

Mass Intentions



Sunday, January 3 – Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 –Clarence & Mildred Brown
10:30–Carl Hobert
12:00– Parishioners of St. Jude

Monday, January 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 – Glenn & Dorothy Cross

Tuesday, January 5 – St. John Neumann

8:30 –Rick Pichola & Sarah Boyson

Wednesday, January 6 – Christmas Weekday

7:00 – Altar & Rosary Society

Thursday, January 7 – Christmas Weekday

6:30 @ St. Peter, North Ridgeville

8:30 @ St. Mary

Friday, January 8 – Christmas Weekday

8:30 – Fanny Kovacs

Saturday, January 9 – Christmas Weekday

4:30 – Larry, Bill & Paul Davis

Sunday, January 10 – Baptism of the Lord

8:30 – Living & Deceased of Holy Name Society

10:30– Parishioners of St. Jude

12:00– Charlene Peck

Readings for January 10: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.



We welcome into our faith community Anna Hullman, Vincent Anthony St. Clair, and Brady Michael Lee Jarrett who were baptized last week.



Please pray for Irene Wallace and for the consolation of her loved ones.



In your prayers this week, please remember the needs included in our parish petition book and especially Jim, Darlene, Tim and Dick.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like the parishioners to pray for an individual, please leave a message for Becky Diederich at 366-5711 ext 103 or email her at sjwebmaster@saintjudeparish.org. We will include the name in the bulletin for three weeks. If you would like that request extended, call the name in again. We will only include first names and not specifics. As a parish community, let us pray for each other's needs.

PARISH CALENDARS

St. Jude Parish calendars for 2010 are available in the Gathering Area this weekend. We thank Reichlin Roberts Funeral Home and Schlather Insurance for making this available to our parish.



Sunday, January 3

Sports Committee – FamCtr at 7:00pm
AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

Monday, January 4

PSR – School at 6:15pm
Men's Club – FamCtr at 7:00pm

Tuesday, January 5

Spiritual Life – Rectory at 7:00pm
Finance – Rectory DiningRm at 7:00pm

Wednesday, January 6

Market Day Pick-up – Carrabine 4:30-5:30pm
Reflecting on Scripture – Chapel at 6:00pm

Thursday, January 7

Book Club – Rectory at 7:00pm

Saturday, January 9

Parish Council – Faculty Lounge at 8:30am

Sunday, January 10

Appreciating You! – FamilyCtr after 8:30 & 10:30 Mass
Confirmation Class – Church at 6:00pm
AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

In today's gospel, Christ's gift, which is for all people, is revealed to the Magi. We reveal through our families the presence of Christ in our lives. Our gift of love, like Christ's, is meant to be shared with everyone.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation and wish to do so, will have the opportunity to be confirmed along with our high school candidates on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. (Remember, one must be a fully initiated Catholic which includes being confirmed in order to be a sponsor or godparent in the Catholic Church.) In order to prepare for this Sacrament, we have scheduled a four-hour preparation session on Saturday morning, January 23 from 8:30am to 12:30pm in the Community Room. Please call Sr. Margaret Marszal, HM at 366-5711 ext. 111 for information and to register.



APPRECIATING YOU!!! Come join your fellow parishioners for conversation, coffee and cookies following the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses on **January 10th** in the Family Center. So, don't race to your car after Mass, walk across the parking lot to relax, meet new people and enjoy a snack provided by your Parish Council. Start the New Year off with a little Social Gathering and introduce yourself to someone you don't know, while you help us promote **community**.

A DEVICE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED is available in the Sacristy. Ask an usher or greeter for assistance.



Welcoming Guests to SJS... In early January, students will enjoy two guest artists in their Art classes. Mary Ann Popovich (former Cleveland Museum of Art Teacher Resource Director) will teach second graders the drawing of Chinese characters and Steve Olay (C.S.U graduate student in art) will teach eighth graders tips on painting with acrylics.

