



ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH January 16, 2022

152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE 19958-1689

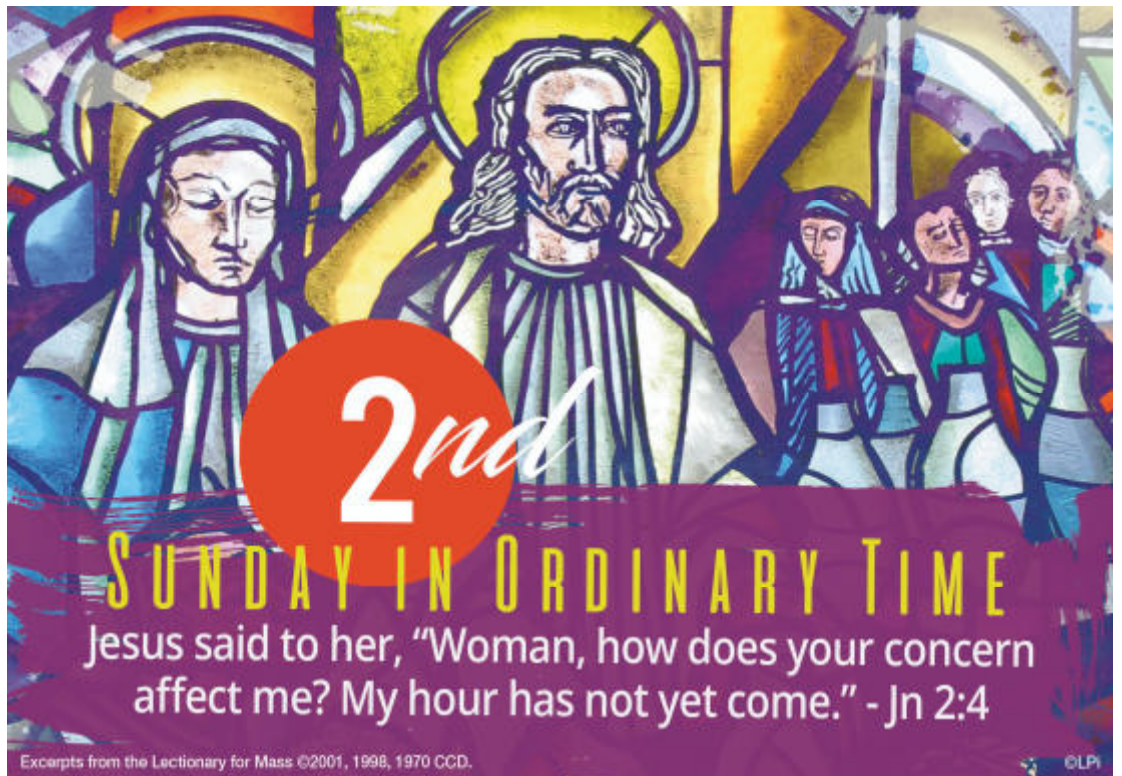
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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Jude The Apostle Parish, are committed to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and following the teaching of the Catholic Church. As the People of God, we recognize the universal call to holiness, rooted in Baptism and nourished by the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. We act in charity and justice as a visible sign of our mission to be a house of welcome and a place of service to all.



The Sacraments of Our Church

Eucharist: All Masses are in the Church - Mass schedule is as follows:

Saturday: 4pm Sunday: 7am, 8:30am, & 10:30am

Daily Mass is Monday through Saturday at 8 AM.

Baptism (of Infants): Contact our Parish office for information about the Baptism Class and to schedule a Baptism.

Reconciliation: Every First Friday 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Formation Building
Saturday 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. in the Christian Formation Building or longer as needed
Reconciliation is also available by appointment at any time

Confirmation: Is a 2-year preparation process. Call Christian Formation Office for details.

Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Call the Christian Formation Office for information.

Marriage: At least one individual should be a parishioner who practices our faith. Please contact one of our Priests or Deacons to begin preparation which takes approximately 1 year.

