

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023



SAINT JUDE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Third Sunday of Advent

Mass & Reconciliation Schedule

Daily Mass Monday-Friday 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am

National Holiday Mass: 9:00 am

Pastor:

Rev. Jason Thuerlauf

Deacons:

Deacon Mike Bunch

Deacon Joe Hensley

Deacon John Volk

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The Church & Parish Offices are

Open Weekdays

Monday through Friday

8:30 am-4:00 pm

Our Staff

Business Manager: Nikkole Cubbage

Director of Family Evangelization: Mary Brug

Ministry Coordinator: Deacon Mike Bunch

Music Coordinator: Ed Dill

Facility Coordinator: Clayton DeYapp

Receptionist & Pastoral Assistant: Sharon Hensley

RE Resource Coordinator & Hospitality: Liz Perry

Special Education Coordinator: Diane Schreiber

Mission Statement

The Catholic Community of St. Jude is formed in faith in Jesus Christ. We seek to grow in our faith through the proclamation of God's Word and the celebration of the Sacraments. We are dedicated to love and care for all God's people in their physical and spiritual needs. The stewardship of our time, talent, and treasure is conducted in a way that shows our gratitude to God for His blessings.

Last Penance Service for Advent

Advent is a time to reflect and repent for our sins. There is one more opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. Paul's Parish - Tues., Dec. 19th at 7:00pm
1632 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs, CO 80452



Christmas Mass Schedule

This year, Christmas Eve is on the same day as the 4th Sunday of Advent. **You are obligated to attend Mass twice between Dec. 23rd and Dec. 25th to fulfill both the Sunday and Christmas obligation.** Here is our full Mass schedule for December 23rd, 24th, and 25th:

Saturday, December 23rd at 5 pm - Vigil Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24th at 7 am, 9 am, and 11 am - Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24th at 4 pm, 7 pm & midnight - Vigil Mass for Christmas

Monday, December 25th at 10 am - Mass for Christmas Day



St. Jude Parish Chatter

Join Fr. Jason Thuerauf & Deacon Joe Hensley with Ed Dill as tech support each week.



Check out our Website & Podcast at
saintjudelakewood.org/podcast/



Pastor's Blog

The Litany of Letting Go

There are only six more shopping days until Christmas! These last days of Advent can feel pressured. To aid your soul in maintaining its peace, I recommend the "Litany of Letting Go" composed by Fr. Josh Johnson. I invite you to pray this redacted version of the litany. Each invocation begins with:

"Jesus help me to let go of..."

The belief that I have to do it all / the fear that if I don't do it, no one will / the belief that my way is the best / the temptation to give unsolicited advice / resistance to accepting the help of others / the tendency to control my environment / the constant urge to be productive / the belief that I have to earn rest / unnecessary pressure / the desire to always know what's coming / the fear that I did not perfectly prepare / the belief that my plans are better than yours / my ruthless inner critic / unreasonable expectations / my temptation to equate my work with my worth / the desire for affirmation / the fear of asking for what I need / the fear of setting and maintaining healthy boundaries / the fear of letting others down / the fear of letting others see my mess / all forms of restlessness / my love of comfort / my fear of what will happen when I surrender all to you / my fear of the cross. Amen.

-Fr. Thuerauf

Announcements

Special Thank You

to Mary Ann Stevenson from Advantage Runyan & Mark ZumTobel with RE/MAX Alliance for sponsoring our St. Jude 2024 calendars for our Parish. Be sure to stop by a get one for your home.



St. Jude is Looking for Snow Angels...

Could you help with shoveling snow before Mass?

We are looking for some extra help while Clayton is injured. If it snows more than 2 inches during the night, we will meet at 7am near the Youth House to clear the sidewalks. Please contact Nikkole with questions at 303-988-6435.



Parish Office Closure for Christmas

Just a reminder that the parish offices will be closed for Christmas break from Monday, December 25th through Monday, January 1st. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd. The staff and clergy wish all our parishioners a safe, happy, and healthy Christmas and New Year!

Merry Christmas!



Pray the Rosary!

Stewardship

As a Stewardship Parish, we budget 10% tithe of our offertory gifts toward charitable & worthy causes.

Weekly Offertory Contributions

Immaculate Conception	\$2,841.00
December 9/10 Collection	\$25,603.12
Online Contributions	\$16,582.70

Electronic Giving Signing up is easy with *Faith Direct*! Visit faith.direct/CO846 or text 'Enroll' to 720-713-3363. **Or to give a one-time donation** for our weekly offertory text "\$ with the dollar amount" 720-713-3363.



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Parish Tithing Through the support of our offertory contributors we have been able to donate \$11,118 during November to the following charitable and worthy causes:

Action Center Inc
Alternatives Pregnancy Center
AVP Colorado-Alternatives to Violence Project
Birthline Inc of Colorado
Community Ministry
Denver Catholic Worker
Emmaus Catholic Hospice
Hands of the Carpenter
Heart of Boardwalk Inc
Movement 5280
Seeds of Hope
St. Francis Circle
St. Jude 911 Program

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!!

