

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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Sanctuary Votive Light:

For the special intentions of the Parishioners at St. Jude the
Apostle Church and School at Christmas,
Reverend Patrick Rice

Saturday, December 23rd, 2023-4:00pm

Tony Carnevale, Family
Dorothy Fabian, Aldo and Carmella
Warren Hug, Josie Hug, Mom
Frank Giuliano, Joe & Marie Kruczlnicki

Sunday, December 24th, 2023-10:00am

Merry Christmas to St. Jude Church and School,
Staff of St. Jude the Apostle Church and School

Wednesday, December 27th, 2023 8AM

Marion Kalbus, Sue & Mike Langevin

Friday, December 29th, 2023-8AM

For the intentions of the Parishioners for the 5th Day in
the Octave of Christmas,
The Pastoral Council

Saturday, December 30th 2023-4:00pm

For the intentions of the Parishioners for the 6th Day
in the Octave of Christmas,
The Finance Committee

Sunday, December 31st 2023-10:00am

For the intentions of the Parishioners for the Feast of
the Holy Family, *The Knights of Columbus*



ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL & MORE

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The Families & Staff of St. Jude the Apostle School wish all of you a very Merry Christmas!

Sacraments Available

PARISH OFFICE (518) 283-1162



Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for visitation and communion for the homebound.



BAPTISM
Please call the Parish Office or email Deacon Warren @ warrensafford@gmail.com

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION
Saturday 3:00-3:30pm.
Individual Confessions arranged by calling the Parish



MARRIAGE
Couples please call the Parish Office six months in advance and prior to making reception plans.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Upon request, this Sacrament is administered at special celebrations during the year.



Rite of Christian Initiation
Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a Roman Catholic? Never been Baptized, Baptized in another faith tradition or maybe Baptized Catholic but never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Please call the Parish Office for information.



DOORS OF HOPE

This is our local food pantry that aids our community members. The needs of those who are struggling, especially during this Christmas Season. Please give generously to help our community pantry provide food and personal care items to those in need. Suggested items needed are: pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned pasta, meat meals, shampoo, bar soap and feminine products.

Save the Date!

St. Jude the Apostle School is hosting "A Visit with St. Paul" on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the school gym. Glenn Smith portrays St. Paul, who speaks with visitors during his time under house arrest. Mark your calendars and plan to visit with St. Paul!



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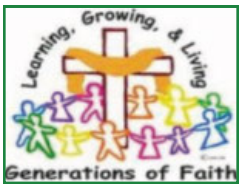
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OUR FAITH FORMATION & KOC

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December Sessions: 12/17 (9th&10th) Family Liturgy 10am Mass. All sessions taking place in the school gymnasium.

January Sessions: 1/7, 1/21, & 1/28.

Changes to class times begin in December. 7 & 8 meet at 8:30-9:15, 9 & 10 grades meet at 9:15-10.

Teen Pathways is a Youth Ministry program grades 7-10th for St. Jude the Apostle Parish. Teens wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must be involved in the program for a minimum of 2 years in Grades 9th & 10th

Any questions- please contact Paul Moore, St. Jude Youth Minister Grades 7-10.

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We've been on our way to a great year!

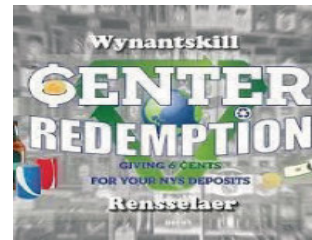
Merry Christmas, from our Youth Ministry program and wishes of a Happy New Year.

Teen Pathways



Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive

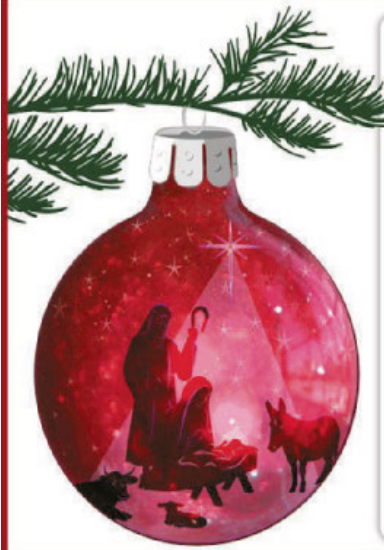
Please consider donating your empty bottles to the KOC. It's easy, saves time, and directly supports our Coats for Kids program. All you have to do is bring your empty bottles to the 6-Cent Redemption Center on the corner of Main Ave and Sharpe Rd and say that they are for the St Jude the Apostle Knights of Columbus men's club. They will sort and count the bottles. Last year we received over a \$1,000 from the 6-Cent



St Jude Knights of Columbus

Did you know?

- the KOC is a global Catholic charitable organization for men around the globe with millions of members. It was started by Fr McGivney in 1882 in nearby New Haven, Connecticut. St Jude's council is almost 25 years old.
- we pick up litter along Williams and Whiteview Rd from LaSalle to the car wash each Spring and Fall.
- Each year we buy 144 brand new coats from the international KOC? All coats go to children in our parish and local community.
- we buy bibles presented to every child baptized at St Judes
- we sponsor a child at St Jude's School
- we support many other Parish programs and activities
- we meet once a month for less than an hour. All activities are optional. Dues are \$25/year and includes a monthly magazine from the global organization.
- we need you to join! Just call the parish office (283-1162) and leave your name. Someone from the knights will call you back.



