

Mass  
Intentions



**Sunday, January 4 – The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:30 – Anne Sherman  
10:30– Parishioners of St. Jude  
12:00– Glen & Dorothy Cross

**Monday, January 5 – St. John Neumann**

7:00 – Helen Super

**Tuesday, January 6 – Christmas Weekday**

8:30 – Ann Larizza

**Wednesday, January 7– St. Raymond of Penafort**

7:00 – Dennis McCarthy  
7:00 – Communion Service

**Thursday, January 8 – Christmas Weekday**

8:00am @Holy Cross; 8:30am @ St. Mary

**Friday, January 9 – Christmas Weekday**

8:30 – Fanny Kovacs

**Saturday, January 10 – Christmas Weekday**

4:30 – J. Bradley Laux

**Sunday, January 11 – Baptism of the Lord**

8:30 – Living & Deceased of Holy Name Society  
10:30– Parishioners of St. Jude  
12:00– Richard & Emilie Blaszak

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**Readings for January 11:** Isaiah 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9;  
Mark 1:7-11.

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**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

Today, January 4<sup>th</sup> is Hospitality Sunday. Join us for doughnuts and coffee in the Family Center after the 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses. Thank you to the Parent Club who will be providing the hospitality and refreshments.



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**PARISH CALENDARS**

St. Jude Parish calendars for 2009 are available in the Gathering Area this weekend. We thank Reichlin Roberts Funeral Home and Schlather Insurance for making this available to our parish.

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**HOLY NAME JANUARY 2009 EVENTS**

**Our monthly meeting** is a special event on **Thursday, January 15** as we invite all men of the parish to attend and learn about the Holy Name Society and what we do in and for the parish. To accommodate the expected numbers, we will meet in Carrabine Hall at 7:00pm. Doors will open at 6:30pm with light refreshments.

**Monthly mass** is the second Sunday of the month at 8:30 unless otherwise noted. Please join us **January 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**January 23 – Friday Night – this is our Annual Holy Name Card Party.** For the admission price of \$10.00, you can play cards from 6:00pm until Midnight, including beverages and a meal served around 8:00pm. The admission also includes a chance at a door prize valued at nearly \$100 along with other side games and the usual 50-50 raffle. Bring your game and your friends for a terrific evening. Tickets at the door.

**THE WEEK AHEAD  
IN OUR PARISH**

**Sunday, January 4**

Hospitality Sunday – FamCtr after 8:30 & 10:00 Mass  
Sports Committee Mtg – FamCtr at 7:00pm  
AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

**Monday, January 5**

Seniors Board Mtg – Rectory at 9:15am  
PSR – School at 6:15pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Reconciliation Practice – Church at 6:30pm  
Men’s Club – FamCtr at 7:00pm

**Tuesday, January 6**

Spiritual Life – Rectory at 7:00pm

**Wednesday, January 7**

Market Day Pick-up – Carrabine 4:30-5:30pm

**Saturday, January 10**

1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation – Church at 10:00am  
Girl Scout Mass – Church at 4:30pm

**Sunday, January 11**

AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES**

It was only after they entered the house that the Magi found Jesus. Today’s gospel challenges us to bring our gifts into our home and family. There we will find Jesus. Our spiritual search for God starts at home.

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Book Study**

There will be a Book Study on Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 from 7:30 to 9 pm in the parish rectory. The book can be found in your local library, bookstore or on line. Please have the book read before the discussion. Sr. Margaret Marszal, HM will be the facilitator.

**Know Your Faith Series**

Deacon Mr. Pat Humphrey will present: *Are People Saved? A Catholic Response to Fundamentalist Questions* in St. Jude Family Center on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

**A Well-Built Faith**

Would you like to know more than your fifth grader about your faith? There will be a short overview of the Catholic Faith based on the book A Well-Built Faith by Joe Paprocki the following Thursday mornings from 8:00 am to 9:00 am in the Community Room: Feb. 19, 26, March 5 and 12. Cost of the book is \$6. Contact Sr. Margaret Marszal at 366-5711 Ext. 111 to register. Registrations need to be in by **January 26, 2009** so the books can be ordered.

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*Religious Education Notes*

PSR Classes will resume on **Monday, January 5, 2009 at 6:15pm.**



*From the Pastor's Desk*



**St. Jude students practice stewardship...**January's Stewardship Theme is Smile and Greet One Another Respectfully. Adults and students will focus on greeting one another as well as greeting other people in the building. They will also concentrate on the ways in which we can be respectful of each other.

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**ST. JUDE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

St. Jude School would like to invite all preschool and grade school age families to come discover the extraordinary things that can happen when you walk through the doors of our school. Come explore the amazing opportunities that Catholic education can provide your children. Please join us at our Open House, which is scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2009 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. For more information, contact the St. Jude School office at (440) 366-1681 or visit our website at [www.stjudejaguars.org](http://www.stjudejaguars.org).

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**ST. JUDE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

**Make a New Year's Resolution....**to buy certificates through the St. Jude Certificate Program each week. You can buy them in the Gathering Area every weekend or at the Rectory during the week. It's easy, and we carry our most popular certificates in stock. You buy the certificates at face value, and St. Jude earns a profit.

**Sales:** At Church: Saturdays 4-6pm & Sunday 9:15-Noon. At the Rectory: Monday-Friday 8am-Noon & 1-3pm.

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**St. Jude Alumni News...**Tom Wilford was the winner of our quarterly raffle. Thank you all for your support and have a blessed and healthy New Year!

