologue of John's Gospel. John begins his Gospel with the words, "In the beginning..." This recalls the first words of the Book of Genesis, when God created the world and universe. God speaks the world into being, "Let there be light." God is speaking the Word into creation, who is Jesus. We are reminded that the world is created with a divine order, harmony, meaning, and purpose. We are called to recognize the intelligibility of God in creation. We are called by our Baptism to be priests, prophets, and kings, to be co-workers in God's vineyard. This is what God intended, so what went wrong? Why was sin brought into the world? Rather than celebrating and recognizing God's creation, humanity wanted to be the creator, not the created. Humanity wanted to choose its own meaning and purpose, rather than follow God's will.

What did God do to correct this disorder? "And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us..." Jesus, the Incarnation of God came to live among us. Jesus is the culmination of all of salvation history and restores humanity and creation; and we are not simply called to recognize Jesus, rather we are called to participate in the ministry of Jesus Christ. This is why we celebrate the Incarnation (Christmas Day). It is through Jesus that we are gifted with salvation. This Christmas Day as we listen to the prologue of John's Gospel, let us reflect on the importance of the Incarnation and true meaning of Christmas: that our being is given a divine order, harmony, meaning, and purpose. Merry Christmas, Dcn. Nick

**January 1, 2022****St. Michael the Archangel 10AM***Not a Holy Day of Obligation***January 2, 2022****Feast of the Epiphany****St. Jude the Apostle*****Regular Mass Schedule*****Finding the Child**

"And this will be a sign for you. You will find a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger." (Lk. 2:13)

These mysterious instructions are given by an Angel of the Lord to the shepherds.

The profound implication is: it is a revelation about Jesus, but it is also a revelation they share in. If the shepherds find the child, they will find themselves. It is a sign "for you."

What could this mean and why is it important? We have many ways of identifying ourselves. If we are asked who we are, most likely we will bring forward one or more of the available selves that we embrace in our daily life. We identify with our gender, or our sexual orientations, or our age, or with a physical or mental suffering or characteristic, or with a social role or work position, or with membership in a race, a nationality, or a family, or with some traits or collection of traits of our personality, etc.

Our work may describe us as facility and administrative staff, nurses, physicians, chaplains, managers, directors, leaders, Board members, sponsors – and all other ways we make Catholic Health Care work.

But there is more going on than these usual ways we describe ourselves. In the symbolic language of Advent/Christmas, we are a "child wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger."

As a "child," we realize we are always indebted to a larger reality that continuously is creating us. We may be physically, psychologically, and socially adults, but on the spiritual level we remain in a position of receiving our existence from the ultimate Mystery of God. "Child" is the image for acknowledging our dependency on this greater Source.

As "wrapped in swaddling clothes," we realize we are loved by the Source who created and sustains our existence. This image comes from an ancient way of caring for newborns. When a child was born, it was cared for and comforted by being wrapped in swaddling clothes. In the center of ourselves, we are receiving love from the reality that brought us into being.

As "laid in manger," we give the love we have received to others. The manger is a feeding trough. It is where food is made available. We feed others with what we have received.

The feast of Christmas is a mirror to our deeper selves. We all share in the spiritual reality revealed in Jesus; and if we take a moment and look inside, we will see the dynamics of this spiritual reality energizing our lives. The sign is for us.

We are a "child wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger."

## *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*



In a new effort to keep our tuition rates at an accessible level, we are now seeking student sponsorships. Our Student Sponsorship Program is designed to pair a sponsor with one of our school students. Sponsors will receive a letter from their student, as well as school updates, and invitations to school events that are open to the community.

### **What to expect with your sponsorship**

- **Student Messages** -You will receive periodic updates and messages from the student you will be paired with.
- **School Updates** -You will be added to our News and Notes mailing list so that you will be in the know of everything happening at SJS!
- **School Events** -Be invited as special guest to attend school events open to the public.

