

Sunday, December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 21 – Late Advent Weekday

7:00 – Tom Modock

Tuesday, December 22 – Late Advent Weekday

8:30 –Amato & Gencur Families

Wednesday, December 23 – Advent Weekday

7:00 – Stephen & Mary Gach & Earl Jaquay

Thursday, December 24 – Vigil of Christmas

4:30 – Max & Mary Pozun
7:00 – Val Burrer

10:00 – David R. Davies

Friday, December 25 – Nativity of the Lord

10:00 – Tony Aulisio
12:00 – Flanigan & Kiser Families

Saturday, December 26 – St. Stephen

4:30 – Dolores Novak

Sunday, December 27 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 – Parishioners of St. Jude
10:30– Walter & Lenore Brademeyer
12:00– Deceased of Parish

Readings for December 27: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28;
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52.



We welcome into our faith community Adrean Timothy Borrelli who was baptized last week.



Please pray for Joseph Marsico and Grant Tracy and for the consolation of their loved ones.

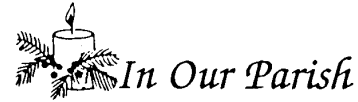


In your prayers this week, please remember the needs included in our parish petition book and especially Jim, Derek and Becky.

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.



Sunday, December 20

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

Wednesday, December 23

Church Decorating at 9:00am
Reflecting on Scripture – Chapel at 6:00pm

Sunday, December 27

AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

Jesus was born into a family. Because of his birth, not only was the world changed the role of family life was also profoundly changed. Every family is called to recognize, value and nurture the presence of God in their midst.

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
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ST. JUDE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION need graduates or their parents to confirm the names we have in our Roster next weekend in the Gathering Area. Class list are for 1956, 1965, 1967, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1974, 1980, 1981, 1989, 1990 and 1997. A list of these graduates will be most helpful. Please stop at the Alumni Table and "Get Involved" even for other graduating classes too. Thank you and have a very Blessed Christmas.



DECORATING

As Christmas time comes upon us, an annual St. Jude tradition also comes. Please join us on Wednesday, December 23 at **9:00am** in the Church to help decorate for Christmas. Many hands make the task easier!! Any questions, please call Jeanne Frey at 365-6879.



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!



EXTENDING WARM CHRISTMAS WISHES...The St. Jude School community extends warm wishes to all St. Jude parishioners for a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year. During this season of prayer and reflection, we wish to express our thanks and gratitude to all of our parishioners for their support and encouragement of our school. Your generosity means a great deal to us!

ST. JUDE CERTIFICATES

Need a last minute gift?... We carry gift cards in stock for Apples, Speedway, Giant Eagle, Regal Cinemas, Walmart/Sam's Club, Drug Mart, many restaurants such as Olive Garden, Bob Evans, Eat-N-Park, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster, Texas Roadhouse, and stores such as Kohl's, JC Penney, Sears, and Dick's Sporting Goods. Check our table in the Gathering Area to purchase gift cards. **Sales in rectory this week only Mon-Wed 8-Noon & 1-3pm. There will be no sales at Church December 26 & 27**


APPRECIATING YOU!!!

Come join your fellow parishioners for conversation, coffee and cookies following the 8:30 and 10:30 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**.



During this Advent Season, please prayerfully consider a year-end gift to the St. Jude Building Fund or an additional gift to help our parish community continue with valued programs. It is with your support that we can continue to serve the members of this parish and be able to provide quality Catholic education. Please note that your gift can help lower your tax liability this year if it is received before December 31st. Thank you for considering helping St. Jude Parish in this way. May the joy of this season of giving be in your hearts and with your family.

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

Stewardship of Treasure Summary	
Amount needed per week:	\$17,800
Regular Collection for Dec. 13	<u>\$15,460</u>
Difference for the week:	- \$ 2,330
Number of Envelopes: 479	
Helping Hands: \$ 297.81	
Year-To-Date Totals	
Amount Budgeted:	\$427,200
Total Sunday Offertory:	<u>\$370,950</u>
Difference:	- \$ 56,250
	
Outstanding Mortgage Balance:	\$605,721
Building Fund Account Balance:	\$112,585
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$ 6,171
Thank you for your generosity!	

From the Pastor's Desk

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

People love the Christmas story. The prospect of God choosing to come to us as an infant makes all our hearts leap within us. This is an invitation for each of us to seek God in other unlikely places; our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our extended families, and even in strangers we meet. We can find the presence of God in our tribulations as well as in our joys.



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 our sins, hearing that we are forgiven and beginning anew in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Elyria Cluster's Penance Service will be here at St. Jude, tonight, December 20th at 7:00pm.



May the blessings of Christmas fill your hearts with true happiness and bring the peace of Christ to you and your loved ones throughout the New Year. This is the sincere wish of our lay staff, religious and clergy.



A CHRISTMAS WELCOME!

St. Jude Parish would like to welcome all those who are visiting us this Christmas Season: college students, family members, friends, and visitors from other parishes and denominations. We are so glad you are here to celebrate Christmas with us.

For those of you who have been away from the parish, consider renewing your commitment with us and join us to worship the Lord each week. Your presence is important to us.

CATHOLIC ACTION COMMISSION

The Diocesan Social Action Office with its 5 Catholic Commissions works advocating for many issues, local, state, national and international. You can stay informed and find ways to become involved through its emails; legislative hotlines, e-newsletters, special issue publications. There are sign-up sheets for these in the bookracks. Please sign up by either mailing the info to the Catholic Action Commission, 320 Middle Ave. Elyria or email to Ann at axcoplan@clevelandcatholiccharities.org



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 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.

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 today, December 20th from 3:00-4:00pm. You don't need to spend your Sunday afternoon alone – please come and share.

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!

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.

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.

PRO LIFE CORNER


Fetal Development

- Three weeks Heart is beating
- Six weeks Brain waves measurable; moves and responds to touch
- Eight weeks Sucks thumb
- 2 ½ months Body completely formed, even finger prints
- 3 months All organ systems functioning. There is only growth in size and maturity

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.

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.



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.

TRAVELING ...MASS TIMES?

Ministry to traveling Catholics. For nationwide Mass times and locations call 1-410-676-6000 or visit their Internet site at www.Masstimes.org.

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.

www.saintjudeparish.org
Your parish website...stop by and see what we have to offer.
Your online source for information about your parish!