

Fourth Sunday of
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**ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
December 20, 2020**

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The Nativity of the Lord

**ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE
Christmas Schedule 2020**

Masses

***Solemnity of Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve Vigil, December 24
4 p.m. - 6 p.m. & 8 p.m. - Church
4:15 p.m. & 6:15 p.m. - PLC***

***Christmas Day, December 25
8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Carols 9:40 a.m.***

***Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
December 31, 4 p.m. Vigil
January 1, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.***

To All

Have a Merry and Safe Christmas

***Father Lewis, Father Jones
Deacons Bill, Don, Marty, Al, Howard,
Barry & Joe
and
The Parish Staff***

*St. Jude The Apostle
Church*

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From Our Pastor's Desk

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Saints-in-the-Making,

Joyful greetings in the Lord Who is to come.

As we come to the final weekend of Advent, our readings reflect that all is coming into place for the wondrous miracle of the birth of the Lord: The Lord tells His servant David that He will establish a house for him, from whom shall come an heir, whose Kingdom will be firm and endure forever. This heir will be the Son of God. The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she is to be the Mother of this Son of the Most High God, a mission that Mary humbly and willingly assents to: "Let it be done to me according to your word." With these words, freely-made and freely-given, the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us. Praised be to God for Mary's "Yes."

These are all miracles of God's grace, and we are blessed this week to see a miracle of God's Creation.

On Monday December 21, the Winter Solstice, that is, the shortest day and the longest night of the year, the two giant planets in our solar system, Jupiter and Saturn, will line up, looking like one incredibly bright-shining star. Scientists conclude that it is this celestial phenomenon at Jesus' birth that became known as "the Christmas Star" or the "Star of Bethlehem" leading the three Wise Men to the Child Jesus. Such an alignment between these two planets is particularly rare. In fact, the last time this occurred was some 800 years ago, in 1226AD, and it won't occur again until 2080AD. If interested in seeing this astronomical miracle, look to the southwest portion of the sky about 45 minutes after sunset, that is at 5:27PM on December 21. You should be able to see it the whole week.

While Fr. Georges LeMaitre, the proponent of the Big Bang Theory, has said that there is no conflict between faith and science and while this "star of wonder" phenomenon might make it seem an even more special Christmas to us this year, we must remember that Scripture tells us the star that led the Magi to the Child Jesus moved and came to rest above the house where the Christ Child was (Matthew 2:9). As we gaze with awe and wonder at the "Star of Bethlehem" phenomenon on December 21st, imagine how much more wondrous and awesome the actual Christmas Star was for three kings seeking the newborn King of the Jews.

In a year marked by challenges, anxiety, and frustration, God is providing us a uniquely peaceful way to welcome His Son, the Prince of Peace, and to remind us that no matter what might happen in our world, the Kingdom of this King of Kings, Jesus, will have no end.

May this "Star of Wonder" make your Christmas merry and bright, but especially may Christ the newborn King, the Light come into the world, shine always in your heart so that, in all you say and do, your Christlike love will shine even brighter than anything we might see in the sky.

On behalf of Fr. Jones, our Deacons, and the entire Parish Staff, I wish you a joyful and glorious Christmas Day and Season. Fr. Jones and I look forward to celebrating the Sacred Mass for you. Please know, that you will be in our prayers and our intentions at Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

God love you! I most certainly do!
Fr. Lewis

Welcoming Committee

During this ***weekend of December 19 and 20***, members of the Welcoming Committee will be distributing Information Folders to new parishioners registering with the parish during the month of November. A table will be setup outside the main entrance of each Mass and the folders will be available AFTER each of the Masses. As a special note -- if you have registered with the parish and have not received your copy of the New Parishioner materials, please see a member of the committee as well.

