

St. Jude the Apostle Parish



Sunday, December 12, 2021—Third Sunday of Advent

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor..... *Rev. James W. Kirkpatrick, Jr*
Weekend Associate..... *Msgr. Fran Weldgen*
Deacons..... Deacon Brick & Deacon Steiner
Music Director/Organist/Choirmaster..... *Michael Hauser*
Folk Group..... *Peggy Barkley*
Family Faith Formation /Confirmation coordinator.... *Lynda Mostowy*

RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Thursday - 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. Fridays—9:30 am—1:00 pm

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am- 2:00 pm

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please fill out a registration form obtained at entrances to the church or contact the rectory during office hours.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

We will not have any funeral luncheons until further notice.

RCIA

Not confirmed? Not baptized? Want to know more about the Catholic Faith? Now forming—RCIA classes—Contact Joan 830-3195.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon
Tuesday and Thursday 6:45 am
Monday–Friday 9:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am
Holy Day Masses see inside

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION

9:30 am to 5:00 pm (Sept. - June)

No First Friday devotion during July & August

FIRST SATURDAY

8:30 am -Confessions and rosary & 9:00 am Mass

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays at the 9:00 am. Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:30 am–8:00 pm in Church
Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3:00 pm.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00 pm–4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made by calling the rectory 6 months in advance. **A date cannot be reserved until the couple meets with the pastor.** Couples are to attend a Pre-Cana Conference.

BAPTISMS

Held at 1:00 pm on the last Sunday of the month. They can also be scheduled at weekend Masses. A required class for parents and godparents is held in church the Tuesday before the Baptism at 7:00 pm. Please call the rectory for registration. A godparent is to be a Confirmed Catholic and be able to obtain a letter of recommendation from his/her parish.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“St. Jude the Apostle is a Roman Catholic community committed to knowing our Christian Faith. We are a welcoming community striving to live in the truth of the Gospel, with love in service to others. Led by the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Eucharist, we believe in the dignity of each person and that all life is sacred.”

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
December 11, 2021—December 19, 2021

*The sanctuary candle will be lit this week
for Nicole Burley by Grandma Barb*

Saturday, December 11, 2021 (vigil)

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

9:00 am—Joan Losito by Trisha (Judd) Laufer

5:00 pm—Leo Campbell (birth remb) by family

Sunday, December 12, 2021—Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

8:00 am—Norb Slowinski by John & Patrick McCarthy

10:00 am—Al DiMatteo by Rose & family

12 noon—Donald Abt by Susan H, Andrea M. and Kim D.

Monday, December 13, 2021—St. Lucy, virgin

Is 36:1-10 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Lk 5:17-26

9:00 am—David and Teresa McNamara by wife and mother

Tuesday, Dec., 14, 2021—St. John of the Cross/priest/doctor

Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13 Mt 18:12-14

6:45 am—Josie Nigro by sister, Margie

9:00 am—Nicholas Birke by Mom and Dad

Wednesday, December 15, 2021—Advent weekday

Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

9:00 am—Mildred & Anthony Scime (Wedd. Ann)

Joan and Jim Ludwig and family

Thursday, December 16, 2021—Advent weekday

Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1, 9-13b Mt 11:11-15

6:45 am—Herman Schaeff family by estate

9:00 am—For St. Jude the Apostle catechists by the Family

Faith Formation office.

Friday, December 17, 2021—Late Advent weekday

Is 48:17 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19

9:00 am—Barry McCallum by Mr and Mrs. Valentine Boncal

Saturday, December 18, 2021—(Vigil)

Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

9:00 am—Thomas Peterson (birth) by Mary Claire Schultz

5:00 pm—Albert Kuzmierczak by family

Sunday, December 19, 2021—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 4:1-4a Ps 80:1-2, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5=10 Lk 1:39-45

8:00 am—Leo Campbell (birth) by family

10:00 am—William Leach by wife, Emerlita

12 noon—Alvajean Elinski (birth) by Tim and Kathy Meterko and
Pete and Elizabeth Elinski

CONFESSIONS -As part of the Renewal, the priests are asked to hear confessions. Fr. Jim will be hearing confessions the last Wednesday of every month from 7:00 pm—8:00 pm in Church. As the Christmas season approaches, Fr. Jim will be hearing confessions every Wednesday during Advent from 7-8 in the Church.

MESSAGE FROM FR JIM

Dear Parishioners,

During the Spring, Summer and Fall our garden group always works hard to make the flower beds around the church beautiful. This Summer they hosted a garden walk to show parishioners the beautifully diverse plants that can be found on the grounds. I always look forward to seeing the results of their labor. I thank them for their dedication and hard work during the year.

Also, during the Winter sickness seems to be more prevalent. We have to worry about colds and the flu. We also have to worry about covid because it's going to be with us for some time. Keep in mind the health of others, especially if you're sick. I'm not one to excuse people from missing Mass but if you are ill that is a good reason for watching Mass on tv or online at home.