Check us out! Several St. Jude students are currently being featured on five area billboards along with students from St. Mary's and Elyria Catholic through the end of January. The purpose of these billboards is to promote Catholic education in Elyria. Additional information on the Catholic schools in the Elyria cluster can be found at www.CatholicSchoolsofElyria.com

St. Jude School invites all preschool and grade school age families to come discover the benefits of a Catholic education. By instilling faith and inspiring dreams, St. Jude School provides a unique learning experience for all of our students. We invite everyone to join us at our Open House which is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2010 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. For more information, please contact the school office at (440) 366-1681. For additional information on Catholic education for high school students, contact Elyria Catholic High School at (440) 365-1821, ext. 16.

ST. JUDE CERTIFICATES

Support Catholic Education - Buy gift cards from St. Jude at face value and we get a profit from the retailers. You can buy your weekly gas, groceries, and prescriptions with our gift cards for Giant Eagle, Speedway, Apples, Walmart/Sam's Club, Marathon, and Drug Mart. All proceeds go to St. Jude School.

Sales: Gathering Area at Church Sat. 4-6pm & Sunday 9:15-Noon. Rectory: Monday-Friday 8am-Noon & 1-3pm.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

The festive season of Christmas will conclude next week with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus' baptism is a significant moment in his public ministry. As we celebrate this feast we recall our own baptism and renew our baptismal commitment. It is fitting that this feast marks the beginning of *National Vocation Awareness Week*.

ROSARY FOR LIFE The Rosary for Life will be prayed in the chapel after the 10:30 Mass next weekend, January 10. Please join us!

Stewardship of Treasure Summary

Amount needed per week:		\$17,800
Regular Collection for Dec. 20		<u>\$19,068</u>
Difference for the week:	+	\$ 1,268
Number of Envelopes:	462	
Year-To-Date Totals		
Amount Budgeted:		\$445,200
Total Sunday Offertory:		<u>\$390,018</u>
Difference:	-	\$ 54,982
Outstanding Mortgage Balance:		\$605,612
Building Fund Account Balance:		\$114,210
Monthly Mortgage Payment:		\$ 6,171



Thank you for your generosity!

From the Pastor's Desk



The story of the magi speaks of a God who came for all peoples, then and now, who continue to reveal the divine presence in songs and words, but especially through the Child at the heart of this story. The story of the magi reminds us that the truly wise are willing to leave behind the familiar to seek a greater treasure, the presence of Christ in our lives, do homage to that presence, and respond. May we take advantage of this Epiphany Eucharist to honor the Real Presence of Christ, and to respond by offering ourselves. The mystery has been made known to this generation.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS!

As we begin this New Year 2010, may I suggest the following as food for thought. I see many of these realities already taking place in the spiritual journey of many, however, I challenge all to prayerfully consider these as an aide to sharpen our discipleship commitment in the New Year.

Hospitality As a parish community may we always be inviting in our words and actions. This may mean talking to neighbors who have been alienated in the past for one reason or another, visiting those homebound, searching out the newcomers and inviting them to parish activities...

Prayer Being more and more aware of God's presence in my life and making private and family prayer a daily routine; weekly participation in Sunday Liturgies; participating as fully as possible in the Sacramental Life of the Church; occasionally coming to daily Mass and/or Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 7:00am – 6:00pm.

Service In gratitude for so many blessings, to reach out in our social ministries – Helping Hands, Salvation Army Meals, Thursday meals for the homeless shelter; become more aware of current social issues and respond appropriately and effectively in advocacy; to seek out and follow up on opportunities offered in our school and church.

Formation Take advantage of education and formation opportunities at the parish; Ex: Scripture Study, Parish Mission, special presentations; check out materials: books, tapes, CD's in our catechetical library; consider forming an on-going study group that will respond to particular interest and needs.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm we have the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a simple reflection on the Sunday's readings. This time allows the participants to prepare for Sunday Mass and also to plan how they will live out the Gospel message in their everyday lives. Come join us and make this a New Year's practice for you and your family.

Lord,
every nation,
on earth
will adore you.

PARISH REGISTRATION

It is our policy and desire to serve the needs of St. Jude parishioners. We welcome you. Families and adults (age 18 and over) should make an effort to become registered members of the parish. Even if you are not in a position to contribute regularly, it is important to be registered for us to take care of your pastoral needs (funerals, baptisms, weddings, etc.) To register, please call the rectory or drop a note in the collection basket and we will be happy to assist you.

