



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

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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

Name _____

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Gospel Reflection
The Baptism of the Lord
Deacon Warren Safford

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If we take a moment to think about the scene recalled in today's Gospel, what kind of thoughts get stirred up inside us? In the Gospel this week, we see the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus and we hear the voice from heaven proclaiming, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased'. All this might have us wondering, what does it all mean? Our common sense might question why would Jesus need to be Baptized? He was without sin, so how does His Baptism fulfill all righteousness?

Yet, this scene becomes more easily understood if we connect the Words from heaven, 'This is my beloved...with whom I am well pleased' with the same words that we hear from Isaiah to describe the beloved servant of God. Just as Isaiah had foretold, we recognize the gift of the Spirit descending upon Jesus as God's act of placing His Spirit upon His beloved servant.

Recalling Isaiah's description of this servant gives us insight as to why Jesus would submit to this ritual washing. The words of Isaiah reveal to the vocation of Jesus. He has come to serve all of God's people, to set us free from captivity, to lead us out of darkness, and to establish justice on the entire earth.

So, when we make this connection to Isaiah, we can see the Baptism of Jesus as an act of service. It was done for our benefit in acceptance of His vocation to save us from our sins. Jesus serves the people of God by associating Himself with us, in spite of our sinfulness, and in submitting to this ritual. He sanctified the waters of Baptism as the means by which we become associated with Him. When we pass through these waters of Baptism, we become a new creation in Him.

In that moment when Jesus was Baptized, He accepted God's will for His life. He fulfilled all righteousness and He came into His true identity and vocation as the beloved Son of God. His calling was then affirmed by the Father and the Holy Spirit in this first appearance of the Holy Trinity. In His first act of public ministry, He was true to His vocation, as He sanctioned the waters of Baptism as the means for our rebirth in Him.

Today, in our baptismal rite, we recall this occasion each time we pray for God's blessing upon the water. We recall the Baptism of Jesus in the waters of the Jordan and ask God to send His Spirit upon the water and to give to the waters of the font, the grace of His Son. Then we Baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, just as the Trinity was first present at Jesus' own Baptism.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we too, become what God has willed us to be, our true identity, as we become the beloved daughters and sons of God. Emerging from the waters, our eyes are opened to the light of Christ, and we are never again held in captivity of darkness and sin.

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'This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.' God's Words are full of promise and grace and they call us to become just what they say. Therefore, Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit to continually aid in our sanctification and empower us to this vocation.

So, what is the calling of the children of God? Our readings today suggest that the children with whom God is well pleased are those who accept the baptismal call to serve others. We are called to live out this vocation as members of Christ's body and carrying on the mission that Jesus had begun in His public ministry. We are called to bring about the Kingdom of God and the salvation of all people through Christ. We carry out this ministry just as Jesus did, with great compassion and mercy as we strive for the victory of justice in our world.

We live out our vocations in different ways, as some are called to witness their faith in single life while others are called to witness in family life and marriage. Still others in our community are called to serve God in other vocations, as a deacon, or in religious life or in a vocation to the priesthood. While it seems in our present day that fewer people are drawn to these vocations, God has not stopped calling people to them. We need to be especially attentive to listen for God's calling in all these vocations and to trust God that we will be fulfilled in our lives when we accept the path of our true vocation and we are true to the gifts we have been given. Only then will we be living in harmony with our God given identity as He has formed us.

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we might reflect more fully on the words of grace we hear in today's Gospel, 'This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased'. Then we might renew our efforts to listen for God's calling in our lives with faith and trust in His providence.

Finally, we might double our efforts to build up the body of Christ by helping others to do the same. So, who in our lives needs our encouragement?

BAPTISM OF THE LORD ANCIENT SONG

We believe in you, Lord Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with your radiance, and make us the children of light!

We come to you, Lord Jesus. Fill us with your life, make us children of the Father, and one in you.

Lord Jesus, from your wounded side Flowed streams of cleansing water: The world was washed of all its sin, and life made new again!

The Father's voice calls us above the waters, The glory of the Son shines on us, The love of the Spirit fills us with life.

Holy Church of God, stretch out your hand and welcome your children newborn of water and of the Spirit of God.

Rejoice, you newly Baptized, chosen members of the Kingdom. Buried with Christ in death, you are reborn in Him by faith.

