



ST. JUDE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS



**For a child is born
to us, a son is given
us; upon his
shoulder dominion
rests. They name
him Wonder-
Counselor, God-
Hero, Father-
Forever, Prince of
Peace.**

Isaiah 9:5

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of my brother Augustinians, our Deacons, the entire School and Faith Formation Staff, and the entire Parish Staff, I would like to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year. *Fr. Don Lewandowski, O.S.A.*

The Mass schedules for Christmas and New Year's can be found on page 7.

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A Note to You from our Communications Department

Dear Parishioners:

For the past several years, we have been asking our parish ministries for monthly information on their upcoming and just completed events to keep parishioners informed of all that we do at St. Jude.

Now, each month there will be a link on the homepage of the parish website to this St. Jude Catholic Community News. We would also like to provide parishioners access to each month's news by emailing the link directly to you. If you would like that option, please send a note to Marcy Anderson at manderson@stjudes.org so that your email address can be added to our list.

It is our hope that this newest addition to our parish communication efforts will be of help to all.



Nativity Puzzles

St. Jude Respect Life Ministry will be selling beautiful, high-quality Christmas Nativity puzzles after all Masses in the west Narthex Dec. 3 & 4.

The puzzles offer families of all ages the opportunity to slow down, take a break from busy holiday schedules, and focus on the real meaning of Christmas-Jesus' birth. The painting used for the puzzle is the nativity scene, "The Adoration of the Shepherds", by master artist, Bartolome Esteban Murillo.

***Our **Baby Bottle Campaign** in October has brought in \$5,000 so far, for Women's Choice Services. If you have not turned your bottle in as of yet, please do so, we would like to send the check to Women's Choice Services as soon as possible. Thank You! ***



St. Jude School

St. Jude School will host their annual Senior Brunch on Monday, December 12. Mass is at 9:30 am followed by the brunch from 10 am until noon in the gym. All senior members of the parish are invited to attend.

SJS Annual Open House is Sunday, January 29th from 10 am-2pm. This is the beginning of National Catholic Schools Week. Stop in to see the great things going on in our parish school!



Junior Women's Club

In November we made:

*Over 600 "Jesus" cards with mini candy canes to be handed out after Masses the first week of advent.

*15 artificial advent wreaths decked out with bows and pine cones! We will be assembling live wreaths later this month.

*At least 850 packages of "snowman soup" (treats to send to deployed troops). Thanks to our student helpers from St. Jude's School who joined us at our meeting to help us assemble the packages.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 6th. We will be sharing our special holiday treats and listening to stories from the audio collection *Christmas Presence*. All women of the parish are invited to attend.





Thanksgiving Baskets

Caritas members gathered in the VFW Hall in New Lenox on November 22 to hand out turkeys or turkey dinners to over 80 families in need in the New Lenox area.

Families picking up their turkeys could also pick out the "trimmings" for their Thanksgiving dinners from hundreds of items donated by parish members and also collected from the New Lenox Scouts food drive in early November.



Caritas Members sort through donated food items in preparation for Thanksgiving Food baskets.

Many thanks to our parishioners for donating food and to our Caritas members for their dedication to the annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets and their yearlong ministry in our food pantry. A big thank you to Jewel, Berkots and Wal-Mart for their donations of food and turkeys.

Do you need to get rid of some old electronics before getting news one's this Christmas? Did you know Will County now has a program that picks up recycling at your door? For more information on this and other recycling programs in our area, go to www.willcountygreen.com



Catholic Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry continues to host the Saturday morning Gospel reflections with Mark Santschi from 6:30am to 7:25am (so that we can attend 7:30 am Mass). The group meets every Saturday in Franciscan Hall Room #4 and requires no advanced registration, workbook or other required materials.

Succession Development and Planning meetings are currently underway. At least two new officer positions are likely to be opening up and interested men are encouraged to consider running for an elected leadership position which is a two-year commitment.

Deacon George Goes is expected to lead a new program for our Wednesday Morning group that is Lectio Divina "Sacred Reading". The Tuesday Evening group is still continuing the Life in the Spirit program and looks forward to a variety of new programs this winter; including an in-depth study of the Lord's Prayer, among other things.

New Lenox Toastmasters provides valuable communication and leadership training for both men and women. Please see our webpage for more.

Knights of Columbus - Father Dick Allen New Lenox Council #10926

Presents



Breakfast with St. Nick



December 11th 8:00 am-1:00 pm in the gym. This is a nice breakfast including: eggs, sausage, pancakes and additionally we will serve ham and tater tots. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and kids 10 to 64. Ages 2 to 9 and 65 and over will be \$4.00. Kids under two are free. St. Nick will be available for pictures. **Bring your own cameras!**

Seniors Social

Seniors' Social November get together was our annual Pot Luck dinner. We feasted on baked chicken accompanied by delicious side dishes and desserts provided by members.

