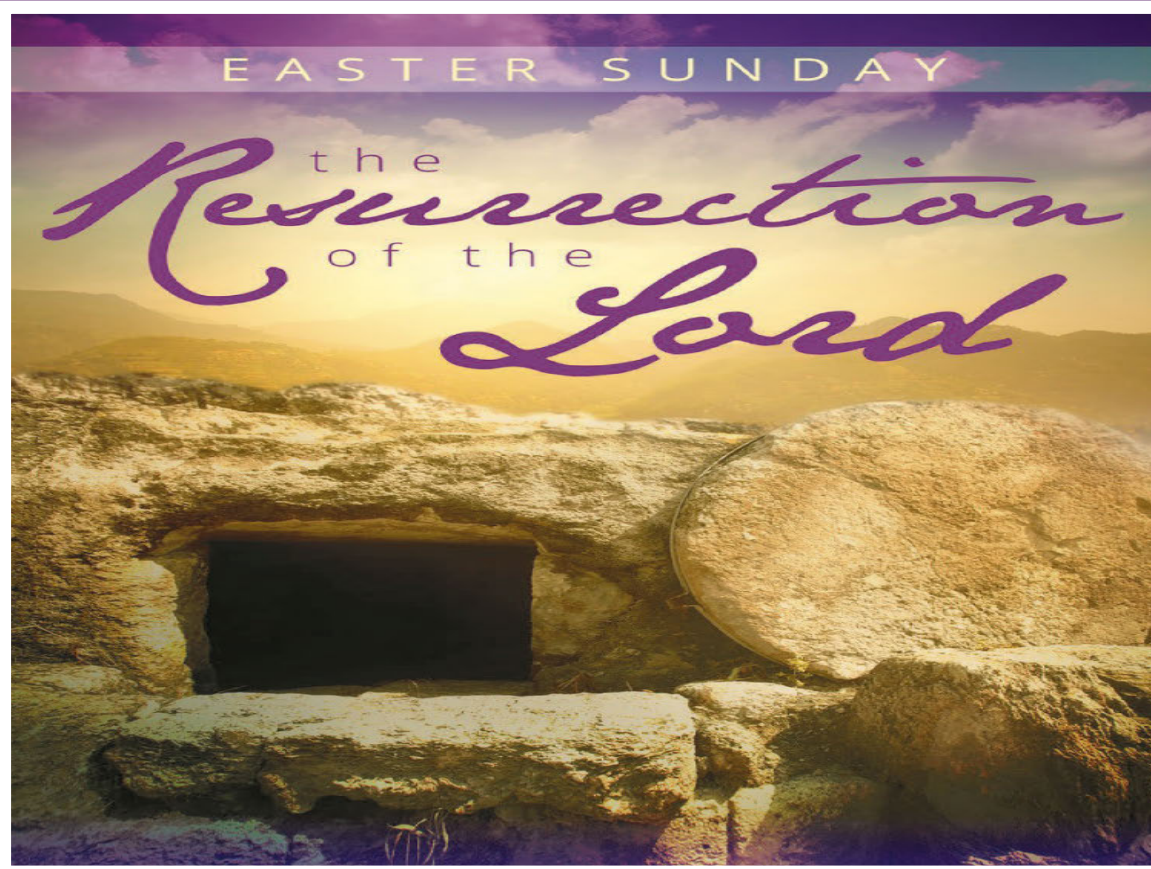


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Sanctuary Votive Light:

James Kern, Mother, Father & Brother

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, March 30th, 2024

At St. Jude the Apostle-8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st, 2024-10:00 am

**For the Parishioners and Friends of St. Jude the Apostle
Church and School**

Wednesday, April 3rd 2024—8:00 Mass

**For the special intentions of our Holy Priests,
The Staff of St. Jude School & Church & Parishioners**

Friday, April 5th, 2024 - 8:00am Mass

Nobuko Kawaski, Mary Helen & Steve Culver

Saturday, April 6th, 2024— Mass 4:00pm

Jame Schaeffer, wife and daughters

John Hardie, Anne & David Cannon

Rosane Farcher, Husband

Midge Van Buren, Ada Rubino

Terry Ryan, Jack & Maureen Rogers

Jennifer Schroeder, Samantha Schroeder

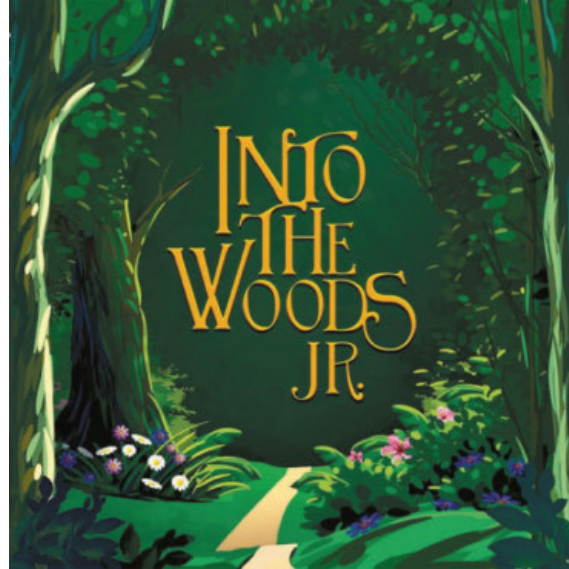
Sunday, April 7th, 2024-Mass 10:00 am

John Perkinson, wife Fran

Joseph Frost, Mom, Dad, Matthew & Taye

Ronnie Benson, wife

Save to Date!!!



