



Mass Schedule

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

Monday, January 12 – Weekday

7:00 – Communion Service

Tuesday, January 13 – Weekday

8:30 – Communion Service

Wednesday, January 14– Weekday

7:00 – Communion Service

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Thursday, January 15 – Weekday

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

Friday, January 16 – Weekday

8:30 – Communion Service

Saturday, January 17 – St. Anthony

4:30 – Jeanette Malanowski

Sunday, January 18– Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 – Fred Dull & Parishioners of St. Jude

10:30– Fred DeVengencie

12:00– Remi Zaatari

Readings for January 18: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our faith community Evan James Rowe and Owen Lantz Rowe who were baptized last week.

IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for Dr. Timothy Meanor, Pat Sprague and Dave Davies and for the consolation of their loved ones.

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 today, January 11th at 2:00 pm in St. Mary Church.

The Prenatal Shower Committee will be collecting newborn layette items and monetary donations to support needy expectant mothers through the Elyria City Health Department and Catholic Charities. Collections will be held in the Gathering Area, before and after Masses next weekend of January 17th & 18th. Thank you for your kind and generous support.



JANUARY FOOD COLLECTION

This month's FOOD FOCUS is on noodles and spaghetti of all types as well as spaghetti sauce. To wipe up that sauce that always drips on your shirt, we are also focusing on paper items such as tissues, paper towels and toilet paper. Please drop off your donations in the Gathering Area next weekend, January 19 & 20.



In Our Parish

Sunday, January 11

AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

Monday, January 12

PSR – School at 6:15pm

Tuesday, January 13

Stewardship Mtg – Rectory at 7:00pm

Thursday, January 15

Holy Name Society – Carrabine at 7:00pm

Know Your Faith – FamCtr at 7:00pm

Saturday, January 17

PreNatal Shower – Gathering Area after Mass

Food Collection – Gathering Area after Mass

Sunday, January 18

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Food Collection – Gathering Area after Mass

Cub Scout Pinewood Derby – Gym after 10:30 Mass

Confirmation Session – Church at 6:00pm

AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

Jesus, with whom God the Father is well pleased, calls us to serve others as he did, bringing light, justice and doing good works. We are baptized into His new covenant and are to proclaim the reign of God in word and action.

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 15th 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.

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.



Give the gift of Catholic education. During the upcoming month of January, families already enrolled at St. Jude School will have the opportunity to enroll for the 2009-2010 school year. Enrollment for these families is available right after Christmas break. Hopefully, our current school families will take advantage of this opportunity since enrollment will be open to new families with the Catholic Schools Week Open House on Jan. 25th.

Current School Families...take advantage of the opportunity to register in January in order to reserve spaces for your children. It is important that registration takes place on a timely basis this year. We have already had inquiries about new registrations. In addition to the concern regarding space availability, there is also a concern about class sizes being large enough to sustain two teachers/classroom aides per grade. You are an important part of our school family!

Prospective School Families...make arrangements to tour the school and observe classroom instruction. Prospective students also have the opportunity to shadow for a school day. The school program includes preschool for 3 year-olds, 4 year-olds and pre-kindergarten students. Full and half-day preschool and kindergarten are available. We invite you to consider the possibility of becoming part of our school family!

From the Pastor's Desk

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

As we prepare for Catholic Schools week at the end of January and our Open House at St. Jude School on Sunday, January 25, I take this opportunity to articulate the importance of our Catholic school. If we hope to preserve Catholic Christian principles as an operative force in our society, Catholic education is critical for the next generation. I believe it is the best investment we can make for our children.

We have formed an inter-parish (Elyria and vicinity) committee to put together an aggressive marketing plan and to carefully review the operating costs of our schools. We are doing everything possible to make quality Catholic education in Elyria available and affordable. Yes, this means a sacrifice by all; however, I believe quality education is worth it. For more info on St. Jude School, visit www.stjudejaquars.org or call 440-366-1681.