Anointing of the Sick: Parishioners facing surgery or struggling with serious illness may request the sacrament by calling our Parish Office at 644-7300 .



The Parish Office
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Christian Formation Office
will be closed Monday, January 17th
We will reopen
on Tuesday, January 18 at 8:00 a.m.

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday
8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Closed for lunch
12 Noon to 1:00 pm

St. Jude The Apostle Church

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PARISH OFFICE

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Pastor: Rev. Brian S. Lewis

Assoc. Pastor: Rev. Jones Kukatla

Deacons: Bill McGann
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Howard League
Al Barros
Joe Cilia
Barry Taylor
Don Lydick—Retired

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Jennifer Barbarita

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Trinette Stillman (410) 208-1600

From Our Pastor's Desk

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Dear Fellow Saints-in-the-Making,

Greetings in Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior of us all.

With the conclusion of the Christmas Season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Church has begun what is known as Ordinary Time, that is, the liturgical celebrations in between the Church's major observances of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter. Each week in Ordinary Time is given an increasing ordinal number (Second Week, Third Week, and so on). This ordinal identification is why the Time is called "Ordinary."

So that we do not confuse "Ordinary Time" with the banality of the everyday, the *Saint Andrew Bible Missal* includes this timely reflection: "We cannot speak of Ordinary Time without speaking of Sunday. The every seven-day celebration of the Lord's Day is the basic structure upon which the Church Year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter are more expansive celebrations of particular aspects of the one paschal mystery which we celebrate every Lord's Day...."

"These seasons in no way minimize the critical importance of the Sunday celebration throughout the rest of the year. Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on this first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday as a day of play and worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and for ever...."

"This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living."

No wonder, then, that Holy Mother Church launches her Sunday observance of Ordinary Time with this Sunday's Gospel of the Wedding Feast of Cana, where, at His Mother's request, Jesus takes ordinary water and transforms it into extraordinary wine. If we give to the Lord everything we consider ordinary, even our worship during this Ordinary Time, then He will transform it into something quite extraordinary indeed. And all for His glory!

God love you! I do.
Fr. Lewis

PS: You were all so very generous to Fr. Jones and me during the Christmas Season. My preference is to thank each person for her / his gift with a personalized hand-written note of gratitude (that is a direct result of my parents' example and instruction), and I have done so with thankfulness. To those whom I could not thank with a personal note because of your humility in making an anonymous gift or a gift signed with just a first name, I take the time now to thank you, sincerely, humbly, and wholeheartedly. May God bless you, all of you, for your many goodnesses and kindnesses to us Priests. We thank God for you.
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Jesus must increase; I must decrease. John 3:30

Tax Contribution Letters for 2021

Dear Parishioners,
If you would like a letter from St. Jude stating your total tax contribution for the year 2021 please call the office and request one.
If you have done this in previous years you will automatically receive a letter in the mail.

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

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St Jude The Apostle Catholic Church



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Wecconnect 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.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR

DECEASED PRIESTS

Rev. Dennis J. Crowley
 Rev. Joseph D. Kaupas
 Msgr. Stanley W. Delikat
 Rev. Michael J. McDermott

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. John A. Finn
 Vy. Rev. Lewis S. Fiorelli
 Rev. Thomas Flowers
 Rev. Vincent Fortunato
 Rev. John A. Franey
 Rev. Ronald Giannone
 Rev. William R. Gore
 Rev. James B. Herring
 Rev. Peter C. Igwilo
 Rev. Joseph P. Jocco
 Rev. Thomas A. Kane
 Rev. William J. Keech

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.

