

# December 22nd, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent



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## St. Jude Parish Welcomes You

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 (816)-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 @ [fbryana@gmail.com](mailto:fbryana@gmail.com)  
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**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, Wednesday from 5 to 6pm during Adoration, & Saturday 2:45 – 3:15  
**Baptism :** Contact Fr. Bryan Amthor @ 230-4127, Email @ [fbryana@gmail.com](mailto:fbryana@gmail.com)

### 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, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org), 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 the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information

### Weekly Gifts for Dec. 14th & 15th

Envelopes.....\$1475.00  
 Plate .....\$340.00  
 Retirement ....\$10.00  
 Parish Improvement....\$128.00  
 Kitchen Renovation....\$5.00  
 Hall Rental....\$150.00  
 Tabernacle....\$40.00

### Attendance

Saturday— December 14th—104  
 Sunday — December 15th—61

Date	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector	Money Counters	Nursing Home
12/21	Richard Vorbeck Brenda Boss	Jim Boss		
12/22	Carolyn Huff Sarah Perez	Jovanna Rohs	Patty Davis Joyce Moriarty	Ann Arndorfer
12/28	Norm Seyfert Julia Seck	Barbara Wood		
12/29	Janie Robinson Jovanna Rohs	Brenda Boss	Carol Balistreri Jerry Arndorfer	Julia Seck

### Communion for Homebound

Please call the parish office at 690-3165 or send an email to [contact@stjudeoakgrove.com](mailto: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 NO Mass	Tuesday St. Jude St. George	Wednesday St. George St. Jude	Thursday St. George	Friday St. Jude
12/01 - 12/07	12/02 No Mass	12/03 St J - 9am St G-5 6pm	12/04 St G—9am St J—6pm	12/05 St G-9am	12/06 St J -9am
12/08 - 12/14	12/09 No Mass	11/10 St J—9am St G-6pm	12/11 St G-9am St J— 6pm	12/12 St G-9am	12/13 St J-9am
12/15 - 12/21	12/16 No Mass	12/17 St J—9am St G-6pm	12/18 St G-9am St J— 6pm	12/19 St G—9am	12/20 St J—9am
12/22 - 12/28	12/23 No Mass	12/24 St J— 3:30 St G-5:30	12/25 St J-12am St G—10am	12/26 No Mass	12/27 No Mass
12/29 — 01/04	12/30 No Mass	12/31 St. J—9am	01/01 St. G—6pm	01/02 St. G-9am	01/03 St. J—9am

You are invited to spend time with Jesus every Wednesday for Reconciliation/Adoration/Benediction from 5pm to 6pm. **There will be Mass at 6pm.** 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?

### 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, Jackie Durdala, Mandy Boone, Dustin Khan, Judy Calia, Louis Boehm, Jasmin Boothe, Mike Rochowiak, Elisa Sands, Melissa Huber, Freda Stanger, Jesse Daniel, Mary Jane Noellsch, John Bowman, Diane Christianson

### Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday 12/21 +Karen Rickhoff (Barbara Wood)**  
**Sunday 12/22 \*St. Jude Church Family \***  
**Tuesday 12/24 \*St. Jude Church Family**  
**Wednesday 12/25 \*St. Jude Church Family**  
**Friday 12/27 No Mass**  
**Saturday 12/28 +Ivonna Barra (Barra Family)**  
**Sunday 12/29 \*St. Jude Church Family**  
**\*Sunday Mass for Parish + Deceased**

### Important Dates

**January 5th**  
**Fellowship**— Sunday after Mass  
**January 7th**  
**Knights of Columbus**— Tuesday at 7pm  
**January 9th**  
**Bingo**— Thursday, doors open at 5pm

More information for all events are on the parish website—  
[www.stjudeoakgrove.org](http://www.stjudeoakgrove.org)

### Christmas and New Year Masses

<b>Christmas Eve</b> St. Jude at 3:30pm St. George at 5:30p	<b>New Years Eve</b> St. Jude at 9am
<b>Christmas Day</b> St. Jude 12 Midnight St. George 10am	<b>New Years Day</b> St. George 6pm

### FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Fellowship Sunday, January 5th, will be a little different. Everyone is invited to bring Holiday Goodies from their home! (By now everyone is glad to get them out of their houses! Please join us and bring those goodies!