Let's Keep Christ in Christmas

Let's keep the Christ in Christmas,
 May Christ reign in our hearts;
 It's all about the Son of God,
 This Gift, God did impart.
 When lowly shepherds heard the news,
 They went to see the One –
 The promised One of glory,
 God's precious Son.
 The Wise Men, too, saw the star and knew
 A King was born that day.
 They went to pay Him homage,
 That Babe upon the hay.
 Let's sing a song of Christmas
 Full of joy and cheer.
 The hope the earth has longed for
 Has come in Christ, most dear.

Mary Ann Jameson



GOSPEL REFLECTION

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It is amazing what can happen when we place our hopes in the things of God rather than the things of this world.

In today's first reading, we hear a story about King David who had received the favor of God. God had chosen this shepherd boy to become a king and he brought peace and prosperity to his kingdom. David was troubled because while he lived in a luxurious palace, the Ark of the Covenant remained in a tent. So, David decided that this tent was too humble a dwelling for God, and he should build God a luxurious house. But God, through the prophet Nathan, gave David an unexpected reply.

David was thinking of God in human terms. After all, what sort of house could he build that would hold the Creator of the universe, this God who permeates the entire world, who subdues nations before him? How could mere humans provide anything for God?

Instead, God gave David a promise, which foreshadowed how He intended to dwell with His people. It will indeed be through the House of David, which speaks not of a building, but of an eternal kingdom in David's line of descendants. A kingdom not of this world; But a kingdom where God lives and reigns in the hearts of all people.

So, our first reading teaches us that we should not lose sight of the transcendent nature of God. We can barely even begin to comprehend Him, let alone build a dwelling for God. God redefines David's house to mean His descendants and He promises to dwell with them and with us in His eternal kingdom that will emerge in this line of David.

In the Gospel today this promise is fulfilled in the annunciation as the Angel Gabriel tells Mary, that she has found favor with God, and that the power of the Most High will overshadow her, and she will conceive and bear a son, and she will name him 'Jesus', which means 'Yahweh Saves'.

Mary, even in the midst of confusion and doubt, let go of Her earthly hopes, and puts her faith and trust in the plan of God, and in His plan for her son. Mary's faith is affirmed by the sign, which is given to her in the miraculous conception of John by her cousin Elizabeth. As Mary goes to visit Elizabeth we are reminded of the distinction between the conception of Jesus and that of John. The child of Zachariah and Elizabeth, although conceived in their old age, will still be a child of this world.



But, the Child of Joseph and Mary, transcends this world, and is truly the Son of God. Through Mary's betrothal to Joseph, He inherited the kingdom of David and He made this kingdom an eternal kingdom, which established the reign of God on earth.

So, as we wait in hope this Advent for the coming of our savior, let it be Mary's example of faith that guides our hopes so that we instill in our children virtues of faith, hope and love, and let our thoughts be filled with the wonder of this heavenly birth. As our transcendent God comes to dwell in our midst, may he bring peace and prosperity to all in this house.

May you all have Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year

Deacon Warren



OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

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St. Jude Choir

You may have heard new voices from the choir loft! Our choir members have been singing at both of the 4 PM and 10 AM Masses. We are very grateful to have returning choir members and also a new member of our choir who has been cantoring at Mass.

Please consider joining us. New members are most welcome. Schedules are flexible. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM in the church. Please contact Debbie Moore if you are interested.



St Jude Choir would like to wish everyone a very blessed, peace filled Christmas season.

The Rosary Altar Society

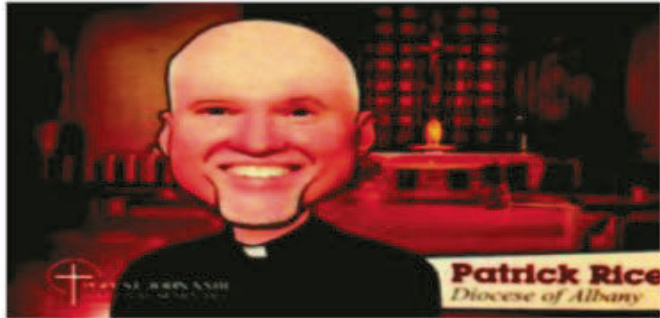
Annual Collection for St. Joseph House

- 65 hats
- 47 pr of gloves
- 15 scarves
- 6 hat/glove sets
- 2 pr of socks
- 4 children hat/gloves sets



There is no Rosary Altar Society Meeting for the month of January.

The next meeting will be in February 4, 2024 at 8:45 AM.



Pastors Corner

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.



Please take time to enjoy this Holiday Season. It has been a tough year for many-take time to count your blessings and celebrate the birth of our Savior! Have a prayerful, peaceful Christmas!



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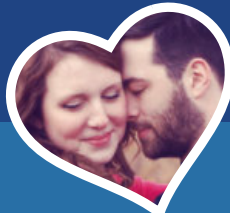
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