



December 17th, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

Important Dates

December 17th
Advent Reconciliation— Sunday at St. George from 1 to 2pm
 Sunday at St. Jude from **4 to 5pm**
December 18th
Knights of Columbus Meeting—Monday at 7pm
December 19th
Advent Retreat—at St. Jude from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

—More information for all events is on the parish website—
www.stjudeoakgrove.org

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) serves many people in ways that we, as an individual parish, could not do. Social service ministries provide counseling and general assistance to thousands of people in our Diocese every year. The Hispanic Ministry Offices works to assist families adjusting to their faith life in a new community. Catholics continue learning about their faith at all ages, religious education for both youth and adults provided continuity in our lifelong pursuit of a closer relationship with Christ. Support the ministry of our Bishop and our Diocese by supporting the ACA with your pledge.

Manpower and decorators needed: Anyone who would like to help decorate the church for Christmas, the Arts and Environment Committee will be decorating the church after mass on Saturday December 23.



DONATE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POINSETTIA FOR YOUR FAMILY OR LOVED ONES. Your poinsettia will be placed in church during the Christmas season and then you may take it home. **ENVELOPES ARE IN PEWS, WILL BE HANDED OUT AT MASS THIS WEEKEND, OR DROP BY CHURCH OFFICE DURING THIS WEEK.**

Religious give thanks. A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

Gluten free host are available for Communion. Please talk to Fr. Matthew for information.

Readings for the week of December 17—23

Sunday Is 61: 1-2a, 10-11, Lk 1, Thes 5: 16-24, Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28
Monday Jer 23_ 5-8, Ps 72, Mt 1: 18-25
Tuesday Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a, Ps 71, Lk 1: 5-25
Wednesday Is 7: 10-14, Ps 24, Lk1: 26-38
Thursday Sg 2: 8-4, Ps 33, Lk 1: 39-45
Friday 1 Sm 1: 24-28, 1 Sm 2, Lk 1: 46-56
Saturday Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24, Ps 26, Lk 1: 47-66

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Dec. 23: Mass at 3:30 pm at St. Jude and 5:30 pm at St. George [For the 4th Sunday of Advent]

Sunday, Dec. 24: **NO MORNING MASSES!**

Dec. 24: Mass at 3:30 pm at St. Jude and 5:30 pm at St. George

Monday, Dec. 25: Mass at 8:30 am at St. George and 10:30 am at St. Jude [For the Solemnity of Christmas]



No MASS—January 1st - Schedule has been changed from the calendars printed a couple of weeks ago.

Knights of Columbus Coat Drive

The Knights are asking for donations for coats for kids or to bring in slightly used coats to donate to CSL. Check out K of C table in the gathering area for more information!



We are collecting raffle and auction items for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Fund Raiser. We will be using the proceeds to start our kitchen renovation project. Remember - the more items we have to raffle/auction, the more we make for this fund raiser! Please contact Mary Holzbaur at 816-699-2873 if you have anything to donate or would like to help in anyway! Tickets for the St. Patrick's Day Fund Raiser will be going on sale soon!!!

Any family that would like be to gift bearers at offertory during Christmas Eve Mass at 3:30 or Christmas Day Mass at 10:30, please sign the sign up sheet on the table in the gathering area. We still need Eucharistic Ministers, a Lector, and Servers for Christmas Day Mass. Please consider signing the signup sheet on the table. Please don't wait for "somebody else to do it". God Bless you for all your help this year, for all your time and talent.

Good News!!!!!!

ConnectNow Online Giving is available to all parishioners! It's an easy and convenient way to make contributions! Check it out on <http://connectnowgiving.parishsoft.com/stjude> or go to **St. Jude's website at www.stjudeoakgrove.org on the Home page**

ATTENTION: MISSOURI BIRTH PARENTS AND ADOPTEDS: Missouri adoption law is changing!

On **January 1st, 2018**, adult adoptees (ages 18 and older) will be granted access to their original birth certificate. Birth parents have the right to protect their confidentiality under the new law, but they *must act before January 1st*. For more information, **contact the Missouri Bureau of Vital Records** by phone at **(573) 751-6387** OR by email at vitalrecordsinfo@health.mo.gov. Visit the Bureau's website at www.health.mo.gov/data/vitalrecords/adopterightsact.php for more detailed information about the new law.

The Christmas Season can be very difficult for many who have lost a marriage relationship recently or years past. Please help us reach as many grieving persons as possible, to offer them the gift of Christ's healing. For all our 2018 Beginning Experience Program dates, visit our local BE website: <http://www.beginningexperiencekc.org/>

St. Jude Parish Welcomes You!