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**ROSARY FOR LIFE**

The Rosary for Life will be prayed in the chapel after the 10:30 Mass next weekend, January 11. Please join us.

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**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

First Reconciliation for second graders and their families (both PSR students and students of St. Jude School) will be Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Church.

**Stewardship of Treasure Summary**

Amount needed per week:		\$18,000
Regular Collection for Dec. 21:		\$19,129
Difference for the week:	+	\$ 1,129
Number of Envelopes:	498	
SVdP Collection for Dec. 21:	\$223.35	

**Year-To-Date Totals**

Amount Budgeted		\$450,000
Total Sunday Offertory:		\$413,120
<b>Difference:</b>	-	<b>36,880</b>



Outstanding Mortgage Balance:	\$645,936
Building Fund Account Balance:	\$ 86,254
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$ 8,021

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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 2009, 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 – 7:00pm.

**Service** In gratitude for so many blessings, to reach out in our social ministries – St. Vincent de Paul Society, Salvation Army Meals, Helping Hands, 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.

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**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 Wednesday evening, February 18, 2009. (Remember, one must be 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 24 from 8:00am to Noon**. Please call Susan Kuchenbecker at 366-5711 ext. 110 for information and to register.

**Operation: Sweet Appreciation!**

It is Girl Scout Cookie Time again and it is time to show our men and women in the military some "Sweet Appreciation" for all they do for our country. **Last year** this parish sent **262** boxes of cookies to American men and women serving around the world. You can send the troops a box of Girl Scout Cookies this year for a \$3.50 donation (the cost of a box of Girl Scout cookies). You are not only supporting our brave men and woman with your donation, you are supporting our parish Girl Scouts as well. Simply come to our table in the Gathering Area after Mass through January 18th to make your cash donation. Remember to order cookies for yourself, too, from your favorite Girl Scout. For more information, call Betty Fisher at 440-934-6020. Thank you!

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**PARISH REGISTRATION**

It is our policy and desire to serve the needs of St. Jude parishioners. We welcome you. Families and young 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.

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**NOTE:**

There will be no January meeting for **St. Jude Seniors**.

There will be no January & February meeting for **Altar & Rosary Society**.

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Looking for something to do in January and February? Volunteer to help with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Jude Basketball Tournament. Games are played Monday-Thursday evenings beginning at 5:00pm. Three workers are needed each night in the concession stand or collecting admission at the door. Choose the day(s) of the week that works best for you and come join the excitement of the St. Jude CYO tournament. Call Gary Lilly at 233-5877 to sign up.

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**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.

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**Vocation Awareness – Dinner With The Sisters**

From January to May, several communities have invited those who are discerning a religious vocation to come and enjoy a free dinner with the Sisters. Those from junior and senior high school to 40 years of age are asked to call Sr. Lenore Thomas, IHM at 800-869-6525, ext 3460 and make a reservation. Dates and details are on the poster in the lobby of the Church. Bring a friend. The evening will include dinner, tour, prayer and time for discussion.



**ELYRIA CLUSTER EVENT**

Join us for a celebration of Christmas songs presented by the Choirs of the Elyria Cluster Churches. Each choir will sing their favorite selections then they will combine their voices in joyful songs of the season. This event will be Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in St. Mary Church.

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**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

This is just a word of encouragement for those of the parish who have dedicated themselves to faithfully fulfilling their commitment to coming to the Chapel on Wednesdays. Keep up your visits and remember your presence is special. If you have to miss your "time slot", please try to get a substitute. There are times when there is no one there for extended periods of time and others have had to stay longer than their appointed time. Please call Deacon Frank at 366-5711 ext 104 with your scheduled time so that we may update our records. God is good and is blessing us indeed with those who share their time.

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**RIGHT TO LIFE AD/BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN**

Next weekend, January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> after all Masses, we will sign-up people for the Lorain County Right to Life Signature Ad and Billboard Campaign. These full-page ads will appear in area newspapers on or about January 22, the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decisions, which legalized abortion-on-demand for all 9 months of pregnancy. These ads will consist of Pro-Life educational information and the names of all the people who sign up for the ads. Same-theme billboards will also be purchased and displayed in Lorain County during the month of January. The purpose of the ads and billboards is to educate about abortion and to publicize that many people care about those victimized by abortion. The cost for sign-up is \$5 per name line to help cover the cost of the ads and billboards. Thank you for your help.

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**REMEMBERING THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Please keep the health and safety of the members of our Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers. God grant that they may return home safely and soon. **Eric Armitage, Sgt. Mark A. Baker, Airman Michael E Bobola, Maj. Monica Cater, Sgt. Ronald Combs, Lt. Col. Scott Connors, Pvt. Peter Crissman, Capt. Brian Dickenson, Lt. Sarah Dickenson, Daniel Engel; Sarah Forbush, L.Cpl. Michael Hetrick, Ensign William Hurd, Kenneth Justen, S. Sgt Charles R. Kalo, Audrey Keiffer, Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jason Koenig, Capt. Brandon Leifer, Staff Sgt. Mat Mach, SPC Martin McCloud, Cpl. Cory Menges, Comdr. Leo Murphy, Sgt. Zachary Osborne, Lt Richard J. Pelesky, Maj. Rick Schilke, Pvt. Thomas Edward Sedor, Capt. Stephanie Sido, Nicholas Sine, Brian Speer, Staff Sgt. Tracey Tackling, Petty Officer Carl VanDyke, Cpt. Nathaniel Waggoner, Capt. Dean Wood.**



Please feel free to submit names of service members by calling the rectory or dropping a note in the collection basket for inclusion here.

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Your online source for information about your parish!

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