



St. Jude Catholic Community News



“For this is the message you have heard from the beginning: we should love one another...



Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.”

1 John 3: 11,18

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Ash Wednesday, February 22nd

Masses on Ash Wednesday are: 7:30 and 9:30 am and 7:00 pm. There will be a Prayer Service at 4:30 pm. Ashes will be distributed at all services.

**** Ash Wednesday is a day of strict Fast and Abstinence.****

A St. Jude Parish dinner/dance is being planned by the School Parents Club for all adult members of the parish and their guests.

The date is Feb. 18th and will be held in the Fr. Mike Schweifler Gym. The schedule is: 6:30–7 pm cocktails (cash bar), 7-8 pm dinner.

The theme for the dinner/dance is “Jail House Rock” with Elvis impersonator, Rick Saucedo, as our evening’s entertainment. He performs from 8:15 to 10 pm.



Tickets are now on sale. They are \$30 each and includes dinner and dessert.

This event is for those 21 years and older. Come and join in the rock & roll fun!

St. Jude School Athletics will be hosting their 18th Annual Shoot the Hoop Basketball Tournament February 1- February 12. Athletes in 5th - 8th grade will compete with other schools in our Diocese.

Good luck to all our athletes!!!

Manna

Manna is a network of grocery and retail stores that offer gift certificates to St. Jude which can be redeemed in their stores for face value on purchases.

These stores offer gift certificates that come in denominations from \$5.00 to \$250.00. You pay \$10.00 for a \$10.00 gift certificate. St. Jude School receives a percentage of the certificate amount as a fund raiser.

Manna certificates are currently being offered for sale in the West narthex from 10am-11am on Sundays. **Please note, this is a new schedule.** Manna order forms can also be found on the parish website under the School tab→Fundraising.

Ministry Fair

The Pastoral Council would like to invite all parishioners to come to a Ministry Fair on Sunday, **February 5th** following all of the morning Masses (8am-1pm). The Ministry Fair will be held in the gym and will coincide with Coffee and Donut Sunday.

Join Us!

Come to the gym to enjoy some refreshments and find out more about our parish ministries. Many of them will be there to inform you of what they offer to our church community, parishioners and greater community.

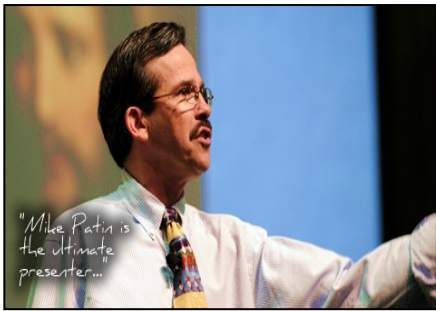
PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY



- ◇ Two Sisters of Mercy will join us at St. Jude’s on Monday, February 6 at 7 pm in Room 4 to talk about the human cost of detention centers. They will share their personal experience of ministering to immigrant detainees, bring us up-to-date on comprehensive immigration reform and information about the proposed Crete detention center. All parishioners are invited.
- ◇ We will work closely with parish staff on the parish Lenten Project supporting a “growing project” by Foods Resource Bank and Catholic Relief Services. Agricultural programs improve productivity, protect the land, build farming skills, provide access to resources and turn farming into bountiful harvests - which helps to alleviate hunger.
- ◇ Fair Trade sales of coffee, tea and chocolate, help guarantee farmers a fair price, promote ecological farming and lifts families out of poverty. Upcoming sales in the West narthex are Feb. 18 & 19 and March 24 & 25.



Winter Wonderland!



Parish Mission February 27-29

Mike Patin, a veteran national Catholic speaker, will be at St. Jude for our annual parish mission. This will be his first time here as a speaker. We are fortunate to have him here not only for the parish mission but he will also hold a mission February 26 for our youth.

The theme of the mission is:

A Call to REALITY Living! With the knowledge that reality TV is not a reflection of our everyday reality, we will re-examine our everyday living and make room for the One who gave us life.

Feb. 27—Amazing Race (Make Room for Prayer)

Feb. 28—Extreme Makeover (Make Room for Friends & Family)

Feb. 29—The Apprentice (Make Room for Service)

Join us for any or all three evenings at 7:00 pm in the church!

Mike Patin will conduct a special retreat day for the parish and school staff on Monday, February 27. Therefore, the parish offices and school will be closed that day.

RCIA

Our three Candidates and three Catechumens continue on their journey through the RCIA process as they prepare for full acceptance into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

This month, we feature our Candidates (those who have been Baptized but have not yet received the other Sacraments of Initiation).

As we approach the Lenten Season, let us keep all six, their sponsors and the RCIA team in prayer as they walk through the final weeks of preparation.



Pictured here l-r are:
Bob Goudie, Julia Shauger
and Adam Gleason.

The next JustFaith Module: *Faith Encounters the Ecological Crisis*, will be offered beginning in March. This learning module is based on Care of God's Creation, one of the Catholic Social Teachings of the Church.