Many of our members enjoyed a trip to Horseshoe Casino in Indiana on November 16th. Sue Bement, our trip planner, is working on an outing on Thursday, December 8th to Theatre at The Center in Munster, Indiana for lunch and a play.

As "Seniors" does not meet during December and January, we invite all members and prospective members to join us in the New Year on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the VFW.

Council of Catholic Women – CCW

We had a very successful Harvest Luncheon on October 27th.

304 dinner tickets were sold to the salad bar/taco bar luncheon and the Craft Show was a hit with everyone. \$900 was collected from the raffle held during the luncheon.



The Annual Christmas Party is coming up on Thursday, December 1st at 1 pm with entertainment provided by our St. Jude School students. CCW members are asked to bring 2 non-perishable food items for the Caritas food pantry.

The first CCW meeting of the new year will be on Thursday, January 5th at 1 pm. Norine Neef will discuss and present "Cosmetics and Application for Mature Skin". Please join us!

St. Jude Peace & Social Justice would like to thank all who supported our recent Fair Trade Fair held in cooperation with Ten Thousand Villages in Evanston. The sales of hand-crafted merchandise brought in \$17,907.62! In concrete terms, that translates into approximately one year of income for 12 families.

The artisans and farmers are guaranteed a fair price, safe working conditions, and a living wage when we buy their beautiful hand-crafted products. Thanks to the fifty-plus volunteers who worked at the fair, those who donated cookies, and those who donated food for our volunteers.

Once again, our parishioners have shown their great generosity and commitment to sharing with the less fortunate through purchasing fair trade. ****Next Fair Trade coffee sales: December 3 & 4; this will be the last sale before Christmas!****

Music Ministry

On November 27, St. Jude's Music Ministry presented the Christmas Cantata, *Tapestry of Light*.

Under the direction of Music Director, Tom Labanuskas, St. Jude Chorale, Together Through Music, Teen & Youth Choirs and St. Jude Orchestra along with guest vocalists performed this Cantata by Joseph M. Martin.

Tapestry of Light is a combination of Celtic themed music interspersed with Biblical readings. It was a beautiful way to begin the Christmas season for St. Jude parishioners and members of the New Lenox community.

The Lincoln-Way West Madrigals started off the afternoon's performance with a selection of songs dating from the 1500's to 1800's plus some familiar Christmas carols.



Movie Matinee 1:00-3:00pm
DECEMBER 11th in Franciscan Hall Rooms 3 & 4

Seating is limited - so register ASAP at www.stjudes.org/events

The Nativity Story

a prophecy

a child bride

a fiancé with a decision to make

a long and dangerous journey

a power-hungry evil king

wisemen who read the stars

shepherds who look for the child

a babe in a manger who will save the world

a story based on Scripture's telling of the birth of Christ



Some chairs will be provided - space will also be left open up front for kids/families to sit on the floor. Bring your own blankets if you choose to view the movie in this manner. This movie is rated G.

Take some time from your busy holiday schedules to slow down, enjoy this movie and reflect on the true meaning of this blessed season. Seating is limited so go to www.stjudes.org/events to register!

Bereavement/Grief Seminar

Saturday, December 3rd

Learn ways to cope and still enjoy the holidays when you have lost someone you love.

This seminar will be conducted by Fr. Don Bates, O.S.A. Fr. Don is an experienced hospital chaplain who has been helping the bereaved of all age groups and all stages of grief for over 30 years. He will highlight special ways to help understand and overcome grief and different ways of coping with that grief during the holidays.

No pre-registration is necessary; everyone is welcome to attend. If you have questions, contact Marilynne McBride at 815-463-4223.



A Parish Reconciliation Service in preparation for Christmas will be on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 pm in the church.

Upcoming Events

Welcoming Catholics Home will be offered for Catholics who, for whatever reason, have "stepped away" from their practice of the faith but are feeling a tug on their hearts to return. These sessions provide a comfortable and casual setting to become reacquainted...reconnected with the Catholic faith.

Welcoming Catholics Home will begin January 8th and will meet for six consecutive Sundays from 1-2:30 P.M. If you have any questions, or if you would like to participate in Welcoming Catholics Home, please contact Marge Palmasani at 815.463.4281 or via email- mpalmasani@stjudes.org.

There is no place like home for the holidays!

Around the Diocese

A presentation on **Human Trafficking** will be given by Sister Norma Janssen, OSF on **December 7th at 7 pm** in the Commons at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet.

