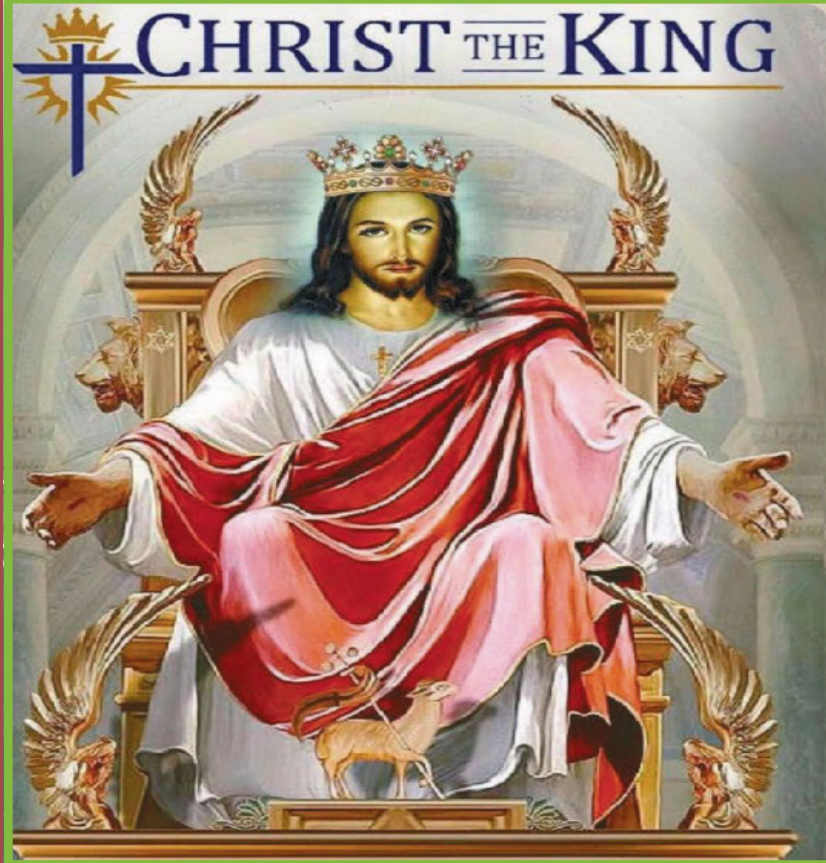


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PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

Almighty, everlasting God, Who in Thy beloved Son, King of the whole world, hast willed to restore all things anew; grant in Thy Mercy that all the families of nations, rent asunder by the wound of sin, may be subjected to His most gentle rule. Who with Thee lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

MASS TIMES:

Wednesday & Friday 8AM

Saturday - 4:00PM

Sunday 10:30AM

Sanctuary Votive Light

All Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Community

Saturday, November 25th, 2023-4:00pm

Tony Carnevale 5th Anniversary, *Family*
 Philomena Moscatello, *Angie Carnevale*
 Patricia Pinho, *Burton Family*
 Lorraine Stone, Cliff & Marilyn Halpin
 Ned & Pat Harley, *Family*

Sunday, November 26th, 2023-10:30am

Harold Cannon, *Anne & David Cannon*
 Joseph Frost, *Al & Patti Mugrace*
 John Kosier, *Ellen Dunn*
 Philomena Moscatello, *Lou & Mary Jo Schneider*

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 8AM

Robert & Joan Jackson, *TJ & Jan Jackson*

Friday, December 1, 30th, 2023-8:00AM

Vincent Flanigan, 7th Anniversary, *Family*
 Robert & Ann Passonno, *TJ & Jan Jackson*

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023-4:00pm

Tom Murphy, *Aldo & Carmella Tedesco*
 Luann Abbott, *John & Hollis McEvilly*
 Marirose Ciccarelli, *Maria & Carmella*

Mass Time Change

Sunday, December 3rd, 10am 2023-8:30am

John Hardie, *David & Anne Cannon*
 Ken McKeon, *Wife*
 William Anslow, *Nancy Spain*

ST. JUDE the APOSTLE SCHOOL

St. Jude the Apostle School is Meeting Their Students Academic Needs in

New & Exciting Ways!!