### **How your sponsorship helps**

- **Tuition Assistance** -Your sponsorship goes directly toward a student's tuition. The cost to educate a student at St. Jude the Apostle is approximately \$7,000.00 per year. The typical family pays, on average, \$5,000.00/student in tuition. The additional \$2,000.00 in cost is typically made up through fund raising efforts conducted by the school and support from St. Jude the Apostle Parish.
- **Bottom Line Impact** -Your sponsorship will have a direct impact on the School's bottom line, and will help close the gap between what it costs to educate a student vs. what we receive in tuition income. This helps us to be a stronger, more vibrant community and provide more for our students and families.

**A Brighter Future** -Your sponsorship will aid in our efforts of making our School accessible to as many families as possible. We desire to educate as many students as we can. We believe the education we provide to our young people will ensure a brighter future. St. Jude the Apostle is dedicated to helping students grow in virtue and moral character all while strengthening their relationship with Christ. We provide the Education of Tomorrow, Rooted in Catholic Tradition where Nurturing and Educating the Whole Person is Our Goal.



### **SEASON OF GIVING**

This Holiday Season, we thank everyone who has supported St. Jude the Apostle Church this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our Electronic Giving option. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the Holidays, you may find Electronic Giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit [www.rcda.org/churches/stjude](http://www.rcda.org/churches/stjude) or contact the Parish Office at 283-1162 for more information.

### **ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT!**

A Holy Hour with Benediction is every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30PM at St. Michael the Archangel in the Church. Every Friday there will be a Holy Hour with Benediction 5:30PM-6:30PM at St. Jude the Apostle Church.

T=St. Michael / F=St. Jude  
5:30-6:30pm  
T No Adoration  
F No Adorations



### **A Christmas Blessing**

Dear Lord, Bless all families this Christmas. Help us all to remember this season that you chose to come to us as a humble baby. You chose to be part of a family yourself and came, not to be served, but to serve and one day die for love of those who hated, deserted, and killed you. On this Christmas Day, may we always remember amid the joys, family and presents, the reason we have this season: that you, the Eternal Son of God came to live among us as one of us and as a member of our human family.

DECEMBER 26, 2021



Merry Christmas from All the Staff & Student at St. Jude the Apostle School



The staff and students of St. Jude the Apostle School would like to wish all our devoted and supportive parishioners a VERY Merry Christmas! Throughout the Advent Season we waited and prepared for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and that day has finally arrived. Rejoice and give thanks!



**PARISH OFFICE NEWS**

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas break:

- |                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>December 26 Closed</b>     | <b>December 27 Closed</b>      |
| <b>December 28 Closed</b>     | <b>December 29 Closed</b>      |
| <b>December 30 Closed</b>     | <b>December 31 Closed</b>      |
| <b>January 1, 2021 Closed</b> | <b>January 2, 2021 Closed.</b> |

We will reopen on Monday January 3, 2022 at 8:30AM

**PARISH NURSE PROGRAM**

Are you surprised the number of Flu cases this year have been on the rise? I am not-we stopped wearing our masks and stopped social distancing through all the hub-bub of the Holidays. Many have forgotten to get their Flu Vaccine-they were busy getting their Covid vaccines but forgot about the flu. I am tired of masks too, but until we get through all these viruses this winter, protect yourself and your family. AND DON'T FORGET-WASH YOUR HANDS, put a bottle of hand sanitizer in your pocket with your car keys and if it is not too colds, open your windows to let in some fresh air. We can beat this if we ALL listen to the scientists.



