



# ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## January 23, 2022

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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 .

### Parish Office Hours

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

Closed for lunch  
12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

## St. Jude The Apostle Church

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### PARISH OFFICE

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**Most Blessed Sacrament School:**  
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Principal

## From Our Pastor's Desk

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JMJ

Dear Fellow Saints-in-the-Making,

Greetings in Christ our Lord!

Last week's Gospel on the Wedding Feast of Cana, where Jesus changes water into wine, may have given rise in your mind to the question several parishioners have recently asked me: "Why is water poured into only one chalice at Mass?"

To begin to answer that question requires the answer to an antecedent question: Why is water poured into the wine at Mass?

We must first and foremost remember that the sacred actions in the Sacred Liturgy, most particularly those at the Eucharist, have been given to us as a legacy by Jesus Christ Himself. It is Jesus Who takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it to His disciples saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat of it..." It is Jesus Who takes the cup filled with the fruit of the vine, blesses it, and gives it to His disciples saying, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it...". In performing the ritual actions of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the Priest does what Jesus the Eternal Priest does at the Last Supper.

It may logically be concluded, then, that the addition of water to wine was also done by Jesus at the Last Supper. Though not specified in any of the Institution Narratives (that is, the Gospels of Saints Matthew, Mark, and Luke and St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians explaining how Jesus institutes the Eucharist as a memorial of His Suffering-and Death), this logical conclusion has cultural precedence, as it was the custom in first century Palestine to water down wine both to weaken its inebriating effects and to make the wine last longer, as well as scriptural foundations, for example in Proverbs 9:5: "Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine I have mixed." (EWTN.com).

But as importantly, water is added to the wine at the Preparation of the Gifts, for as the Deacon or Priest preparing the chalice says silently, "By the mixture of this water and wine, may we come to share in the Divinity of Christ, Who humbled Himself to share in our humanity." The water represents our humanity, the wine His Divinity. We see before us, then, a visible symbol of the two natures of Jesus Christ. The water and wine do not have to be equal parts in the chalice to represent this. In fact, if there is more water than wine in the chalice, it becomes improper matter, which essentially means that it will not become the Blood of Christ. This is why only a drop or so of water is added to the wine in the chalice.

Since Jesus uses only one chalice at the Last Supper and, consequently, only pours water into one chalice, water is only poured into one chalice during Mass, namely the Principal (Presider's) Chalice.

God love you! I do.

Fr. Lewis

St. Jude the Apostle Parish is actively seeking a part-time Music / Choir Director. Interested applicants may submit a cover letter and resume to the Office per my attention. We thank Jennifer Barbarita for her years of service and music ministry at St. Jude, wish her well, and keep her in our prayers.

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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.

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

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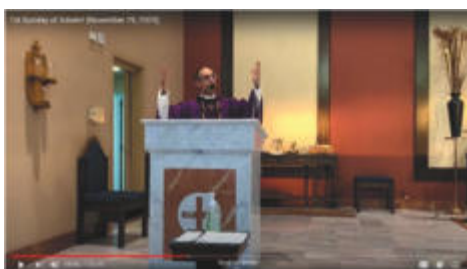
We have a new parish app!!

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.



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).

#### LET US PRAY FOR OUR

##### DECEASED PRIESTS

*Rev. Edward B. Carley*

*Rev. James F. Trainor*

*Rev. Joseph F. Burke*

*Rev. Joseph H. Durlan*

*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. Eugene L. Kelly*

*Rev. Volodymyr Klanichka*

*Rev. John A. Kolodziej*

*Rev. David B. Kruse*

*Rev. Jones Kukatla*

*Rev. Mark J. Logue*

*Rev. Gerard Mahoney*

*Rev. Thomas F. Malloy*

*Most Rev. W. Francis Malooly*

*Rev. Christopher M. Markellos*

*Rev. Thomas J. McGee*

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

**Week II** - Michael Walters, Ann Wojcik, Fran Ritterhouse, Michael Killmon, Ann Mallet, Eileen Walder & Suzanne Zeltman

**Week III-** Michael S. Harris, Lisa Ledda, Susan Short, Michael Pfarr, Catherine Markel, Leonard Gilbert, Francis Seaver & Nicholas Dominelli & Family

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

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

**Week VI** - Buzz Gildea, Joan Bundy & Priscilla Aubrey Nutter

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](mailto: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.**

#### Scripture Readings

*Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/  
Mk 3:22-30*

*Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 16c, 2/  
Mk 16:15-18*

*Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/  
Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20*

*Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/  
Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25*

*Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/  
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6b-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34*

*Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/  
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41*

*Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/  
Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15a6]/  
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30*

## Liturgy

### Masses the week of January 23 to 30

#### 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

#### Monday, St. Francis de Sales

8:00 AM Laraine Hofmann	Fr. Tom - Deacon Al
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#### Tuesday, Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:00 AM William L. Mowl	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Bill
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#### Wednesday, St. Timothy & St. Titus

8:00 AM Norman Gene Hudson	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Joe
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#### Thursday, St. Angela Merici

8:00 AM Jennille Cyr	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Bill
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#### Friday, St. Thomas Aquinas

8:00 AM Margaret Smith	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Howard
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#### Saturday

8:00 AM Mary Ann Kelly	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Al
4:00 PM Ronald Rebrik	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Joe

#### Sunday, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM William Freebery	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Bill
8:30 AM For the People of the Parish	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Marty
10:30 AM Orm & Nan Hampton	Fr. Lewis - Deacon Howard



#### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*“Christ held Himself in His hands when He gave His Body to His disciples saying: ‘This is My Body.’ No one partakes of this Flesh before he has adored it.” - St. Augustine*

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 Monday - 7am, Tuesday - 6pm & 9pm, Thursday - 10am, Friday - 7pm.** 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.**



### **MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK January 23 to 29**

Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in Loving Memory of Norman Gene Hudson. From his loving wife Judith Hudson & Family.

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in Loving Memory of Elvira T. Grohowski. Requested by Jim & Reenie Johnson.

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for all people who are suffering from COVID-19.

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 Donna Pappagianis.

## Welcoming Committee

The St. Jude Parish Community will celebrate the official Welcoming of all New Parishioners on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 am Mass.

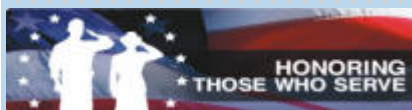
We cordially invite all new parishioners, who joined the parish after December 5th and who may have been unable to attend the Welcoming Events in the past.

We will gather in the parish hall for a personal greeting and blessing by our Pastor. Representatives of the various parish ministries will be in attendance to introduce their organizations and to provide insight on how best to get involved to make St. Jude's your new spiritual home. And, as always, yummy breakfast goodies and coffee along with connecting with new and established parishioners will be the highlight of the morning!

Additionally, New Parishioner Information Folders will be made available along with several gifts and a chance win a miniature sculpture of one of Timothy P. Schmalz's religiously themed works of art.

If you cannot attend the event and wish to receive the New Parishioner Folder, a supply will be available by visiting the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Questions regarding the New Parishioner Welcome should be directed to the Parish Office at 302-644-7300.



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 Zachary Brooker, USMC (Grandson of Donald & Cindy Dukes)**  
**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)**  
**Maj. 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](mailto: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 23, 2022  
 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon Whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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### OUR SUGGESTION BOX IS BACK

We are bringing our suggestion box back. It is located on the wall in the vestibule between the doors that enter from the vestibule to the church. Your suggestions and constructive criticism help us know what we are doing right and where we need improvement. This information helps us serve you better and improves our ability to meet your spiritual needs. Thank you for your help to make our Parish the best it can be. We remain committed to our mission of being welcome and of service to all.

The Pastoral Council

**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.



**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.

**And More Religious Ed Happenings**

- ◆ **Please note classes resume today**, Sunday, January 23 and Monday, January 24, for Little Disciples and grades 1-8.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Confirmation Preparation classes 1 and 2** are scheduled for this Sunday, January 23 and Sunday, February 6.
- ◆ **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. The letter should be typed and turned into to either your teacher or the CFO.



Each month one of our Religious Ed classes has been assigned a 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Our next Youth Mass will take place on **Sunday, February 13 at 10:30am**. Students from our Grades 3 and 4 Religious Education classes will participate in the Mass. The students are assigned certain roles as active participants in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. This includes, lectoring; ushers/greeters; gift bearers; offertory; and, our music ministry. Come support our 3rd and 4th graders as they experience the Source and Summit of our Catholic Faith.

(Please note that the Grade 5 Religious Education classes will now participate in the Mass on May 1).



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>.



## Columbiette's Rosary Making

### 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.

### 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.



### 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](mailto:al_barros@hotmail.com) or call the Christian Formation Office, 302-644-7413.

## *St. Vincent de Paul*

### January 23: Third Sunday in Ordinary time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of Scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

**In the month of January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist many families, providing in food, help for utility and rent, bills, etc. Thank You!**





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.