Happening This Week

Daily Mass — Monday thru Saturday 8:00 am

Confessions — Saturday 8:45 am to 9:15 am in the Christian Formation Building or longer as needed
Reconciliation is also available by appointment at any time

Sunday Masses — Saturday, 4 pm — Sunday, 7 am (PLC), 8:30am & 10:30 am

Bulletin Articles due by 3PM on Friday (2 weeks prior to publication)
Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

Moving In? Moving Out? Please contact us to register, or inform us of your departure.

Visit us also on Facebook

St Jude The Apostle Catholic Church



We have a new parish app!!



Or, you can search Google Play Store or Apple App Store for the

Weconnect Parish App

After getting the app, open and it will guide you to set your parish.
Please delete the old app as it is no longer functional.

PRAYER LINE

Week I—Jeanne Leisner, Shirley Young & Barbara Ann Smith

Week II—Nicholas Tamburro & Antoinette Nash

Week III—Mary Assalone, Buzz Gildea & Joan Bundy

Week IV—Susan Frie, Tom McDonough & Mary Ellen Fleming

Week V—Dennis Heagy

Week VI—Jim Stewart, Michael S. Harris, Carolyn Gildea, Lisa Ledda, Susan Short & Michael Pfarr

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant (N...) for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you or a relative are ill or in need of prayers and would like to be added to the list, please contact Carol in the office at either cturoczy@stjudelewes.org or 644-7300. The list will be on a 6 week rotation. Also only request from immediate family members will be accepted in order to protect individual's privacy.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED PRIESTS

Rev. Edward Henchy

Rev. Daniel M. Power

Msgr. Thomas J. Reese

Rev. James P. Eckrich

Most Rev. Michael W. Hyle

Rev. J. Francis McDonough

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

And let the perpetual light shine upon them.

And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR LIVING

Rev. Michael J. Carrier

Vy. Rev. Norman P. Carroll

Rev. Michael T. Casari

Rev. Ralph T. Castelow

Rev. Msgr. J. Thomas Cini

Rev. William T. Cocco

Eternal God, please bless our priests, who represent you on this earth. Make them more greatly aware of the grace that you pour out through them when they minister the sacraments, and help them to fall more deeply in love with you after each and every Mass that they celebrate. Please strengthen our priests, who shepherd your flock, when they are in doubt of their faith, that they may be examples of your Truth and guide us always on the path to you. We ask these things of you our Eternal Priest. Amen.



Weekly Masses Now Live Streamed in Real Time!

Our weekly Saturday Mass is now being LIVE-streamed in real time on our YouTube Channel replacing our previous single-camera pre-recorded services which could be viewed after-the fact by parishioners.

Using a state-of-the-art digital studio platform plus four to six digital cameras mounted around the church, parishioners can now view the Mass from the comfort of their home as it is taking place. For those that cannot view it live, the system automatically records and retains the recorded version so parishioners can continue to view it at a

later time just as we have been offering.

Currently, the only LIVE Mass offered is the 4 p.m. Saturday, however it is anticipated that we will be adding further weekend services in the very near future. (To locate our channel search, <https://www.youtube.com/c/StJudeTheApostleChurchLewesDE> and Subscribe (free). Tune-in to the channel 5-minutes in advance of the service for the LIVE broadcast.)

Moving to this "new" system is an adjustment for those coordinating its broadcast and there will be a "learning curve" as we better each new airing. Various improvements to the broadcasts will be made over time. Be patient with us as we grow.

These tremendous upgrades have been made possible as a result of YOUR generous donations over the year to the church. Thank you for your steadfast support!