Christ's Peace,

Fr Jim Kirkpatrick

ROSARY GUILD RAFFLE

The drawing for the prizes in the Rosary Guild Raffle will take place in the Parish Hall after the noon Mass, December 12th. Prizes will be displayed in the Hall. All parishioners are welcome to watch the drawing or wait for a winning phone call later in the day. Thanks for your participation in this raffle. Tickets will be available at all the Masses this weekend.

Our Lady of Fatima, Traveling Madonna

Advent—A little example of what we can do to be a bit more prepared to come to the Lord's crib; remind your mother how much you love her and how much you appreciate all that she does for you; reconcile yourself with the friend you've fallen out with, talk to them about whatever it was that has affected your relationship; stop the lie which is saddening you, have the courage to face up to whatever it is and ask for forgiveness, you will be understood; strengthen your relationship with your most loved one; improve your attitude towards those you find most difficult to get on with; start afresh if it is necessary, etc.. Remember that Advent is a special time, if you do all this out of love for God, He will not forsake you. In Christ you will find the strength that you were lacking to make these little "steps" of generosity. Prepare your heart in love so that Love is born and takes root in your life.

Do not be afraid if what you do is not "the gold, frankincense and myrrh of the kings from the East" if your little act of love is enough to open a little crack of your heart, God's love will do the rest. Remember that Jesus made a lowly manger the crib for the King of Kings. Imagine what He can do with your heart!

ROSARY GUILD

The Rosary Guild is having a collection for women's and children socks and underwear for the needy in Niagara County. If you would like to help by donating any items, we would appreciate it. Boxes will be in the parish hall and the vestibule of the Church. Thanks for helping those in need.



VOCATIONS

A Vocation View



John the Baptist exclaimed “The Kingdom of heaven is at hand!” How does Jesus want you to help extend the reign of His Kingdom?

Is God calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org



**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK
AT ST. JUDE**

**Sunday, December 12—1:00 pm—Rosary Guild
raffle drawing PH**

**Tuesday, December 14— 6:30 pm—St. Vincent de Paul PH
7:00 pm—Ultrayea PH**

**Wednesday, December 15—9:30 am—8:00 pm—Eucharistic
Adoration C
7:00 pm—8:00 pm—Confession C
7:00 pm—Rosary Guild Board mtg.**

**Thursday December 16— 1:00 pm—Knitting club PH
6:30 pm—Choir C
5:45 pm—8:00 pm—Faith Form.
PH**

Saturday, December 18 9:30 am—11 am—Faith Form. PH

**Sunday, December 19 1:00 pm—Baptism C
1:30 pm—Decorate Church**

Monday, December 20 7:00 pm—Advent penance service

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

**Confessions will be every Wednesday, beginning December 1st
until December 22nd from 7:00 pm—8:00 pm in Church.**

Advent Penance Service—Monday, December 20th at 7:00 pm

**Friday, Christmas Eve, Dec., 24th —Masses are 4:00
pm and Midnight**

**Saturday, Christmas Day, Dec. 25th—Masses are
8:00 am , 10:00 am and 12 noon.
No 5:00 pm Mass**



Friday, December 31st, New Years Eve—Mass at 9:00 am



**Saturday, January 1, 2022 - Solemnity of Mary
9:00 am & 11:00 am ONLY- NO 5:00 Mass**

The Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, January 1st falls on a Saturday and is not a holyday of obligation.

**Note: There are NO 5:00 pm Vigil Masses on
Saturday, December 25th and Saturday, January 1st**

Our Faith Community's Gift to God

Receipts 12/04—12/05 2021

Regular weekly	\$ 11,526.46
All Saints	10.00
Immaculate Conception	188.00
Christmas	20.00
Sol. Of Mary	10.00
Heat	10.00
Snow removal	10.00
Christmas flowers	1,603.00
“We Share” Electronic Giv.	
Regular weekly	<u>1,260.00</u>

Total Weekly receipts \$ 14,637.46

**Religious Retirement 50.00
St. Vincent dePaul Society 25.00**

For more information about the “We Share” Contribution Program, visit the Parish Website at www.stjudetheapostleparish.org Click on the “Parish Support” icon and follow the “We Share” link to make secure online donations using credit/debit cards or direct withdrawals from your bank account.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



High School classes - 12/16 THU from 7:00-8:00 pm

Elementary & Middle classes on THU 5:45-6:45 pm 12/16 & SAT 11:00 am-noon— 12/18

Christmas Season schedule:

No classes all grades Dec 22, 2021- Jan 1, 2022 Faith Formation office will be closed. See you again on Jan 6 & 8, 2022

Children's Reconciliation Retreat: January 8, 2022 From 8:45-10:45 am. It is a drop off retreat for the children. Please call the Family Faith office if you have not received the BLESSED book for your child to make his/her First Reconciliation.