## DEACONS' PEN

### FOUR SEASONS

I am not to sure that I like the idea of having four seasons. Often the Summer is too hot, the Winter too cold, Spring too short and grass too tall, and Fall leaves turn brown and fall (hence the name). Each season contains its own joy and frustrations and most people have a favorite. Whether you like to ski, hunt, fish, watch football or baseball's spring training will pretty much dictate which calendar season is your number one choice.

So I began to wonder, as the Christmas season comes to an end, and we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, do we have a favorite season on the Church calendar? Do we even know what seasons the Church celebrates or why? So perhaps we should take a brief look at them:

**Advent** is fairly easy to understand. It is the Season of preparation for the coming of a newborn King Who is Messiah and Savior. A time of penitential preparation (getting right with God) and joyful anticipation.

Next, we have the **Christmas Season**. We have the story of fulfillment of ancient prophecy regarding the birth of the Lord. The Angels sing. The Shepherds visit. The Wise Men adore. The earth rejoices. The celebrations and the Season come to an end with the observance of the Baptism of the Lord, which is the first Sunday in the next Season, Ordinary Time.

**Ordinary Time** is, I think, mislabeled. It is anything but ordinary, and I think it should be renamed Extraordinary. For it is during this Season that we learn about the mission and the message of the Lord. While the Season is broken into two different time frames, the first weeks lasting eight weeks, it is the story of Jesus' adult life, teachings and mission as our Savior. According to the *Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist 2022* (Ordo), "It is a yearly cycle of thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays."

Interrupting the Ordinary Season is the Season of Lent. This season of penitential observance directs our hearts to consider the cost the Lord is willing to pay for our redemption. The need for us to repent of our failings (aka sins) and seek forgiveness through the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a time to ponder our lives and determine if the direction is leading towards the Lord or not. If not, we need to consider the changes or "rerouting" necessary to get on track for the journey Home.

This **Lenten Season** is followed by one of the most solemn periods on the Church calendar, Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday with Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and ending Thursday before the celebration of the Last Supper with the Institution of two great Sacraments: the Eucharist and the Priesthood.

The next Season is the shortest in the Church calendar. It is called the **Triduum** remembering the Passion, Death and burial of the Lord. It runs from Holy Thursday until Easter Sunday when we rejoice at the Resurrection of the Lord, which begins the Easter Season.

The **Easter Season** runs until Pentecost Sunday some fifty days following Easter Sunday, during which we hear of Jesus' appearances to the Apostles and others, confirming His Resurrection, affirming His mission of salvation and commissioning the Apostles to, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."(Mt 28:19)

Then it is back to **Ordinary Time**, which continues until the First Sunday of Advent. The Gospel stories during this time highlight the life and times of the Lord, which include miracles, mercies and magnificent moral mandates.

Okay, so the weather doesn't change, the leaves don't fall and the grass does not grow with the Church Seasons, but the Lord hopes you will change, that you will not fall and that you will grow in faith, hope and love. Every Season in the Church calendar presents an opportunity to listen, learn and love. **Praise God!**

Submitted by Deacon Bill



## Finance Council

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

The Office of Development announces, we have exceeded the \$4,871,000 goal for the 2021 – “Disciples of Christ - Witnesses of Hope” Annual Catholic Appeal. To date, the office has pledged in the amount of \$4,874,811 and collected \$4,839,642. The Development Office will continue collecting the balance of the monies pledged through Jan. 25, 2022. This will give parishes an opportunity to collect additional donations toward their goals and individuals an opportunity to fulfill their pledged donations.

## Sacristans

Are you called to *serve*?

Here at St. Jude The Apostle we are seeking volunteer Sacristans

Please pray and consider your call for this worthy ministry.



As published in *Ceremonial of Bishops...*

*The holy preparations in which Sacristans are entrusted are the basic framework for the beautiful and sacred objects that are used and carried out before, during, and after the Mass. It's a serious job that one must undertake with care and wisdom.*

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For more information, please see the parish website under liturgical ministries or contact Fr. Lewis, Deacon Al, or any of the Sacristans.

## Marriage & Family Life

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Because we are humans, we have eyes, ears, hands, feet. Ideally, they all work together. Is there any part of your body that sometimes gives you trouble? How might your beloved aid or comfort you? Ask.

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We will email you your ticket number and the Zoom information prior to the event if you would like to attend. If you cannot attend, we will contact to you if you win! **TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY February 23rd!** We look forward to having you join us for a fun-filled afternoon.



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