Liturgy

Masses the week of December 20 to 27

Sunday, 4th Sunday of Advent

7:00 AM Marie Albers	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Barry
8:30 AM For the People of the Parish	Fr. Jones - Deacon Bill
10:30 AM Debra Johnson	Fr. Jones - Deacon Marty

Monday

8:00 AM Francis Mele, Sr.	Fr. Jones - Deacon Barry
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Tuesday

8:00 AM Patricia Ann Klein	Fr. Jones - Deacon Bill
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Wednesday

8:00 AM Dolly Sindone	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Bill
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Thursday, Christmas Eve

4:00 PM For the People of the Parish	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Marty
4:15 PM For the People of the Parish	Fr. Jones - Deacon Bill
6:00 PM For the People of the Parish	Fr. Jones - Deacon Barry
6:15 PM For the People of the Parish	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Howard
8:00 PM For the People of the Parish	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Al

Friday, The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas

8:30 AM For the People of the Parish	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Howard
10:30 AM For the People of the Parish	Fr. Jones - Deacon Al

Saturday, St. Stephen, The First Martyr

8:00 AM Jose Perez	Fr. Jones - Deacon Al
4:00 PM Deceased Members of the Fischer Family	Fr. Jones - Deacon Al

Sunday, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:00 AM Alan Dommes	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Barry
8:30 AM Ponichrosky & Sherman Families	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Bill
10:30 AM For the People of the Parish	Fr. Jones - Deacon Marty

Scripture Readings

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/

Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20.

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/

Mt 10:17-22

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or

Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or

Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-4

PLEASE NOTE - here is a list of upcoming early bulletin deadlines (bulletin to be emailed to LPI)

Bulletin for Jan. 3 - the deadline is noon Dec. 21

Bulletin Articles due by 3PM on Friday (2 weeks before the deadline). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!



MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK December 20 to 26

Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in Loving Memory of Irene Requilinski. Requested by Irene & Peter Ostapow.

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in Loving Memory of Norman Gene Hudson from his wife Judith & Family.

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Fr. Lewis - Merry Christmas.

Altar Candle in the Chapel will burn this week in Loving Memory of Norman Gene Hudson from his wife Judith & Family.

Altar Candle in the Chapel will burn this week for Fr. Jones - Merry Christmas.

Eucharistic Adoration is now open. Assigned are encouraged to attend their scheduled hours, subject to their own discretion.

The chapel will now be *unlocked* from 7 am to 7 pm so that adorers will not need to use the lock code to gain entry during that time frame. The chapel will continue to be locked and accessible only by lock code from 7 pm to 7 am.

If you are an assigned or regular adorer and did not receive a set of the Reopening Guidelines, you will find a copy in the chapel on the back table. Please read and follow them carefully.



"He is The Bread sown in the virgin, leavened in the Flesh, molded in His Passion, baked in the furnace of the Sepulchre, placed in the Churches, and set upon the Altars, which daily supplies Heavenly Food to the faithful."
- St. Peter Chrysologus (400-450)

We are blessed as a parish community with the Real Presence of Jesus Christ exposed in our Eucharistic Chapel from 4 AM Monday through 12 N Saturday, and from 11 AM to 9 PM on Sunday.

Remarkably, and thankfully, here at St. Jude's adorers can be with Our Eucharistic Lord any time, day or night, whether for a few minutes or for an hour or more. Jesus continues to call persons to adore Him on a regular basis and be graced - helped, healed, renewed, and saved - by Him.

Please listen: He is calling.

With increased interest in earlier Sunday morning adoration, we seek someone to be assigned to the Sunday 10 am hour so that we might start scheduled adoration an hour earlier. Also, we continue to place a priority on hours with only one adorer.

We are currently in need of adorers for Tuesday, 9 p.m. Friday 5, 6, & 7 p.m.

Please call Al Hanley - 302-703-2419 - if you are interested in signing up.