This fall, St. Jude the Apostle School, adopted a new block schedule for the students in grades K-5. What does this mean and how does it benefit our students? All of our students in grades K-5 participate in benchmark assessments 3x a year that provides wonderful data to our administration and faculty on each individual child's current academic knowledge in the areas of Math and English Language Arts. This data, along with their performance on classroom assignments and assessments, is analyzed by the faculty and principal to determine students that would benefit from advanced placement in these two curriculum areas. Multiple students in grades 2-5 have been flagged so far this year as being in need of an advanced, challenging curriculum in Math and/or English Language Arts.

So, what is done to continue to support these students who are meeting and exceeding the academic standards in their current grade placement? Well, a great deal of time was spent creating a master schedule for grades K-5 that reserves certain times of the day for all homeroom teachers to teach Math and ELA at the same time. Why is that important? This allows a student to advance to the next grade level for Math and/or ELA and not miss any other important instruction in the other curriculum areas. For example, from 9:25-11:10am all K-5 teachers are teaching ELA every day. So, students A who is in 2nd grade and has demonstrated above grade level skills and strategies in reading, spelling, writing and all areas of ELA travels to 3rd grade to work with the 3rd grade teacher and students at a level that meets and challenges their individual ELA level. The same is done for math each day when all teachers teach math from 12:55-2:05pm.

Why is this important and very innovative at an elementary level? Our students individual academic needs are met and students are not "bored" participating in lessons for skills they have already mastered. It also frees up each homeroom teacher, as well as the AIS specialist, to develop innovative and creative lessons for the students that are on-grade-level or below, because their advanced students are learning from the next grade level teacher who has already created such lessons and activities for that grade level.

The fall diagnostic assessments and faculty data meetings have identified three students in grade 2 that have been advanced to grade 3 (1 for Math and 2 for ELA), as well a 1 student in grade 3 that is advancing to grade 4 for ELA. All of these children are finding the above grade level work to be challenging but attainable and the teachers report that they are exactly where they need to be in these areas of study.

INNOVATIVE & CREATIVE INSTRUCTION IS THE STANDARD AT ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL!!!

FAITH FORMATION AND TEAM PATHWAYS

Plans are now in progress for the Annual Christmas Pageant to be presented during the Children's Mass on **Sunday, December 24th, at 4:00p.m.**

We are in need of performers (e.g., Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, and even Sheep!) and would love your child (ren) to participate! There will be two (2) rehearsals: Saturday, December 9th and Saturday, December 16th from 10:30a.m.-12:00p.m. All rehearsals will be held in Church.

If your child(ren) is interested, please arrange to have them attend both rehearsals. Also, please sign and return the permission slip below to the Parish Office by Monday, December 4th, or earlier. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Patti Mugrace, Pageant Coordinator

_____ (Grade _____), has my permission to participate in the Christmas Pageant on December 24 @ 4:00p.m.

_____ He/She will attend the rehearsals on December 9th and 16th.

_____ He/She will not be able to attend the rehearsals, but will be at Mass.

Parent Signature



December Sessions: 12/3 (7th&8th Family Liturgy) @10am Mass, 12/10, 12/17 (9th&10th) Family Liturgy 10am Mass. All sessions taking place in the school gymnasium.

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

On 11/5 students gathered for class to make ornaments for the "Giving Tree". We recognize the tree as part of our vocation to help those in our community during the celebration of Christmas; purchasing gift cards and small items they can use as gifts for their families. This is something we participate in every year and it never gets old. Great way to bring in the season knowing it helps others. Enjoy the pictures!

Things coming up in Teen Pathways: Students this month will also be participating in the Thanksgiving Food bag drive. Not only do they fill the bags for the needy in the community but we deliver these charitable bags to the Joseph Center in Troy on Nov. 19. This is a very charitable time of year for our students and we are happy to be participating.