The St. Jude the Apostle School Drama Club is presenting *Into the Woods Jr.* on Thursday, April 25th and Friday, April 26th at 6:30pm in the school gymnasium. Students in grades 2-5 have been preparing for this performance for months and are excited to display their talents for our school and parish community. Join us for a night of suspense, music and fun!! Tickets will be on sale at the door both evenings. The snack bar will be open and autographed cast photos for sale. We hope to see you there!!

A note to wish each parishioner a very happy and blessed Easter. A special note of welcome to any visitor who is with us this Easter.

May the celebration of the Easter Liturgy deepen our faith that Jesus is truly risen, and having conquered death, invites us to share in His risen life.

May the Easter Liturgy help us understand and appreciate more deeply the Paschal Mystery – the times of dying and rising to new life in Christ.

It is Good News that every Good Friday in our lives can be transformed into an Easter Sunday. No pain, no sorrow, not even death itself, need defeat us: all is made new in the risen Christ.

May we all receive a deeper share in His gift of peace: “Peace be with you” the Risen Lord says to each of us. I pray that you receive the blessings of His peace, a peace the world cannot give. Thanks to all the volunteers who have contributed generously to the Liturgies throughout Holy Week, up to and including Mass on Easter Sunday! This includes the Deacons, the decorators, door greeters, Lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, counters, sacristans, cleaners, all who donated flowers and all who helped in the preparations for the Easter liturgies. A special word of thanks to Debbie Moore, Music Director, the cantor, and choir for your hours of preparation and the sharing of their gifts and talents.

Again, a very happy and blessed Easter to each of you, and to your families.

Yours in Christ,

Reverend Patrick Rice and Deacon Warren



GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Holy night as we celebrate the Easter Vigil we witness as our Elect receive the fullness of all the gifts of the Kingdom of God. Receiving the sacraments of initiation, they become children of God and children of the promise of resurrection into new life sustained in God's steadfast love.

In baptism, our Elect promise before God to begin a new life by rejecting evil, embracing our faith and sharing in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Tonight, we all are called to reflect on these same promises in our own lives and renew our own commitment to walk in newness of life.

The Easter Vigil liturgy is for me the highest of all of our worship because it is on this night that we recount the witness of God's saving action in our lives, and in the lives of all of the faithful before us. We witness this continued blessing in the lives of our new brothers and sisters that we welcome this night. It is in this liturgy that we connect the resurrection of Jesus with the resurrection going on in our own lives through God's saving action.

The Gospel today recounts the discovery of the empty tomb where they had laid the body of Jesus. It had been discovered first by the women who had gone to prepare His body, but instead found a young man in a dazzling white robe who said to them, 'You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, He has been raised, he is not here.' The women went off to tell Peter and the other disciples, but Peter did not believe it. He had to go and see for himself.

The resurrection of Jesus is the central event of our Christian faith. If it did not happen, then we cannot rise with Him. If it did not happen, we should go home and find something else to believe in. But thank God that it did happen, that Peter and many other witnesses can attest to it; and that further witness later came in the disciple's experience of the risen Christ in their lives.

Sometimes, we too can doubt just like Peter, but we have a way to confirm the resurrection of the Lord in the same way that the first followers confirmed it, by the experience of the risen Jesus in our lives. That is the power of this liturgy that we celebrate tonight.

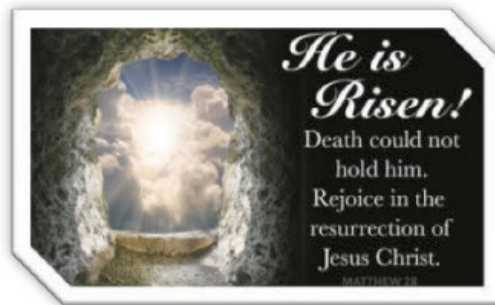
We hear of God's tremendous power in bringing forth life from the waters of the Abyss. This life, human life, he made the greatest of all creation because we are created in His own image and given dominion over all creation.

Next, we recount the Exodus where God saved Israel from slavery through the great parting of the Red Sea. His beloved people were able to pass through the waters safely, while the Egyptians would perish in their pursuit.

Then we hear Isaiah tell how God espouses us in His steadfast love and how, even though we stray, He longs to receive us back. God invites us all to heed His call, to listen and turn from evil ways and come to the great banquet. Come and listen, His word will not fail in the purpose for which he sent it.

Ezekiel proclaims how God takes us back, proving His holiness; He puts within us a new heart and a new Spirit that enables us to walk faithfully in His word. Finally, we come to the epistle to the Romans where Paul's words connect this witness of God's saving acts with the resurrection of Jesus, and with our own lives. It is how we experience the risen Lord.