PRAY for OUR SEMINARIAN



Brooks Jensen
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St. Mary's Seminary
& University



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Lord Jesus, I ask your special blessing on this young man preparing for the priesthood for our diocese. I pray that he will grow in faith, hope, and charity. May his heart overflow with your compassion, understanding, and generosity, and may his desire to serve you, inspire others to answer your call. Lord Jesus, give our seminarian the grace to follow you more perfectly. When he is lonely or discouraged, fill him with your peace. Let him be lifted up by the fact he is never alone in Your Presence and surrounded with our prayers. *Amen*

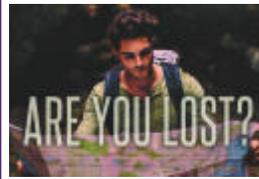
Please pray for members of the military who are serving both here and abroad:



- Capt. Ryan J. Bickley, M. D. USA (Grandson of Claire & Richard Thomas)**
- Daniel J. Blake CPO/USN (Son of Jim & Christina Blake)**
- Lance Corporal Michael Caravaello (Caravaello Family)**
- Lt. Col. Joseph Davis, USAF (Nephew of Jean and Jim Stewart)**
- HN Joseph D'Amico, Jr., USN (Grandson of Regina and Antonio D'Amico, Sr.)**
- E6 1st Class Petty Officer Michael A. Foti, USN, (Son of Jonnel Foti)**
- Master Sgt. David Frost, USAF (Grandson of Bob and Mary Lou Frost)**
- 2nd Lieutenant Jeffrey Frost, USAF (Grandson of Bob and Mary Lou Frost)**
- Spec E4 Brendan Hartford, USCG, (Grandson of Jean & Jim Stewart)**
- Airman 1st Class Christopher Hartford, USAF, (Grandson of Jean & Jim Stewart)**
- Maj. Garrett Jacob, USA (Son of Marie and Edwin Jacob)**
- Capt. Meridith Jacob, USA (Daughter-in-law of Marie and Edwin Jacob)**
- Capt. Laura Marshall, USAF (Daughter of David & Marie Marshall)**
- Pvt. Timothy Liam McLaughlin, USA, (Grandson of Joseph & Christina Paul)**
- Sgt. Tyler Stewart, U. S. Army, (Grandson of Jean & Jim Stewart)**
- Sgt. Abby Young, USMC (Granddaughter of Bill and Viki Nitsch)**

Almighty and eternal God, protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
(United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)
St. Jude, pray for peace.

To be included in this list, please send the name, branch of service, and location of your family member to office@stjudelewes.org



GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 20, 2020
4th Sunday of Advent

In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

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Polish Wafers

are

now available.

Stop by the Parish Office

to purchase.

\$3.00 per pack

Christian Formation

Dining Cards for Christmas Gift-Giving!

They are eating them up...hurry in! Not only does it make your shopping easy, but you support our local eateries, as well as **St. Jude's Adult Faith Formation program**. The card allows you to purchase one entrée and get up to \$15 off the second entrée. Come see the changed list of restaurants by purchasing a card or 2! **Some of the restaurants accept the dining cards for take out – call first.**



First Reconciliation **First Holy Communion Families**

- First Reconciliation Prep classes are already underway.

The fourth of five classes is scheduled for this Sunday, 12/20th. The next class comes after the Christmas break, on 1/10th and is a review of First Reconciliation. ATTENDANCE is of the utmost importance for Sacramental Prep classes. It is stressed that students **MUST** participate in classes prior to receiving a Sacrament. Please call the office if your child has been unable to attend, you have not picked up the Prep books, or have not scheduled a Parent/Student/Pastor meeting. The Office is open daily Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Christmas Gift:
Local Discount Restaurant Cards**

- Perfect Holiday Gift for the "Hard-to-Buy-For"
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- Nearly \$400 in Discounts Available
- The ONLY Adult Faith Fund-Raiser All Year!
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Cost: JUST \$20

Act FAST!

