

SUNDAY AUGUST 29, 2021

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

“All good giving and every perfect gift is from above”

| MASS SCHEDULE | | | | |
|---------------|------|----|--------------------|---|
| Sat | Aug | 28 | 5:30PM | Dr. Betty Beeson (special int) By The Faber Family |
| Sun | Aug | 29 | 9:00AM | Suffering Afghan People By Regan / Cathy Flemming |
| Tue | Aug | 31 | 12:00PM ~Latin~ | Ted Johnson (health) By Carol Johnson |
| Thu | Sept | 2 | 9:00AM | Pat Dalzell (health) By Ted & Carol Johnson |
| Fri | Sept | 3 | 12:00PM (Noon) | Regan & Cathy Flemming Anniversary Blessings |
| Sat | Sept | 4 | 5:30PM | Carey Pung (special intntion) By The Faber Family |
| Sun | Sept | 5 | 9:00AM | Ted Johnson (health) By Carol Johnson |

To Schedule a Mass Intention

Please contact the Church Office ... 828-743-5717

St. Jude - Offertory

(Weekend of August 21 & 22, 2021)

Offertory: \$6845.00 Attendance: 231



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 the Church Office at 828-743-5717.

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, Carpenter Family, Daniel Coffey, Dottie Collier, John Thomas Crouch, Kenneth Crowe, Margaret Daniel, Christopher Day, Gloria Delgardio, Katherine DeLage, Pat Delaney, John DeMange, Linda Denny, Mike Ezzell, Tom Faleskie, Sandra Fischel, Gretchen Giesey, Mikey Goodwin, Jerry Gordon, Laura Gregory, Walt Green, Bill Hatch, Joan Hatch, Donald Haug, Matthew Hite, Daniel Jacobs, Pennae Johnsen, Dakota Johnson, Derrick Johnson, Treba Johnson, Suzanne Keenan, Kristen Kitts, Joe Knauff, George Lee, Marinka, Camerron Martin, Jerry Miglino, Deanna Maust, Kathleen McBride, Janet McClory-Presley, Betsy McCloskey, Karie McClure, Ron Nelson, Lyla Ruby Newton & Coen Michael Newton & The Newton Family, Laura Plush, Sheila Rinker, Michael Robinson, Belinda Rudzik, Sherman Runions, Russell Sands, Peter Sarrat, Brendan Scallon, Jr., Allie Schiele, Elaine Schmid, Noel J. Sickles, Bonnie Jean Small, Ava Snyder, Nan Stowell, Dr. Stefan Stoyanov, Leonardo Suarez, Beth Sumpter, Alex Sweet, Rosemarie Thompson, Charlene Varni, Kim Wagland, Cassie 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 828-743-5717.

Emaus Prayer Group

Emaus Prayer is a spiritual movement of faith that is called to prayer, obedience and adoration of the Holy Sacrament. They meet at 6:00pm on Thursday evenings in the Sanctuary. For more information contact Yuliana Vargas, Efrain Morales, Alejandro (Alex) Valerio or the Church Office at 743-5717.

Knights of Columbus

The St. Jude Knights of Columbus Meet at 7:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Please contact **Luis Aparicio (Grand Knight)** or Church Office at 828-743-5717 for information.

Father's Column

Why Did St. John the Baptist Die?

August 28th is the Feast of the Beheading of John the Baptist. Catholics are quite familiar with the basic story of John the Baptist. His conception and nativity are recounted in the Gospel of Luke. Zachariah and Elizabeth were beyond child-bearing years when the Archangel Gabriel announces the imminent conception of a boy to be named "John." Six months into the pregnancy Our Lady conceives Our Lord and hastens to assist her cousin, Elizabeth, in the final months of her pregnancy.

John grew up to live a deeply penitential life, for instance wearing garments of camel's hair and eating locusts and wild honey. In the full stature of manhood, John began preaching a baptism of repentance in the wilderness by the Jordan river. His sanctity was palpable, leading to increasingly large crowds flocking to him for his sage words and to be baptized. His baptism, of course, was not the sacrament of baptism that we know today, although there are clear similarities. The seven sacraments find their efficacious power in the Holy Spirit and the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.

While many began suspecting that John was the promised Messiah to come, he flatly denied it, but told the crowds that He was already in their midst. After being baptized by John, Our Lord ventured into the desert and would not accelerate His Public Ministry until after the arrest of John. But why was John arrested?

Herod Antipas, who ruled the region of Galilee with the blessing of the Roman Empire, married his brother's wife, Herodias, while his brother still lived. Such was not a legal marriage, and John opposed it publicly. This vocal criticism of a royal "marriage" by John led directly to his imprisonment.

Many are familiar with the story of John's death: Herod held a banquet; his daughter (with Herodias) performed a spectacular dance; he then promised her anything; Herodias convinced her to request the head of John the Baptist. While many know the story, they fail to make an important connection. The person most threatened by John's preaching was Herodias. Hence, her demand for John's head on a platter.

In his life, John gave testimony to Christ. In his death, he gave testimony ("martyr" in Greek) to the sanctity of marriage. If John lived today, he would undoubtedly be condemned as "closed minded;" however, let us not forget that Our Lord called John "the greatest born of women."



Father Jason K. Barone,
Parochial Administrator,
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(2nd Collection - Aug 28 & 29)

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Volunteers Needed

St. Jude Catholic Church is in need of volunteers in the following areas:

Pastoral Council

- Vice President
- Outreach Coordinator

Outreach

- Ladies of St. Jude



Church Calendar

Monday, Aug. 30, **St. Jude Prayer Group**, 3:00pm

Thurs., Sept. 2, **Adult Catechesis**, 9:30-10:30am

Friday, Sept. 3, **Adoration**, 12:30-1:30pm

Friday, Sept. 3, **Spanish Community**, 6:00-8:00pm
*Deacon Sigrifido ... (from Waynesville)

Sun, Sept 5, **Pancake Breakfast-Fundraiser**, 10:00
Parish Hall - Host by ... SJ Knights of Columbus



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