

Mass Intentions



Sunday, December 31 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30 – Mary L. Ripley
10:30 – Helen Rice
12:00 – The Flanigan & Kiser Families

Monday, January 1 – Mary, Mother of God

10:00 – Lucille & Chester Smith and Aileen McNair

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

8:30 – Pearl Deimling

Wednesday, January 3 – Holy Name of Jesus

7:00 – Nick Frigan
7:00 – Communion Service

Thursday, January 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 – Communion Service

Friday, January 5 – St. John Neumann

8:30 – Anne Sherman

Saturday, January 6 – Weekday

4:30 – Alexa Miecznikowski

Sunday, January 7 – Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 – Deceased of Parish
10:30 – Anna Joyce
12:00 – Robert J. Guinta, Jr.

Readings for January 7: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for Melissa Young and for the consolation of her loved ones.

PARISH CALENDARS

St. Jude Parish calendars for 2007 are available in the Gathering Area this weekend. We thank Reichlin Roberts Funeral Home and Schlather Insurance for making this available to our parish.

St. Jude Parish announces a special program entitled: EPIPHANY: THE MAGI'S GIFT.



The Magi follow the true Star, the King of Kings. Only His name is important. Epiphany is not about the Magi – it's all about Jesus. This is a ST JUDE FAMILY PRESENTATION. Come and

experience the Gift of the Magi in your life and for your family. See the DVD of "THE LOST MAGI CAMEL" written and produced by Deacon Frank. Come to the Chapel Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7pm.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY - NEXT SUNDAY

Please plan to join us next Sunday, January 7th after 8:30 & 10:30 Masses in the Family Center for coffee, juice & doughnuts.



Sunday, December 31

AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

Wednesday, January 3

RCIA – CommRm at 7:00pm

Thursday, January 4

Legion of Mary – CommRm at 8:30am
Holy Name Society – Rectory at 7:00pm

Sunday, January 7

Hospitality Sunday – FamCtr after 8:30 & 10:30 Mass
Adult Confirmation Session – Rectory at 9:30am
Elyria Teens for Christ – CommRm at 7:00pm
AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

The Holy Family in today's gospel had to deal with normal family tensions. Jesus took off without permission and Mary and Joseph had to reprimand him. Jesus caused his parents great anxiety and His explanation didn't satisfy them. Anxiety is normal in families. It is in these pressured moments that we are called to keep our composure, be patient and understanding of one another.

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 evening, February 13, 2007. (Remember, one must be a fully initiated Catholic, which includes being confirmed, in order to be a sponsor or godparent in the Catholic Church). In order to prepare for the Sacrament, we have scheduled 4 Sunday preparation sessions on Jan. 7, 14, 21 & Feb. 4. Sessions will begin next Sunday at the rectory after the 8:30 Mass from 9:30-10:45am. Please call Sr. Jennifer at the rectory for information and to register.

ELYRIA TEENS FOR CHRIST

All area teens are invited to "Youth Night" on Sunday, January 7th from 7-9pm in the Church as we play: *World Series of Bible/Church Culture*. This is our own special version of the game show made popular by VH1. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team! Pizza, munchies and pop will be served. Don't miss out on the fun! Make plans to join us!



Feast of the Holy Family – Saturday, December 30

Vigil Mass: 4:30pm

Feast of the Holy Family – Sunday, December 31

Mass: 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:00 Noon

New Year's Day – Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2007 Mass: 10:00am

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)



With the new year about to begin, the St. Jude School community wishes all St. Jude parishioners many blessings and much happiness during 2007. Parishioners will be held in the prayers of our school community. Prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude will be offered for all that parishioners do to support our school. The generosity and sacrifice of many parishioners make our Catholic school a reality for so many children. Parishioners.....know your efforts are recognized. You are a special blessing to us. We are grateful for your commitment to our school!

ST. JUDE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Thank you for your purchases in 2006....We didn't reach our goal of \$25,000, but we made around \$22,000 in profit for St. Jude Church. Make it a habit to buy certificates for your weekly expenses at Church each week, and we can do better in 2007. It's an easy way to raise money for the Church by buying things you really need from our HUGE inventory and monthly Special Orders. Congratulations to Elaine Behrins and Fran Schuster who each won a certificate for purchasing certificates in October/November.

Sale Hours: At the Rectory Monday-Friday 8-12 & 1-3; At Church Saturdays 4-6 & Sunday 9:15-Noon.

MARKET DAY

Thank you for placing your December order, our total sales were \$6,235!! When you place your January order online you will automatically be entered to win (1) Disney vacation for 4, (2) an iPod, and (3) a \$25 Best Buy card. Go to www.marketday.com for details. Congrats to Kathy Saunders, Jessica Tomazic and Shawna Giovannazzo who are the winners for free delivery when they place their order in January! Orders sheets are due in the Gathering Area by Friday, Jan. 5. Pick up on is on Wed. Jan. 10th.



St. Jude Parish would like to welcome all those who are visiting us this Christmas Season, especially those who are with us only occasionally. We are so glad you are here! We want you to stay a part of our family. Please join us to worship the Lord each week. Please call the rectory to register as a parishioner or talk with a parish staff member. Have a blessed and peace-filled New Year.