Benefits
St. Jude The Apostle -
Adult Faith Formation Programs

Available in the Parish &
Christian Formation Offices:
8 a.m. – 12 noon & 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

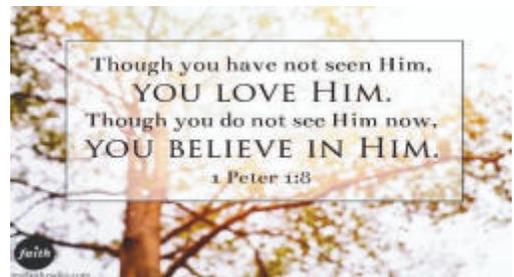
Youth Ministry: Teens of our Parish

Knights of Columbus 3rd Annual Faith-in-Action Contest Grade 7 — Grade 10

November 2020 — January 2021

Grades 7 to 10 Essay Category:

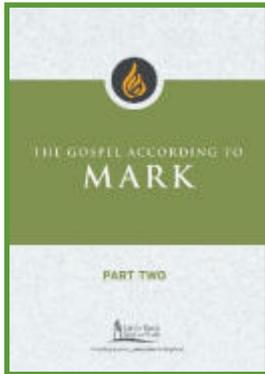
- * 1st — 2nd — 3rd Place Cash Prizes in Two Judged Groups
- * Over \$100 in cash awards available
- * 500–700 words typed



TOPIC / PROMPT: In an essay of 500-750 words, discuss how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it. Consider especially those times when it was a challenge to understand why something was happening. Consider also sharing any lessons about faith and hope you or someone you know may have learned from this experience.

DEADLINE: January 10, 2021

Please submit a digital / electronic version in MS-Word or PDF format to the Christian Formation Office (302-644-7413) either in-person or by email to Mr. M. J. McShane, Director of Religious Education: michael.mcshane@stjudelewes.org

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT EVENING ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM:

Mark Part II
 From Little Rock Scripture Study
 By Marie Noonan Sabin, PhD.

Thought to be the earliest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark is a fast-moving, vivid account of the ministry, suffering, and death of Jesus. Enter into a rich encounter with this preacher, wonder-worker, and messiah, whose very life delivered an urgent message about repentance, transformation, and the reality of suffering in the life of a disciple. Part Two explores Mark 9:33-16:20, including Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the events of his passion, death, and resurrection. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures are included.

This study consists of four (4) 90-minute sessions which includes commentary; study and reflection questions; prayer; and, access to video recorded lectures. This program will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 p.m. via a **video-conferencing platform ONLY** (GoTo Meeting): **January 20, 27, February 3, 10** with LeeAnn Augustine as the Facilitator.

To register, visit our web site (www.stjudelewes.org) and click on the link from our Home page, OR call the Religious Education office at 302-644-7413.

Deadline to register is January 8, 2021. The cost is \$25.00.



St. Jude the Apostle Book Club 2021

We are proud to announce that our Adult Faith Formation Book Club discussion group is continuing in 2021. You can participate in one or all of the meetings, however you must contact the office prior to the meeting date in order to be invited to the meeting (as long as they continue to be virtual). The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 2 p.m.** and will be facilitated by Pam Becker.

The book to be discussed is **Elijah in Jerusalem** by Michael O'Brien

The long-awaited sequel to the acclaimed, best-selling novel Father Elijah: An Apocalypse, is the continuing story of the Catholic priest called to confront a powerful politician who could be the Antichrist foretold in the Bible.

As we have done in the past, two copies of each book will be available in the St. Jude Parish Library located in the Christian Faith Formation building. If you need any additional information or have any questions, please call the office at 302-644-7413.



Tuesday Rosary Group Meeting Weekly via ZOOM

In 1897, Theresse Martin, a 24-year-old Carmelite cloistered nun in Lisieux, France, passed away from tuberculosis. This obscure young woman would be canonized a saint only a few years later, in 1925, and has become one of the most well-known and beloved of saints. Her doctrine of "the little way of trust and love" was explained in her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, and led to her being proclaimed in 1997 one of only four women doctors of the church.

You are invited to learn more about her with the Theresse Rosary group of St. Jude The Apostle Parish that meets via Zoom every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. to pray the rosary with meditations from her writings. Come any time your schedule allows to pray and join in conversation about the meaning of Theresse's words for our lives. To receive a Zoom link invitation, please email Deacon Al Barros, al_barros@hotmail.com or call the Christian Formation Office, 302-644-7413

Finance Council

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to our parishioners and visitors who contribute to St. Jude's, Your Gifts are deeply appreciated.



