

Sunday, December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 – Living & Deceased of Holy Name Society
10:30– John Nice
12:00– Parishioners of St. Jude

Monday, December 14 – St. John of the Cross

7:00 – Irene Majkrzak

Tuesday, December 15 – Advent Weekday

8:30 –The Zidek Family

Wednesday, December 16 – Advent Weekday

7:00 – Joseph A. Menner

Thursday, December 17 – Advent Weekday

6:30 @ St. Peter, North Ridgeville
8:30 @ St. Mary

Friday, December 18 – Advent Weekday

8:30 – Blanche Machovina

Saturday, December 19 – Advent Weekday

4:30 – Larry, Bill & Paul Davis

Sunday, December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 –Parishioners of St. Jude
10:30–Melissa Young
12:00–Dr. Timothy Meanor

Readings for December 20: Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45.



Please pray for Bernard O'Donnell and Carl Fuchs and for the consolation of their loved ones.



In your prayers this week, please remember the needs included in our parish petition book and especially Derek and Becky.

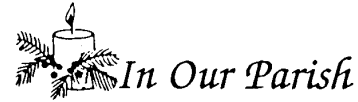
PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

OPLATKI: Christmas Wafers are available in the Sacristy or Rectory. Donations \$2.00.



Each year we extend an invitation to the parish community to contribute to the Christmas Flowers. Special envelopes are included in your monthly packet or just use a plain envelope and mark it "Christmas Flowers". Thank you!



Sunday, December 13

Giving Tree Sort & Deliver – After Noon Mass
Altar & Rosary Christmas Party – FamCtr at 2:00
Confirmation Class – Church at 6:00pm
AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

Monday, December 14

PSR – Carrabine at 6:15pm

Tuesday, December 15

St. Jude Seniors – Family Center at Noon

Wednesday, December 16

Reflecting on Scripture – Chapel at 6:00pm

Thursday, December 17

Being Missionaries Video – CommRm at 8:30am

Saturday, December 19

Food Collection – Gathering Area

Sunday, December 20

Cub Scout Pack Mtg – Carrabine after 10:30 Mass
Food Collection – Gathering Area
Cluster Penance Service – Church at 7:00pm
AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

During this season we give gifts to friends and family. The gospel asks us if we plan to share with those who have little or nothing. If our impoverished brothers and sisters aren't on our gift list, we may be missing the point of Christmas. Let us be generous with our charitable giving.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil – Thursday, December 24

4:30 pm Contemporary Choir
7:00 pm Children's Choir
10:00 pm Traditional and Bell Choirs

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25

10:00 am 12:00 Noon



CLUSTER ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Advent calls us to Reconciliation. Part of preparing ourselves for the coming of Jesus into our lives is to "clear the path and prepare the way." All are invited to share the peace and joy that comes with letting go of your sins, hearing that you are forgiving and beginning anew in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Elyria Cluster's Penance Service will be here at St. Jude, next Sunday, December 20th at 7:00pm.

ST. JUDE ALUMNI will sell 50/50 Raffle Tickets next weekend. Please come prepared to support our students.



Students who participate in Tech Club are working with an animation program called "Scratch" and are soon moving into a more complex 3-D animation program. They have been hard at work creating their own short animations. Way to go, students for using your creativity and imagination!

ST. JUDE CERTIFICATES

Shop Online with Gift Cards.... Avoid Identity Theft. We've got Walmart/Sam's Club, Toys R Us, Sears, Dick's Sporting Goods, and JC Penney in stock. Try a practical gift of Giant Eagle, Apples, Speedway, or Marathon also in stock. We have fun gifts like Regal Cinemas, Best Buy, Claire's, and Coldstone Creamery too. You can order Build-A-Bear, Starbucks, Bath & Body Works, or Borders and have them next weekend. See the order form at our table in the Gathering Area. All proceeds benefit our school.

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

ST. JUDE SENIORS

St. Jude Seniors will meet on Tuesday, December 15 at Noon in the Family Center. A tureen lunch will be served – with members asked to bring a casserole, dessert or salad in a Christmas theme. Our program for the afternoon will be a performance of the "Quartifics" who will be rendering Christmas selections. Bring along a friend and join fellow members for a festive afternoon. May all be blest with a Blessed and Holy Christmas. Season.

Last day to purchase your 2010 Greater Cleveland Entertainment Books is Friday, Dec. 18th! This book offers thousands of dollars in coupons for formal dining to fast food, movies, sporting events, golf, and more – all for only \$30 – and makes a great present! Stop by M-F 8–3pm or call Kim 366-5711, to set up other arrangements.

FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND DEC 19 & 20



This month's FOOD FOCUS is on items needed for the Christmas and New Year holiday meals. In addition to items for those meals, candy, cookies and other seasonal treats are also appreciated and welcome. Please place in or by the bins in the Gathering Area.

Stewardship of Treasure Summary

Amount needed per week:		\$17,800
Regular Collection for Dec. 6		<u>\$17,187</u>
Difference for the week:	-	\$ 613
Number of Envelopes:	517	
Helping Hands:	\$ 272.95	
Year-To-Date Totals		
Amount Budgeted:		\$409,400
Total Sunday Offertory:		<u>\$355,490</u>
Difference:	-	\$ 53,910
Outstanding Mortgage Balance:		\$608,792
Building Fund Account Balance:		\$118,626
Monthly Mortgage Payment:		\$ 6,171



Thank you for your generosity!

