



**November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent**

**Patiently We Await
the Savior**

A new church year begins this weekend as we begin the Solemn celebration of Advent. These four weeks go by so fast and they are filled with so many powerful scriptures, filled with deep meaning for all Christians.

Each week the theme for the four weeks of Advent will be added to the décor in banners. This weekend we begin with **HOPE**. We hope for many things these days. For an END to the Covid 19 pandemic. For healing for those ill from this pandemic. For strength and care of those who are “Heroes” caring for the sick. We hope for small businesses struggling from the shut-downs. WE hope for employment for those who have lost their jobs. We hope the vaccine will be given soon and great healing can come to our world. WE hope and pray that all our hearts will remain OPEN to the coming of Jesus and his love and peace.

The baptismal area, where our faith journey begins, will be the focus area for the rich symbols of this advent season. They are visual reminders with the banners of this season of waiting, hoping, preparing, and listening that we may make a place (our own crib) for the Lord to come. We know this Christmas is going to be different for sure, but too often we can get caught up in the hustle and bustle, that we don't give our spiritual preparation ample time to “be ready” to welcome the most treasured gift....Jesus....for He is the reason for the Season right?

A word of thanks goes out to our dynamic, spirit filled Art & Environment Committee for their ministry. We all appreciate the fall decorations both inside our church and outside that we have enjoyed for the past two months. Now they have set up for the season of Advent and are busy preparing for the celebration of the Christmas season as well. They are saying YES to the Lord and to their parish family in giving of their time and talent. God Bless them for their sharing. We are Blest !!!

Thanks also to some members of our high school and grade school youth and their leaders for

coming to rake the many leaves that have fallen. I believe they did a great job helping to make our grounds look good. God bless them too. Thanks also to our custodian, Dean for his great ministry to keep all our buildings and grounds looking so neat, clean, and beautiful.

So far for the Christmas masses: the 4:30 Vigil mass is filled and has a waiting list; the 6:30 pm vigil mass has 80, the 10:00 pm vigil mass has 63, and the 9:00 am on Christmas has 78. Please continue to call in to make your family reservation, even if you are like me in a household of one.

Let us pray for one another in these HOLY DAYS.... With Hope,

Fr. Chuck

| Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/2020-6/30/2021 | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Last Week | Year-To-Date |
| Collections (67) | \$ 3,634.00 | \$ 99,904.00 |
| Electronic Funds (5) | \$ 200.00 | \$ 24,085.00 |
| Dev. Fund (3) | \$ 66.00 | \$ 5,353.00 |
| EFT-Dev. Fund (0) | \$ 0.00 | \$ 2,935.00 |
| Poor Fund | \$ 18.45 | \$ 1,159.37 |
| Children's Offerings(0) | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| All Saints (1) | \$ 5.00 | \$ 495.00 |
| All Souls (1) | \$ 5.00 | \$ 602.00 |
| Calvary Cemetery(1) | \$ 10.00 | \$ 621.00 |
| Christmas Flowers (15) | \$ 365.00 | \$ 661.00 |
| Justice & Hope (20) | \$ 516.00 | \$ 571.00 |
| EFT-Justice & Hope | \$ 0.00 | \$ 72.00 |
| Breadline Sunday | \$ 439.00 | \$ 439.00 |
| Immaculate Conception(1) | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| Religious retirement(1) | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| Childrens home(1) | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| Christmas offering(1) | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary(1) | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| Total this week: | \$ 5,181.45 | |
| Total given FY2021 | \$144,498.37 | |

St. Jude Parish Weekly Reconciliation Times
Tuesday-Friday 6:45-7:15 a.m.
Saturday 3:15-4:00 p.m.
(Reconciliation also by appointment)

Happenings This Week!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is for someone who is deceased.