PRAYER LINE

Week I - Michael Walters, Ann Wojcik, Fran Ritterhouse, Michael Killmon, Ann Mallet,

Suzanne Zeltman, & Eileen Walder

Week II- Michael S. Harris, Lisa Ledda, Susan Short, Michael Pfarr, Catherine Markel, Leonard Gilbert, Kathie Strissel, Tim Haas, Francis Seaver & Nicholas Dominelli & Family

Week III- Shirley Young, Barbara Ann Smith, Gavin Birl, Carol Witts, Kieran Cawley, Michelle Linehan, Bob Woods, Sheila Naughton & Barbara Swetnam

Week IV - Nicholas Tamburro, Antoinette Nash, Ann & Bill Noweck, Tahiry Rappo, Bob Cavallero & John Gannon

Week V - Buzz Gildea, Joan Bundy & Priscilla Aubrey Nutter

Week VI- Susan Frie, Joe Ruiz, Jeanette Toconita, Bill Zimmerman, Ginny Lewis, Steve Kittka & Michele Massoni

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 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.

We welcome and encourage the Faithful to return to full in-person participation of the Sunday Eucharist, the Source and Summit of our Catholic faith. Let us continue to be united in prayer for one another and for an end to the global pandemic.

While parishioners are obligated to attend Sunday & observed Holy Day Masses, one Mass per weekend will continue to be live-streamed for the benefit of those temporarily or permanently homebound in our community. Unless otherwise communicated, that Mass will continue to be our 4 p.m. Saturday Vigil liturgy which can be accessed at our YouTube Channel in real-time, or recording (after-the-fact).

Grief Support - New Normal

The New Normal

Our parish will offer a new Grief Support Program. Each session runs 6 weeks long and is approx. 1 ½ to 2 hours each session. The program is available to all who wish to attend, but pre-registration is required. Please call the Parish Office and ask about **The New Normal**.

Next Session - 7:00 p.m. - Tuesday, Jan. 18

Scripture Readings

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16c-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:16, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Nehi 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Please pray for those who have gone home to God -

Mary DeVries Mary Ellen Higgins
Mary Kahane Barbara Poulsen
John Truglio

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Liturgy

Masses the week of January 16 to 23

Sunday, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Al
8:30 AM Willard McNulty	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Joe
10:30 AM Walter & Helen O'Leary	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Howard

Monday, St. Anthony

8:00 AM Ginny Lewis (Lvg.)	Fr. Tom - Deacon Barry
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Tuesday

8:00 AM Kirstie Forrest (Lvg.)	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Bill
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Wednesday

8:00 AM Robert W. Hearn, Sr.	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Joe
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Thursday, St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

8:00 AM William Ebner, Sr.	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Joe
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Friday, St. Agnes

8:00 AM Carl Fox	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Howard
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Saturday

8:00 AM Clarence Turek	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Al
4:00 PM Ralph & Anna Esposito	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Bill

Sunday, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Marty
8:30 AM John Henry Rhodes	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Howard
10:30 AM Francis & Margaret Hughes	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Al



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."

- St. Angela of Foligno

We are blessed as a parish community with the Real Presence of Jesus Christ exposed in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel from 4 am Monday through 12 noon 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 to be graced - helped, healed, renewed, and saved - by Him.

Please listen: He is calling.

We are currently in need of adorers for Friday, 7pm and Tuesday, 9pm. And we ask that those interested in signing up for an hour of adoration consider hours with only one assigned adorer, as highlighted on the Master Schedule available in the adoration chapel.

Please call Al Hanley (302-703-2419) if you are interested in signing up for a regularly scheduled hour of Adoration.

Knights of Columbus



DINNER

POSTPONED

The Italian Dinner originally scheduled for January 29th is being postponed to a later date. Please look for updates in the bulletin.



MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK January 16 to 22

Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in Loving Memory of Carl Fox. Requested by Jean Fox.

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in Loving Memory of Walter Angielski. Requested by Barbara Angielski.

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for all people who are sick that they recover quickly.

Altar Candle in the Chapel will burn this week in Memory of Martin Mulderrig. Requested by Pat Vahlsing.