Stewardship of Treasure Summary

Amount needed per week:	\$15,300
Regular Collection for December 24:	<u>\$15,594</u>
Difference for the week:	+ \$ 294
Number of envelopes:	523
SVdP Collection December 24:	\$142.87
Year To Date Totals	
Amount Budgeted	\$387,500
Total Sunday Offertory:	<u>\$409,673</u>
Difference:	+ \$ 22,173
Finish The Job Campaign Outstanding Balance:	\$796,608
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 the week's gospel. All children must do the same when their time comes.

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 so many requests for the needy in our community. Thank you, Jackie, Sam and Michelle Cannarella, who organized this project, all who helped and all of you who brought gifts. We seem to continue to grow every year. 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; especially those on the Art & Environment Committee who coordinated the many helping hands with the Christmas Decorations. It was simply elegant. 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, Marie Toth, Kim Geletka, Sr. Mary Seton Schlather SND, the instrumentalists and both the Adult and Children choirs. We really do appreciate all you do for us not only during this season, but also throughout the year.

Thank you also to our high school students for the Christmas decorations in the rectory and lights throughout the yard. Appreciation is also extended to Denver Kelly, Jim Novak, and Gloria Baumann for putting up all the outside lights on the fountain Christmas tree and Rich and Ann Geyser and sons for putting together the outside nativity set. Special thanks also 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 2007.

May the Peace
of the
Holy Family
be with you
always.



Correction for using an IRA Distribution for charitable contributions: We have received further clarification on the IRA distribution new legislation. If you use your minimum required distribution for a direct contribution to a charity, you will not pay income tax on the distribution. However, you will not be able to use this contribution as a deduction on your tax return. Please see your tax advisor for further information.

YEAR-END PLANNING

If you are among the 40% of Americans who have prepared an estate plan, congratulations. You have done well in planning ahead to protect your assets and your family's future. However, because life changes so rapidly, it is important to review your estate plan every couple of year. If you do not have an estate plan or a will, you may want to investigate how these instruments can be beneficial to you and your family. If you include a charitable bequest in your will or estate plan, you will leave a lasting legacy by making a difference in other lives.

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. **Alfred Backus, Sgt. Mark A. Baker, Airman Michael E Bobola, Capt. Brian Dickenson, Lt. Sarah Dickenson, L.Cpl. Charles Ferenchak, Sgt. Christina Ferree, Staff Sgt. Samuel Geiser, W.Officer. Brian Geschke, L.Cpl. Michael Hetrick, L.Cpl. Matthew Jost, Pvt. 1st Class Jason Koenig, Petty Officer Alicia M. Krannitz, Capt. Brandon Leifer, Staff Sgt. Mat Mach, Christopher Madsen, SPC Martin McCloud, Capt. Rob McIlwaine, Airman 1st Class Anthony Mullen, Lt. Com. Leo Murphy, Sgt. Daniel Redford, Maj. Rick Schilke, Pvt. Thomas Edward Sedor, Capt. Edward Sido, Brian Speer, Staff Sgt. Tracey Tackling, Norman Lane Tollett, Petty Officer Carl VanDyke, 1st Lt. Nathaniel Waggoner, Staff Sgt. Matthew Weaver, L.Cpl. Andrew Webner, Kenneth Wiseman, Capt. Stephanie Wolf.** Please feel free to submit names of service members by calling the rectory or dropping a note in the collection basket for inclusion here.

SIGNATURE AD/BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN

Next weekend 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 34th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decisions, which legalized abortion-on-demand for all 9 months of pregnancy. 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.

LORAIN COUNTY FURNITURE BANK HELPED BY ST. JUDE MEN'S CLUB

The Lorain County Furniture Bank is collecting used furniture and household items to help families within the county who are in need. The Furniture Bank is located in the old Lorain Catholic High School gym. Residents of the county who are eligible, can receive needed furniture at no cost. Residents who wish to make tax deductible furniture donations can do so by contacting the Furniture Bank at 240-0089 and a volunteer will contact you to arrange your pick-up. Needed articles include sofas, chairs, beds, tables, lamps, appliances, desks, working TV's and household goods. Your donation will help those in need while eliminating further landfill waste.

Currently, the St. Jude Men's Club is volunteering its efforts in helping with the furniture pick-ups around the county every other Saturday morning and intends to continue their efforts throughout 2007. The St. Jude Men's Club is looking to expand its membership and meets the first Monday of the month at 7pm in the Family Center, although our next scheduled meeting is Sunday, Jan. 7 at 7pm. Please feel free to join us for a meeting.

STEWARDSHIP 2006

As we continue through our second year of Stewardship activities, we would like to thank everyone who has returned their Commitment Card. In the near future, those of you who have indicated interest in a new organization will be contacted from the leadership of that group.

A reminder mailing will be sent out shortly for those parishioners who have yet to respond by sending in their Commitment Cards. Everyone, everyone, is so important in terms of: **Time**, spending time in prayer, **Talent**, commitment in current ministries, **Treasure**, appropriately proportionate sharing of resources.

Catholic Charities Services of Lorain County presents "Nurturing Parent Program" at the Catholic Charities Center, 628 Poplar St. from 5:30-7:00pm. This free 8 week session begins Tues., Jan. 9. Learn how to handle stress, discipline children in effective ways and nurture yourself and your children. Babysitting provided. To register call 366-1106.



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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
