

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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★ ★ THE SUPER RAFFLE IS BACK!! ★ ★

Sanctuary Votive Light
Don Keating, Norma

Saturday, October 12th, 2024-4:00PM
John & Elsie Burt, Hannigan Family
Don Meyer, Jack & Maureen Rogers
Mary Heckelman, Don & Nicole Heckelman
Donald Heckelman, Don & Nicole Heckelman
Rosana Farcher, Husband
Richard Halderman, Angie & Rose Galipeau

Sunday, October 13th, 2024-10:00AM
Theresa M. Gilhooley, Ellen Dunn

Wednesday October 16th, 2024-8:00AM
Geraldine Whitby, Husband
Joe & Eileen Smith, T.J. & Jan Jackson

Friday October 18th, 2024-8:00AM
Robert & Joan Jackson, T.J. & Jan Jackson

Saturday, October 19th, 2024-4:00PM
Dave & Dortehea Castle, Castle Children
Rosane Farcher, Husband
Ariana, Mary Farrell

Sunday, October 20th, 2024-10:00AM
Joseph Comitale, Wife
Tina Demczar, T.J. & Jan Jackson



ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

The 2024/2025 School Year is Off to a Great Start!



The Super Raffle has returned!

Tickets are ready for purchase at \$100. They will be on sale after Masses, however, why wait? Call Mary D. at 518-229-4250 or Jo F. at 518-894-1009 for your ticket to be reserved! This year there will be 2 \$5000 winners-not one \$10,000 winner-twice the chance to win! We only sell 250 tickets-drawing will be on November 16 at annual craft fair! Tickets can also be obtained at <https://stjudeswyn.square.site>.

Also- There will be a Fundraiser for Justin Jones, Karla's son, on October 24 from 4 pm to 7 pm at the Defreestville Fire Department. Giuliano's Chicken Barbecue, raffle baskets, and a bake sale will be available. Preorder for the barbecue is preferred-call or text Nicola at 518-376-0385 or Jessica at 518-953-3607 to preorder.



Annual Veteran's Day Mass

St. Jude's Parish will be hosting a Liturgical Celebration of Veteran's Day on Monday November 11, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Church. This service will honor veterans, living or deceased, who are currently serving or who have served in the various branches of the military in the United States or Allied Forces.

A program will be prepared for distribution at the Liturgy. As in previous years, it will contain the names (by branch) of veterans, both living and deceased. **If you HAVE Not submitted names for this list in previous years please consider doing so this year.**

The names are carried over from year to year. Names and branch of service may be submitted using the forms available in the back of the church and placed in the collection basket at Mass.

Names and branch of service may also be submitted either by email to Don Heckelman at heckdon5@netzero.net or text the name and branch of service to (518) 428-1484 please include your name and parish in the email or text. **All names must be submitted by October 27th 2024 in order to be included in the program.**

Please submit names **ONLY** if you have not done so in previous years. Thank you.

Veteran's Day Mass Photos

The Veterans Committee of St. Jude The Apostle Church is planning the annual Veteran's Day Mass. We would like to make a photo collage of the Veterans. If you would be interested in displaying your Veteran **and have not already done so in the past,** we will accept the photos. There are baskets near each of the church entrances to submit your photos. Please do not submit photos any larger than 4"x6". If you have any special requests regarding the use of the photos, please attach them to the photo. If the photo is the original, please let us know so we can make a copy of it. We would like to keep the photos for annual use. If you would like to have the picture returned to you, please let us know at the time of submission. If you have any questions, please contact Dave or Linda Cairns at (518) 573-0966. **All photos must be submitted by October 27th 2024 in order to be included in the collage.**

Please submit photos **ONLY** if you have not done so in previous years.

Thank you.

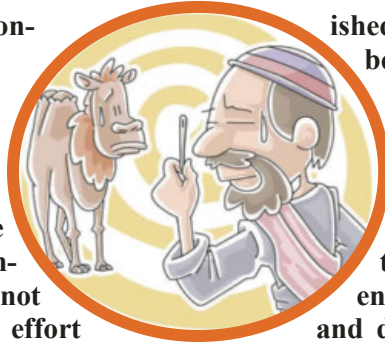




GOSPEL REFLECTION

Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.” Mark 10:24–27

Have you ever been “exceedingly astonished” by the demands of the Christian life? Hopefully you have been. And if you have been, hopefully you are no longer. Being exceedingly astonished is one of many purifications we must go through in order to enter the Kingdom of God.



The “eye of a needle” is a reference to one of the gates in the wall surrounding the city of Jerusalem. After dark, the gate would be closed and the only way to enter was through a small door in the crenelating down, but a camel could not enter unless it got down on the ground and literally crawled through. This took much effort and direction from the master of that camel, but it was possible.

