† SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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ADVENT RECONCILIATION

†St. Michael the Archangel Advent Reconciliation Wednesday, December 13th, 2023 11:00 am

†St. Jude the Apostle Advent Reconciliation Wednesday, December 13th, 2023 6:30 pm

[†]Sacred Heart Advent Reconciliation Thursday, December 14th, 2023 7:00 pm A PRAYER FOR THE Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came among us with the irresistible power of a baby, requiring both our hands and captivating our whole hearts. Help us to cast aside the sin and brokenness that we cling to, so we might be ready to hold you when you come again. Amen.

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Sanctuary Votive Light: All deceased Parishioners of St. Jude the Apostle Parish

Saturday, December 9th, 2023-4:00pm James McDade, Mary McDade Jerrie Richards, Husband Mary Finelli, Family Marirose Ciccarelli, Maria & Martino Tedesco

Sunday, December 10th, 2023-10:00am Joseph & Pauline Ienco, Anne & David Ienco Richard Bender, Mary Ann & Phil Beals Jack Miorin, Family Joseph Frost, Mom, Dad, Matthew and Taye

Wednesday, December 13th, 2023 8AM Anne Sickinger, TJ & Jan Jackson Friday, December 15th, 2023-8AM Joe & Eileen Smith, TJ & Jan Jackson

Saturday, December 16th, 2023-4:00pm David & Dorothea Castle, Family Maria & Gaetano Tedesco, Son & Daughter In-law John Perkinson, Wife Francis Marirose Ciccarelli, Paul & Idazelenke

> Sunday, December 17th, 2023-10:00am Kathleen Russom, Milos Family Marilyn Meyer, Willson Sisters Robert Pasinella, Family Harold Cannon, Anne & David Cannon Joseph Frost, Al & Patti Mugrace Leland Palitsch, Knights of Columbus

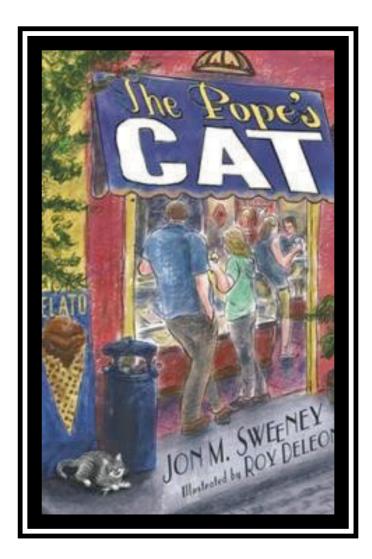
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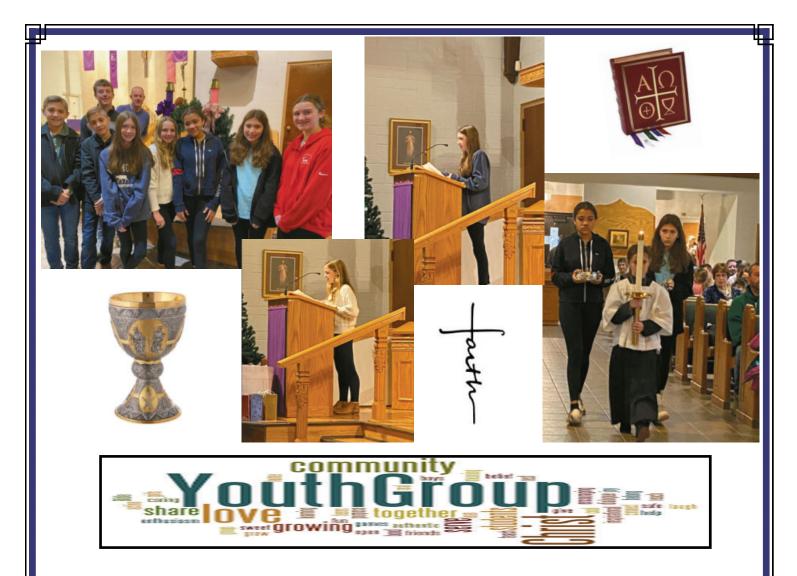
Morning Assemblies Are SO Important at St. Jude the Apostle School!