Parishioners are invited to register for this 8-week learning module from JustFaith Ministries. We will meet on Wednesday evenings March 7 through April 25 at St. Jude's. for more information or to register contact Lorrie Tracy at 815-485-3991 or Pam Novak at 815-463-1696. All parishioners are invited to participate!



Council of Catholic Women

Our next get-together of the CCW is Thursday, February 9th at 1 pm in Franciscan Hall. (This month we are meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month).

Mark Batson from the New Lenox Historical Society will teach us all about the history of our community, the *"Home of Proud Americans"*. Come join us for a very informative afternoon.

Everyone is invited to bring a friend or neighbor. For more information, please call Pat at 815-485-7457.

Please visit the CCW information table at the Parish Ministry Fair on February 5th.



CCW Bake Sale February 11 & 12

Treat your valentine to a goodie from the CCW Bake Sale. Visit the west narthex after the 5 pm, 7 am,

9 am & 11 am Masses to find something special for your sweetie. Please take time to stop, shop and ENJOY.

All women of the parish are invited to bake for this CCW event. **Hint:** chocolate dipped pretzel rods are very popular! Your home-made baked goods can be dropped off in the kitchenette of the church narthex Saturday afternoon after 2 pm. Help us make this Valentine's Day memorable with your specialty! If you have questions, please call Pam at 815-485-2767.

To see the Faith Formation Newsletter for February, go to Quicklinks on the left side of the homepage and click on Faith Formation Newsletters.

Junior Women's Club

- ◇ The cry room bookshelf has been set up and filled with books. Books are to be kept in the cry room for all children to enjoy during Masses.
- ◇ We will participate in the Ministry Fair on February 5th. Stop by our table!
- ◇ **Our next meeting will be on February 7th at 9:15am.** Deacon Dennis Theriault will be our guest speaker. He will present the history and background of the Stations of the Cross and then lead us in the stations in the church. **Please join us!**
- ◇ We will be making candy crosses again this year; we hope to sell them at one of the Lenten Fish Frys. The proceeds will go to either the Lenten Project or the building/roof fund.



Catholic Men's Ministry

We will be presenting a Bible study program during Lent titled *"The Seven Last Words of Christ"* based on Jesus' Passion.

Please join us each Tuesday evening in Franciscan Hall, Room 4. We share food and fellowship beginning at 6:30 pm followed by the program from 7-8:15 pm. This program, led by parishioner, Raymond Glowa, begins February 21st.

Weekly Topics

1. "Father Forgive them, for they know not what they are doing"
2. "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise"
3. "Woman here is your son...here is your mother"
4. "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"
5. "I am thirsty"
6. "It is finished"
7. "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"

Let this bible study draw you closer to Jesus' passion so the real meaning of Easter comes alive!

Seniors' Social

Seniors' Social will be gathering again for the winter and spring months. Our next get together is set for Thursday, February 9 at 1 pm at the VFW Hall (Vine St. & Old Hickory Rd.). We will enjoy music provided by Frank Rossi and have some refreshments. All seniors are invited to join us for the afternoon. Call Verona Sawyer for more information 815-485-0094.

Respect Life

Respect Life has scheduled the video "Cutting Through the Spin on Stem Cells and Cloning" for Tuesday, February 7th at 7 pm in Franciscan Hall, Room 4. The video is hosted by Rev. Dr. Tadeusz

Pacholczyk, Director of Education for The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. All are welcome!

Woman's Choice Services extends a heartfelt thank you to St. Jude's for our donations to the Baby Bottles for Life Fundraiser last fall. As of December 2011 we have donated \$5,634.44. They are grateful for our support and prayers.

M.O.M.S.

(Ministry of Moms Sharing)

Please join us on Thursday, February 23, 9:30am-11:30am for our first discussion of the book *The 5 Love Languages*, by Gary Chapman. We will read Chapters 1-6 for the February meeting and the

Chapters 7-12 for the March meeting. If you would like to join us and have not received your book yet, feel free to stop by the Parish Office to pick one up. The books cost \$10. If you wish to join us and do not have a book, or have not had the chance to read, please come anyway! **All are welcome!!** Contact Denise Boisvert at 815/463-4292 for more information.

The Hearts at Home National Conference will be held March 16th and 17th, in Normal, Illinois. Registration is available online now. In order to receive the best value, register by February 15th.

**Knights of Columbus
Upcoming Events**

Candlelight Bowl

The Knights of Columbus Father Dick Allen New Lenox Council #10926 will host their 6th annual fundraiser to benefit young children of fallen Brother Knights.

A "K of C Candlelight Bowl" will be held at 9:15 pm at Laraway Lanes (1009 Laraway Rd., New Lenox).

Cost is \$75 per couple (get 3 couples together and reserve a lane!) Shoe rental included. There will be raffles, games and food, and a cash bar.

It will be a great evening for a great cause! Lane sponsorships are available at \$50 each. If you can't make it, donations will still be accepted for the fundraiser.