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The point of this story is to emphasize that we will not be able to easily stroll into Heaven. In this case, Jesus was speaking about how easy it is for a person with money to become so attached to that money that they fail to obtain the riches of Heaven. The rich young man, to whom Jesus was just speaking, went away sad because Jesus lovingly invited him to detach from his earthly wealth so as to obtain the riches of Heaven. Jesus said to him, “Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” To that, the rich young man went away sad.

Greed and an all-consuming attachment to material wealth clearly have the potential to destroy your soul. That’s a fact. There is no way around it. But this teaching applies to every other form of attachment also. When we are attached to any sin to a serious degree and refuse to separate ourselves from that sin, we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, if love of God does not motivate us to turn from sin, perhaps fear of hell will.

When the disciples witnessed this rich young man preferring his wealth over Heaven, and then Jesus standing His ground and making it clear that it is very hard to make it to Heaven, their astonishment would have challenged them personally. But that is good. It is good because it reveals that they were also convicted of their own unholy attachments and their astonishment arose from a holy fear within. As they saw the rich young man walk away, they would have thought about those things that they also held onto that needed to be purged from their lives. “Astonishment” in this case is the holy realization that they needed to change. The good news, however, is that when a person does change and becomes freed from the attachments that keep them from God, then they will no longer have any attachment that will lead them to be astonished at God’s demands. The ultimate goal is to overcome the astonishment caused by the demands of discipleship so that conformity to these demands becomes a way of life.

Reflect, today, upon anything that our Lord has taught that is difficult for you to face. Is there any commandment that you tend to ignore? Any teaching that you attempt to rationalize? Any demand that appears to you to be too much? If you are to enter the eye of the needle, you must be wholeheartedly committed. Jesus will not shy away from demanding a total surrender of your life to Him. Reflect upon those attachments that you continue to hold onto and try to see Jesus speaking to you about those attachments as He spoke to this rich young man. Overcome all astonishment and make unwavering submission to the will of God your way of life. This is the only way to enter the gates of the Kingdom of God.

Most demanding Lord, Your invitation to discipleship is an invitation to surrender every sinful attachment over to You so as to be freed of those sins. You ask and demand of me everything, dear Lord. May I accept Your demands of holy love and respond generously, holding nothing back, so that I can share in the riches of the Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.

Respect Life
Month



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THEY MIGHT HAVE
LIFE

ACTION GUIDE

RESPECT LIFE MONTH: OCTOBER

INTRODUCTION

Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October is observed as *Respect Life Sunday*. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides resources to help parishes, schools, families, ministries, and individual Catholics share the

Gospel of life during Respect Life Month and throughout the year. In the following pages, you will find a number of resources to help you celebrate Respect Life Month. Action ideas and activities, a sample timeline, homily helps, announcements, and intercessions are provided to help you get started. Adapt these resources as needed to fit your specific circumstances. Additional materials can be found at respectlife.org/respect-life-month.

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SIMPLE STEPS

Here are some ways you can use the materials in your parish, school, ministry, or home to celebrate Respect Life Month. Not every step may apply to your circumstances, but most can be adapted to suit your needs. Unless otherwise noted, all materials referenced in this section can be found at respectlife.org/respect-life-month.

1. Display the Respect Life poster.

Think about a prominent place in your parish, school, diocesan office, or home. Hang the poster in the vestibule, on a door or window, on a bulletin board, or near the restrooms and water fountains. Choose a place where people will be most likely to see it. Parents could hang the poster on the refrigerator, a bedroom door, or a place you gather regularly as a family. (Remember to seek appropriate permissions and follow any rules and guidelines if displaying the poster outside your home.)

2. Feature the Respect Life reflection in your bulletin or newsletter or on your website.

The Respect Life reflection unpacks the meaning of the poster. If space prevents inclusion of the full reflection, consider using the short announcements that are available in this action guide along with one of our Respect Life Month graphics. The Respect Life reflection can also be printed in your diocesan paper, offered at the beginning of a parish meeting, or used to inspire discussion during a family meal.

3. Preach about respect for human life on Respect Life Sunday.

Sample homily notes are provided for priests and deacons to help them highlight the gift of human life on Respect Life Sunday or another weekend in October. The Respect Life reflection can also be a source of inspiration. Let your pastor know these resources are available for him.

4. Pray for the protection of human life during the Prayer of the Faithful.

This is a great way for an entire parish or school to pray for the protection of life together! Sample intercessions are provided for use during the Prayer of the Faithful. The set of intercessions in this action guide could be used during one specific Mass or incorporated throughout the Sundays in October. Schools can use these to pray for the protection of human life at the beginning of the day or class period, or perhaps at a school Respect Life Mass. Families can include these intercessions in their regular prayers in the morning or evening, or before or after a family meal.

