

December 2nd, 2018

First Sunday of Advent



Important Dates

December 2nd

Fellowship—Sunday after Mass

December 4th

Altar Society—Tuesday at 6:30

December 9th

Advent Dinner—after Mass

Christmas Caroling— after the dinner at the nursing home

December 12th

First Reconciliation—after evening Mass

—More information for all events is on the parish website—

www.stjudeoakgrove.org

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Ladies, we are still in need of some Salvation Army bell ringers on Dec. 6th ---10-11, 11-12, and 1-2. Also for Dec. 10th ----1-2, and 2-3. Both days are at Wal-Mart. Please let me know if you can fill one of those spots. Thanks Brenda 816-517-7661

Please remember to keep your **Best Choice UPC 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.

We will be having a Planning Meeting for our fundraiser "Shamrocks and Shenanigans" on December 6th at 6:00 pm. We will be holding this event on March 16th 2019, and that WILL be here before you know it. Please plan on attending and bring your wonderful, creative ideas and suggestions. Please call me: 816.277.5875 or email christymouse7@comcast.net

Sisters of St. Francis Warehouse is collecting any medical or nursing books to send to third world countries. If you have any books or want more information, please contact Judi Vogan at 816-229-5233 or Shari Freeland at 816-519-7499.

Oak Grove Senior Center I are in need of a part time kitchen manager. No experience is needed, will train, if you are 55 or older. Pay is minimum wage.. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 to 1:30. Call 690-4003 x 4 or 816 471.1884 if interested.

ONLINE GIVING —Online Giving is available to all parishioners! It's an easy and convenient way to make contributions! Check it out on <https://giving.parishsoft.com/stjude> or go to St. Jude's website at www.stjudeoakgrove.org on the Home page. Check on Donate Now!

After you set up online giving, there is a card you can pick up on the small table in the back to put in the basket This way, you are still putting a contribution in the basket if you wish.

Readings for the week of December 2nd

Sunday	Jer 33: 14-16, Ps 25, 1 Thes 3: 12-4:2, Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36
Monday	Is 2: 1-5, Ps 122, Mk 8: 5-11
Tuesday	Is 11: 1-10, Ps 72, Lk 10: 21-24
Wednesday	Is 25: 6-10a, Ps 23, Mt 15: 29-37
Thursday	Is 26: 1-6, Ps 118, Mt 7: 21, 24-27
Friday	Gen 3: 9-15, 20, Ps 98, Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12 Lk 1: 26-38
Saturday	Is 29: 17-24, Ps 27, Mt 9: 27-31

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"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." LUKE 21:28
We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Because the Blessed Virgin Mary is patron of the United States of America under the title of the Immaculate Conception, December 8 is a Holyday of obligation EVEN when it falls on a Saturday. Masses may take place on Friday evening, December 7, or Saturday **morning**, December 8.

We will only have Mass on December 7th for your obligation of the holy day.

Mass at St Jude—5pm

Mass at St. George at 7pm

RCIA classes are meeting on Monday evenings at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend.



RETIREMENT FUND for RELIGIUS

Help care for elders. "Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders" writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collections.

DONATE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POINSETTIA FOR YOUR FAMILY OR LOVED ONES. ENVELOPES ARE IN PEWS.
Your poinsettia will be placed in church during the Christmas season and then you may take it home.



Please help us reach as many grieving persons as possible; to offer them the gift of Christ's healing.

For all our 2019 Beginning Experience Program dates, visit our local BE website:

<http://www.beginningexperiencekc.org/>

"Coping with Life Alone" - Peer-To-Peer Grief Support

"Coping with Life Alone ®" is a *Beginning Experience* ® grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope.

Upcoming program dates and location:
Overland Park, KS – Saturdays, January 5 through February 16, at Church of the Ascension, St. Mark Room, 9510 W 127th St, Overland Park KS. Sessions will be from 2:00-4:00 pm. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for information and registration.

Knights of Columbus will continue to collect aluminum cans. The container is in the parking lot down by the shed. This is an ongoing project for the Knights. The money goes to help local projects and organizations. Please remember to recycle all your aluminum cans!!

Liturgical Ministers Needed: Anyone interested in being a Choir member, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Greeter or Server, contact Calvin at 230-5245, email calvin.snow@gmail.com

St. Jude Parish Welcomes You

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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.

Pastor: Fr. Bryan Amthor: contact Fr. Bryan @ 230-4127, Email @ frbryana@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, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to 12pm

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday before 10:30 Mass, & 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. Bryan at least 9 months in advance

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.

Weekly Gifts for November 24th & 25th

Envelopes.....\$2336.60

Plate\$661.10

Lector Workbook.....\$12.00

Missal Stand.....\$100.00

Attendance

Saturday— November 24th —100

Sunday — November 25th— 59

Christian Stewardship

Who is a Christian steward?

The U.S. bishop's document titled "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response" defines a Christian steward as "one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsive manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."

Prayers for the Sick

Remember the following in your prayers: Sheryl Turley, Jim & Myrtle Wilson, Nancy & Wayne Totton, Truman Smith, Bonnie Jones, David Evans, Ryan Jones, Louis Lux, Gary Trigg, Maria Crawford, Jake Jacques, Jackie Durdala, Mandy Boone, Shirley Baxter, Dustin Khan, Patrick Sopher, Judy Calia

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday	12/1	+Norm Taylor (Brenda & Jim Boss)
Sunday	12/2	St. Jude & St. George Parishioners
Wednesday	12/5	+John Martinko (Jim & Brenda Boss)
Thursday	12/6	+Ron Langevin (Norm Seyfert)
Friday	12/7	St. Jude Parishioners
Saturday	12/8	St. Jude & St. George Parishioners
Sunday	12/9	+Kent Morgan (Pat Morgan)

Date	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector	Money Counters	Nursing Home
12/1	Josh Neuweg, Linda Boyd, Norm Seyfert	Barbara Wood		
12/2	Chris Chambers, Carolyn Huff, Jim Boss	Jovanna Rohs	Mary Ann White Marilyn Sapp	Peggy Mansur
12/8	Mary Holzbaur, Brenda Boss, Richard Vorbeck	Christy Mouse		
12/9	Chris Chambers, Jovanna Rohs, Carol Vanderpool	Brenda Boss	Bruce Fangmann Jerry Arndorfer	Julia Seck

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. Bryan and our outreach ministry for you.

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

You are invited to spend an hour with Jesus every Wednesday after Mass We will end adoration with benediction.at 6:55

Christ's great love for us was shown when he was crucified on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins and give us eternal life. He loves us without limit, and offers Himself to us in the Holy sacrament of the Eucharist. Can we not give Jesus a few minutes of love and adoration in return?