

December 16th, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent



Important Dates

December 20th

Parish Council - Thursday at 6:30

January 10th, 2019

Finance Council— Thursday at 6:30pm

January 12th

Texas Hold Em—Saturday, Doors open 6pm, starts at 7pm

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

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.



A special "Thank You" to all the advertisers who are supporting our church bulletin. Please take time to look at the back of the bulletin to check them out. Please keep them in mind when shopping around for local services.

TEXAS HOLD EM

TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by K of C, January 12th, Doors open at 6pm, starts at 7pm. Contact Dave Roberts at 816-807-4338 or Mike Wheeler—emwheeler.mw@gmail.com.



Sisters of St. Francis Warehouse are 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 is 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 16th

Table with 2 columns: Day and Readings. Rows include Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with their respective biblical readings.

3rd Sunday of Advent

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." PHILIPPIANS 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedules

Table with 2 columns: Masses at St. Jude and Masses at St. George. Lists dates and times for December and January.



Our cookbooks are here! They make a great Christmas gifts for only \$20 each. Remember, 100% of the funds go to the kitchen renovation. What a great return and a special gifts.

There is no Lunch Bunch scheduled for December, January we will meet as usual unless the weather is bad.

Married Couples

It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best and your children need to see you reaching for it. The next Weekend in Kansas City is

March 1-3, 2019.

For more information or to apply, please visit our website:

www.wmme4youandme.org

or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066

or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

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FROM THE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE - www.respectlifekcsj.org REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019 MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE IS NOW OPEN!

The 2019 March for Life Pilgrimage will be a "hardship" trip, with no hotel stay. However, this also means less cost and fewer days away from family and school. The pilgrimage dates will be Thursday, January 17 - Saturday, January 19, 2019. Please visit www.respectlifekcsj.org for more information.

OUR IMPACT—To be good stewards of financial and in-kind donations, we document our activities and outcomes. This is to identify where the needs are the greatest and the impact our programs have on clients we have served throughout the year. In FY 2018 (July 1-June 30) our Welcome Center assisted over 3200 households. We disbursed 12,000 pounds of food, 2,600 bus passes, 2,888 packages of diapers, 33,000 hygiene products, helped 235 people move into permanent housing, and served 11,000 people across all our programs. Also, in 2018 we were able to distribute a total of \$77,000 in utility assistance and \$823,443 in rent assistance. However, we had requests just in the month of September this year for \$78,000/utilities and rent requests at an average of 1.82 million/year. We anticipate these increased requests to disseminate across all our programs. Want to help? Contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager, at nbutters@charities.com or 816-659-8266.

St. Jude Parish Welcomes You

Like us on Facebook!

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

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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 December 8th & 9th

Envelopes....\$238.60
Plate .....\$663.10
Kitchen Renovation.....\$80.00
Tabernacle Relocation....\$40.00
Religious Retirement....\$718.98
Attendance
Saturday— December 8th— 77
Sunday — December 9th —145

Table with 5 columns: Date, Eucharistic Ministers, Lector, Money Counters, Nursing Home. Lists dates and names for various roles.

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

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Intention. Lists mass intentions for Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

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.

Table with 6 columns: Date, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Lists dates and times for homebound communion.

You are invited to spend a half 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?