

Mass Intentions



Sunday, December 28 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 – Clara Pleban
10:30– Tony & Helen Tomaric
12:00– Deceased of Parish

Monday, Dec. 29 – Fifth Day in Octave of Christmas

7:00 – Stella Wielopolski

Tuesday, Dec. 30 – Sixth Day in Octave of Christmas

8:30 – Walter & Lenore Brademeyer

Wednesday, Dec. 31–Seventh Day in Octave of Christmas

7:00 – Communion Service

4:30 – Gertrude Notley

Thursday, January 1 – Mary, Mother of God

10:00 – Emilie & Richard Blaszak

12:00 – Adelene Bettinger

Friday, January 2 – St. Basil & St. Gregory

8:30 – Communion Service

Saturday, January 3 – Holy Name of Jesus

4:30 – Larry Davis

Sunday, January 4 – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 – Anne Sherman

10:30– Parishioners of St. Jude

12:00– Glen & Dorothy Cross

Readings for January 4: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.



A CHRISTMAS WELCOME!

St. Jude Parish would like to welcome all those who are visiting us this Christmas Season. We are so glad you are here! For those who are with us only occasionally, we want you to stay a part of our family. Please join us to worship the Lord each week.



Feast of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Vigil, Wednesday, December 31st

4:30pm

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 2009

10:00am & 12:00 Noon

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



: The Rectory office will be closed on Thursday, January 1 and Friday, January 2. We will be open on Saturday, January 3 from 9am-5pm.



In Our Parish

Sunday, December 28

AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

Sunday, January 4

Hospitality Sunday – FamCtr after 8:30 & 10:00 Mass

Sports Committee Mtg – FamCtr at 7:00pm

AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm



Joy to the world!

**The Lord
has come!**

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

In today's gospel, the infant Jesus was the center of attention. Unfortunately, many children are less valued today. They often take second place to convenience, career, budget, activities and adult needs. The gospel reminds us that every child deserves the opportunity to "grow and become strong" and to realize that "the favor of God is upon them." As we enter a New Year, ask: "What obligations do I have to children that I have not fully met?"

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.

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.

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.

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.



St. Jude School students and staff extend heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all of our parishioners who help to support our school. It is through your kindness and selflessness that our children receive the gift of Catholic education. May God abundantly bless you for your generosity!

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.

ST. JUDE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Make a New Year's Resolution....to buy certificates through the St. Jude Certificate Program. 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: **Mon & Tues** 8am-Noon & 1-3pm.

PAPER RECYCLING

Please continue to support our recycling programs. Your newspapers, magazine and junk mail can be dropped off in the containers in the back parking lot, but we ask for the safety of our school children, we would appreciate it if you would not drop off between 10-3 weekdays, during recess and dismissal. Thank you!!

Religious Education Notes

PSR Classes will resume on **Monday, January 5, 2009**. Please note this is earlier than previous years. There will be no Sunday Preschool today, December 28. Classes will resume on January 4, 2009.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, January 4th 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.



STEWARDSHIP

is what I do after I say "I Believe"....

Due to early bulletin production deadlines, this summary will appear in its entirety next weekend.

Thank you for your generosity!

From the Pastor's Desk

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Any parent who has felt the terror of even momentarily losing track of a child in a public place will certainly relate to Mary and Joseph as they search for the missing Jesus. Listeners may have mixed feelings upon hearing Jesus' somewhat nonchalant response to his parents' anxiety. Perhaps there is also a message here for parents that sooner or later we must "let go" of our children, in the sense of allowing them to find their own way in the world, realizing that their path will not be our path. Jesus moves from child to adult in this week's gospel. All children must do the same when their time comes.

As we come to the end of the year 2008, I take this opportunity to thank everyone for your generosity this past year. I am very proud of our quality St. Jude Catholic School and it continues to be a major commitment of this community for the future. Unfortunately, due to rising health care, utility costs, etc., we are projecting a deficit approaching \$50,000. We realize that our area faces a difficult economic environment, but we ask each parishioner to respond as generously as possible as 2008 draws to a close.

We remain truly grateful for the parish offertory that has kept our school vibrant. May this Christmas Season bring peace, good health and joy to you and your families.

Our Sincere Thanks

As we continue to celebrate the Season of Christmas, I take this opportunity to thank all who made Christmas so magnificent. So many pitched in to make everything go smoothly.

The Giving Tree project responded to more requests than ever for the needy in our community. Thank you, Michelle Cannarella and all who organized this project, all who helped and all of you who brought gifts. It was awesome to see the huge mound of gifts and just to be a part of this parish expression of gratitude and willingness to reach out to the needy.

Thanks to our Liturgy Committee who coordinated the many helping hands with the Christmas Decorations. It was wonderful. Your creativity and willingness to share your time and talents add so much to enhance our public worship.

Our choirs gave us the spirit of the season with their festive music and song. Thank you Jeanne Frey, Donna Humphrey, Jane Kauffman, Margaret Young, Kim Geletka, Sr. Mary Seton Schlather SND, the instrumentalists, and all the choirs. We really do appreciate all you do for us not only during this season, but also throughout the year.

Special thanks are extended to our St. Jude Men's Club for putting up the lights on the trees outside and at the entrances of the church and school.

All of us on the Pastoral Staff here at St. Jude are grateful to you, the parishioners for your many gifts, cards and good wishes. The Christmas Season and its spirit reminds each of us in a special way of God's love for us - a love which extends beyond this season and throughout the New Year.



Wishing each and every one of you a Happy Holiday and Holy New Year 2009!

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**.

Looking for something to do in January and February?



Volunteer to help with the 4th 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.

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.

USHER ASSISTANCE

If you would like to receive Communion at your pew during Mass, let one of the ushers know and they will be glad to help you.

If you would like to be in the Offertory Procession for a Mass that is offered for one of your intentions, please let the ushers know before Mass begins. They will be glad to honor your request.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assure the best use of my talents, too!



During this Christmas 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. 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.



RIGHT TO LIFE AD/BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN

January 10th & 11th 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 37th 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.

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.



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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