From the Pastor's Desk

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ELYRIA

This Saturday, December 12 we, the Catholic Church of Elyria will again come together to celebrate one liturgy at 4:30 here at St. Jude. We extend a warm welcome to everyone and pray we continue to work together as a church responding to the needs of our community in the new year.



This weekend, the rose candle is lit, symbolic of the theme **Rejoice** (in Latin, Gaudete). Rose reminds us of the joy and hope that Jesus brings to our darkness. Today we are asked to continue our Advent preparation, and to do so with a sense of joy.

- When I look within myself, where do I find joy? Where does joy reside in me?
- Do I make my requests known to God, as Saint Paul urges, without anxiety and in prayer and thanksgiving?
- To prepare the way, do I repent and share of my possessions as Saint John the Baptist encouraged?

WELCOME FR. KEN

Fr. Ken Wolnowski is staying at St. Jude rectory and helping with Masses during the month of December. He is the retired pastor of St. Peter Church, Lorain and now is living in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. We are very happy to welcome him to our parish family.

GIVING TREE PROJECT

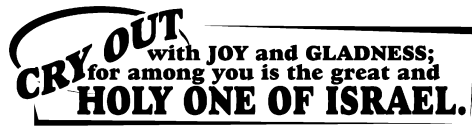
Today, December 13 after the noon Mass, the traditional "moving of the gifts" will take place. This beautiful mound of gifts will be moved to Carrabine Hall (with your help), then sorted and distributed to needy families and individuals in the community as well as over 19 community agencies. This project is successful because of the caring members of St. Jude parish. Your generous support throughout this holiday season has been greatly appreciated not only by the Giving Tree Committee but also by all those in need who have been assisted.



Special thanks goes to the Cannarella & Ivkanec families who continue to organize and manage this wonderful project. Their hours of service and dedication are most greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the volunteers who come back year after year because it just wouldn't be Christmas at St. Jude Church without the Giving Tree. And thank you most of all, to those who donated so generously and kindly. May your holiday be filled with the joy and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

Congratulations to all our second graders and their families who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, December 12. May the Lord continue to bless you and your families as you prepare for First Communion in May, 2010.



SHARING GRIEF The Catholic Cemeteries Bereavement Ministry invites you to spend some special time sharing your grief with others this Christmas season. A bereavement support group session will be held at Calvary Cemetery on North Ridge Rd., Lorain on Sunday, December 20th from 3:00-4:00pm. You don't need to spend your Sunday afternoon alone – please come and share.

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.

HELP ST. JUDE GIRL SCOUTS HELP OTHERS

Brownie Troop 409 is creating "care packages" to send to the soldiers fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan during this Holiday season. If you would like to sponsor a "care package" for the soldiers, the cost is only \$12 per package, to cover shipping costs. Please make checks payable to "GS Troop 409" and send them to GS Troop 409 631 Treadway Blvd Sheffield Lake, OH 44054 or place in collection basket. Every little bit helps with this endeavor! Thank you in advance for your donations!

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.



COMMEMORATIVE BRICK

The Outdoor Stations of the Cross just west of St. Jude Church have many more commemorative bricks available. These bricks are a great way to commemorate births, sacramental events and memorialize loved ones. Many people express their thanksgiving to God with a brick. New bricks are engraved several times a year and forms are available in the Gathering Area or at the rectory. Each brick has room for 3 lines with 12 letter/spaces on each line. Bricks are \$100 each. Please contact Kim at the rectory 366-5711 with any questions.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ELYRIA

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. This is a great family Christmas gift. Pre-sale tickets are \$10 Adults & \$5 for Children. Tickets purchased at the door are \$15. Come and be a part of this Elyria celebration. Children 5 & under are free.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Religious gives thanks. Our parish contributed \$978.00 to the Retirement Fund for Religious in the collection last weekend. Of the support offered by this appeal, one religious writes, "We deeply appreciate this assistance. God's loving care touches us through the hearts of thousands of Catholics who give so generously to this collection year after year." Women and men religious throughout the country send their abundant thanks for your donations.



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Christmas Cards and postcards are available in the Gathering Area for \$5 for a box of 20 (or can be purchased individually for 25 cents each). Postcards are 6 for \$1.00 or 25 cents each. Any questions call Fran at 365-6163.

The Altar & Rosary extends a Blessed and Joyous Christmas Season to all.

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,, Airman Michael E Bobola, Maj. Monica Cater, Sgt. Ronald Combs, Lt. Col. Scott Connors, Michael Contreras, Pvt. Peter Crissman, Capt. Brian Dickenson, Lt. Sarah Dickenson, Daniel Engel; Sarah Forbush, L.Cpl. Tech Sgt. Shawn Crabeels, Michael Hetrick, Ensign William Hurd, Kenneth Justen, S. Sgt Charles R. Kalo, Audrey Keiffer, Pvt. 1st Class Jason Koenig, Airman Paige Kolenda, Capt. Brandon Leifer, Staff Sgt. Mat Mach, SPC Martin McCloud, Cpl. Cory Menges, Comdr. Leo Murphy, Lt Richard J. Pelesky, Maj. Rick Schilke, Pvt. Thomas Edward Sedor, Capt. Stephanie Sido, Nicholas Sine, Deirdra Ann Smith, 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!