This is the fountain of life, water made holy by the suffering of Christ, washing all the world. You are washed in this water have hope of Heaven's Kingdom

The Baptism 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 to 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 1/11

F 1/14

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 Live 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.**



**“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



SANCTUARY VOTIVE LIGHT

January 9th through 15th
Dominic Testo, Wife Mary



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:

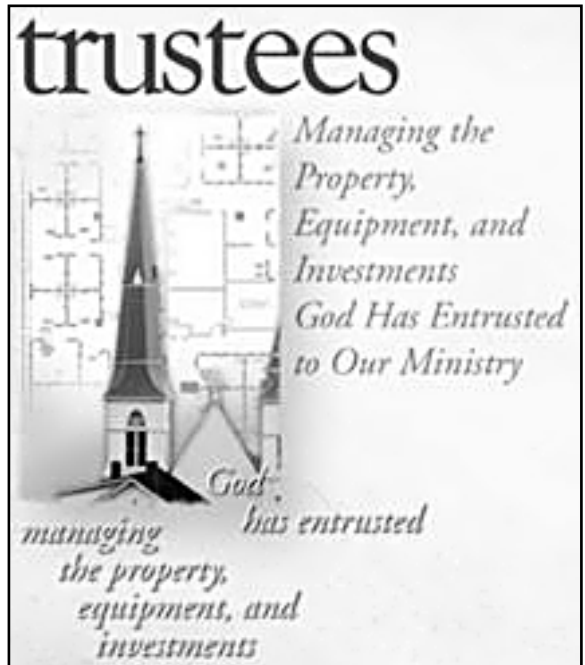
Peanut butter, jelly, rice, instant potatoes. Ready to serve puddings, disposable razors , wipes canned spaghetti -O's, canned ravioli's feminine products are always in dire need.

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

WELCOME OUR NEW TRUSTEES

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome and thank our new Trustees, Chris Harris and Janice Miller!

We look forward to working with you both!



Team Pathways Youth Ministry
Grades 7-10

Class Meetings

- January 9th grades 9&10 remote, grades 7&8 in-person St Jude Church
- January 16th No Class
- January 23 grades 9&10 in-person, grades 7&8 remote
- January 30 No Class



PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

I was so hopeful we would not need to talk about COVID in 2022, but here we are. Numbers of positive tests are climbing now higher than ever, which was expected with colder, people staying inside, and holiday get togethers. The GOOD news is that for those who are vaccinated AND boosted, even if COVID is contracted, the symptoms are not so bad, symptoms like a cold, and who doesn't catch a cold in the winter! But for those not vaccinated, this virus can be a killer! Did we ever think 2 years ago that in this day and age we would be seeing over 800,000 deaths in the United States because of a virus? Let's continue to do the right thing- socially distance, wear a protective mask and WASH YOUR HANDS as much as possible. PLEASE get your vaccinations if you have not already done so.

The Baptism of the Lord

Announced Masses

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

Saturday, January 8,

10AM David Manning Jr, *Wife*
David Manning III, *Mom*
Dominic Pasinella, *Bill & Elaine Cronin*
Nancy Fink, *Husband*
Patricia Brearton, *Family*
George H. Burns, *Wife Ruth & Family*

Sunday, January 9

9AM Charles Forino, *Mary Testo*
Charles Decker,
Joe & Marie Kruczlnicki

Sunday, January 9

11:30 Joseph Frost, *Mom, Dad, Matthew
& Tave*

Monday, January 10

8AM No Mass

Tuesday January 11

8AM No Mass

Wednesday, January 12

8AM For All Living and Deceased
Parishioners of St. Jude the
Apostle Church

Thursday, January 13

No Mass

Friday, January 14,

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

Saturday, January 15

4PM Bill Ghent, *Wife*
Ned Fitzgerald, *Rosanne & Children*
Dominic Pasinella, *Bill & Pat Kehm*

Sunday, January 16

9AM Tony Carnevale, *Family*
William & Mary Mahoney
11:30 Charles Decker, *Flanigan Family*

Collection Report

Date: 12/12/21 7/1/21– 1/2/22
Offertory: \$2,874.00 Fiscal YTD \$118,746.00
Electronic Giving \$260.00
Total: \$3,134.00

Date: 12/19/21
Offertory: \$3,819.00
Electronic Giving: \$2,110.25
Total: \$5,929.29

Date: 12/25/21
Offertory \$4,482.00
Total \$4,482.00

No Electronic Giving

Date: 12/26/21
Offertory: \$2,027.00
Total: \$2,027.00
No Electronic Giving

Date: 1/2/22
Offertory: \$5,135.00
Total: \$5,710.00
Electronic Giving: \$575.00

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.

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