# e the Apostle Catholic Community



### **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**

Phone: (518) 283-1162 Fax: (518) 286-2808

42 Dana Avenue

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:30 AM -2:30PM Email: 8:30 AM -2:30PM

Web site. http://www.rcda.org/churches/stjude/

St. Jude the Apostle School

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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..

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# Gospel Reflection Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon Warren Safford

Let me begin with a story about a woman who was turned away from heaven at the final judgment. However, she would be given another chance if she could find the one thing that God desires the most and bring it back with her to heaven. So, returning to her life in this world, she searched and searched for this thing that God would accept to welcome her into the Kingdom,

She brought back drops of blood from a dying martyr. She brought back some coins that a poor widow had given to charity. She brought back a tattered old bible that was used for years by a faithful preacher. She even brought back some dust from the shoes of a missionary who labored in a remote wasteland. But none of these things were what God wanted the most.

Then one day she came across an innocent young child playing happily without a care in the world. And she suddenly broke down in tears remembering her own innocence, and she welled up in sadness over all the bad choices and wrong roads she had followed, and she found herself completely overwhelmed.

But, it was in that moment that she saw the gift of Jesus, the innocence that she longed so much to recover, had always been right there for the asking, and realizing that, her tears of sorrow turned to tears of joy and her heart was longing to be with God.

So, she returned to heaven with just one of those tears and found God waiting for her with great joy, because the thing he wanted most for her was to accept the love and forgiveness He offered her in Christ and that she would love Him because He had never stopped loving her.

Our Gospel this week, invites all people, regardless of our situation in life, to this same moment of acceptance. Our Messiah has come to free us from anything that keeps us from knowing God's love for us. The time is now! Today, God's promise to us is fulfilled in our hearing. Today, God's word is active and powerful, achieving the end for which it is sent.

In the First Reading, the people in ancient Israel had returned from being exiled, cried, prostrated themselves and recommitted themselves to the Law of God. Then, Ezra tells them to rejoice and not be saddened, for today is sacred to the Lord.

We too are called to rejoice in hearing God's word, to embrace God's love, His forgiveness and acceptance of us no matter what our lives have been like. So let us listen to the Word of God and the promises He has given to each of us. "Today! His words are fulfilled in our hearing."

### **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT!**

Date and Time to be determined!

The Parish Advisory Committee and our new Parish Trustees, *Chris Harris and Jan Miller* will be holding a meeting in the Church to introduce themselves to the Parish, and to talk about all of the work that has been done to help keep our vibrant community engaged and active while we have been without an assigned Pastor.

In the absence of a Pastor, the Pastoral Council has continued to meet as the Parish Advisory Committee. The committee members have acted as a resource for Deacon Andy to help him learn about our Parish. We will continue in this capacity, until we have a Pastor again, and can serve once again as a Pastoral Council. (Can't really have a Pastoral Council without a Pastor.) We welcome anyone who is interested in participating on this committee! If you are interested, please contact Barb Harris, Chairperson at 518-275-3561 or by email at <a href="mailto:barbharris1376@gmail.com">barbharris1376@gmail.com</a>.

Please watch the Bulletins and the St. Jude the Apostle Facebook page for updates on the date and time for this Town Hall type event. We believe it will be in early February. Holding it in the Church will allow us to have it live streamed on Facebook

### Church Floor

Our tile in the Church is in need of repair. We are looking for a parish member with tile floor skills/expertise and time to help us make these repairs. Please contact the Parish Office.

### **2022 EASTER CROSSES**

Our Easter Crosses need to be refurbished or replaced! We are looking for a parish member that has the carpentry skills and time to help us with this effort. Please contact the Parish Office.

### **EASTER CROSS MEMORIAL**

It may seem early but we have to begin planning for the Easter Cross Memorial. The offering for each cross will be (\$15.00) and this year we ask you to have your requests in as soon as possible due to the fact that we will only have 400 crosses available for the Easter Cross Memorial. The date for having your requests in by is March 14, 2022 or when crosses run out. Please make sure and PRINT the name of the person you are remembering and the name of the person who is requesting the memorial. Please remember to keep the character letters on each cross to no more than 22 letters, characters including spaces. Please remember there are only 400 crosses available and it will be based on a first come, first served basis, so get your request in as soon as possible.

