

**SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020**  
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Readings: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43**  
**“Jesus Spoke to the Crowds in Parables”**

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b>					
Sat	July	18	6:00PM	Jude Abrams + By Glenn & JoAnn Lee	
Sun	July	19	7:45AM	For The People	
Sun	July	19	9:00AM	Andrew J. Rauner + By The Wannamaker Family	
Tue	July	21	9:00AM ~ Latin ~	Available	
Thur	July	23	9:00AM	Tom Sweet (birthday) By Tom & Karyn Sweet	
Fri	July	24	12:00 (noon)	Christine Steinborn + By Sherman & MaryJo Runions	
Sat	July	25	6:00PM	Judy Green + By Keith & Grace Gignac	
Sun	July	26	7:45AM	For The People	
Sun	July	26	9:00AM	Deanna Maust (health) By The Martinez Family	

**SAINT JUDE - OFFERTORY**

(Weekend of July 11 & 12, 2020)

Offertory: \$3586.00    Attendance: 159

**The Ladies of St. Jude**

The Ladies of St. Jude meet from March-November on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 10:00am. They support the Parish in their spiritual growth & outreach programs, assist with funerals, care for the sick and organize social and fellowship programs. For more information, please contact Mary Ann Massa or the Church Office.

**Prayer Blanket Ministry**

The Prayer Blanket Ministry's - Summer Schedule (June - Oct.) meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month. They gather at 10:00am for a meeting in the upstairs classroom. You don't have to know how to sew, crochet or knit. If you need a prayer blanket, please contact the Church Office at 828-743-5717.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Jim Barton, Patricia Blasi, Lane Bolmer, Marian Michel Boyd, Karen Cameron, Dr. Jay & Jana Carpenter & The Carpenter Family, Tom Carrasquillo, Fr. Hugh Chikawe, Daniel Coffey, Dottie Collier, Terese Crawford, Margaret Daniel, Christopher Day, Gloria Delgardio, Katherine DeLage, Pat Delaney, Linda Denny, Dan Doran, Judi Eisnagle, Mike Ezzell, Tom Faleskie, Raymond A. Failor, Sandra Fischel, Tom Fischel, Linda Foxworth, Gretchen Giesey, Jerry Goldberg, Mikey Goodwin, Jerry Gordon, Laura Gregory, Walt Green, Bill Hatch, Donald Haug, Matthew Hite, Amy Hoyle, Jo Hoyle, Katie Hoyle, Daniel Jacobs, Dakota Johnson, Derrick Johnson, Treba Johnson, Donna Kaup, Bill & Jane Keadle, Suzanne Keenan, Joe Knauff, George Lee, Randy Luffman, Marinka, Camerron Martin, Conor McCall, Janet McClory-Presley, Betsy McCloskey, Ron Nelson, Lyla Ruby Newton & Coen Michael Newton & The Newton Family, Sheila Rinker, Sherman Runions, Russell Sands, Brendan Scallon, Jr., Allie Schiele, Elaine Schmid, Noel J. Sickles, Bonnie Jean Small, Ava Snyder, Leonardo Suarez, Rosemarie Thompson, Kim Wagland, Cassie Watts, Millie Watts, Meredith Worth.

**Military Prayer List**

Lt. Col. Fred Dufault (Afghanistan)  
 Captain Evan Shawler (Air Force Flight Surgeon)

**St. Jude Prayer Group**

The St. Jude Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. We pray the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, spend some silent time in Adoration, and pray for the needs of our Church and world. Please contact Donna Quinlivan or the Church Office for information at 743-5717.

**Emaus Prayer Group**

Emaus Prayer is a spiritual movement of faith that is called to prayer, obedience and adoration of the Holy Sacrament. They have suspended their 6:00pm Wednesday evening meetings at this time. For more information contact Yuliana Vargas, Efrain Morales or the Church Office at 743-5717.

**Spanish Prayer & Rosary**

The Spanish Prayer & Rosary meetings on Friday evenings at 7:00pm are suspended at this time. For more information, please contact Alejandro Valerio or the Church Office at 743-5717.

**Knights of Columbus**

Meets at 7:00pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Please contact **Luis Aparicio (Grand Knight)** or the Church Office at 743-5717 for information.

## Father's Column

### **Defending the Catholic Faith ....**

A major shift happened in the nineteenth century without anyone even noticing. Matters of holy religion were uprooted from the soil of truth to that of custom, culture, or preference. For this we have the brilliant literary critic Matthew Arnold to thank, who chose not to impugn and mock religion like Voltaire, but rather make it less significant by reducing it to the level of art, architecture, and the like. The result of this shift was that people were hesitant ever to engage in dialogue or debate with those holding dissimilar religious views; for it would be like criticizing the way someone decorates their house.

The Lord Jesus, however, did not die to be considered a mere part of culture or preference. He came to proclaim the truth of His divinity and man's need for redemption. To reduce His mission and religion to preference is to say to Him of His crucifixion: "that's nice, but not necessary."

From the day of Pentecost, Christians boldly, yet charitably, proclaimed the necessity of accepting Christ. Water is wet. Fire is hot. Man needs Christ to be saved. This proclamation of Christ was not without prodding from the Apostles. St. Peter encouraged Christians in his first epistle: "Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you" .... (1Pet 3:5-16).

We too are encouraged to defend and explain our Catholic faith to those in the circumstances of our lives, be it family, friends, or co-workers. In my many years of dialoguing with non-Catholics about the Faith, I have found that the vast, vast majority of my time is spent correcting misconceptions. Archbishop Fulton Sheen was certainly right when he once said: "There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be."

Out of zeal for souls, let us therefore prepare ourselves to defend and explain the Catholic faith in boldness, charity, and humility. To that end, I will begin a new apologetic series on our YouTube channel covering various issues with which non-Catholics have a difficulty understanding. Stay tuned!

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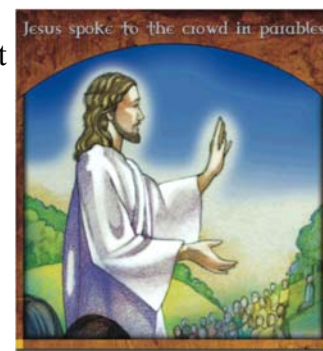
## Today's Readings

**First Reading:** The book of Wisdom was written about 50 years before Christ. In one lengthy section of the book, the author looks back to the wonderful things God did for the Jewish people during the exodus. In today's passage from that section, the author speaks directly to God with words of praise... (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

**Second Reading:** We continue today to read from the eighth chapter of the letter to the Romans, in which Paul discusses the role of God's Spirit in our life and insight into prayer ... *The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings* ..... (Romans 8:26-27).



**Gospel:** Jesus speaks to the crowd in parables about the kingdom of heaven .. the farmer sowing good seed and the weeds; the mustard seed; the yeast leavening the bread. Thru the parables, Jesus is teaching about the reign of God.. (Matthew 13:24-43).



## Congratulations - 1st Holy Communion

Congratulations to the Faith Formation students who received the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at St. Jude Catholic Church

Christian Elian Alcantar	Dominic Tristan Houston
Markus Ruben Alcantar	Vivian A. Mireles
Oscar Dominik Alcantar	Josephine Tyre
Jacob Marquina Barron	Oliver Tyre
Ashley Orea Elizondo	



## Church Calendar

Monday, July 20, **St. Jude Prayer Group**, 3:00pm  
(Meets in the Sanctuary)

Tues., July 21, **Prayer Blanket Ministry**, 10:00am  
(Meets in the Parish Hall)

Monday, July 27, **St. Jude Prayer Group**, 3:00pm  
(Meets in the Sanctuary)