In baptism, we die to the worldly desires in our lives and begin a new life, living as children of God, resurrected from our former selves. We undergo a conversion of heart that continues throughout our entire lives. We struggle daily to die to ourselves and rise to new life as God's children.



That's how we know in our hearts of Jesus resurrection by reflecting on the saving power of the risen Christ in our own lives. We remember all the ways He has changed our hearts and has given us a new Spirit. The same Spirit of Almighty God that brought new life out of nothing remains with us through every hardship and every obstacle that we encounter, even destroying the

power that death holds over us.

It's our confidence in God's steadfast love for us that brings the scriptures and ritual of this liturgy alive for us, showing the saving action of God, still giving life, still delivering from slavery, and still caring for us as His beloved.

So, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord this Easter, let us also remember our baptismal promises and walk joyfully in the new life we have been given.

May God Bless you all this Easter

Deacon Warren



FAITH FORMATION & MORE

Confirmation date is set for **May 6, 2024** @St Michael the Archangel Church, Troy at 630pm. See Candidates names below!

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

2024 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



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| Aiossa Emily | Kaczala Emma |
| Albarelli III John | LaBarge Sophia |
| Anslow Colin | Mancino Natalia |
| Backaus Cadence | Mazzariello Joseph |
| Borowsky Rowan | McDade Madelynn |
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| Burch Zachary | Murray Jackson |
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| Decker Anthony | Reo Alivia |
| Denio Alexandra | Reo Ava |
| Denio Andrew | Short Sophia |
| Fiorino Isabella | Wells Jacob |
| Harriman Abigail | Wojton Charles |
| Hein Amelia | Zakarka Susan |



CHURCH BOOKKEEPER OPENING

Immediate opening for a bookkeeper at St. Michael the Archangel Church. Need to fill the position immediately! If interested, please stop by the office, or call 518-283-6110 ext: 201. Also, you can e-mail: MKunkel18@aol.com or FrPat.aspspp@gmail.com.

Thank you!



MEGA RAFFLE

St. Michael's is holding our fourth annual Mega Raffle with twelve prizes including a grand prize of **\$10,000**. The sale of tickets began on **April 6, 2024** with our drawing on **May 19, 2024** after the 8:30 Mass. The tickets are **\$100 each** and are available after Mass or in the Church Office. **Thank you for your support of this, our largest fundraiser of the year.**





OUR CHURCH

Event for the Knights of Columbus:

- Apr 6 - Saturday Litter Patrol - 8am
- Apr 13 - Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-7pm in Gym



Earth Day Litter Patrol

St Judes Knights of Columbus patrol Williams and Whiteview Rd from St Michaels to the Car Wash every Spring and Fall. You are invited to join us for an early Earth Day event this year on Sat April 6 (rain date Apr20) to pick up litter and help keep our community clean. Meet at 8am by the St Judes Parish Office. Bags and pickup sticks will be available. Bring your own gloves. It usually takes about an hour and we are always surprised at the amount of trash that gets picked up so we know this is helping keep our community clean. Anyone can help and this is a good family activity.



National Nutrition Month is celebrated in the Month of March. Obesity in the United States is a MAJOR health concern-so much emphasis has been devoted to developing drugs to treat obesity, but rather than depend solely on medication, what can YOU do to improve your nutrition? Eating fresh fruits and vegetables, reducing the amount of processed food you eat and substituting water for sugary juices and drinks will improve your health benefits from eating. Contact the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for more information. Remember-it's true-you ARE what you eat!

St Jude's Collection Reminder

Year to date, collections are under budget about \$10,000. With 3 months to go before year end, we need an additional \$800 per week to catch up. This is possible if every family could give a few more dollars each week. Inflation is hitting everyone hard and our parish too. Catching up will keep our office and programs open and running.

Spaghetti Dinner

St Judes Knights of Columbus will be hosting a spaghetti and meatball dinner on Saturday April 13 from 4:30 to 7pm in the gym. We are partnering with St Henry's KOC who will be sharing their secret recipe for sauce and meatballs. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 for a family and includes salad, bread, a drink (coffee/juice/water), desert, and of course spaghetti and meatballs. Eat in or take out. There will be a children's activity table. Tickets will be available after mass the weekend of April 6/7, at the door, or by calling Joe at 286-1132. We are only selling 60 tickets and expect to sell out so please get your tickets early!

Red Cross

Blood Drive-Once again, The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at St. Michael's on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please sign up by calling 1-800 RED CROSS or 1-800-733-27677, visiting redcrossblood.org or using the Free Blood Donor App. Use Sponsor Code: stmichaelstroy. You can also use one of the scan codes from the signs around church. We are looking for volunteers to do intakes and watch the refreshment tables through the drive. If you can spare an hour on that day, your help is appreciated. Signup sheets will be on the table in the Gathering Area. Thank You!



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Our April Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7, 2024 in Parish Center. Donations of gift cards are needed for shower St Paul s Center Rensselaer. Walmart, Dollar Store, Grocery Stores , Aldi 's. Thank you for your Generosity





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