ST. JUDE ALUMNI NEWS: The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Pat Whitman of Lagrange. She won \$100.00!! The Alumni Association thanks all who participated. All proceeds benefit our St. Jude School students.

SIGN OF PEACE

It's the flu and cold season. If you have caught 'the bug' and don't want to share it with others, please feel free to refrain from hand-shaking at the Sign of Peace. Instead, please extend a greeting of peace through a smile, nod, or pat on the shoulder to your neighbor.

Our parishioner, Brianne Mc Laughlin, daughter of Briant and Susan Mc Laughlin and sister of Michael of Sheffield Village is making her national team debut with the USA Women's Olympic Hockey Team. Brianne has played goalie for the last four years at Robert Morris University, majoring in nursing. She set an NCAA record with 3,809 career saves. She is a 2005 graduate of Elyria Catholic High School and a 2001 graduate of St. Jude School. Brianne participated in volleyball, basketball and track at ECHS and was named MVP of the track team 2002-05. Let's all wish her the best at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. Good luck, Miss B-We love you!

The Greatest Weekend I Ever Had

That's what many have said about a Cursillo Weekend. What is it? It's a weekend with God, but it's not just a weekend, it's a movement. It starts with a "few good people" and gives them a "little course" in Christianity. It develops a consciousness of their power and mission to become leaders in the work of Christian renewal, and to sustain them as they provide a Christian leaven in civic, social and economic life. Get rid of that "cabin fever" that comes around in January through March. Men's weekend Jan. 28-31. Ladies weekend March 4-7. For more info contact Henry Niedzwiecki 440-824-0314.

DID YOU KNOW for your convenience, you can have your offertory gift electronically transferred from your bank directly to St. Jude Church on a monthly basis? If you are interested please call the Rectory office and we will be happy to mail you the authorization form.



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ELYRIA CONCERT

To celebrate all the work we have done in building the Catholic Church of Elyria, there will be a concert with **Praise-Apella** on Sunday, February 7, 2010 at 7pm at St. Jude Church. This is a special family event for all the Elyria Catholic Churches. This Christian based singing group has performed at the FEST and can be heard on the radio station The FISH. You can hear them perform on their web site: www.praise-apella.com. Ticket are available after Masses in the Gathering Area. Pre-sale tickets are \$10 Adults & \$5 for Children ages 6-12. Tickets purchased at the door are \$15. Come and be a part of this Elyria celebration. Kids 5 & under are free.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, January 7 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. The book for January will be Ice Bound by Maryanne Vollers and Jerri Nielsen. This is a story of a woman doctor's incredible survival at the North Pole. You can obtain the book at your local library, bookstore, or online. Please read all or part of the text before you come to the discussion. All are welcome to attend. Facilitator: Sr. Margaret Marszal, HM.

ALTAR & ROSARY NEWS

The recent Altar & Rosary Bake Sale of cookie platters, pastries, nut & poppyseed rolls, along with the Hot/Frozen Cabbage Roll Sale and the Candy Sale WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

Thanks to all who participated in so many ways to make it such a success: those who prepared and baked, the ones who donated ingredients and monies for the baking. Our volunteers worked hard (and they also had fun) and were like little elves in the kitchen! And of course, thanks to all who purchased the goodies. We could not have done this without you! As a result, our treasury has increased by the amount of \$3,400!!

Sixty members and guests enjoyed a most delicious Altar & Rosary Christmas Dinner last week. Winners of the Annual Christmas Raffle were:

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| Quilt (made by A & R quilters) | Carol Loescher |
| Cash Prizes | Sandy Alexander |
| Afghan (made by Carolyn Fritz) | Rosemary Jaquay |
| Lg Basket of Groceries | Marcia Rothgery |
| Sm Basket of Groceries | Karen Schuster |

Please note there will be no Altar & Rosary Meetings in January and February 2010.

4TH ANNUAL "RAISE THE PRAISE"

Join us for an evening of Praise, Worship, Song and Prayer Dance on Sunday, January 17th from 5-8pm at Sacred Heart Chapel in Lorain. Featured music of the Holy Spirit Choir, internationally known recording artist Vallimar Jansen and guest musicians. For info contact Elaine Davila at 322-5834. Free will offerings accepted.

www.saintjudeparish.org
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