Please fill out the sheet & include your payment and drop it off at the Parish Office. If you purchased a cross last year and would like to have the same name again, please indicate that on your sheet and please include your \$15.00 payment with it.

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 students 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 Schools bottom line, and will help close the gap between what it cost 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 strengthen 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 1/25

F 1/28

### **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 Tuesdays & Thursdays Live Streamed at 12:10 PM.

### **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.

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

We are currently into the swing of re-enrolling our current students for the 2022/2023 school year, and marketing our AMAZING school to new, prospective families. We will be holding an Open House on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-1:00pm. Let's continue to work together, as a church & school, to ensure for a successful and prosperous future for our beloved school. Here's how you can help:

- Pass along the provided flyer to a family member, friend, or coworker that may be interested in attending our Open House or setting up a private school tour. More available at the school office if needed.
- Share the Open House post from our school and parish Facebook pages and ask your Facebook friends to share it as well.
- Consider becoming a Student Sponsor for the 2022/2023 school year. .

Once again, we are forever grateful to all our supportive parishioners for all they do to make our school the AMAZING place it is!

Blessings & Love, Kris Hoffay

### **2022 SUPER BOWL SQUARES**

Join in the excitement and enter for your chance to win some cash while helping our Parish.

The cost of each square is \$25.00 Payouts (if all squares are sold) will be as follows:



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https://stjudeswyn.square.site/

### PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

In case you haven't heard, there is a NA-TIONAL shortage of blood. The American

Red Cross is pleading for all who can donate to do so. The donation itself takes only about 30 minutes and so vital for so many. Please consider donating by going to www.giveblood.org or signing up at the Red Cross headquarters on Everett Road in Albany,



### SANCTUARY VOTIVE LIGHT

January 23rd through January 29nd



### DOORS OF HOPE

This is our local food pantry that aids our community members. The needs of those THE who are struggling never diminish. Please NGRY give generously to help our community pan-

try provide food and personal care items to those in need. Suggested items needed are:

Tuna fish, mayo, chunky soups, crackers, tooth paste, dish soap, canned spaghetti -O's, canned ravioli's feminine products are always in dire need. 18 bags were received and brought to Doors of Hope last week. Thank you for your generosity.



### PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

A book is now available for parishioners to include daily prayer requests. The book is located on the podium in front of the bulletin board at the main entrance and has dated entries for all daily and weekend Masses.



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### **Team Pathways Youth Ministry** Grades 7-10

### **Class Meetings**

- January 23 Grades 9&10 in-person, Grades 7&8 remote
- January 30 No Class

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Announced Masses**

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

Saturday, January 22

4PM Theresa Sunkes, Sunkes Family

Florence Stout, Bill & Carol Dedrick Virginia Burton, Elaine & Family

Sunday, January 23

9AM For All Living and Deceased

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**Apostle Church** 

11:30 Ronald Benson, Wife

Tuesday January 24 8AM No Mass Wednesday, January 25

8AM For All Living and Deceased

Parishioners of St. Jude the

**Apostle Church** 

Thursday, January 26 No Mass

Friday, January 27

Anna Keohan, Son

Saturday, January 28

4PM Donald Heckelman 24th Anniversary,

Don & Nicole Heckelman

Albert Mozjesik,

Don & Nicole Heckelman

Nancy Fink, Husband

Sunday, January 23

9AM For All Living and Deceased

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11:30 For All Living and Deceased

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Weekly	Fiscal YTD
<u>1/15-1/16/22</u>	<u>7/1/2021</u>
Offertory \$3,382.00	\$102,969.89
E-Giving \$2,130.25	\$23,047.75
Total Income \$5,512.25	\$126,017.64
Budget Needed \$5,673.00	\$164,517.00
Over/(Under) Budget (160.75)	(38,499.36)

### Ways you can Donate to our Parish

You can drop off your donation at the Parish Office, Your can donate through My Parish App. You can have your bank send us a check weekly. Please also consider making a special gift to the Church, such as including St. Jude in your Will or estate and In honoring a loved one, or you can mail your donation to:

St. Jude the Apostle Church 42 Dana Avenue Wynantskill, New York 12198

### 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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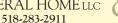
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