ELYRIA YOUTH MINISTRY

As part of the clustering process, all the Elyria parishes are developing an inter-parish youth ministry for all high school students. Maureen Vazzano is our interim youth minister and she will be speaking at all the Masses here on January 24-25. There are a variety of activities planned for every month and details will be in the bulletin. Upcoming activities taking place at all the Elyria parishes:

Jan 18: 7-9pm at St. Jude – Welcome activities

Jan 25: 7pm at St. Mary's – Parent program

Feb at St. Agnes – Bishop Roger speaking on issues facing youth today.

Presently an effort is being made to pull together a complete database of all high school students, both public and Catholic schools, so that details for future programs can be communicated more effectively. Maureen can be reached at St. Agnes, 322-5622, ext 11 or email her at mcvazz55@aol.com.

FR. KOSEM AWAY JANUARY 12-23

There will be Communion Services instead of daily Masses while Fr. Kossem is away. The following priests are scheduled to fill in at Mass:

Saturday, Jan. 17	4:30pm	Fr. Larry Tosco
Sunday, Jan. 18	8:30am	Fr. M. Latcovich
Sunday, Jan. 18	10:30 & Noon	Fr. Joe Mamich

In case of emergency or any other immediate need, all the priests of the Elyria cluster have agreed to cover for each other.

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 18th (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.

★ YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

2008 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

All statements will be mailed by January 31st. This includes Future Fund Statements and Regular Contribution Statements. There is no longer a need to call the rectory to request your statement. Thank you!

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.

Stewardship of Treasure Summary

Amount needed per week:		\$18,000
Regular Collection for Dec. 28:		\$16,704
Difference for the week:	-	\$ 1,296
Number of Envelopes:	636	
SVdP Collection for Dec. 28:	\$196.40	
SVdP Cases for Dec:	9	
Amount needed per week:		\$18,000
Regular Collection for Jan. 4:		\$17,728
Difference for the week:	-	\$ 272
SVdP Collection for Jan. 4:	\$98.34	
Year-To-Date Totals		
Amount Budgeted		\$486,000
Total Sunday Offertory:		\$447,552
Difference:	-	38,448
Building Fund		
Outstanding Mortgage Balance:		\$645,936
Building Fund Account Balance:		\$ 88,801
Monthly Mortgage Payment:		\$ 8,021

Thank you for your generosity!

Wii NEED YOU!

Calling all teenagers and priests of the Elyria Cluster Churches for an evening of friendship, worship and fun! We will have a variety of board games, basketball, volleyball, cornhole, Wii and Dance Revolution. Something for Everyone!!! Bring a friend or two and your favorite board game or card trick to share. This exciting event will take place at St. Jude's Family Center Sunday Jan. 18 from 7-9 pm. We hope to see you there.

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 to make your cash donation. Remember to order cookies for yourself, too, from your favorite Girl Scout. For more info, call Betty Fisher at 934-6020. Thank you!

NUTRITION AND HEALTH EDUCATION

There will be a presentation on obesity, nutrition, and environmental factors affecting our health by Dr. Liwanag Asuncion on Sunday morning, January 18 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in St. Jude's Family Center. All are invited to attend.

ANNUAL ELYRIA CATHOLIC STUDENT CAR RAFFLE

Win your choice of a Chevy Malibu, Jeep Wrangler or a Ford Fusion. Tickets are \$5 each for 6 for \$25. For tickets or more info call EC Development Office at 365-1821 ext. 22 or 34.

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.

NOTE:

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

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.

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.

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.

ATTENTION ST. JUDE SERVERS

The new servers schedule and roster for February/March/April 2009 will be made up this week. If you can't serve for any reason or if you have any changes to your address, phone or e-mail, please contact Larry Miller at 323-7879 (email: servestjude@windstream.net) as soon as possible.

CYO TRACK

Planning for Spring CYO athletics has begun. Our first step is to get our coaching staff in place to get the season off to a great start. We are looking for adults who are willing to help out 2 to 3 times a week. We provide all the training. If interested, contact Bill Elwer at 365-4728.

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. 1st 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.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

This week, January 11-17 is **National Vocation Awareness Week**, a special time in which the Church prays for the renewal and strengthening of vocations of dedicated people as married and single people, men to serve as priests, deacons, brothers and women as religious sisters. Please pray for a strengthening of all vocations and pray for those considering their life vocations.

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD
