

ST. JUDE PARISH GUIDE

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THE GET-INVOLVED-IN-YOUR-PARISH GUIDE

Activities and Opportunities for you to get involved in your parish

Your Help is Needed

Included in this guide is a listing of opportunities and activities that need your involvement here at St. Jude. There is something here for everyone. We've included contact information so you can call and discuss how you might contribute to these important parish programs. Please spend some time going over these opportunities with your family and choose ways that you can become more involved in the life of the church. Your help is needed.

Weekly Schedule

WEEKEND MASSES

Corporate Rosary is said 30 minutes prior to each weekend Mass.

Saturday: Anticipatory Mass – 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am; Noon; 5:00pm
 (Youth Mass)

WEEKDAY MASSES

(In the Chapel)

Monday: 8:30am; Noon
Tuesday: 8:30am; 6:00pm
Wednesday: 8:30am; Noon
Thursday: 8:30am; 6:00pm
Friday: 8:30am; Noon
Saturday: 8:30am

ADORATION

(In the Chapel)

Sunday: 7:00 - 8:30pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 6:30pm – 9:00pm
First Friday: 9:00am – 12:00 Noon

RECONCILIATION

(In the Chapel)

Tuesday and Thursday: 5:00 – 6:00pm
Saturday: 9:00 – 10:00am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Children (Grades PreK-6)

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, Noon

Monday: 4:30pm & 6:30pm

Tuesday: 4:30pm & 6:00pm

Wednesday: 5:00pm

JYM - CONFIRMATION PREP

Youth (Grades 7 & 8)

JYM1: Sunday, 1:30 - 3:00pm

Monday, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:30pm

JYM2: Sunday, 1:30 - 3:00pm

Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:30pm

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Youth (Grades 9 - 12)

Sunday: 6:15-8:15pm

Wednesday: 7:00-8:30pm



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 972.727.1401 - fax

How to Join Our Parish

1. I am an active Catholic.

If you are moving to our community there is a simple step to becoming a member of our parish. By simply filling out the registration form you will become members of our parish. Forms may be found online at stjudeparish.com, at the information table in the narthex, parish office and the back of this guide. Being a member of our parish involves a few assumptions: first, that you will attend Mass every Sunday, become involved in our faith community, and that you will support the parish financially.

2. I am returning to the Catholic Church.

Welcome home. One of the interesting things about Catholics is that, even if they have not been to Mass in decades, they still regard themselves as Catholic and would describe themselves as having a Catholic outlook on life. Technically, the process of becoming active in the practice of your faith is quite simple, if there are no extenuating circumstances. It may only involve making your confession. Here, God reconciles us to himself and the Church. Confessing that one has chosen to be disobedient to the teachings and law of the Church is certainly an appropriate part of one's confession. If the absence from Mass has been for some other reason, one that affects your status in the Church, then much more might be required. If, for example, there is a failed marriage and subsequent second marriage, then a case might need to be presented to the Bishop's Tribunal. We have experts who are ready to help you with this process.

3. I am not Catholic (yet).

For those who are unbaptized or baptized in another faith community, the Catholic Church has devised an extensive process of education, spiritual preparation and formation. This is known as the RCIA, which stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. (The word 'rite' refers to a ritual or ceremonial which, in this case, describes some of what occurs in the process.) The RCIA in our parish is predominantly presented by laity with strategic involvement of the clergy. Its goal is to give people a working knowledge of the Catholic Church and an adequate preparation to fully participate in the life of the parish community. The class typically meets once a week from mid-September until Easter. After this long period of preparation, those who are not baptized are baptized, and all are confirmed and admitted to Communion.

Those who have been baptized in another faith community are invited to use the RCIA process to find their way into the Catholic Church. While much of the material presented in the classes is intended for the unbaptized, those who were raised in a Protestant Church find these classes to be an appropriate means of preparation to become Catholic.

Those who are from the Orthodox Church who desire to become Catholic may do so in a much-reduced period of preparation. The Orthodox Church is regarded as having valid Holy Orders (validly ordained clergy) and, therefore, their sacraments are fully accepted in the Catholic Church. As a parish family, we depend on each other to help us safeguard

Safe Environment

those entrusted to us by God. It says a great deal about you as an adult volunteer, that you are willing to do what is necessary to insure the safety of the most vulnerable members of our parish.

Mandated by the Diocese of Dallas, all volunteers (18 years and older) working with children, youth and vulnerable adults are cleared through the Diocesan Safe Environment Program. Each ministry followed by an * requires a safe environment clearance to participate in an adult leadership role. To begin this process, go to www.dallas.setanet.org. The requirements are as follows:

1. **Complete** the Diocesan Screening Form
2. **Attend** the initial Family of Faith video
3. **Complete** an annual recertification class
4. **Undergo** a background check every two years (automatic, if maintaining volunteer status)
5. **Provide** three references
6. **Interview** with the Safety Director
7. **Sign** the Acknowledgement Form confirming you have read the program guide and will abide by Diocesan rules

To view the Family of Faith video or to recertify annually, class schedules are posted on www.dallas.setanet.org. Times, dates, and locations are noted. You may complete online training classes or attend a class in person. Classes offered at St. Jude are published in the bulletin and on our website.

We thank all of our volunteers! Without them, St. Jude would not be able to offer the many ministries it has for its parishioners. If you have questions, please contact Peggy Runnels, ext. 2210 or prunnels@stjudeparish.com. Thank you again for your cooperation.

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Pastoral Care

Hospital Ministry*

If you or a family member is, or scheduled to be, in the hospital, please call us - day or night. Our pastoral care team is here to serve, to pray, to bring Holy Communion and when the priests visit the sick, to anoint the sick. There is a training program for Eucharistic Ministers who visit Catholics who are in local hospitals and care facilities. We are encouraged in this ministry of compassion by the fact that caring for the infirmed is a corporal work of mercy. If you feel called to this ministry, watch the bulletin for training opportunities, or

Contact: Deacon Ron, ext. 0

After 5:00pm - call 972.632.2382 (24-hour answering service)

Home Bound/Elderly Visitation Ministry*

This ministry is devoted to alleviating what Mother Teresa called "the terrible poverty of loneliness" by providing weekly visits to the elderly and home bound in our area. Our volunteers form bonds of friendship with those at home or in care facilities through book studies, social groups, birthday celebrations, luncheons, card games or by simply being present. If you have an hour a week, you can provide a much-needed connection for these cherished ones.

To have the Eucharist brought to the home bound,

Contact: Jack DeSimone, jack.desimone@gmail.com

Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain is connected through an e-mail listserv that distributes prayer requests daily. You may join this listserv via subscription on our website. The link to join is on our homepage. Select Prayer Chain from the menu. There is also a link to submit a prayer request to the Prayer Chain. However, if you require the ministry of a priest, please call the parish office or after hours answering service.

Contact: Rose Tuck, prayers@stjudeparish.com

Collin County Juvenile Detention Center Ministry*

The CCJDC in McKinney houses between 95-110 youth, ages 11-17. Ministry teams provide religious education on the first and third Tuesdays and Saturdays of each month. In addition to the worship service, life skills have been incorporated into the curriculum and have been met with great enthusiasm. These include resume and cover sheet writing, interviewing techniques, financial planning, and career guidance. This life-changing ministry requires commitment, training, orientation and a second background check to join.

Contact: Deacon Ron, ext. 0

Grief Support

Our Grief Support Group provides fellowship for the journey through loss, and through the book study, *Seasons of Hope*, which is aimed at understanding our grief. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in the Parish Life Center, Room 309, following the 6:00pm Mass. Please bring your bible. Additionally, we meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at a local restaurant. Check the bulletin for monthly dinner details. All who have suffered a loss are welcome.

Contact: Jim Chase, thegunny731@yahoo.com

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

This monthly support group for caretakers of people afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease gathers on the first Thursday of each month from 1 - 2:30pm in the parish library (PLC 306).

Contact: Brett Branch, alzsupallen@gmail.com

St. Jude Columbarium

St. Jude Catholic Church has a columbarium to receive the cremated remains of our beloved dead. This is located just outside the east transept, near the statue of St. Jude. Future plans include another columbarium in the west transept near the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Niches are available to St. Jude parishioners and their family members. Each niche will accommodate two urns. More information and pricing is available on our website.

Contact: Ann Mikelonis, ext. 2249

Volunteer Opportunities

Bulk Mailers

A dedicated group of parishioners meet, typically one morning a month, to assemble newsletters and other bulk mail items on an as-needed basis. The involvement is minimal; the fellowship rewards are great.

Contact: M. Jay Allen, ext. 2231

Bus Drivers*

This ministry is very helpful to our parish life. Screened volunteers provide group transportation on an as-needed basis, including Mass, youth events, retreats and various outreach and fellowship activities. Even if you don't have a Commercial Driver's License, we will assist you in attaining one.

Contact: Ann Mikelonis, ext. 2249

Catechist*

Catechists have an extraordinary mission. They are commissioned and supported by the parish and Pastor to carry out this important role of presenting the story of Faith to our young people. They do this in a way that enables our children to see and experience faith as a "living reality." At St. Jude, catechists are safety-cleared adults and teens (classroom aides) who have answered the call of this sacrificial vocation to hand down the faith as it was handed down to them. Training and enrichment opportunities are regularly offered to assist our catechists.

Contact: Julie Buchanan, ext. 2225 (grades PreK - 6)

Contact: Claudia Wells ext. 2226 (grades 7-8)

Contact: Bridget Hanafin, ext. 2228 (grades 9-12)

Engagement Sponsor Couples

Sponsor couples are matched with an engaged couple to lead them through a program that is designed to help them become ready to be married. The program focuses on expectations, life style, interests, personality, dual careers, problem solving, religion and values, family of origin, interfaith marriage, parenting, finances, sexuality, and the marriage covenant. A sponsor couple may be asked to sponsor two or three couples per year. The time commitment per couple may be from 10 to 15 hours total.

Contact: Della Doss, ext. 2230

Information Table

These volunteers, in many cases, are the first point of contact for newcomers to St. Jude. They are here to welcome, answer questions, and provide assistance in the Narthex after all weekend Masses. Extra help is always needed for this ministry.

Contact: Della Doss, ext. 2230

Parish Library

The St. Jude Parish Library, located in the Parish Life Center (PLC) Room 306, has been in existence almost since the beginning of the parish itself. It is here to encourage, support, and enrich the spiritual and intellectual growth of our parishioners by providing literature and resources for all ages. We recently received many donations from Fr. Tim's personal library.

Contact: Ann Mikelonis, ext. 2249

See Liturgical Ministries and Music Ministries for more Volunteer Opportunities.

Parish Fellowships

Bridge Club

All Parishioners who wish to learn and play bridge are welcome to attend. We meet in the Theater of the Parish Life Center from 9:30am – 11:30am on Friday mornings from September through May from 1 – 4:30pm. We also offer a Beginner/Supervised Duplicate on the first Tuesday of the month, from 1:15pm – 4:00pm. And on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, there is an open duplicate for teams from 1:15pm – 4:00pm throughout the year. Every Monday, a social rubber bridge game is played from Noon to 3:00pm, year round.

Contact: Ann Roerman, acer2001@juno.com

Moms & Tots*

Moms and their children (5 and under) gather on the playground on most Fridays from 9:30am to 11:00am for fellowship and play time. We meet during the months of September - November and February - May. In case of rain, the event will be canceled.

Contact: Julie Buchanan, ext. 2225

Young Married Fellowship

YMF is a group of young, active married couples who share in growing in their faith and marriage vows through social events and Scripture studies. We meet at least once a month for social events, and more often during scripture studies focused on enhancing our role as husbands or wives. We'd like to invite you and your spouse to join us! You can find more information by following us on Facebook or the parish website. Watch the bulletin for upcoming scripture studies we may offer.

Contact: Joanna Anzalone, StJudeYMF@gmail.com

Good Timers

Seniors, age 55 and older, get together monthly, September through May, at 11:30am in the Chapel for Mass, followed by a potluck luncheon in the Parish Hall. Volunteer chefs provide the main course, and seniors are encouraged to bring a side-dish or dessert to share. Watch the website and bulletin for dates.

Contact: Della Doss, ext. 2230

Annual Parish Events

The Giving Tree

Each year, St. Jude collaborates with Catholic Charities and our PHP ministry to provide Christmas gifts for families who otherwise would have none. In the past, we have included other parish outreach programs, helping children from St. Cecilia's Catholic School and refugee families through the Refugee Resettlement Programs. During Advent, please take a name tag from the tree in the Parish Hall. Their needs and sizes are listed. Return the gifts unwrapped and place them under the tree with the name tag attached. Volunteers sort and deliver gifts.

Contact: Dwain Faso and Cathy Kuehn, drfaso@tx.rr.com, or Sara Walsh, ext. 0

K of C Christmas Tree Sales

After Thanksgiving, the Knights of Columbus sell fresh-cut Christmas Trees in the south parking lot as a fundraiser for their programs. Trees range from 5' to 12' and are priced \$11/ft. while supplies last.

Contact: Mike Lepine, grand.knight@stjudekoc.com

Children's Holiday Show*

The first Saturday of December, join us in the Parish Hall for a holiday play presentation by the children and youth of the parish. Children and youth, ages 8-18 are invited to participate. Adults are needed to direct, choreograph, set design/construction, and costumes. Auditions will take place in September.

Contact: Julie Buchanan, ext. 2225

Breakfast with St. Nick/Advent Traditions Workshop*

Youth Ministries, Children's Ministries and the Knights of Columbus join together to provide a fun morning of activities in early December for the families of St. Jude. Teens may register online via AccessACS to be elves.

Contact: Julie Buchanan, ext. 2225

Allen Christmas Parade*

Our high school students take part in the annual Allen Christmas Parade. Wearing St. Jude Tees and carrying signs, the teens pass out candy and invitations for Catholics to "Come Home for Christmas."

Contact: Bridget Hanafin, ext. 2228

Women's Christmas Luncheon

Each year, the Women of St. Jude gather at the Heritage Ranch Country Club for fun, fellowship and feasting! The luncheon is typically the first Saturday of December. This year's luncheon will be December 1st. Watch the bulletin and website for details.

Contact: Linda Ernst, lernst933@yahoo.com

St. Valentine's Marriage Blessing and Dinner

In mid-February, we host a St. Valentine's Day Mass and Marriage Blessing. The Mass is followed by a catered dinner in the Parish Hall. Watch the bulletin and website for event details and registration. This year's dinner and dance will be held on **February 10, 2017** with Mass at 6:30pm.

Contact: Della Doss, ext. 2230

K of C Biannual Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus sponsor a parish blood drive through **Carter Blood Care** each Spring and Fall. Watch the bulletin and website for details. If you would like to donate at the Carter Blood Care in Allen, please use our account #SPON021432 so that St. Jude will receive credit for your donation. Remember, your donation makes a difference in someone's life! Our next blood drive will be **August 27, 2017**.

Contact: Mark Tuck, rtuck@stjudeparish.com

Lenten Fish Fry

The Parish is invited for our annual Fish Fry's hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Fish Fry's are in the Parish Hall from 5-7pm. We serve baked and/or fried fish, french fries, hush puppies, mac & cheese, green beans, corn, desserts and a drink.

Prices:

Family Pack- \$40

Adults - \$10

Kids age 4+ - \$5

Seniors - \$7

Children, age 3 and under eat FREE. This is also an annual service opportunity for our confirmation students. The dinner is followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7:00pm in the Church. See you March 3rd!

Contact: Mike Lepine, grand.knight@stjudekoc.com

Lil' Lambs Children's Consignment Sale

Since 2002, Lil Lambs has donated over \$130,000 to Collin County women's and children's charities including Family Promise, Hope's Door, City House, AMA Food Pantry, Allen Community Outreach, Plano and McKinney Children's Medical Clinics and Children's Advocacy Center. Lil' Lambs also provides a shopping voucher program for Boyd and Rountree Elementary families in financial need.

The Lil' Lambs Children's Consignment Sale will be held at St. Jude this year from **August 3 - 5**. They are currently accepting "sellers" for this event. Please sign up at www.lil-lambs.net, and select the Fall 2017 Consignment Dates. For questions, please contact Lil' Lambs at help@lil-lambs.net.

Contact: Rose Tuck, ext. 2212

Women's Montserrat Retreat

Each spring, the women of the parish are invited to attend a weekend retreat at Montserrat Jesuit Retreat Center on Lake Dallas. For information on rates and accommodations, visit their website at montserratretreat.org. Our 2017 Retreat is April 20th - 22nd.

Contact: Julie Murtha, jamjnj2@verizon.net

K of C Golf Tournament

The Knights of Columbus host a charity golf tournament each April at Twin Creeks Golf Course in Allen. Event includes contests, raffle, prizes, awards, auction and dinner. Proceeds benefit parish and diocesan outreach programs. Special rates are available for foursomes. For sponsorship information, visit stjudekocgolf.com.

Contact: Mike Lepine, grand.knight@stjudekoc.com

St. Jude Carnival*

Our 11th Annual St. Jude Carnival is held the second weekend of September. It is three days of fun filled rides, games, inflatables, raffle, silent auction, midway food, our fabulous Knights of Columbus food, musical entertainment and great fellowship with parishioners and surrounding communities. Our carnival has something to offer every age! Many volunteers are needed to make this event successful. Donations of time, cupcakes, soda, bottled water and more are also needed. Watch the bulletin for opportunities to be a part of the Carnival committee as well as ways and means to help. Mark your calendar now to be a part of this fabulous weekend!

Contact: Della Doss, ext. 2230

Craft Fair

2017 marks the 32nd annual St. Jude Craft Fair. It is held the first weekend of November in the Parish Hall and Education Building. Begin your holiday shopping with unique, handcrafted items in over 90 booths! Enjoy lunch and homemade baked goods prepared by the Women of St. Jude and the Sunshine and Rainbows ELC Parents. Booth reservations begin in June for the first weekend of November. Proceeds benefit outreach programs in the parish.

Contact: Rose Tuck, rtuck@stjudeparish.com

Trivia Night

Sponsored by the Lady Knights, teams of eight compete over the mastery of trivial knowledge. The most trivial table wins. Proceeds benefit parish outreach programs. Watch for details on the website or bulletin. This year's Trivia Night was **January 21, 2017** at 6:30pm.

Contact: Brenda Steffens, mbsteff@swbell.net

*To find more information about our parish
or an upcoming event,
please see the **Calendar** on our website at
stjudeparish.com.*

Service Organizations

American Heritage Girls*

American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered non-profit character development program for girls ages 5-18, dedicated to its mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. AHGTX0131 is chartered through St. Jude Catholic Church; therefore, we will focus our spiritual development on the Catholic faith. Our meetings are every other Monday in the St. Jude Theatre at 6:30-8pm.

Contact: Shea Hernandez, AHGTX0131@gmail.com

Cub Scouts Pack 131*

Cub Scouts is a division of the Boy Scouts of America, whose mission is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes. Their motto is "Do Your Best" and emphasizes God and country. This non-profit organization is for boys in first grade through fifth grade (ages 7-10).

Cub Scout Pack 131 is chartered through St. Jude Catholic Church; therefore, we will focus our spiritual development on the Catholic faith. This group is broken into three groups: Tiger Cubs for first graders; Cub Scouts for second and third graders and Webelos Scouts for fourth and fifth graders. Our meetings are every third Tuesday from 7- 8:30pm in the Theater.

Contact: Carlos Davila, cdavila@att.net

Boy Scouts Troop 131*

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young men to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them values of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. Their slogan is "Do a Good Turn Daily" and their motto is "Be Prepared". This is a non-profit organization for boys who are 11 - 17 years of age, or have earned the Cub Scout Arrow of Light award and are at least 10 years old, or have completed the fifth grade. Boy Scout Troop 131 is chartered through St. Jude Catholic Church; therefore, we will focus our spiritual development on the Catholic faith. Our meetings are every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30 in the Youth Room (formerly Theatre).

Contact: John Yundt-Pacheco, jcyp@acm.org

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men, ages 18 and older, whose mission is charity, faith and family. For more information, visit the St. Jude Council website at stjudekofc.com.

Contact: Mike Lepine, grand.knight@stjudekofc.com

Legion of Mary

Legion of Mary meets weekly on Monday afternoons from 2:15 to 4pm in Room 305 of the Parish Life Center. They meet to pray, evangelize and serve the Church in every form of social service under the guidance of the Pastor of St. Jude.

Contact: Carmen Moreno, 972-905-5373

Women of St. Jude

All women are encouraged to share in this fellowship. We meet throughout the school year for social, spiritual and service endeavors. We are in our 32nd year of hosting the Annual Fall Craft Fair. Meetings and activities take place at various times to accommodate the schedules of our women and the other organizations within our parish. Watch the website and bulletin for information on upcoming events.

Our bereavement committee provides a funeral reception for family and friends to gather after funerals in the Parish Hall.

Contact: Ellen Staller, astaller@tx.rr.com

Mary Romero, mcw-r@tx.rr.com

Children's Faith Formation

Religious Education Programs *

St. Jude provides a comprehensive catechetical program based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Scripture, Catholic teachings and traditions. Each grade level focuses on a specific theme. By the end of each year, students will have been exposed to, and understand a variety of topics within their grade level theme. All learning is cumulative and students are expected to be familiar with the previous year's curriculum.

The learning of our Catholic faith begins in the home at birth and continues for a life time. Children are expected to be enrolled in religious education classes through high school. The reception of the sacraments is the beginning, not the end, of their formation as Catholics. Enrollment begins in the spring for the following academic year. Registration information contact Toni Cechan at ext. 2224.

Children, grades PreK3-6th grade, contact:

Julie Buchanan, ext. 2225

For Youth, grades 7-8, contact Claudia Wells, ext. 2226

For Youth, grades 9-12, contact Bridget Hanafin, ext. 2228

To register for classes in all grades,

Contact: Toni Cechan, ext. 2224.

For more information, see Sacramental Preparation, Service Organizations and other Children and Youth Faith Formation below.

Special Needs Religious Education Class*

This class is for children with special challenges who would benefit from an environment designed to maximize their success. This class meets on Mondays at 4:30pm. Other provisions are available for children with learning differences during other RE class times. We are also looking for adults specifically trained in special education to help with this class. Please let us know if you can help.

Contact: Julie Buchanan, ext. 2225 or Toni Cechan, ext. 2224

Children's Liturgy of the Word*

During the Liturgy of the Word and Homily, children, ages 4 through 2nd grade, are invited to recess to the Chapel for readings from the children's lectionary, and return to their parents during the Preparation of the Altar prior to the Eucharistic Prayers. CLOW is not available at the 5pm Sunday evening Mass or during the monthly Children's Mass. Adult liturgists are always needed. This is a particularly great opportunity for grandparents.

Contact: Dahl Gomez, dabgodtx@yahoo.com

Children's Mass*

Our children participate in the liturgy on one Sunday of each month (except July, August and September) at the 10am Mass. Our 5th and 6th grade RE students serve as lectors for readings. The homily is tailored for their understanding and participation. The children's choir sings at these Masses. The offering schedule for the "We Care" program, designed to teach the Corporal Works of Mercy, is in the RE Family handbook located on-line. Watch the bulletin for monthly information.

Contact: Julie Buchanan, ext. 2225 or Toni Cechan, ext. 2224

We Care*

Our Children's Ministries program offers children an age-appropriate way to help other children through monthly activities that help them practice the Corporal Works of Mercy throughout the year. In the past, the children have collected items for the Samaritan Inn, Spanish language children's books for our sister parishes in Honduras, food items for the Allen Food Pantry, stuffed animals for foster children, milk money for Russian orphans and school supplies for the Children's Advocacy Center. Watch the website or bulletin for details.

Contact: Julie Buchanan, ext. 2225 or Toni Cechan, ext. 2224

Nursery*

Nurseries are provided during all Masses for ages 1 (walking) through 48 months. Care for ages up to 11 years is provided by reservation for special and recurring events as advertised. A donation per child, per visit, is requested. All caregivers have completed the Diocesan Safe Environment Training.

Contact: Sara Walsh, ext. 0 or nursery@stjudeparish.com

Love through Service*

In addition to attendance in religious education classes, there are several opportunities to live our faith through action. These "love" events of service are a way for our parish family to learn together, pray together, get to know each other and celebrate who we are as Catholics and members of St. Jude. These events include Adoration, the Blessing of the Animals, Children's Rosary, "Saints Alive" presentation, Advent and Lenten Traditions Workshops, Christmas Pageants, Family Stations of the Cross and a Children's Movie Night.

Contact: Julie Buchanan, ext. 2225 or Toni Cechan, ext. 2224

Vacation Bible School*

Vacation Bible School is five mornings filled with Bible stories, arts and crafts, song, and fellowship to learn about the world God created for them. This program is offered the last full week of June each summer for PreK (3-year-olds) - 5th grade. Registration is in April and fills very quickly. Safety-cleared volunteers are always needed.

Contact: Julie Buchanan, ext. 2225 or Toni Cechan, ext. 2224

Youth Faith Formation

JYM Confirmation Prep*

JYM is Catholic middle school youth ministry for early adolescents in grades 7 and 8. This program is designed to prepare middle school youth for the Sacrament of Confirmation, while meeting the educational, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of young adolescents. In addition to preparing for Confirmation, middle school youth are offered various opportunities for fellowship and fun through the JYM program.

The structure of our JYM program also seeks to ease the difficult transition that middle school teens face in moving from the elementary school years into the pressures of Jr. High and High school.

JYM1 (primarily 7th grade) meets Mondays from 6:30-7:30pm and Sundays from 1:30-3:00pm for social, service and class time activities.

JYM2 (8th grade students) meet Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm and Sundays from 1:30-3:00pm for social, service and class time activities.

Out of Sequence Sacrament classes for students in 7th and 8th grades will meet weekly from October through the season of Lent in order to prepare the students for the sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Please contact the Youth Office for more information or to register a student for these classes.

Social events will be offered for 7th & 8th grade students multiple times per semester. These are nights of community, activities and growing outside of normal class time.

Contact: Bridget Hanafin, ext. 2228

High School Ministry*

High School Youth Ministry is for youth in 9th-12th grades, and gives students an opportunity for fellowship, catechesis, bible studies, service projects, social events, and much more. We are called to be disciples of Christ, and we are here to build a family of disciples while living in the 21st century!

Our primary gatherings take place on Sundays from 6:15-8:30pm. In addition, we have Bible studies on Tuesday mornings and afternoons, and men and women discipleship groups on Wednesday evenings. RE registration is required. Watch the bulletin for upcoming events and activities.

Contact: Bridget Hanafin, ext. 2228

NEW! Monthly Fellowship

The high school youth program sponsors monthly movie nights for 9th-12th grade students, as well as monthly family nights for the entire family of high school teens. As those particular events approach, the weekly bulletin will provide the theme for those evenings. Movie nights take place the third Thursday of the month, and family nights take place the 2nd Friday of the month during the Spring semester.

Contact: Bridget Hanafin, ext. 2228

“TAG” – “Totally Awesome Get-togethers”*

Summer-time get-togethers for middle school youth entering 7th and 8th grades. Youth gather on Wednesdays for fun and fellowship. Outings include ice skating, bowling, taking brownies to the Bishop, touring the Cathedral in downtown Dallas, and watching movies in the parish hall. These gatherings provide an opportunity for new middle school teens to get to know one another and form friendships based on faith.

Contact: Bridget Hanafin, ext. 2228

B.L.A.S.T. – “Big, Loud, Awesome, Spiritual Thang!”*

Summer-time get-togethers for high school youth entering 9th – 12th grades. Youth get together bi-weekly for some awesome adventure (or just to eat pizza). Outings are totally random, and totally youth-inspired, and foster Christian unity and fellowship.

Contact: Bridget Hanafin, ext. 2228

Mission Possible*

Mission Possible is a diocesan-wide summer youth service program for 7-12th graders. Youth participate with other parishes in a week of community service and outreach throughout the Dallas area. It begins with a Kick-Off Rally and Mass on Sunday, and the work days are Monday through Thursday. The success of this program is dependent on safety-cleared adults to transport, chaperone and supervise groups of teens at project sites. Sign-ups for youth and adults begin in May.

Contact: Claudia Wells, ext. 2226

Summer Mission Trip*

9th - 12th grade students are encouraged to participate in the annual mission trip. This particular opportunity allows for fellowship and service to many outside our St. Jude “bubble”. Wherever we serve, these mission trips consistently provide an opportunity for our youth to go deeper in their faith, and to bond more deeply in faith with one another.

Contact: Bridget Hanafin, ext. 2228

Steubenville Youth Conference*

Each summer, our high school students have an opportunity to travel to a Steubenville Youth Conference. This three-day conference is sponsored and programming is provided by Franciscan University and Life Teen. Safety-cleared adult chaperones attend with the youth. This is a very popular trip and spaces fill quickly. Sign-ups are in early spring.

Contact: Bridget Hanafin, ext. 2228

Youth Band

Music is an important aspect in the life of all teens. Through the ministry of our Youth Band, we strive to help connect teens more deeply to Christ through contemporary Christian music. The Youth Band plays for most youth ministry events and gatherings, and is open to musicians in 9th through 12th grades. We are also looking for adult musicians who would like to help with leadership.

Contact: Bridget Hanafin, ext. 2228

Young Adult Ministry

We are kicking off a new young adult ministry in the parish! Young adults ages 18-39 are invited to participate in this community on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. The first Thursday will start with Adoration at 6:30pm, followed by an off-site social time. Participants are also encouraged to attend Mass at 6:00pm together. The third Thursdays, programming started at 7:00pm, will consist of a book study, complete with question and discussion time. Beginning in March, we will study the book Resisting Happiness by Matthew Kelly. At the completion of this study, programming will continue to rotate between book studies, speaker series, and Bible studies.

Contact: Bridget Hanafin, ext. 2228

Adult Faith Formation**Adult Book Study: Offered Twice**

Join us for a Lenten journey with the book by Matthew Kelly Resisting Happiness. Matthew Kelly will help you learn why we sabotage ourselves, feel overwhelmed, set aside our dreams, and lack the courage to simply be ourselves.....and how to start choosing happiness again. This book will inspire you to break through resistance so you can become the -best-version-of -yourself and start living with passion and purpose. The times are Thursday mornings at 9:15am - 10:30am in the Lecture Hall beginning or Thursday evening at 6:30pm - 8pm. The study runs from March 2nd through April 6th. Bring your copy of the book and if you don't have one we do have a few to offer. Childcare is available by reservation, contact Sara Walsh at swalsh@stjudeparish.com.

Contact: Linda Cooney, lkcooney@aol.com

NEW! Choice Wine

7 Steps to a Superabundant Marriage is a pathway to authentic marital happiness. Couples will learn how to virtually divorce-proof their marriages, experience the superabundant love and mercy of God and realize a foretaste of paradise in their marriages and families. It is a nine-week, interactive, multi-media program specifically designed for couples. The couples meet once per week for approximately 1.5 to 2 hours. The Choice Wine will be forming a team of couples to bring this to our parish in the fall. If interested in the team, contact Chad and Barbara Littler at socallit@mac.com.

Contact: Della Doss, ext. 2230

NEW! Christology

Beginning February 5th, Joyce Springer will lead a three-session course on Christology on Sunday in February from 10-11:40am in the Lecture Hall (PC406). Childcare is available by reservation, contact Sara Walsh at swalsh@stjudeparish.com.

Contact: Mary Boyle, ext. 2213

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University

St. Jude will be offering the Dave Ramsey 9-week Financial Series this spring. Please watch the bulletin for dates, time and location.

Contact: Robert Holladay, ext. 2219

Daughters of Mary

All women, college age and above are invited to join in this ongoing prayer group called "Daughters of Mary". We meet from 8 - 9pm in the choir room (PC 404) every Wednesday evening. This year, we added a NEW morning session from 9:25-10:30am. The format is common prayer, reading the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday (with accompanying commentary) and then prayerfully reflecting on the Gospel together and sharing our inspired insights. This is an ennobling and enriching experience that teaches us how to tap into the living water of God's Word and pass that on to our families. You may join this ongoing group at any time during the year. Childcare is available by reservation by contacting nursery@stjudeparish.com.

Contact: Vanessa Perez, vsperez@yahoo.com

Diocesan Catechist Training

St. Jude offers adult faith formation classes for Diocesan Catechetical credit. These classes cover five topics: Catholic Ministerial Identity, Sacred Scripture, Theology, Personal and Spiritual Maturity, and Methodology/Skills in the classroom. The theology and scripture classes are taught by certified instructors through the Diocese of Dallas who hold Masters Degrees in Theology. We encourage all parishioners, especially catechists, to participate in the class offerings to further their knowledge of their faith. Watch the bulletin for upcoming classes.

Contact: Julie Buchanan, ext. 2225

Exploring the Sunday Readings

The focus of this lectionary Bible study is to prepare our hearts to hear the Liturgy of the Word. We offer this study twice a week - one group meets Tuesdays morning after the 8:30am Mass in the Choir Room (PC404).

Contact: Mary Boyle, ext. 2213

NEW! FORMED.ORG

The parish has purchased this gift for every parish family. The subscription is a wonderful website that has inspiring movies and video-based programs, audio presentations, and e-books from the Church's most compelling speakers and authors. See the bulletin or website to on how to get started!!

Contact: Mary Boyle, ext. 2213

Marriage Encounter Circle

Marriage Encounter Circle is a monthly gathering of those who have attended a Marriage Encounter weekend. The emphasis of Marriage Encounter is communication between husband and wife, away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. The Circle is a continuation of that weekend and meets monthly to "keep the weekend experience alive." For the weekend dates in your area go to dfwme.org.

Contact: Liz Moore, ext. 2223

The Men's Rosary/Prayer Group

This men's group meets every Thursday evening at 7pm in the chapel. We recite the Rosary, read and discuss Scripture, and close with shared prayer.

Contact: Joe Collard, jcollard@quixnet.net

Natural Family Planning - The Creighton Method

NFP offers natural, reliable, effective and inexpensive methods to plan your family. In addition to the health benefits, couples report a fuller understanding of their sexuality and relationship through the use of these methods. This program is fee-based and offered outside the regular programs of the parish. Watch the bulletin for upcoming classes.

Contact: Mary Boyle, ext. 2213

Little Rock Bible Study

This Bible study meets once a week in the Formation Room (PC 401) on Friday mornings at 6:30am. The study guide directs the reflection, while the commentary provides solid Catholic scholarship that leads to a deeper understanding of Scripture. It consists of conversational prayer, group sharing, and discussion.

Contact: Deacon Robert Holladay, ext. 2219

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Anyone seeking information about the Catholic faith is welcome to attend any of the RCIA sessions. As the process proceeds, and if you so desire to be baptized and/or confirmed into the Catholic faith community, we encourage you to strive to attend all the sessions and other RCIA events. There are times during the RCIA process for you to explore your intentions and continue to discern God's call. RCIA meets on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Hall. New classes will begin again in September, but please contact the parish office if interested in beginning your journey.

Contact: Della Doss, ext. 2230

St. Ignatius Book Study

The St. Ignatius Book Study meets every Tuesday at 1:15pm in the Formation Room. Jeanne Girsch leads this group in study, prayer and lively discussions of various Jesuit publications. The group is currently using "The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything" by James Martin, SJ.

Contact: Jeanne Girsch, ext. 2215

That Man is You!

That Man Is You! combines Scripture, solid secular research and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society. We gather for breakfast, coffee, and some entertaining videos. Then there's a presentation at 6:15am that combines the best scientific research with the teachings of the Church and wisdom of the saints. It's followed at 7:00am with breakout groups that provide the opportunity to discuss what's been presented. We're on the road by 7:30am so that we can be at work by 8:00. Newcomers are welcome at any time, but watch the bulletin for new sessions to begin in the fall.

Contact: Doug Doss, ddoss99@yahoo.com



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Wednesday Evening Study

Wednesday evening Series: The Journey through Scripture is the bible study and video program designed to help Catholics grow in their knowledge of the scriptures while deepening their understanding of the riches of our faith. The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Journey through Scripture video series is 12 weeks that will help deepen the understanding and appreciation for Our Lady. The study begins March 8th from 6:30pm- 8:00pm and runs through May 31th. Nursery available by reservation, contact Sara Walsh at swalsh@stjudeparish.com.

Contact: Louis Murad at 972-699-9584

Women's Catholic Book Study

The Women's Wednesday Study will begin an exciting new video series! The Wild Goose - February 8th from 10am - 11:30am through May 10th. Discover a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Childcare available by contacting Sara Walsh at swalsh@stjudeparish.com.

Contact: Cindy McKenna, cindybmckenna@gmail.com

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism Preparation*

A required baptismal class is held typically on the fourth Saturday of the month from 9am-Noon in the Lecture Hall (PC 406), for parents seeking the baptism of an infant or small child. Children 7 or older receive instruction through an Initiations Sacraments program. Adults seeking this sacrament should call the Church office. Baptism and Baptismal Class Registration forms are available on the website.

*RCIA Adapted for Children and Youth (*a special sacraments program*) is available at St. Jude. This program is for those children who have reached the age of reason (7 and older) and need to be baptized and catechized in the Catholic faith. Please contact Julie Buchanan with Children's Ministries (7-12 year olds), ext. 2225, or Youth Ministries (13-17 year olds) ext. 2228 for further information.

Baptism Preparation Class, contact Deacon Robert, ext. 2219

Infant baptism, contact: Peggy Runnels, ext. 2210

Baptizing children 7-18 years, contact: Julie Buchanan, ext. 2225

Adult baptism, contact: Jeanne Girsch, ext. 2215

First Reconciliation/First Communion*

Sacraments of initiation, also known as "First Sacraments," is a two-year preparation process provided through Religious Education classes for 1st and 2nd graders.

Contact: Julie Buchanan, ext. 2225

Confirmation Preparation*

Our JYM (7th and 8th grade) program is a two-year preparation process for the sacrament of Confirmation. Students begin their preparation in 7th grade (as a Year 1 Candidate) and will complete their preparation in 8th grade (as a Year 2 Candidate). Requirements include Mass attendance, class attendance, service hours and retreats. Safety-cleared adult catechists serve as small group leaders. See the parish website for class schedules. Registration is required.

Contact: Claudia Wells, ext. 2226

Out of Sequence Sacraments*

These classes are for children and youth who did not attend Religious Education during the traditional sacramental preparation years, and as a result did not receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Contact: Julie Buchanan, ext. 2225

Marriage Preparation

There are several steps that are required to be married in the Catholic Church. Engaged couples first meet with our pastor. A variety of paperwork must be completed for your file. The engaged couple will be assigned to a Sponsor Couple and take a FOCUS assessment that is designed to help you better understand your relationship and to prepare for your Engaged Encounter weekend. It is necessary to meet with the director of music to plan the music for the wedding 2-3 months before the wedding.

Contact: Fr. Andrew, ext. 2214

Faith in Action

The Allen Food Pantry*

The Allen Food Pantry is housed at St. Jude and supported by a number of local Churches. It is a non-profit 100% volunteer-supported organization that has joined forces with Catholic Charities in order to serve their clients throughout the Diocese. We are here to help provide food for families in crisis in Allen, Lucas and Fairview. Safety-cleared volunteers are always needed. There is a drop box that is checked daily in front of the Pantry for non-perishable items.

Contact: 214.644.2090

Alzheimer's Association Education Series

Together, St. Jude and the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Dallas present activities and education to inform, empower and equip the community to meet the many needs of families dealing with an Alzheimer's diagnosis. Please mark your calendars for the following dates: **June 10th, August 12th and October 21st, 2016.**

Contact: Della Doss, ext. 2230

Catholic Alcoholism and Addictions Ministry (CAAM)

We provide resources and support for those who are coping with alcohol and addictions, which includes support for family and friends. We host an open 12-step meeting (similar to AA, NA and AlAnon meetings) for all interested parties every Saturday morning in the Formation Room (PC 401) from 9:15 – 10:15 am. St. Jude also sponsors the Dallas Diocese monthly Calix Mass and meeting held on the second Saturday of each month with a Mass at 8:30 am in the St. Jude Chapel and meeting at 9:15 – 10:15 am. For more information on Calix, see www.calixsociety.org and calix.stjudeparish.com.

Contact: Matt, 214.734.5334

Career Alliance

Do you need a job? Jobs are available, yet getting selected requires hard work and skills not needed 10 years ago. These skills are presented through course curriculum, expert speakers plus resource materials. Career Alliance is open to everyone and the presentations are free. Career Alliance meets at 9 a.m. most every Wednesday in the Lecture Hall. Check stjudecareeralliance.net for dates and times.

Contact: Jack Bick, jbick@stjudeparish.com

People Helping People

This exploratory committee goes out into the community to find ways that we as a parish can better serve our community. It is their task to bring back to the parish information and inspiration to be involved. Learn more about our current involvement via the parish website. It's exciting! Watch the bulletin for ways you can help.

Contact: Mary Boyle, ext. 2213

Gospel of Life Ministry

More than just praying at an abortion center, the Gospel of Life Pro-Life Ministry seeks to organize, educate and instruct our parish family on **ALL** pro-life teachings of the Catholic Church. In addition to working in conjunction with the Catholic Pro-Life Committee of the Dallas Diocese, we hope to expand this ministry to include education of and prayer to those facing the death penalty. At St. Jude, there are MANY ways to be pro-life! Watch the bulletin for details.

Contact: Deacon Al Karcher, akarcher@stjudeparish.com

Honduras Outreach

Our parish has been involved with assisting the Catholic Church in Honduras. Our focus has been threefold: financial assistance, the development of a partnership and assisting with spiritual and religious education programs. We have provided funds for emergencies, as well as resources to rehabilitate the meager buildings of the Church in Saba and Rio Esteban and the surrounding area. We have also provided funds to purchase two farms so that the Church can support itself through income gained from the labor of its parish members. Finally, we have established a renewal and education program under the banner of Christ Renews His Parish.

Contact: Fr. Andrew, ext. 2214

The Love Truck

Catholic Charities provides a Love Truck donation collection at our parish on the third Saturday and Sunday of the month between 8:30am and 1:00pm. Items for donation may include: Clothes, Shoes, Toys, Household Items (lamps, rugs, cookware, etc.), Appliances (working) and Furniture. Donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be provided. The truck is staffed by parishioners and the St. Jude Knights.

Contact: George Schafer, gschafertx@hotmail.com

Furniture Ministry

The furniture ministry provides donated household furniture and items to families in need. The ministry serves as a resource for parishioners, domestic violence and homeless shelters, schools, transitional housing organizations, and other non-profits in the Collin County area. We are always in need of storage space and safety-cleared drivers with pick-up trucks.

Contact: Cheryl Griffith, cherylgriffith@tx.rr.com

Samaritan Inn

St. Jude supports our local homeless shelter located in McKinney. The parish organizations take turns providing a meal for the shelter twice a month.

Contact: Jack DeSimone, jack.desimone@gmail.com

Senior Luncheon

The second Tuesday of every month, the Allen Ministerial Alliance provides a Senior Luncheon hosted in St. Jude's Parish Hall at 11:15am. Entertainment is provided. Twice a year (April and July,) St. Jude members provide desserts, drinks and set-ups for the meal. Watch the bulletin to find out when it is our turn.

Contact: Sara Walsh, ext. 0

St. Brigid's Needle Arts Group

A loving group of parishioners meets monthly to crochet or knit prayer blankets and Rosaries for those in crisis. These are distributed to local nursing homes, hospitals, the White Rose Crisis Pregnancy Center, Catholic Charities and the Veterans Home. Watch the bulletin for upcoming meetings.

Contact: M. Jay Allen, ext. 2231

Toolbox Ministry*

The Mission of the St. Jude Tool Box ministry is to offer general repair and maintenance projects to parishioners who have an immediate need, and are unable to provide for themselves, to support other ministries within St. Jude parish, Diocesan projects, interfaith projects, and the community at large. All volunteers will be safety cleared, and will humbly do so with a Servant's Heart. We will work at the pleasure of the Pastor of St. Jude.

Contact: Jerry Vaughn, jevaughn@swbell.net

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers

Serving the altar at Mass is one of the most helpful services that young people can perform in the parish. It is an opportunity to learn more about the Church and our worship of God and is open to girls and boys who are in the 5th grade and have received First Reconciliation and Eucharist. This service involves a regular commitment to a scheduled Mass. Training sessions are scheduled throughout the year. Servers will be advised of dates by their mentors. Sign-ups will be in March and September and published in the bulletin.

Contact: Cliff Brogdon, cwbrogdon@yahoo.com

Altar Server Mentors*

Altar Server Mentors are safety-cleared adults (typically a parent) who work with a scheduled Mass team of Altar Servers. Duties include ongoing support in the formation of servers, weekly reminders of their schedule and responsibilities, finding substitutes when a scheduled server is not available to serve, and training assistance. They plan and give an appreciation party for the servers at the end of each school year.

Contact: Cliff Brogdon, cwbrogdon@yahoo.com

Altar Society

The Altar Society is composed of a dedicated group of volunteers that is responsible for the seasonal decorations in the Church, including the banners and flowers. If you have skills that lend themselves to this special ministry, volunteers are always needed - especially before the Lenten and Advent seasons.

Contact: Ann Mikelonis, ext. 2249

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist (EM)*

EMs assist the priests and deacons to distribute the Eucharist at Mass. They also may carry it to the sick and the home bound. They must be baptized Catholics in good standing with the Church. Those who assist at Mass are not required to have a safety clearance. Those who care for the sick and home bound must be safety cleared (*see Safe Environment, pg. 3*). Training is provided several times a year. Watch the bulletin for dates and times.

Contact: Joe Collard, jcollard@quixnet.net

Lectors

Lectors are lay persons who participate in the liturgy of the Mass by the reading of Scriptures or leading the Prayers of the Faithful at daily Masses. There are three openings for lectors at each Mass and fifteen opportunities per weekend. This ministry does require some natural ability in public speaking in order to effectively impart the Word of God to fellow worshipers. Lectors are trained quarterly and scheduled monthly. This is also a great opportunity for teens to participate at the 5pm Youth Mass on Sunday.

Contact: Vicki Sublette, vsublette@hotmail.com

Rosary Leaders

Half an hour before each weekend Mass, lay volunteers lead a corporate Rosary. This is an excellent opportunity for families to be involved together in their worship. Each member can lead a decade or a prayer. A schedule is e-mailed monthly, or check the liturgical schedule online. Materials are provided.

Contact: Della Doss, ext. 2230

Sacristans

This behind-the-scenes ministry is responsible for the vessels and altar linens used for the Eucharist at each Mass and for the preparation of the Bread and Wine supplied to the Mass in accordance with the rubrics of the Sacramentary and under the direction of the Pastor. Volunteers are needed before and after all the Masses.

Contact: Jeanne Girsch, ext. 2215

Ushers*

Four to eight ushers are needed for each weekend and Holy Day Mass. We are organized into teams that cycle every three months. Teams work one month of Masses and have two months off. Usher training is held on an as-needed basis and includes preparatory reading and a one-hour session regarding the Mass setting, emergencies, evacuation procedures, etc. This ministry is open to teens and adults. A safe environment clearance is required.

Contact: Bill Kearns, wckearns@yahoo.com

Music Ministries

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir leads the music each Sunday at the 8:00 and 10:00am Masses and Holy Day Masses throughout the year. We are experiencing an increase in participation and interest in this group and hope for more joyful voices to come join us. Rehearsals are held weekly with additional rehearsals scheduled before the Easter and Christmas seasons. Please check the calendar for dates and times, especially during Advent and Lent. All choral singers are welcome!

Contact: Katie Lacy, kt88keys@verizon.net

The Band

The Band consists of a group of talented musicians and singers, brought together to lead the parish community in worship at the Sunday Noon and 5pm Youth Mass. Membership is by invitation/audition only. Vacancies are filled as-needed.