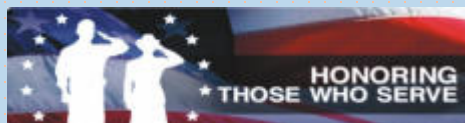
Altar Candle in the Chapel will burn this week in Loving Memory of Frank Walder. Requested by Diane Roth.

Tax Contribution Letters for 2021

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If you have done this in previous years, you will automatically receive a letter in the mail.



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)
SPC Alex Castagna, Army (Grandson of Marian Bala-wejder)**

Lt. Col. Joseph Davis, USAF (Nephew of Jean Stewart)

E6 1st Class Petty Officer Michael A. Foti, USN (Son of Jonnel Foti)

Capt. Justin A. Farinelli, USA (Son of Tom & Cathy Farinelli)

**E5 Kyle Fowler, USN (Grandson of Frances Patterson)
Master Sgt. David Frost, USAF (Grandson of Bob and Mary Lou Frost)**

1st Lieutenant Jeffrey Frost, USAF (Grandson of Bob and Mary Lou Frost)

Lt. Col. Anthony Giamello, Chaplain, Air Force

LTJg Sean Hanley, USN, USS Milius DDG69, Deployed West Pacific (Son of Joe and Frances Hanley)

Capt. William Hanley, USMC, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (Son of Joe and Frances Hanley)

Spec E4 Brendan Hartford, USCG (Grandson of Jean 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)

Staff Sgt. Trevor McCarthy, Marine Corp (Nephew of Chuck & Amy Gooding)

Pvt. Timothy Liam McLaughlin, USA (Grandson of Joseph & Christina Paul)

Sgt. Tyler Stewart, U. S. Army (Grandson of Jean Stewart)

AN Brendan A. Tighe, USN (Grandson of Virginia M. Koshi)

EMNI Marc Van Kleek USN (Grandson of Kay & Charlie King)

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



Praying The Rosary

The Church encourages Catholics to celebrate and deepen their relationship with Our Lady. One way to do this is through acts of devotion, and the most familiar Marian devotion is the Rosary. After the 8 a.m. daily Mass and continuing every Wednesday, all are invited to stay and pray the Rosary together.



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 16, 2022
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great?" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' Mother to heart when she says, "Listen to Him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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Little Disciples Program

Do you have a preschooler or Kindergarten (ages 3-6) who might enjoy an hour of fun, songs, crafts, and best of all getting to know God!



We have a few openings in our Little Disciples program which takes place on Sundays from 10:30 to 11:30am right in our Christian Formation Center. For more information, please call the Christian Formation Office, 302-644-7413.



Last chance! Dining Cards available through Tuesday, January 18th
restaurant discount applies through April

Local Restaurant Discount Cards

- Perfect Gift for the "Hard-to-Buy-For"
- Over 20 Locally Participating Restaurants
- Nearly \$400 in Discounts Available
- **NOW** pay on-line using WESHARE. Please go to our website: www.stjudelewes.org, and select the "On-Line Giving" tab. Select the Dining Card Fundraiser.

Cost: JUST \$20



Act FAST!



Benefits
 St. Jude The Apostle -
 Adult Faith Formation Programs

Available in the Parish &
 Christian Formation Offices:
 9a.m. – 12 noon & 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.



And More Religious Ed Happenings

- ◆ **Please note classes will not be held** this Sunday, January 16 and Monday, January 17 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 23 and Monday, January 24.
- ◆ **Students in Grades 2 and up**, who have not yet received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, **please note the following date changes:** Practice for the Sacrament is now scheduled for Saturday, February 5 at 11:00am with celebration of the Sacrament now scheduled for Saturday, February 12 at 11:00am.
- ◆ **Prep 2 Students** - A letter to Fr. Brian Lewis, "Why I Want to Be Confirmed", is due to the Christian Formation Office no later than January 28, 2022.

St Jude The Apostle Parish Library



Winter is here. For many of us, this means more time to be indoors to do some quiet activities.