Saturday, November 28th:

3:15-4:00 p Reconciliation

4:30 p Mass (Int: Terry Day†)

Sunday, November 29th: First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)

10:00 a Mass (Int: Raymond & Mary Ann Ruppel†)

Monday, November 30th:

Feast of St. Andrew

7:30 a Communion Service

9:00 a Counting Team #4

Tuesday, December 1st:

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation

7:30 a Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)

Wednesday, December 2nd:

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation

7:30 a Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)

6:30 p PSR

Thursday, December 3rd:

Memorial of St Francis Xavier

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation

9:00 a Mass (Int: Bill† & Gwen Berutti)

Friday, December 4th:

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation

7:30 a Mass (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)

Saturday, December 5th:

8:30 a Mass (Int: Harold Sheppard†)

9:00a-4:00p Eucharistic Adoration

3:15-4:00 p Reconciliation

4:30 p Mass (Int: Frances Crouser†)

Sunday, December 6th:

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a Mass (Int: Catholic War Veterans)

10:30 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, December 5th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Tom

Lectors: Bertrand, V Walker

Hospitality: H & M Bruno, C & M Zucco

Sunday, December 6th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Ray

Lectors: DeGroot, Nelson

Hospitality: Dahlkamp, McWard, K & G Park

Sunday, December 6th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Crusen

Lectors: Kohlrus, Kuntzman

Hospitality: D & S Decker

Anointing of the Sick

If you are going to the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office to receive the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.



Prayer List:

Parishioners

Megan Lee, Gary Dumonceaux, Shirley Crawford, Rene Runions, Ray Roland, Lynn F. Leach, JoAnn Camille, Betty Rowden, JoAnn Barber, Glen Butcher, Mary Rodgers, Ann Carel, Evelyn Conboy, Carolyn Carmichael

Kelsie Riedle, niece of David & Tess Riedle
Robert Goin, father of Vicki Walker
Harry Buck, brother of Teri Dambacher
Troy Sweeney, nephew of Maggie Patterson
Yvonne Butcher, mother of Barrie Blough
Aloysious Staff, brother of Sylvia Thull
Glen Limper, son of Al & Betty Limper
Hope Power, daughter of Yvonne Brandis
Donna Meyers, mother of Kellie Brewer
Jerry McCormick, brother of Tom Walker
Margie Lammert, mother of Sarah Clare
Steven Butts, brother of Michelle Bullock
Reba Cloyd, mother of Anita Schwab
Jennifer Harbeck, cousin of Brad Zack
Joanna Laabs, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
John Vercautern, cousin of Laurie White
Carolyn Carmichael, mother of Leanne Collings
Button Pemberton, friend of Guerrettaz family
Teresa Cieciura, friend of Guerrettaz family
Aliana Marecki, friend of Guerrettaz family
Josie Gill, mother of Jonah & Sophia Guerrettaz
Rose & Bernie Born, grandparents of Guerrettaz
Rick Perez, friend of Mary Jo & Jerry Jasinski
Brigham Lanweir, friend of the Zucco family
Megan Mahoney, friend of the Zucco family
Rachel Copp, sister of Mary Beth McClintock
Kelly Gatton, friend of Steven Sandvoss
John Naffziger, nephew of Michele Naffziger
Special Intentions of Andy Mihelich
Sarah Thatcher, granddaughter of Elaine Hundley
Lary Garrett, father of Carrie Zucco
Jennie Harling, sister of Leanne Collings
Mary Hadden, friend of Mary Bruno
Bella Hadden, friend of Mary Bruno
Special Intention of Sue Bozarth

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Nov. 29th -Dec. 6th :

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| Sunday: | IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 | |
| | 1COR 1:3-9 | MK 13:33-37 |
| Monday: | Rom 10:9-18 | MT 4:18-22 |
| Tuesday: | IS 11:1-10 | LK 10:21-24 |
| Wednesday: | IS 25:6-10A | MT 15:29-37 |
| Thursday: | IS 26:1-6 | MT 7:21,24-27 |
| Friday: | IS 29:17-24 | MT 9:27-31 |
| Saturday: | IS 30:19-21,23-26 | |
| | MT 9:35-10:-1, 5A, 6-8 | |
| Sunday: | IS 40:1-5, 9-11 | |
| | 2PT 3:8-14 | MK 1:1-8 |

Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events:

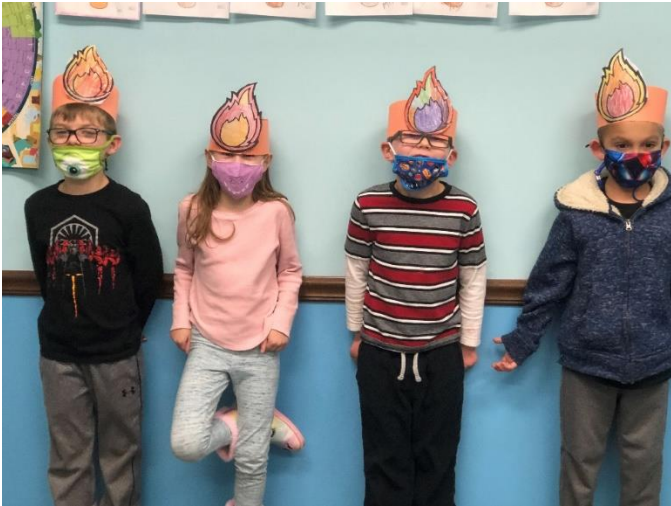
Dec. 1 – 7:00 p.m.- Finance Council meeting
 Dec. 3 – 6:30 p.m. – Mission Trip meeting
 Dec. 5 – 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.- Eucharistic Adoration
 Dec. 7 - 6:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Dec. 8 – 7:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Mass – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Dec. 9 – 6:30 pm. – PSR Reconciliation
 Dec. 10 – 7:00 p.m. – Building & Grounds meeting
 Dec. 15 – 7:00 p.m. – Knights of Columbus meeting

Volunteers for the week of Nov. 30th :

Church Duster: Donna Spurlock
December Recycling volunteer: Jeanette Waters
December Food Volunteers: Waters family

PSR NEWS!

Our first graders learned about Pentecost last week. In honor of the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit the first graders made headbands with the fire of the Holy Spirit on them!



Food Drive News!

We are proud to announce that the 6th graders are the winners for the Food Drive in November! They will receive their prize to take home on December 2nd! All PSR classes worked hard to bring in Thanksgiving Dinner Items for the Food Pantry!



In December, we will continue the contest by collecting chili and soup! Let's see if another class steps up to take the crown!



Reserving seats for Christmas Mass

With social distancing restrictions still in place, we are requesting that you let us know which Mass your family plans to attend for Christmas. As of now, the mass schedule for Christmas is as follows:

December 24: **4:30 pm.-full**, 6:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
 December 25: 9:00 a.m.

We will have seating for 110 people at each of the masses. Reservations will be first come, first served. We would appreciate knowing by December 1, 2020. Please contact the office at 498-9197, or email Barb at bscoggins@stjude.dio.org. Thank you.

Monthly First Saturday Eucharistic Adoration



Saturday, December 5th, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. we will offer Eucharistic Adoration to the St Jude Parish Community. Adoration will begin immediately after First Saturday Morning Mass (approximately 9:00 am) and will end at 4:00pm.

All Souls Candles – If you had a family member who was remembered during the All Souls Mass on Sunday, Nov. 15th, and were unable to attend, the candle is still available to you. Please stop by the parish office during regular hours to pick up your candle.

Note from Deacon Tom
Re: CHRISTMAS FRIENDS

Kellie Brewer and I would like to extend a HUGE “Thank You” to all who have helped in any way in years past with the Christmas Friends Program. This program has been a success in years past due to the dedicated volunteers who step forward to help. Parishioners will be able to adopt an individual to provide gifts/food within the next few weeks. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact Deacon Tom at twalker@dio.org with your name, phone number and email address. ***YOUR HELP IS NEEDED*** to make this program a success. **Remember you must be in compliance with the Protecting God’s Children Program to volunteer for the Christmas Friends Program.**

The schedule for the Christmas Program is:

Nov. 28/29 – Adoption Week #2
Dec. 5/6 – Adoption Week #3 (if needed)
(Volunteers needed before and after each Mass)

Dec. 5/6 – Gift Drop-off Week #1
Dec. 12/13 – Gift Drop-off Week #2

Dec. 16 – 6:30 p.m. Sorting

Dec. 18 – 7:30 a.m. Volunteers meet at St. Jude Parish Center to pack trailer & vehicles.
8:00 a.m. St. Patrick’s School to deliver gifts.
9:30 a.m. Aperion Care Center to deliver gifts.

Please Note: Adoption will take place in the Parish Center. You must wear a mask. You may also contact Deacon Tom at twalker@dio.org if you would prefer to adopt by email.

Our adoption for Christmas Friends went well last weekend, but we still have many to adopt. Yet to be adopted are:

8 boys
14 girls
2 food baskets
6 women
26 men

If you would like to adopt by email, send a request to Deacon Tom at twalker@dio.org .

Thank you!

What you did for the least ones, you did to me.

Lector Books – The Lector books for 2021 are now available. If you are a lector, please pick up your book from the table at the back of the Church.