**SANCTUARY VOTIVE LIGHT**

December 26, 2021 though January 1, 2022  
*James Clinton Family, Family*

St. Jude the Apostle Church provides the opportunity an opportunity for a Sanctuary Votive Candle Intentions. This intention is the same cost as a Mass Intention, \$15.00. The Sanctuary Votive light is in memory of a particular person. The Votive Light will appear in the weekly bulletin each week. If you would like to have a Sanctuary Votive Light please contact the parish office



**DOORS OF HOPE**

This is our local food pantry that aids our community members. The needs of those who are struggling never diminish. Please give generously to help our community pantry provide food and personal care items to those in need. Suggested items needed are:

*Pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned pasta, canned meat, shampoo, bar soap canned spaghetti -O's, canned ravioli's feminine products are always in dire need.*

**10 bags were received and brought to Doors of Hope last week. Thank you for your generosity.**

**Are you in need of Food? Rensselaer County Residents are eligible to receive food assistance monthly from the Doors of Hope Food Pantry, we are located in the 43 Mall in West Sand Lake. Hours of food distribution are 9AM until 12Noon-Monday through Saturday. We offer a variety of food choices and assure confidentiality for all recipients. Please call to schedule your food order at 518-674-4048. We look forward to helping you!!**



**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for our Giving tree this year!  
Your Generosity is greatly appreciated!

## *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

### Announced Masses

#### **Public & Live Stream Masses Live Stream St. Jude 4PM & 9AM**

**Saturday, December 25**      **Merry Christmas**

**10AM**      **For All Living and Deceased  
Parishioners of St. Jude the  
Apostle Church**

**Sunday, December 26**

**9AM**      **For All Living and Deceased  
Parishioners of St. Jude the  
Apostle Church**

**Monday, December 27**

**No Mass**

**Tuesday, December 28**

**No Mass**

**Wednesday, December 29**

**8AM**      **Constance Ligato, *Family*  
Lisa Provera, *Family***

**Thursday, December 30**

**8AM**      **No Mass**

**Friday, December 31**

**Mary Anne Catman, *Mary McDade***

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

**10AM**      **St. Michael the Archangel Church  
\*No Vigil Mass at St. Jude the Apostle**

**Sunday, January 2**

**9AM**      **For All Living and Deceased  
Parishioners of St. Jude the  
Apostle Church**

**11:30**      **For All Living and Deceased  
Parishioners of St. Jude the  
Apostle Church**

### MASS INTENTIONS AND MASS CARDS

St. Jude the Apostle Church and St. Michael the Archangel Church continue to take Mass Intentions for the Sunday Masses and the Weekday Masses. If you would like to have a Mass Intention said or if you would like a Mass Card sent to someone with the intention for Mass, please phone or email the Parish Offices and we will schedule the Mass Intention. The offering for a Mass Intention is \$15.00 you can simply mail your Intention to the Parish Office where you have requested the Intention.

All Mass Intentions will be included in the Bulletins as announced Masses and included in scheduled livestreamed Masses. We have been including all Mass Intentions in the live streamed Masses and announcing them in the Parish Bulletins, as we have rescheduled those Intentions which were originally scheduled for Masses that were canceled due to the Virus stay at home order prior to live streaming of Sunday and Daily Masses.

### Weekly Collection Report

**Due to the early Submission of the Bulletins the December 12th, 2021 through January 2, 2022 collection amounts will be reported at a later date in January.**

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

Dear Parishioners,


During this unprecedented time as members of the Body of Christ more than ever we need to unite ourselves to Christ and one another through our support of the Mission and Ministry of Jesus Christ. For us to be able to carry out that mission we need your financial support.

We realize some of you are also facing layoff or reduced work hours, and may not be able to continue your financial support at the same level. We are sympathize wholly with your situation and pray for a return to work and financial stability."

You can make your Sunday contribution by going to the Parish Website and clicking on the Giving Button at the top of the page or you can use the Parish App and click on the Giving Button. The Parish Website and App are secure sites to make your donation. You can also mail in your Sunday contribution to the Parish Office or sign up for E-giving by going to the Website and printing out the E-giving form and mailing back to the Parish Office.

Your weekly contribution provides us with the financial support that is needed for the ministry of our Parish.

**Dr. Phyllis A. Norton**  
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