Why not stop by the Parish Library, located in the Christian Formation Center, and check out highlighted materials for January on such topics as the Solemnity of Mary (January 1), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (January 4), The Three Wise Men (January 6), St. Francis de Sales, patron of the Diocese of Wilmington (January 24), and St. Thomas Aquinas (January 28). Start off the New Year with the resolution to find out more about these saints.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a gradual, communal process of formal initiation into the Catholic Church. It was developed in the 1st and 2nd centuries of the Church for those seeking Jesus Christ.

If you would like to know more about becoming a Catholic, or someone you know has questions or expressed interest, please call the Parish Office, 302-644-7300 or the Christian Formation Office at 302-644-7413.



Adult Faith Formation

Two Hundred Rosaries!

Yes, that is the number of Rosaries that have been made by St. Jude's Rosary making group! They have been given to Fr. Jones to take with him on his upcoming trip to India. God bless those many hands that made this possible.



The learning tool called FORMED is available and can be widely used by our St. Jude the Apostle Parish community. FORMED.org is a premier on-line platform

filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, cartoons, audio dramas, ebooks, and talks – and it's free for every parishioner.

To subscribe to FORMED, use the simple steps below:

1. Go to <https://signup.formed.org>
2. Enter our parish zip code (19958)
3. Enter your name and email address. You're in!

Initial sign in must be completed on a personal computer, Ipad, or tablet.

After you have signed in, you may download the FORMED App on your smartphone by searching "FORMED Catholic".

For technical support: <https://watch.formed.org/contact/support>.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist - From FORMED



A reminder for all those who have registered: this program begins this **Wednesday, January 19 through Wednesday, February 9.**

In-Person: 10 a.m.–11:30 in the CFC, with Deacon Al Barros

Virtual: 7 p.m.– 8:30 via GoTo Meeting – Mrs. LeeAnn Augustine

For those participating in the virtual classes, you will be notified when to pick up your class materials.



Come join Us for Bible & Breakfast

Come join a group of parishioners at 9:00 am each Tuesday, in the Christian Faith Formation Office, rooms 30-32. The group listens to the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. It is much like Lectio Divina, whereby a scriptural reading is meditated upon, followed by discussion and prayer. This long-established Catholic tradition is intended to promote communion with God through His Word. Connecting with other parishioners is an added bonus! Please stop in any Tuesday!



Tuesday Rosary Group Meeting Weekly via ZOOM

In 1897, Therese Martin, a 24-year-old Carmelite cloistered nun in Lisieux, France, passed away from tuberculosis. This obscure young woman would be canonized a saint shortly thereafter, 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 *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 Therese 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 Therese'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.

Respect Life

The National Prayer Vigil for Life will take place from Thursday, January 20th through Friday, January 21st at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The January 20th Opening Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. (Eastern) and will be immediately followed by a 7:00-8:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Life, concluding the evening portion of the Vigil program. Both the Mass and Holy Hour will be televised live by EWTN so that millions can participate remotely. The following morning, the Closing Mass on January 21st will take place once again at the Basilica at 8:00 a.m. (Eastern), and will also be televised by EWTN.

St. Vincent de Paul

January 16: **Second Sunday in Ordinary time**

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.



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.

Thank You For Darkness Into Light 2021



It is time to thank the Youth of our Parish who participated in Darkness Into Light 2021, their parents and grandparents, the members of the Darkness Into Light Team and all those who assisted in a remarkable performance. Our commitment to performing the Nativity Story with our children is due to our belief that the future of our church requires us to preserve and teach the lessons of the past. We want our youth to know and to understand why we believe as we do. The Nativity Story is an awesome story and one that can catch and hold the attention of our youth, even the very young.