Mission Trip Butterbraids pick up

If you ordered Butterbraids, they are available for pick-up at the parish center during office hours. **Please make checks payable to the Church of St. Jude.**

**Mission Trip Scrip Cards:
Support the St. Jude Youth Mission Trip**

Gift card fundraising is the best way to raise money for our organization. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

How it works:

- Buy gift cards at face value
- Earn up to 20% on every gift card you buy
- Use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases

There are multiple ways to order:

- use an order form available at the back of the church.
- Email Kay Foster – yakyakf@comcast.net
- Create an account on the RaiseRight app or at ShopWithScrip.com using the St. Jude enrollment code: **B656B55337688** . Orders can be paid for by check or online. Orders can be picked up at the Parish Office.

Have questions? Contact Kay Foster at 217-494-2984 or yakyakf@comcast.net



Congratulations to Abigail Alewelt (daughter of John & Lynn Alewelt) and Derek Rubbel, who were married November 21st at the Cathedral in Springfield!

Advertiser of the week:
SCHULTZ Collision Service
3245 Mathers Rd. Springfield, IL

December 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 Miranda Ernst Glenna Kulek <i>Scott & Meghan Melton</i> | 2 Steven Decker Molly Knoepfle Charles Kuntzman III Laurie White <i>Russ & Jan Militello Frank & Lindsay Stefano</i> | 3 Alexandria Judy Gregory Long Bob McDermott | 4 Elizabeth Livengood Del Reeves | 5 David Potter |
| 6 Brenda Jeffers | 7 | 8 C. Brent Callahan Ryan Fitzsimmons Andrew Gladson Lance Megginson Gina Siddens Donald Vanover | 9 Lindsay Alewelt Diane Arthur John Hogan Carla Houser | 10 John Conlon Jared Cullen Connor Earheart Megan Earheart Lincoln Schudel | 11 Dawson Gladson Ruth Ann Helling Lane Megginson <i>James & Rita Owen</i> | 12 Alanna Gillespie Jonah Guerrettaz <i>Jeffrey & Melissa Gass</i> |
| 13 Jarod Altadonna Dan Connolly Holly Weitkamp Jude Wetherell | 14 Debra Decker Anthony Livengood William Livengood Karter Reiss Ginger Rentschler Edna Saputo Emily Tweedt | 15 JP Kain Christina Marx Grace Winkler | 16 Garrett Harney Shannon Harrison Jessica Ingold <i>Charles & Dorothy Beeman David & Dawn Bruno</i> | 17 James Cray Makenzie Dowding Gary Leach Hannah Matrisch Leila Ostrowski Carmel Settles <i>Larry & Frances Yocum</i> | 18 David Lindstrom Courtney Ostrowski <i>Josh & Marie Bales Ronald & Karen Wojcicki</i> | 19 |
| 20 Lauren Dambacher Karen Ramsey Kathleen Staley | 21 Isabel Long Bridgett Rayhill Donald Rayhill <i>Eric & Anne Judy Richard & Judy Sprinkel</i> | 22 Fiona Ostrowski | 23 Jordan Cornett | 24 Sue Martyn Nick Rollins | 25 | 26 David Lacy Dan Thompson <i>Jerry & Mary Jo Jasinski</i> |
| 27 Josh Bales Denise Garceau Joseph Streder <i>John & Mary Fox</i> | 28 Ryan Amerson Ayden Doehring <i>Joe & Carrie Ross</i> | 29 Lori Bartolozzi | 30 Steven Brown | 31 Leo Crawford Fr. Chuck Edwards Wendy Follin <i>Charles & Deona Kuntzman III</i> | | |

Why Advent?

Waiting can be hard, and not just for children. But I do love Advent: this four-week time when the Christian church prepares for Christmas.

Maybe I like Advent so much because it involves active waiting, not thumb-twiddling. It is a gift the church offers the world, to be active (which isn't the same as busy) in ways that open our hearts — and the hearts we touch — to the true meaning of Christmas.

Mother Teresa said, “At this Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God’s own love and concern.”

When I take time during Advent to remember in prayer and with gifts of money and time those who have less food than I do, those who are lonely, those without a home; when I pause to share love with a child or an elder, or gratitude for a healthcare worker, pastor or teacher; when I wait for justice to replace oppression but, while I wait, find ways to work for that result ... the Spirit’s warmth fills my waiting heart. I am ready to welcome Jesus.

—Heidi Mann



Come, Lord Jesus