

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

“For whoever is not against us is for us.”

MASS SCHEDULE				
Sat	Sept	25	5:30PM	Sarah Warren Hudnall + By Jan Warren
Sun	Sept	26	9:00AM	Special Intentions of Fred & Cathy Hawley
Tue	Sept	28	12:00PM ~Latin~	Suzanne Monica Schroeder + By The Sledge Family
Thu	Sept	30	9:00AM	Baby Sweet By The Sweet Family
Fri	Oct	1	12:00PM (Noon)	Flemming Family By Regan /Cathy Flemming
Sat	Oct	2	5:30PM	Joseph /Catherine DeLage + By Les & Kathleen McBride
Sun	Oct	3	9:00AM	Juliann Rose Neurauter + By Richard /Margaret Eichman

To Schedule a Mass Intention

Please contact the Church Office
828-743-5717

St. Jude - Offertory

(Weekend of September 18 & 19, 2021)

Offertory: \$3593.00 Attendance: 218

Priests' Retirement: \$6643.00 (Assessment Met)
Thank You for Your Support!!

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, Pat Delaney, Linda Denny, Mike Ezzell, Tom Faleskie, Sandra Fischel, Joan Marie Foley, 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, Maureen Kohlheim, 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, 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

Ember Days: Sanctifying the Four Seasons

On the long, unhappy list of Catholic traditions that disappeared in recent decades is "ember days." Technically titled in the Latin *Quatuor Temporum*, literally "four times" or "four seasons," ember days were celebrated on the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday on the week closest to the changing of the season. For instance, this past week the autumnal equinox marked the change from summer to fall.

The precise origin of ember days is a bit uncertain; although, it seems to be rooted in pre-Christian Roman agricultural custom. Once Christianity emerged, as with other pagan customs, these observances were baptized and re-purposed as an edifying tool of the Christian lay faithful. Pope Saint Leo the Great (440-461AD) claims this transition began during the apostolic age and of apostolic institution.

The content of the ember days is penitential in nature. Violet is worn for Holy Mass. The feel of the liturgy is Lenten with extra readings. Fasting laws, too, governed the ember observances.

The practice of prayer, fasting, and penance corresponding with the four seasons has several benefits. Firstly, Christians are able to sanctify the entire year and not just Lent by much needed penances. Secondly, these days are a way of acknowledging the Creator's work in making the four seasons, as well as sanctifying each of them individually and giving thanks for them. Agriculturally, it was an opportunity to give thanks for the previous season's successes and a petition for favorable weather, growth, etc... for the next season.

Interestingly, Ember Saturday became the traditional day for ordinations. I suppose the purpose was harnessing the preparatory power of penance (e.g. Lenten penance prepares for Holy Week) and so utilize those weeks of the year with built-in penance.

Ember days can still be experienced in the Traditional Latin Mass calendar. While they were never included in the Novus Ordo (English Mass) calendar, they can be added should the episcopal conference desire. Let us pray that the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops takes up this cause since true reform will only come by prayer and sacrifice!

Spiritually for us today, ember days are an occasion to consider the Lord's blessings and our spiritual growth (or lack thereof) over the past three months. Thanksgiving may therefore be in order. We also look forward to the fall season and ask ourselves what spiritual progress we need to make and beg God for those graces.

Father Jason K. Barone,
Parochial Administrator,
St. Jude Catholic Mission (Sapphire) &
Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Mission (Highlands)



Children's Christmas Outreach

(2nd Collection — Oct. 2 & 3)

St Jude is joining with 7 area churches to bring Christmas to our local children in need. The group will be soliciting all the schools, including home schooling groups, to get the names of families and their children. Each child will receive a complete outfit, pair of shoes, a coat and toy(s). The amount of each sponsored child is approximately \$125.00. The gifts will be distributed at the Village Green prior to Christmas. St. Jude Catholic Church sponsored 35 children last year. Thank you for your support! Please see bulletin insert for more details.



Fishes & Loaves - Food Drive / Empty Bowls

Bring a Bag of Food

Receive a hand-crafted Pottery Bowl

Drive-by Event

Oct 2 — 9:00am-12:00 (noon)

549 Frank Allen Road ... Next to Main Fire Station

No Opened or Expired Items

Items to Donate:

- Canned Soup, Fruit, Meat, Veggies
- Rice, Beans, Pasta, Pasta Sauce
- Cereal, Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Personal Care (regular size)



Respect Life Conference

open to all pro-life advocates in the diocese of Charlotte

Saturday, October 2, 2021

9:00 – 3:30

**St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
102 Andrews Pl, Swannanoa, NC**

Visit [//ccdoc.org/respectlife](http://ccdoc.org/respectlife)

Contact Jessica Grabowski with questions at
JRGrabowski@rcdoc.org.

Church Calendar

Monday, Sept. 27, **St. Jude Prayer Group**, 3:00pm

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

Thursday, Sept. 30, **Emaus**, 6:00pm

Friday, Oct. 1, **Adoration**, 12:30-1:30pm

Tues., Oct. 5, **Prayer Blanket Ministry**, 10:00am



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