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. moorep285@gmail.com



GOSPEL REFLECTION, ADORATION and MINISTRIES

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the feast of Christ the King we celebrate the reign of Christ, which transcends any notion of kingship that we can imagine. In the reign of God, the dominion of Jesus Christ extends over all things in both heaven and earth; He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. His power is unlike anything of this earth, but Jesus does not use His power to rule over us. Instead, He chose to empty himself of all this power and come as our servant. He came in our likeness to be with us in our struggles sharing with us even our darkest hour.

We learn a lot about the kingship of Christ in the last few moments of His earthly life, because it was His willingness to accept this horrible death, His crown a wreath of thorns, His thrown a cross, that He established His reign in our hearts.

In that very same act, He showed His absolute love for us and His absolute dominion over the created world because He destroyed the power that death has over us. Through His death we are assured of His victory, because even death could not hold Him.

Jesus spoke of His kingdom being 'not of this world', unlike any earthly kind and He rejected the kind of kingdom that was common in His time. His kingdom would be established through the power of love and not through any earthly power.

His kingdom being 'not of this world' did not mean that it would not be 'in this world'. He called His followers to further the kingdom He established by living lives of justice and compassion, understanding and generosity. The values of His kingdom are based in the beatitudes, not on the principles of success and prestige that seem so important in our modern society.

So, how is this feast day relevant for us today? Today, the mission of the whole body of Christ is to build up His kingdom by following the His example. Jesus invites all of us who exercise authority to use it for the common good. The Gospel this week makes clear how we are to spread the values of His kingdom by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

If we want to be recognized as the children of His kingdom then we have to demonstrate it's values in our daily lives. It is up to us to make Jesus' reign be felt on earth. To bring about His kingdom we need to abandon what this world considers important, we have to bring comfort and hope to the weak and the sick and powerless in our society. So, this Sunday, let it be with humble hearts that we renew our allegiance to the King of Kings.

May God bless you all! Deacon Warren



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

An Invitation to Journey in Faith

RCIA is a faith journey for adults desiring to become full members of the Catholic Church. Through a gradual process of prayer, faith sharing, study, and rituals, the RCIA process prepares people for full initiation within the Catholic Church to receive the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation, Eucharist, and confirmation.

All are welcome to attend session, however the journey is specifically structured for: Adults never baptized who might desire to become Catholic. Adults baptized in another Christian Church who might desire to become Catholic.

Adults baptized Catholic who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist or confirmation.

If you are thinking about joining RCIA or have any questions, please contact

Deacon Nick Ascioti at nascioti@gmail.com

Time, Talent & Treasure



STEWARDSHIP

Due to the Early Submission of the bulletin Stewardship will be posted in Next Week's Bulletin.

MINISTRIES

Living with Loss

Due to the Approaching Holidays, the next sessions will be held on November 30 and December 14 at 3 pm.

We will resume after the Holidays



Rosary Altar Society

Our December meeting and Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday December 3 2023 at 8:15** Annual donations needed for St Joseph House Hats, Mittens and Scarfs for both men and women. Thank you



Seasonal Affective Disorder

Is in full swing right now. These shortened days and long nights often makes us feel tired all the time. Adding more light in your home at night, keeping busy and connected with others can certainly help than goodness Christmas is right around the corner to cheer us up!



CRAFT FAIR

Thank you to all our volunteers, vendors, and the community for supporting our Craft Fair again this year! A huge THANK YOU to our local corporate sponsors, Stewarts for continued support of all of our fundraisers with food & beverages and Starbucks for suppling all the delicious coffee & creamers and flavorings!! A big thank you to Giuliano's Premier Party Rental for the donation of a fresh Christmas tree as a door price! Special thank you to our Craft Fair Committee, Johanna Flanigan, Jessica (aka Elf #1) & Bill Antalek, Renay & Jeff Coonan, Deanna (aka Elf #2) & Brian Baker, Kris Dworakowski & Anna Smith & Santa Matt who always puts smiles on the children faces.

To all our great volunteers who sold tickets, set up or broke down a big thank you. Without you all we would be lost! **The committee is already planning for next year save the date Saturday, November 16th!** We are always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested volunteer today, call or text Mary @518-229-4250.

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