Box 590, 2001 S. Broadway, Oak Grove, MO 64075

Website: www.stjudeoakgrove.org

Email: contact@stjudeoakgrove.com

It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for a day, we pray God's speed on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Contact us for registration at 690-3165 or pick up a registration form on the table in the gathering area.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2nd Sunday after 10:30 Mass, & 4th Saturday 2:45 – 3:15

Baptism: Must be a registered member of the parish and attend pre-baptism class, contact Connie Orrison at 690-2356 or connie.orrison@gmail.com

Marriage: Arrangement must be made with Fr. Matthew at least 9 months in advance

Pastor: Fr. Matthew Brumleve, contact Fr. Matthew @ 230-4127, St. George Office @ 816-633-7475, Email @ frmatthewb@gmail.com

Staff: Receptionist/Secretary: Chris Chambers @ 690-3165, Email: cchambers@stjudeoakgrove.com

Operations/Business Manager: Brenda Boss @ 690-3165, Email: bboss@stjudeoakgrove.com

Religious Education Coordinator: Connie Orrison 816-690-2356, Email: corrison@stjudeoakgrove.com

Confirmation Coordinator: Sue Lee @ 625-0907 Email: slee7723@earthlink.net

Liturgist: Calvin Snow @ 230-5245, Email: calvin.snow@gmail.com

Office hours: Monday & Thursday 10 to 12, Tuesday and Friday varied hours after Mass

Hall Rental: Contact Chris Chambers at the office @ 690-3165

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and

2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and

3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Weekly Gifts for December 9 & 10

Envelope.....\$1896.50

Plate\$474.00

Retirement Fund....\$744.50

Latin America....\$5.00

Duke Catholic....\$85.00

Immaculate Conception..\$180.00

Attendance

Thursday—December 7— 57

Saturday— December 9 - 86

Sunday — December 1 - 145

Date	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector	Money Counters	Nursing Home
12/16	Christy Mouse, Linda Boyd, Norm Seyfert	Jim Boss		
12/17	Carol Vanderpool, Jim Boss, Brenda Boss	Jovanna Rohs	Josh Neuweg Carol Vanderpool	Marilyn Sapp
12/23	Marilyn Sapp, Mary Holzbaur, Julia Seck	Diane Christianson		
12/24	Brenda Boss, Jovanna Rohs Melissa Mauer-Smith	Judi Vogan	Jerry Arndorfer Bruce Fangmann	Ann Arndorfer

Communion for Homebound

Please call the parish office at 690-3165 or send an email to contact@stjudeoakgrove.com when lifestyles keeps one from joining our weekend worship through age or illness. We will contact Fr. Matthew and our outreach ministry for you.

Prayers for the sick

Remember the following in your prayers: Sheryl Turley, Phillip Cramer, Jim & Myrtle Wilson, Richard Garnier, Eugene Morrison, Nancy & Wayne Totton, Truman Smith, Bonnie Jones, David Evans, Mark Schieber, Ryan Jones, Ron & Chris Katzer, Rick Sweaney, Terry Forsythe, Louis Lux, Beverly Kulik, Gary Trigg, Linda Huber, Diane Christianson

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday 12/16 +John Davis
Sunday 12/17 Parishioners of St. Jude & St. George
Tuesday 12/19 +Laney Leach
Friday 12/22 Expectant Mothers
Saturday s +Peg Shields
Sunday 12/23 St. Jude & St. George Parishioners
Sunday 12/24 +denotes deceased

Tuesday—Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion & Mass at 8:45
Friday—Divine Chaplet & Mass at 8:45
When there is no Mass, Mother of Perpetual Help & Communion Service will be on Tuesday, Divine Chaplet & Communion Service will be on Friday, both days will always start at 8:45

Date	Monday	Tuesday St. Jude	Wednesday St. George	Thursday St. George	Friday St. Jude
12/3-12/9	12/4 No Mass	12/5 9am—St. George	12/6 10am—St. Jude	12/7 5—St. J 7—St. G	12/8
12/10-12/16	12/11 No Mass	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15
12/17-11/23	12/18 No Mass	12/19	12/20	12/21	12/22
12/24-12/30	12/25	12/26 No Mass	12/27 No Mass	12/28	12/29
12/31-1/6/18	1/1 No Mass	1/2 No Mass	1/3	1/4	1/5

The **Church Library** is located on the wall outside the office. You can donate books by placing them on the shelf. You are welcome to borrow these books, just remember to return them so that others can enjoy.

Please remember to keep your **Best Choice labels**. Drop them off in the blue box on the table in the gathering area. Altar Society receives cash for these and that lets us help with the many needs for our parish. We thank you and appreciate your support.