

JANUARY 3rd, 2021
The EPIPHANY of the LORD



St. Jude Parish Welcomes You

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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.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday before 10:30 Mass, Wednesday from 5 to 6pm during Adoration, & Saturday 2:45 – 3:15

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Pope Francis' 10 new year's resolutions for you

Have you made any New Year's resolutions? If not, there's still time, and Pope Francis has some ideas for you.

These are the ten things that he called upon Vatican employees to do:

1. "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."
2. "Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."
3. "Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."
4. "Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."
5. "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."
6. "Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."
7. "Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people."
8. "Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation."
9. "Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."
10. "Making sure your Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping."

It's a good list: it's clearly rooted in Catholic teachings, but presented in a way that non-Catholics can embrace (I discovered this list via a Protestant friend who had posted it on Facebook, in fact). And I think that all of us can find on this list at least one or two resolutions that speak to areas in which we really need to grow.

Hope this helps, and happy New Year!

We now have TEXT to Give! Simply TEXT the word "Give" to our number 1-816-608-8004 and follow the prompts!

Epiphany of the Lord

"...they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..."
 - MATTHEW 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

OFFERTORY PRAYER That, like the Magi, we generously share our gifts with the Lord, trusting He will provide all that we need.

January Prayer Intentions

Pope Francis' January Prayer Intention: *May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.*

Bishop Johnston's January Prayer Intention: *For all prisoners to have the light of faith and the gift of hope.*

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Each new year, we honor our Blessed Mother, who in her "yes" to God brought our Savior into the world. There is a beautiful spiritual significance in celebrating Mary during the heart of the Christmas season as we renew our adoration for the newborn Prince of Peace. Catholic Charities KCSJ would like to wish the peace of Christ to all of you in this new year. For information about our programs and services please contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager at nbutters@ccharities.com or 816-659-8266.

REMINDER –Collection of Parish Improvement will always be on the first **FULL** weekend of the month. This weekend, January 2nd and 3rd.

Masks and Social Distancing *Everyone is required to wear their mask in church at all times. You are required to wear your mask when coming up to Communion. Please stay 6 feet apart when you are in line. Parishioners should practice social distancing when entering and leaving the church.**

SAVE THE DATE – SOS BENEFIT DINNER – JANUARY 29, 2021

Support Our Seminarians (SOS) Benefit Dinner: The SOS Committee seeks assistance in sharing information and encouraging all parishioners' participation in this fundraiser as it will be the last ever — and hopefully best ever — effort in its nearly 30-year history! Entirely a virtual event: online giving, exciting raffle items, video expressions of thanks, and live-stream announcements of raffle winners, as well as the final fundraising tally. **Please do whatever you can for the critical cause of increasing priestly vocations. The future of our faith depends on it! For more information, visit: supportourseminarians.com.**

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Prayers for the Sick

Remember the following in your prayers:

Sheryl Turley, Nancy & Wayne Totton, Bonnie Jones, David Evans, Ryan Jones, Louis Lux, Gary Trigg, Jackie Durdala, Dustin Khan, Judy Calia, Jasmin Boothe, John Bowman, Jerry Booker, Robert & Karen Harman, Ed Schieber, Herb Sands, Tina Kellogg

Weekly Gifts for December 26th & 27th

Envelopes.....\$870.00
 Plate....\$200.00
 Christmas....\$815.00
 Religious Retirement....\$30.00
 Online Giving (OLG)\$1760.70
 Retirement Fund for Religious (OLG)....\$ 40.00
 Parish Improvement\$75.00

Attendance: December 24th91
 December 25th.....21
 December 26th.....21
 December 27th.....53

In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protections, and all us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts.
 —Pope Francis

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday 1/2/21 Herbert Sands (Tina & Stephen Pearl)
Sunday 1/3 *St. Jude Church Family
Tuesday 1/5 +Mark Schieber (Altar Society)
Wednesday 1/6 +Mike Rochowiak (Pat Morgan)
Friday 1/8 +Steve Santee (Candy Davis)
Saturday 1/9 +Rose Bleyenbergh (Joseph & Mary Ann Degado)
Sunday 1/10 *St. Jude Church Family
***Sunday Mass for Parish + Deceased**

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Money Counters	Nursing Home
1/2	Katie Wright	Volunteer	Patty Davis Carol Vanderpool	CLOSED
1/3	Carol Vanderpool	Volunteer		UNTIL
1/9	Christy Mouse	Volunteer		FURTHER
1/10	Jovanna Rohs	Volunteer	Madonna Forthofer Josh Neuweg	NOTICE

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 NO MASS	Tuesday St. Jude St. George	Wednesday St. George St. Jude	Thursday St. George	Friday St. Jude
1/3/21 - 1/9	1/4 No Mass	1/5 St J—9am St—6pm	1/6 St G—9am St J0—6pm	1/7 St G—9am	1/8 St J—9am
1/10 - 1/16	1/11 No Mass	1/12 St J—9am St G—6pm	1/13 St G—9am St J—6pm	1/14 St G—9am	1/15 St J—9am
1/17 - 1/23	1/18 No Mass	1/19 St J—9am St G—6pm	1/20 St G—9am St J—6pm	1/21 St G—9am	1/22 St J—9am
1/24 - 1/30	1/25 No Mass	1/26 St J—9am St G—6pm	1/27 St G—9am St J—6pm	1/28 St G—9am	1/29 St J—9am
1/31 - 2/6	2/1 No Mass	2/2 St J—9am St G—6pm	2/3 St G—9am St J—6pm	2/4 St G—9am	2/5 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?

Readings for the week of January 3rd

Day	Readings
Sunday	Is 60: 1-6, Ps 72, Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2: 1-12
Monday	1 Jn 3: 22—4:6, Ps 2, Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 Jn 4: 7-10, Ps 72, Mk 6: 34-44
Wednesday	1 Jn 4: 11-18, Ps 72, Mk 6: 45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4: 19—5:4, Ps 72, Lk 4: 14-22a
Friday	1 Jn 5: 5-13, Ps 147, Lk 5: 12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5: 14-21, Ps 149, Jn 3: 22-30