Drop Off Envelopes

If you are unable to attend Mass and don't feel comfortable mailing your envelopes to us please use the mail box that is located in the window left of the front door to the Parish Office.

From St. Jude Finance Council



Our parish has been weathering the pandemic with resilience. The parishioners have helped in many ways including with their financial support. The offertory collections have increased from 60 to 63 percent and are now ranging between 80 to 81 percent of expectations. We are very appreciative of those who have continued to contribute. Thank you for your support and sacrifice.

While we are encouraged with the increase in our income, we are still falling short of what is needed to cover our budgeted expenses to run the parish. Please keep this in mind as you prayerfully consider your offertory contributions. For those of you at home who are not able to attend Mass, but are able to contribute, we ask that you please make your customary offerings in support of the many ministries and administration of our parish. These activities continue to be important for all of us in our time of need and of course our everyday lives.

Contributions can be made by several methods. Attending the limited masses, you can use the collection baskets located at the back of the church. By mail, please send your church envelopes with your offering to our address at 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes DE 19958-1689. At the entrance to the Parish Office, there is a drop box in which you can deposit your offertory. Also, online giving is available through the WeShare system. Please click Online Giving on the St. Jude's website (www.stjudelewes.org) to access WeShare. If you have any questions regarding any form of giving, please call the Parish Office at 302-644-7300 or email office@stjudelewes.org.

We ask our Lord to be present in each of your daily lives as each of you are in our prayers to come through these difficult times inspired to receive the enrichment of God's grace.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

December 20—Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.



Our SVDP society is still up and operating during this time. A strong plastic box has been placed between the Church and the Parish Life Center, by the white fence for the courtyard. You may place any donations of nonperishable food items in the box. Please do not place any food or boxes outside of the box. Our SVDP members will be checking the box and emptying it regularly.

If you wish to make a monetary donation during this time, please mail a check to
St. Vincent DePaul Society PO Box 94 Lewes, DE 19958.

**SVDP is reaching out to any of our parishioners
and/or families enrolled in our Religious Education program who are facing**

Evictions and /or foreclosures

Let's Talk !

Call St Vincent De Paul at 302-249-4664 and ask to speak to Frank, Paul or Kas.

Call now and let's see if we have a plan to provide assistance before the eviction or foreclosure is applied.

You may currently be receiving some government protection but that protection will be scheduled to run out by end of December; yep, right after Christmas. The sooner the better.

Respect Life

A NEW PROCLAMATION

(Source: The Washington Times, By Alveda King (Nov.2, 2020))

The Equality Proclamation gives Black women and Children targeted by the Abortion Industry protection under the Law. On Sept. 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln first signed the Emancipation Proclamation, formally ending Chattel Slavery, which had reduced human beings to mere property.

For many decades, black women and babies have been targeted by the abortion industry. Babies of black mothers are three times more likely to be aborted than white babies resulting in 20 million black children legally killed in America since 1973. On September 22, 2020, 158 years to the day of Lincoln signing the Emancipation Proclamation, black leaders gathered in Montgomery Alabama to issue and sign another proclamation for equality. It focuses on giving black women and children targeted by the abortion industry, equal protection under the law.

At the end of every day, we are one human race, one blood. We are not colorblind, we celebrate ethnicity and united we stand from the womb to the tomb.

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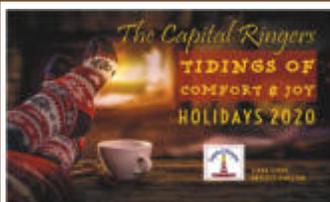


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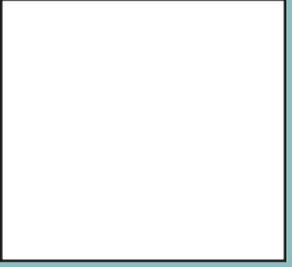
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