Human Trafficking is one of the paramount human rights issues of the century. Learn practical steps you can take to diminish this dehumanizing condition. For more information contact Deacon James Dalton 815-722-6653.

Men Seeking Holiness Retreat

This is a two day retreat on the "Universal Call to Holiness Under the Patronage of St. Therese", led by Fr. Burke Masters, Fr. Steven Borello and Seminarians from the Diocese of Joliet.

It will be held at the Pastoral Center in Romeoville from **5 pm, December 27 until noon December 29**. The cost is \$30 which includes 5 meals, shared rooms and materials. Bring casual clothes (appropriate for Mass), gym clothes, toiletries, towels, notebook, pen and Bible.

Contact Nora at dojnora@aol.com or 815-834-4004 with questions or to register.

St. Jude's Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedules

Christmas Eve ~ Saturday, December 24th

4:00 pm—Church—**Music by the Youth Choir**

Please note: Once the church is full, you will be directed to Providence Catholic High School for 4:15 pm Mass.

4:15 pm--Providence Catholic H.S. Gym (1800 W. Lincoln Hwy., New Lenox) **Music by St. Jude Music Ministry**

6:00 pm—Church—**Music by TTM (music begins at 5:30 pm)**

Midnight—Church—**Music by Chorale, TTM, Teen & Handbell Choirs (music begins at 11:30 pm)**

Christmas Day ~ Sunday, December 25th (all Masses in the church)

7:00 am—**Music by Tom Labanauskas, Music Director**

9:00 am—**Music by St. Jude Music Ministry**

11:00 am—**Music by Chorale, TTM, Youth and Handbell Choirs**

Please note: There will not be a 7:00 pm Mass on Christmas Day.

Saturday, December 31st ~ New Year's Eve

7:30 am & 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 1st ~ Feast of Mary, Mother of God

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm





The New Evangelization

Fr. James Mallon



December 7, 2011
7:00 pm
St. Mary Church
Burnett Hall

AN EVENING OF REFLECTION ON THE CHURCH'S CALL TO THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

What is it? What does it mean?
What does it look like?
How can I be a part of it?

Father James Mallon is the pastor of a parish in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada and the Director of the John Paul II Media Institute. He is an Alpha advisor and conference speaker. Fr. James is the author and presenter of the Catholicism 201 and Dogmatic Theology series.



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Catholic Heart Work Camp 2012

CHWC

The 2012 trip...

You've waited patiently, and now, here for the first time, that is unless you called us already and asked us....



WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING FOR THIS SUMMER?

From June 9th to the 16th, we hope it's with us in ...

MEMPHIS, TN

This could be your first year on the Catholic Heart Work Camp Trip or your fifth, but it's going to be a blast no matter what! We work hard, we make a ton of friends and we praise God in new and awesome ways!

Cost is: \$395.00
Free Day costs: TBD
For registration info
contact Matt Krumdrick
mkrumdrick@stjudes.org



It's not too early to be thinking about going to camp, Catholic Heart Work Camp, that is! If you have a desire to help others, don't mind hard work and are looking to get back more than you give, this trip is for you! Catholic Heart Work Camp is for adults of the parish as well as teens. Contact Matthew Krumdrick at mkrumdrick@stjudes.org for more information.

Soon to Come in 2012!

Last year Sarah brought the Women's Retreat "Daughters of God" to us - this year she'll present "Sisters of Christ". Ladies, join us on January 21, 2012 for this inspiring women's retreat! Everyone is invited to the concert later that evening @ 7pm at Lincoln-Way Central Auditorium. Watch the website and December's newsletter for details.



If you didn't order her Christmas CD last year - it is available now at

www.sarahhartmusic.com

Back by popular demand Grammy Nominated Singer/Songwriter Sarah Hart AND for the first time in our parish Mike Patin! - but many of your teens know him from the DOJ Youth Leadership Conference!



One of the best Catholic speakers and entertainers in ministry today: **Mike Patin** This veteran National Speaker, will give our Parish Mission February 27-28-and 29, 2012!

A Call to REALITY Living!

The media has put before us tons of television shows that are labeled "reality TV." Yet often these shows seldom reflect our everyday reality. During this mission we'll re-examine everyday life to "make room" for the One who can give us life.

Night One - Amazing Race (Make Room for PRAYER)

Night Two - Extreme Makeover (Make Room for FRIENDS AND FAMILY)

Night Three - The Apprentice (Make Room for SERVICE)

Mike Patin will also lead a teen mission on Sunday, February 26, at 4pm in the gym. All JH and HS teens welcome!