First Reconciliation is Saturday, January 29 at 10:00 am

Looking for service hours? Please come join us!



NEW: Feed My Sheep- High school volunteer hours. Any high school student is welcome, this includes former or current faith formation participants of St. Jude.

Our first gathering will be on Saturday, DEC 18 from 10:30-noon. Please reserve a spot by email or sign up when you are in class. . Bring a loaf of bread, cold cuts, cheese or other sandwich food. We will be making sandwiches for a food donation. If interested, more info will be provided for you. You may bring a friend too!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 11	5:00 pm	J. Seymour, S. Cuccia K. Adowski
Sunday, December 12	8:00 am	MJ Wolanyk, E. Frank K. Lucin
	10:00 am	J. Peresie, J. Renda
	12 noon	B. Giroux, J. Makey, Diane Peterson
Saturday, December 18	5:00 pm	S. Cuccia, J. Seymour, K. Adowski
Sunday, December 19	8:00 am	M. Truty, E. Frank, J. Maldonado
	10:00 am	B. Brenchley, J. Casillo J. Kasperek
	12 noon	P. Ziatts, N. Colvin B. Franusiak



LECTORS

Saturday, December 11	5:00 pm	K. Lord
Sunday, December 12	8:00 am	M. Truty
	10:00 am	J. Kasperek
	12 noon	C. Desiderio
Saturday, December 18	5:00 pm	G. Smeragliuolo
Sunday, December 19	8:00 am	J. Maldonado
	10:00 am	R. Dunning
	12 noon	J & V. Murphy



ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 11	5:00 pm	- A. Ganz
Sunday, December 12	8:00 am	- L. M. & A. Jarka
	10:00 am	- J. & L. Lawson
	12 noon	- C. & M. Dzielski
Saturday, December 18	5:00 pm	- A. Ganz
Sunday, December 19	8:00 am	- S. & J. Haley
	10:00 am	- B. Giuseppetti
	12 noon	- Needed, please

PRO-LIFE

Catholic Democrat Dick Durbin complains about being denied Communion over abortion
Fri Nov 12, 2021 - 6:58 pm EST
(LifeSiteNews) –

Democrat U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, who identifies as Catholic, complained in an interview published Monday that it's "complicated" to be denied Holy Communion over his support for abortion-on-demand.

"It's not a happy experience," Durbin, who has been barred from receiving Communion in his home Diocese of Springfield since 2004, told America Magazine's Jim McDermott. "I found another Catholic venue, the Archdiocese of Chicago, and a church where they were willing to let me in and allowed my wife to join me. So it's become my new faith home."

"But now that's been complicated again," he continued, by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops's (USCCB's) June vote to draft a document that pro-lifers hope and pro-aborts fear could lead to a policy of denying Communion to politicians complicit in legal abortion. Durbin said he was advised to wait for a pending "last word on the subject" from Pope Francis.

While liberal Catholics and their secular allies routinely present abortion as just one issue among many of equal moral weight, since the first century A.D. an "unchangeable" teaching of Catholic doctrine on human life has recognized abortion as a "moral evil," complicity in which "constitutes a grave offense" carrying the "canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human life."

Former Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput argues that it "give[s] scandal" for pro-abortion politicians to receive Communion by "creating the impression that the moral laws of the Church are optional ... Reception of Communion is not a right but a gift and privilege; and on the subject of 'rights,' the believing community has a priority right to the integrity of its belief and practice."

Diocesan Pro Life Office 716-847-2205 help during pregnancy
Project Rachel 716-847-2211 Confidential Hotline for post-abortion reconciliation
Confidential Help 888-456-4673 or www.hopeafterabortion.org

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR HOLIDAYS

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, **December 19th at 1:30 pm**. Help is needed to set up and put lights on trees, change altar cloths, etc. If you can help, please just stop by. Thank you.



MEN OF FAITH—The Men of Faith will be having a meeting Saturday December 18 after the 9:00 am Mass at the parish center. This month's topics for discussion include "How are you planning on Celebrating our Savior's Birthday this year? Can we make it special and different every year?" All men are welcome, refreshments will be provided.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wheatfield Seniors—is inviting you to "**The Nonsense Vegas Revue**" at Lancaster Opera House on **February 6, 2022**. The cost is \$89.00 includes the show, dinner and bus, due by Dec. 15 to reserve seating. Dinner will be at the Grapevine after. Call 694-5567 for details.

St. Raphael RC Parish—They are having an Advent Evening Prayer Service on Tuesday, **December 14** at 7:00 pm in Church. The Church is located at 3840 Macklem Ave., Niagara Falls, NY.

Our Lady of Czestochowa invites you to a Christmas Angel Scavenger Hunt on **Dec. 18th** at 5:30 pm—7:30 pm or (rain/snow) on Dec. 19 at the same time. This family event requires driving around NT to find 12 angels scattered through the area. E-mail olcparishevent@gmail.com

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