Most schools use morning assemblies to make daily announcements and celebrate holidays, and then the students are quickly excused to their classrooms to begin their day of learning.

At St. Jude the Apostle School, our learning begins in Morning Assembly! Mrs. Hoffay takes that time to enhance our students religious studies through lessons on the Liturgical calendar, feast days, the liturgical seasons, learning the meaning of the words in our prayers, introducing lesser known Saints and learning more about what is means to be Catholic. Throughout the season of Advent, the students will be lighting the candles of the Advent wreath together and learning all about this important time in our church calendar: Why are the candles purple and pink? What does each week of Advent stand for?

In addition to our Advent lessons, Mrs. Hoffay will be reading *The Pope's Cat* by John Sweeney to the students each morning. This is a fabulous story based in the Vatican that follows the pope's cat as she explores the many interesting locations in the Vatican. Through this mischievous cat's adventures, the students will learn about the Vatican, the Via della Conciliazione, St. Peter's Square, the Sistine Chapel, and so much more! Each morning we will be taking a virtual field trip to Rome through a slide show that has been prepared to show the children real photographs of these very real and important places





December Sessions: 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.

Friday 12/9 Teen Pathways hosted our annual Christmas Caroling event. Each year we treat our fellow neighbors to a bit of Christmas cheer. We start out at the Parish Center and circle around the neighborhood singing your favorite carols. Without much effort neighbors flock to their windows with delight. Always a success!! Thanks to all who help make it an awesome event for us.

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

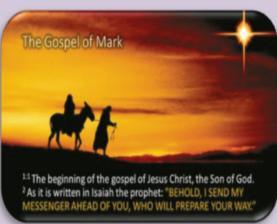
Any questions- please contact Paul Moore, St. Jude Youth Minister Grades 7-10. <u>moorep285@gmail.com</u>

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

Merry Christmas! Teen Pathways ach year the Advent season comes with the promise of new beginnings. The 1^{st} reading this Sunday comes from the 2^{nd} part of book of the prophet Isaiah where he proclaims to the people in exile that God is doing something new. They have completed their service in exile and their guilt is expiated.

Therefore, they should prepare making straight their ways like to receive Him with joy. God er. Like a shepherd He will great care. Then all people shall

Likewise, John the Baptist proprepare the way for the coming baptize us with the Holy Spirit has given us new life through share in His divine life. Noththat He has for us. In this seawhen he returns.



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claims a baptism of repentance to of the Lord Jesus Christ. He will and lead us to everlasting life. He our baptism in Him and given us a ing can separate us from the love son we look forward to the time

The letter of St. Peter reminds us that day will indeed come, but no one will know the day or the hour. The Lord does not delay His return, rather He is patient in waiting so that all should come to repentance. We must not grow weary of waiting and conduct ourselves as those who Christ has already claimed. We are to live according to His promise and await new Heavens and new earth where His righteousness dwells.

So, as we await the coming of our Savior this season of Advent let us remember who we are in God's eyes and let the joy of His coming shine forth in our lives.

May you all have a joyful Advent Season!

Deacon Warren

Month of the Immaculate Conception

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Chosen before time to be the Mother of God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, God created Mary perfect and full of grace, preserving her from the stain of Original Sin. Mary Immaculate is the most beautiful fruit of the work of redemption accomplished by her Son, thereby making her the perfect model of holiness for all Christians.



The Second week of Advent

The Second Week of Advent is the week of Peace. This verse tells us that Jesus came to be the Prince of Peace. The word peace is the Hebrew word shalom which means completeness or well being. Jesus did not come just to end wars, but to make us complete by saving us from our sinfulness.







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