Help make this event even better than last year! For tickets or info call Craig Lyons 815-735-6914 or Mike Nowakowski 815-485-2264.

Lenten Fish Frys

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor their annual Lenten Fish Frys each Friday during Lent (except for Good Friday) from 5 pm- 8 pm in the Fr. Mike Schweifler gym. The first fish fry is scheduled for February 24th!

Join us for great food and great fellowship!

Parish Lenten Project 2012

St. Jude Parish will be helping the hungry of our world by working with Foods Resource Bank in conjunction with Catholic Relief Services for this year's Lenten project. Foods Resource Bank is a Christian Response to World Hunger

Successful farming groups can help program recipients beyond just relieving them of their every day hunger.



Through FRB:

- They receive the education and leadership for successful planning in growing crops
- Get problem-solving ideas for water solutions necessary for success of maintaining crops
- Enable the purchase of farming implements needed in the maintenance of crops
- Support needed purchase of seeds & seedlings that thrive in their area
- Receive creative growing plans for many hard to grow areas (such as green houses)

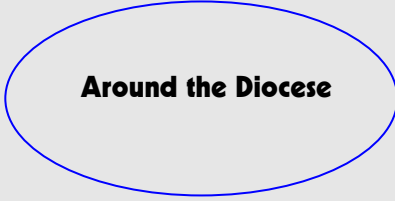
Participants in turn can use funds from their successful farming to help pay for school tuition, uniforms, and the school materials that children have needed. Families grow into a thriving community that can last for generations.

For more information on FRB go to: www.foodsresourcebank.org

SUPPORT GROUP FOR COUPLES RAISING SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN: While there are support groups for parents of children with special needs that focus on parenting, there seems to be no faith-based support groups for parents of special needs children where the focus is on the marriage.

As a follow-up to a retreat offered last fall, there will be a meeting on Saturday, **February 11** from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm to discuss what the needs are for ongoing support, and how that support might best be offered. The event will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center, and will be facilitated by Dr. Jim Healy. Coffee, tea, and soft drinks are complimentary but couples will share the cost of pizza. Register at 815-838-5334.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION: World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family and salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy. Couples are invited to celebrate their wedding with other couples at a *Re-Celebrate Your Wedding* reception hosted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. The reception will be held at Harry E. Anderson VFW Post 9545, 323 Old Hickory Road, New Lenox, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on **February 11th**. Cost is \$50 per couple. Couples are invited to send in their wedding pictures and titles of favorite songs. To register, call Jim & Jane Richards at 815-744-7660 or email them at:



Around the Diocese

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SUPPORT FOR ANNULMENT PETITIONERS: To help petitioners complete the process of seeking an annulment, a Day of Support for Annulment Petitioners is being offered. The day will include a time of prayer, time for questions and input regarding annulments and the relational issues addressed within the questionnaire. The date is Saturday, February 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center. The cost \$25 and includes continental breakfast, lunch, and materials. Register at 815-838-5334.

JOYFUL AGAIN! Joyful Again! is a two-day program for widows and widowers who want to resolve the grief they feel inside and begin to live again after the death of their spouse. There is a series of video presentations, facilitated small group discussion and private reflection time. Trained facilitators, who have been widowed help with the weekend and the discussions. The next session will be on **March 3 and 4** at St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center. For more information or to register, contact Charlotte

Hrubes 708-354-7211 or see www.joyfulagain.org

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

Open House

The community is invited to take a sneak peek of the new **Silver Cross Hospital** at I-355 and Route 6. A Housewarming Party will be held Sunday, Feb. 12, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1900 Silver Cross Blvd., New Lenox. Parking will be available on-site with complimentary trolley shuttle service to the main hospital entrance. Guests will be treated to a 45-minute self-guided walking tour through several areas in the hospital. They will open their doors to patients beginning February 26th.

Severe Weather Spotter Training
The 3rd Annual New Lenox Severe Weather Spotter Training / Health and Safety Expo will be held on Tuesday **March 6**, 2012 at Lincoln Way



In the Community

West High School, in the Performing Arts Center. The Health and Safety Expo will be held from **5:00pm to 7:00pm** with approximately 30 public and private sector organizations that provide public safety and health services will be on hand to provide informational materials and services. The Severe Weather Spotter Training will begin at **7:00pm** and will last approximately 1 ½ -2 hours. The training will be presented by the National Weather Service and is designed to assist with the recognition and identification of severe storms capable of

producing damaging winds, tornadoes, heavy rain and hail. Course topics also include procedures for reporting severe weather to appropriate agencies so warnings may be issued to the public.

This training is appropriate for those in 5th grade and older. There is no cost to attend.

To ensure there are enough materials available, please **RSVP** your seating by calling **(815) 723-1455**.

February is National Heart Month!



Find out how you can help prevent a million heart attacks and strokes over the next five years! Go to the Million Hearts Campaign website at: www.millionhearts.hhs.gov/