It is January 3, 2022. It is snowing so hard today, it is what we used to call a “white-out”. I cannot even see the creek behind the house. There are times when the cares of our world build up so thick that life seems like a “white-out”, and we can’t see where God is. Then comes Christmas. A precious baby is born. The Nativity story is told. There is light ahead. Our God is waiting for us. We just have to reach out to Him, and we have to teach our young ones that they can reach out to Him as well. The Christmas story teaches that our God loves us so much He sent His only Son down to us as a baby, born of a young Virgin, to grow up among us, teach us, and then save us from our sins.

Darkness Into Light this year was joyful. The 28 young people and two adults who told the story with the help of our support team did a wonderful job. The music of our pianist, our parish Music Director, Jennifer Barbarita and the beautiful voices of Joseph and Ellen Turi encouraged our audience to sing the Christmas carols printed in their programs. It is fun to sing. The performance was wonderful. Our Narrator as John The Baptist this year was Sanjay Ohri. He did a terrific job, encouraging and sensitive to the pace of the kids who take their cues from his narration. AnnaBella Crisci was a lovely Mary who portrayed a young woman cognizant of the responsibility God had given her. Joseph Ohri was Joseph, a loving and caring husband of Mary. Our two Archangels with their beautiful wings were Grayce Glover and Natalie Nails. They were mighty and awesome. Kyli Baridon was terrific as Isaiah delivering a message of concern and hope. Giovana Miranda was a very convincing Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, Giovanni Crisci was a very evil King Herod. I was extremely impressed with our three Magi, Luciano Crisci (Gold), Murilo Almeida (Frankincense), and Juliana Turi (Myrrh). They did a super job presenting their gifts to Joseph and the audience. After Joseph, Mary and the Baby fled into Egypt, Marc Lopez carried the Paschal Candle down the aisle and placed it behind the empty cradle signifying that Jesus, The Light of the World, is still with us. Each and every one of the 28 youngsters, from the wanderers to the shepherds to the fluttering angels, contributed to a wonderful performance. Many have said it was our best ever. The beautiful costumes were designed by Eileen Snyder. Our beloved Director was Terry Suess. All the members of our Darkness Into Light Team are a wonderful and dedicated group from Susan Short who designed the murals to Bill and CJ Suess who built the mural stands and hung the murals this year, to our stage crew, photographers, our seamstress, and dressers. Michael McShane, our Parish Director of Christian Formation, and our Technical Director, video-taped this year’s performance and put it on You Tube and the Parish website. Thank you, Michael. Dixie Gildon

Finance Council

*thank
you*

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

Weekend of
January 1 / 2-2022

Weekend Actual
\$27,005

Fiscal YTD
Budget
\$454,439

Fiscal YTD
Actual
\$590,303

Weekend of
January 8 / 9

Weekend Actual
\$19,552

Fiscal YTD
Actual
\$609,855

Marriage & Family Life

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

- Are both of you equally good at cooking, mechanical things, sewing, small talk? Probably not. Even though your spouse may have a natural talent for a particular task, try trading chores for a day, just for fun.

PARENTING POINTERS

- It's cold outside. Have a memory party inside. Pull out old photographs and enjoy. Maybe even organize those lost photos.

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Around the Diocese

Come join other young adults in their 20s and 30s for a fun evening event to deepen our faith.

Young adults are invited to a prayerful and enriching evening, where we will share some laughs, and enjoy the connections that will be made in a relaxed setting to kick off the 2022 season. It will be held on January 19th at 6pm at St. Edmond Church in our Parish Hall.

It's not only about our faith, but the ways in which we have turned to our faith in hard times and in times of victory as we connect with our community.

Throughout the evening there will be opportunities to connect, ask questions, share experiences and ideas, engage in laughter, grow our community and deepen our faith. We will be taking a look at the week's readings and engaging in a fruitful discussion.

Young adults are encouraged to bring friends regardless of where they are in their faith journey!!

This event will be the first one to kick off the new year so you will not want to miss out on this awesome opportunity to connect with other young adults in the area!!!

****For more information and RSVP, please contact Brianna at peterston.brianna22@gmail.com****

Retreat

Young Adult Retreat

February 11 - 13, 2022

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Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

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