Contact: Michael Howard, mhoward@stjudeparish.com

Chant/Polyphony Choir

This spring we have started a Chant Choir at St. Jude. Our small group consists of vocalists who are training to sing a capella Polyphony and Chant during Holy Mass on occasion, including special Masses and Feasts.

Contact: Katie Lacy, kt88keys@verizon.net

Choristers Youth Choir

The St. Jude Choristers is made up of children, 3rd through 8th grade, who sing at the Children's Mass each month. They also provide music for a Christmas Eve Mass, First Eucharist Masses and other special events throughout the year. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00pm in the Choir Room (PC 404) from September through May.

Contact: Jeanie Adamson, stjudechoristers@gmail.com

Funeral Choir

These men and women volunteers provide musical support for funeral Masses when called upon. While this is a ministry of the Church, it is also a precious gift to the family of the deceased. You do not have to be an active member of the weekend choirs to be involved.

Contact: Karen Karnuta, klkarnuta@sbcglobal.net

S.A.M. (Saturday Anticipatory Mass) Choir

This small ensemble welcomes singers and musicians to lead the music for the Saturday 5:00pm Mass. Rehearsals are held Saturdays at 4:00pm in the choir room.

Contact: Jeanie Adamson, jeanie.adamson@gmail.com

African Choir

Formed in 2008, the African choir leads the celebration of Mass at St. Jude at least once per quarter, rendering traditional songs and hymns with an African flair. Nigeria and Cameroon are just two of the countries represented by members of the choir. The choir rehearses once per week for 4-6 weeks leading up to their scheduled Mass.

Contact: Felix Aniobi, faniobi@farmersagent.com

Kids Creative Camps*

Children, ages 3 (completed a PreK 3 preschool class) to completing 5th grade, may register for various summer enrichment programs. The camps are offered on two separate sessions during July and August. Choices and descriptions of the various camps are made available on the website each April.

Contact: Julie Buchanan, ext. 2225

ESL Classes for Adults

Classes in conversational English are offered on Tuesdays from 6-7pm during the school year, concurrent with the Tuesday evening RE class session.

Contact: Julie Buchanan, ext. 2225

Education

Sunshine & Rainbows Early Learning Center*

Sunshine and Rainbows Early Learning Center (formerly **Rainbow Days Preschool**) is a quality, enrichment program for two, three, four, and five year-old children with age-appropriate play and learning experiences that contribute to the religious, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical growth of each child. The program is a separate non-profit corporation located in the Education Building on the St. Jude campus. The preschool follows the AISD 9-month calendar. Please see our website at sunshineandrainbowsehc.org for registration and tuition information.

Contact: Liz Moore, Assistant Director - 214.644.2080 or Julie Buchanan, Director - ext. 2225

Sunshine & Rainbows ELC Private Kindergarten*

Sunshine & Rainbows ELC has a private kindergarten that meets the TEK's standards of the State of Texas and goes beyond.

Contact: Julie Buchanan, ext. 2225

Stewardship Fundamentals

One of the biggest mistakes about any enterprise is to approach the task haphazardly. A building, an education, a trip - all require planning. So it is the case with the formation of our Christian Life.

27 Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28 Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? 29 Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him 30 and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' 31 Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? 32 But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. (Luke 14:27-32)

Now, I think it would be helpful here to notice that Jesus' use of the metaphors of the tower and the size of an army are related to the cross, "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Jesus is helping those who are listening to his teachings to make a clear and calculated decision about being a disciple.

The miracles of Jesus and his promise of care and protection make him an attractive leader, but his intention is to lead us to the holiness of self-sacrificial love represented in the cross. This is the cross we are to carry and, while it comes in many forms, our own willingness to give is undoubtedly at the center of what it means for us.

For many Christians, the first step in the stewardship journey is the recognition that it is a necessary part of our life and faith. We cannot imagine that we can eliminate this. Our substantial and faithful participation in giving to the church is essential to the church, but it is also essential to our peace of soul. We need always to be striving to do the right thing.

41 He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. 42 A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. 43 Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. 44 For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood. (Mark 12:41-44)

Jesus' praise of this widow establishes the holiness of our support of the church, but even more it demonstrates the depth of giving to which God calls us. The Old Testament standard of giving is the tithe, which is ten percent of one's income. The New Testament standard is this widow, the cross, the lives of the saints and martyrs. There is no limit to what God might call us to give.

To prepare us for whatever God might call us to give, we need to be regular and disciplined about our giving. Starting somewhere is important, and then by growing into our giving by adding a percentage point each year we will reach the goal of responsible giving. The satisfaction of knowing that we have been given the opportunity to share in the work of the church is an astonishing gift.

Even though we may never be aware in this life of the good God has accomplished through us, perhaps someday God will let us see the future fruit of our giving. Imagine a young person, a traveler, a single mom, a grief stricken grandfather sitting alone in the church. They feel the weight of the sorrow of the cross bearing down on them. Then, as they look at the beauty and peace that surrounds them, they sense the presence of God. The prayers of those that have gone before them are holding them up, making their burden a little lighter.

The gift someone shared has made it possible for them to kneel in this church, and to know that God loves them, no matter how hard life has become. Perhaps this is the fruit of your gift.

NEW! Online giving is available for those who are interested. Please contact Ann Mikelonis at ext. 2249 or amikelonis@stjudeparish.com for specifics and assistance.

ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH 2017 PLEDGE CARD

After praying about my response, I intend to give:

General Operations Fund - \$ _____ per Week / per Month / per Year for a New Total Gift of \$ _____

Building Trust Fund - \$ _____ per Week / per Month / per Year for a New Total Gift of \$ _____

Ongoing Capital Campaign Fund - \$ _____ per Week / per Month / per Year for a New Total Gift of \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Envelope #: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____



Please contact me about electronic giving option.

I have remembered the parish in my will.

I will be praying for the success of our parish stewardship.

For one time gifts of stock, please contact the business office at ext. 2211



ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Registration Form

CONFIDENTIAL

OFFICE USE ONLY
Church Envelope # _____

This information is only available to St. Jude Catholic Church and the Diocese of Dallas.

Today's Date: _____
 Family Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 Primary E-mail Address: _____ Primary Phone #: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Widowed Divorce If married, were you married by a Catholic Priest or Deacon or married prior to becoming a Catholic? Yes No

Title (Mr./Ms.)	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Maiden Name	Religion	Date of Birth	Baptized? Y/N	1st Eucharist? Y/N	Confirmed? Y/N	Date of Marriage

Children (Please list only the children currently living at home, away at college or in military service. If needed, please use the back of the form.)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Gender	Date of Birth	Baptized? Y/N	1st Eucharist? Y/N	Confirmed? Y/N	Grade	School

Husband's Business Phone #: _____ Wife's Business Phone #: _____
 Cell Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____
 E-mail address: _____ E-mail address: _____
 Were you previously members of St. Jude? Yes No If Yes, when? _____ Previous Parish Name: _____
 Do you have a current Safe Environment clearance? Yes No Diocese: _____ City: _____ State: _____
 Contact Name in case of an emergency: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone #: _____



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