**Advent Project:** In Oct. 2019, the children of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education (RE) program heard their teacher, Miss Melissa, speak about helping others who are less fortunate. Two children in the class, Adelle and Gage Hankins decided to put faith into action and looked for a way to help children who were in need. After doing some research they discovered Blair Foster Socks. Blair Foster Socks is an organization which aids foster children in the Kansas City area by supplying children entering foster homes with socks, underwear, and other clothing items. The children of the RE program request that you bring in **new** socks and underwear (sizes XS to XL) and drop them off at the parish hall, and they will be delivered to Blair Foster Socks. More information on Blair Foster Socks can be found at <https://www.blairfostersocks.org>

### CHRISTMAS

Catholic Charities of KCSJ would like to wish many blessings of the season on all the parishioners, families and friends of the diocese. It is our hope that you're able to share in the birth of Our Lord with those you hold most dear and welcome in a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year. It is through your generosity that we're able to meet the needs of so many throughout the year. May this season be filled with joy, love, peace and family.

### Readings for the week of December 22nd

**Sunday** Is 7:10-14, Ps 24, Rom 1: 1-7, Mt 1: 18-24  
**Monday** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Ps 25, Lk 1: 57-66  
**Tuesday** Is 62: 1-5, Ps 29 Act 13: 16-17, 22-25, Mt 1: 1-25  
**Wednesday** Is 9: 1-6, Ps 96, Ti 2: 11-14, Lk 2: 1-14  
**Thursday** Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59, Ps 31, Mt 10: 17-22  
**Friday** 1 Jn 1: 1-4, Ps 97, Jn 20: 1a, 2-8  
**Saturday** 1 Jn 1: 5 —2;2, Ps 124, Mt 2: 13-18

Dear St. Jude and St. George, Christmas quickly approaches! Make sure to take some time to slow down and soak in the loving presence of Jesus. Things will not get done. Presents will not be on time. That's OK! The first Christmas was in a barn and was perfect. So let go! Let God!

A big thanks to all who came on the retreat. It was a great time and hopefully gave you some rest and led you closer to Christ.

Stay Holy St. Jude and St. George  
 Fr. Bryan

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24  
 Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

**Prayer for the Offertory**—That we can put our complete trust in God and become a model of discipleship like Joseph

Gratitude is a biblical virtue. God calls us to **be thankful** to those who help us. And the people who donate to St. Jude certainly deserve our appreciation. Please consider St. Jude Church in your end of year charitable donation. Remember it is a great write off! God Bless and have a great New Year!

**S & S Printing** would like to thank St. Jude for your business! Because you make a difference in our lives. We are paying it forward to make a difference in the lives of others. **S & S Printing** has made monetary donations in your honor to

**Oak Grove School District Lunch Balance**  
**and**  
**Tunnel to Towers Foundations**  
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Merry Christmas!!

### TV Mass For the Homebound KMCI Channel 38 (the Spot) at 7am

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org). (For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)

**FROM CONCEPTION ABBEY GUEST CENTER**  
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[guests@conception.edu](mailto:guests@conception.edu).

### ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S RETREAT: MAKING SENSE OF OUR CRAZY BUT PRECIOUS WORLD

December 30, 2019 — January 1, 2020

Explore through the eyes of St. Benedict, Pope Francis and others, the many ways Jesus said he would be with us in the midst of our world. From the insights of holy women and men down through the centuries, we can gain the help to see and apply the wisdom of the Gospel to our personal and global world. The goal of the retreat will be to find practical ways of naming and celebrating the goodness of God's love in our human experience, thus making a difference for us and those around us. Led by Father Daniel Petsche, OSB