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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.

**Eucharistic Celebrations**

- Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM**
- Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM**
- Wed & Fri 8:00 AM**

**Friday Holy Hour 5:30PM-6:30PM**

**Parish Office**

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**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*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Community**



**Gospel Reflection**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**  
**Deacon Warren Safford**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The story of the Three Magi searching for Christ has much to teach us about seeking Jesus. Today's Reading teaches the meaning of the Feast of Epiphany, the universality of Jesus' mission.

How do we know that Jesus' purpose in coming was for all peoples? Our Gospel tells of the Magi, who saw the sign of a star in the east, and knew that the something special had happened. They saw a sign given not only to the Jews, but to all those who would seek God and seek Him for the right reasons.

Yet, the scriptures tell us that they were not the only ones who would seek the newborn King. It was not only the wise, that could interpret the stars, or those who were rich enough to bring luxurious gifts, but also poor shepherds who came to pay homage to the Christ. Jesus has come as revelation to all persons of God's steadfast love and King of all peoples who recognize His Lordship.

Still today, the revelation continues for each of us as we recognize the signs of God's love being lived through people around us. All of us are given moments of revelation in life even the most unlikely are reached in ways that are unexpected.

Back in the early 1920's Lewis Lawes took over as warden of the tough sing-sing prison. But by the time he retired 20 years later the prison had been converted to a humanitarian institution. Lewis gave all the credit for this amazing transformation to his wife, Catherine. This lady who was a young mother at the time when Lewis became warden was told she should never to enter the gates of that prison.

However, she was not going to be deterred from joining her husband in caring for those men and she worked tirelessly to help them all, even a blind prisoner to read brail and deaf prisoner to use sign language. Before long many of the men thought of her as the face of Jesus in their midst.

Then one day Catherine was killed in an auto accident and when Lewis Lawes missed work the next day, everyone in the prison knew something was wrong.

On the following day the acting warden returning from his morning walk and was met by a huge crowd of hardened criminals that were gathered at the gate, many with tears of grief in their eyes. He knew that they all loved her and wanted to pay their respects so he told them that they could all go to the home, but to make sure they all checked back in that evening.

**Continued**

That day, a line inmates nearly a quarter mile long trailed down to the Lawes house to pay their last respects to the beloved lady who cared so deeply for them. Every inmate returned and checked back into the prison that evening. None had tried to take advantage of the freedom they were given. These men had nothing to offer the Lawes family but love and the kind words of what Catherine meant to them.

Just like many of us today, we often get a glimpse of Christ in a person who touches our lives in some way; we need only take notice of how Jesus is revealed.

As members of Jesus' body, we should strive ourselves to act like most of the characters in this Gospel scene, we can be Christ to those in need, we can light the way to those who are seeking, and at the same, time continue ourselves to seek to be closer to God.

Like Catherine Lawes, we can always point the way for others whom Christ longs to embrace and see that the light of Christ shines in every corner where there is still darkness.



**EPIPHANY**

**MARY**  
THE MOTHER OF GOD

**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***

**PARISH OFFICE NEWS**

The Parish Office will be closed for

January 1, 2022	Closed	Happy New Year
January 2, 2022	Closed	

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

## Epiphany of the Lord



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.

### 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 1/4  
F 1/7

### ADORATION

Adoration is a sign of devotion and worship of Jesus Christ, who is believed by Catholics to be present in Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity under the appearance of the consecrated host. Our Parish is looking for volunteers to help out on the First Friday of every month in 1 hour segments. Adoration is from 8:30AM until 12PM. Sign up sheets are available in the back of Church.



St. Jude the Apostle Parish along with St. Michael the Archangel Masses Live Streamed!

Live Streaming of Masses at St. Jude the Apostle and St. Michael the Archangel Churches via Facebook pages: Saturday 4:00PM Vigil Mass, and Sunday 9AM Mass Lived Streamed at St. Jude the Apostle Parish and Sunday 10:15AM Mass Live Streamed. Daily Masses will also be Live Streamed Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:00AM.

St. Michael the Archangel will live Stream on Monday -Thursday Live Streamed at 12:10 PM. We will alternate each week Masses at each Parish.

### Weekday Mass Scheduled

**Monday** – No Daily Mass

**Tuesday** – St. Michael the Archangel 12:10 PM

**Wednesday** – St. Jude 8:00 AM

**Thursday** – St. Michael the Archangel 12:10 PM

**Friday** – St. Jude 8:00 AM

**\*\*Please take note that during the week if their should be a funeral there will be no week day Mass that day.**

JANUARY 2, 2021



**“You crown the year with Your goodness,  
and Your paths drip with abundance.”**

*Psalm 65:11*

Dear St. Jude the Apostle Parishioners,  
As we enter into another New Year together (Can you believe it's 2022?!), I can't help but reflect upon all that I am grateful for as principal of St. Jude the Apostle School. First and foremost, I am grateful for the families that have had the courage, strength and dedication to choose Catholic education for their children. We know that this choice is sometimes not easy, and we thank God everyday that they have chosen St. Jude the Apostle School for their children's educations. I am grateful for all of our parishioners that continue to support our school in so many ways. Without our parishioners, our school would not be what it is today and for that we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. I am most thankful that every day I get to see the smiling faces and hear the little voices of our amazing students. It is truly a gift to be able to watch these boys and girls learn and grow in their education and their faith each day. They always bring a smile to my face! So, as we enter 2022, I am excited for what the future holds for St. Jude the Apostle School! We are strong, we are growing and we are dedicated in our mission to educate the whole child: academically, socially, emotionally and faithfully. Have a blessed new year filled in Christ!

With love, Kris Hoffay



**PARISH OFFICE NEWS**

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas break:

**January 1, 2021 Closed      January 2, 2021 Closed.**

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

**PARISH NURSE PROGRAM**

Can you believe 2022 is here? So many of us think about resolutions this time of year, but we often lose our interest after about 3 weeks. That reflection we all do is good. but it is difficult to stay focused-we all have too many distractions in our lives. Rather than concentrating on a resolution, think about moderation-you will be more successful.



**SANCTUARY VOTIVE LIGHT**

**January 2nd through 8th**  
*For All Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Community*

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!!**



## Epiphany of the Lord

### 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**

**Saturday, January 2**

**4PM**      **For All Living and Deceased  
Parishioners of St. Jude the  
Apostle Church**

**Sunday, January 3**

**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 do 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 the 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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