5. Feature a different Respect Life topic in each week's bulletin.

Short, quarter-page summaries are available for many of Respect Life articles covering a wide range of topics. Using the predesigned, downloadable "bulletin boxes," highlight a different topic each weekend of October. For those who would like to learn more, each bulletin box also includes the web address of the full article. Or, if you have the space, use one of the corresponding, full-length bulletin insert versions of the highlighted summaries. These can be found at the same web address listed in each bulletin box. These bulletin boxes can be found under the Respect Life Month action guide section of respectlife.org/action-guides.

We would love to see
your Respect Life
Month celebrations!

Show us how you celebrated by
emailing prolife@uscgb.org,
or tag us on Facebook ([fb.com/uscgbprolife](https://www.facebook.com/uscgbprolife)) or Twitter ([@uscgbprolife](https://twitter.com/uscgbprolife)).



Faith Formation

There will be no classes this weekend in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. Classes will resume on Sunday, October 20th. Classes have begun and we are so happy to see our returning children and meet our new students and families!

Grades K-6 meet weekly from 9:30-10:30 am, and grades 7-10 meet twice a month from 10:45-12:15. If you have not yet registered and would like to do so, please stop by the St. Michael Parish Hall at class time to register. Registration forms are also available in the Gathering Area. If you would like an electronic copy, please email ffstmichaels@gmail.com.

We will be hosting our third Annual Trunk or Treat Night on Friday, October 25th. The parking lot will open at 6:00 p.m. for families to park, decorate their cars, and prepare to give out treats. Trunk or treating will take place from 6:30-7:30 pm. Snacks will be available for purchase. This event is limited to parishioners and Faith formation families of St. Michael's, St. Jude's and Sacred Heart parishes.

Knights of Columbus



Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids:

Do you know a grade school child who could use a brand new winter coat? Each October the St. Jude's Knights of Columbus purchases 144 brand new winter coats and distributes them to our parish, various schools, and groups right in our hometown. Please call the parish office ASAP with the size needed and whether a boy/girl. All coats will be distributed on October 15. If you would like to make a donation to this cause, please put in the collection in an envelope marked 'coats for kids' or use the coffee can located at the main door of the church.

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 Wynantskill 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 \$1,000 from the bottles. Thank you for your support!

LIVING WITH LOSS

Our Living with Loss Grief group will be meeting Thursday, October 17 at 3 pm in the Parish Office—all Struggling with loss are welcome to attend.



Diocesan Women's Conference

Where: St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park

When: Saturday, October 19, 2024

Time: Check-in at 8:00 AM; Event runs from 9 AM to 3:30 PM

Speakers: Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger and Laura Phelps (National Catholic Speaker, Author, Walking with Purpose Content Creation Manager, and Podcaster)

Conference includes: Three Presentations, Adoration, Reconciliation, Rosary, Mass, lunch, and beverages.

Register: www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove

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St. Jude the Apostle ~ Adult Choir

St. Jude's Adult Choir is looking for new members. Please consider joining us. We are a faith-filled group who provide music for our liturgical celebrations.

Music ministry is more time consuming than most other liturgical ministries. Alternatively, music ministry often has a stronger sense of community than other ministries because we meet so regularly.

Music ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and musical prayer for our communal liturgies and various parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of diverse and committed members. If you can carry a tune and want to learn, come and sing with us." If you would like more information, please see Debbie Moore in the choir loft.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Did you know?

- the KOC is a Catholic charitable organization for men around the globe with over 2 million members. It was started by Fr McGivney in 1882 in nearby New Haven, Connecticut. St Jude's council is almost 25 years old.
- Each Spring and Fall we pick up litter along Williams and Whiteview Rd from LaSalle to the car wash.
- Each year we buy 144 brand new coats from the international KOC to give to children in our parish and local community.
- we buy bibles presented to every child baptized at St Jude's
- 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 (518-283-1162) and leave your name. Someone from the Knights will call you back. Or go to KOFc.org and sign up for our council #12637.

Re-Igniting Our Faith

The monies that were so generously donated for Re-Igniting Our Faith at St. Jude the Apostle Parish, will be used to upholster the kneelers. The kneelers will have a new, cushy foam and fabric that will absolutely WOW you!



NAMI-the National Alliance on Mental Illness-is a nationwide, grassroots organization whose focus is to stop the stigma of Mental Illness and to provide resources for individuals and families to support them while they are navigating the needs of their loved ones with Mental Illness. Nami provides educational programs, support groups etc. free of charge. The number for the local chapter of NAMI is 518-245-2000.

October The Month Devoted to the HOLY ROSARY

Let us pray: O God of infinite goodness and mercy, fill our hearts with a great confidence in Thy most holy Mother, whom we invoke under the title of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and grant us by Her most powerful intercession all the graces, spiritual and temporal, which we need. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Sacraments Available PARISH OFFICE (518) 283-1162



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 Office.



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



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.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Upon request and is administered at special celebrations during the year.



PASTORAL CARE
Please call the Parish Office for visitation and Communion for the homebound.



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