Our treasure - both money and all of the other things we possess - are gifts from God that we are asked to care for and generously share for our own benefit and for the good of others.

Important: Please be aware that the IRS requires all charitable donations for the year 2023 be made no later than Dec 31, 2023. **All donations for the year 2023 must be in the office or postmarked by Dec 31, 2023.** (Our office will be closed Dec 25-31, 2023.)

EVENTS/REMINDERS



Adult Faith Refresher

If you weren't able to attend last year's mini-series, join Deacon John Volk for this four-part series on Catholic spirituality.

Four monthly sessions, each 3rd Wednesday of the month.
Next session: Lectio Divina - Listening to God in Prayer

December 20th, 6:30 to 7:30 pm
St. Benedict Room (church basement)
You do not need to register and there is no fee for the classes.



Mass for New Year's Day will be at 8:00 am
This is not a Holy Day of Obligation for 2024



HIGHLIGHTED MINISTRIES



The Stephen Ministry

program provides confidential one-on-one Catholic Christian care to individuals in the congregation who are experiencing difficulties in their lives such as: grief, death of a loved one, illness, divorce, financial difficulties and more. Stephen Ministers are currently available for assignment. For more information, call Gene Corley at 303-697-7058.

Meals on Wheels is a Volunteer of America program adopted by St. Jude in 1990's by parishioner, Jean Kyle, who was on the Governor's council for the aging. Meal preparation can be a challenge for some homebound. Jean believed that a hot meal delivered by a friendly face could keep seniors in their own homes longer. Our parishioners answered her call and staffed a hot meal route five days a week for more than twenty Years. Meals on Wheels is a very rewarding ministry, for more information on delivering meals contact Mary Ellen Peters 720-300-7969.



Light of God Prayer Community

meets every Thursday at 10:00 am in the St. Benedict Room focusing on Jesus Christ through prayer, song, & scripture through the Holy Spirit and His gifts. The meeting concludes at 11:30 am. Come join us. For more information please call Marion Budz @ 303-973-2613.



Raphael Book Club

Come join us for a good book, discussion, and friendship. We meet every Thursday afternoon from 1:00-2:30 pm in the St. Benedict room. Contact Margie at 303-358-2752 for more information.

STAY CONNECTED

Family Status

Do you have a change in your family status, or have you moved, have a new phone number or a new email address? If you have any updates, please notify us at: mail@saintjudelakewood.org

911 Outreach Assistance for those facing temporary financial setbacks within our area: financial assistance is often available for rent assistance, utilities, food, etc. Please arrange for an appointment by calling 303-882-2253.

Bulletin, Pulpit, & Flocknote Announcements

Bulletin Announcements are due Monday one week prior to Sunday publication. Announcements are to be short due to limited space and are to be run one or two weeks prior to the event. Announcements for the bulletin are to be sent to bulletin@saintjudelakewood.org

Pulpit & Flocknote Announcements are to be short, up to 110 characters (two sentences). Please submit one week prior to Mass to Sharon shensley@saintjudelakewood.org

Sacraments

Baptisms: A pre-baptismal session is required for parents and godparents. Please call the office at 303-988-6435 before or after the child's birth, before you choose godparents, to register. **The next class is January 27th from 9am-12pm** in the Community Center lower level.

Marriage: Those who wish to be married at St. Jude Church must be registered in the parish for at least one year. Sons and daughters of registered parishioners may also be married here. A 12-month preparation period is required. Please call the office at 303-988-6435 and talk to Deacon Mike.

Anointing of the Sick: In the case of serious illness in the family, please call the office immediately at 303-988-6435. Do not wait until death is imminent. During hours when the office is closed, you will be directed to the emergency line.

Funeral Arrangements: Call the office 303-988-6435.



ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN ST. JUDE

Catholic Daughters of the Americas #2035 Court Madonna of the Mountains

meets the first Saturday of every month in the Lower Level Community Center from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. It's an organization that helps parishes and communities through the religious and charitable apostolates of the Church. Join us this year to serve those in need. For more information call Juanita Halverson 303-986-2452. The next regular meeting is **January 6, 2024**.



Serra Club of Southwest Denver

The Serra Club promotes and affirms vocations to the ministerial priesthood and consecrated life in the church. We meet twice a month at Holy Name Parish on the 1st and 3rd Friday mornings or more information about our Club. To have the Vocation Cross kit in your home for a month, you may contact Maureen McGee-O'Shea 303-988-6983 or Dixie Schulte 303-356-9592.

Knights of Columbus Saint Jude Council #16052

The council meets on the 1st Tuesday for an Officer's Business meeting & the Membership Meeting is the 2nd Tuesday in the St. Benedict Room starting with a rosary at 7:00 pm. Questions, call Judd Hopkins at 303-931-2807.



Volunteers of America Sack Lunch Sunday

Help feed the poor. Bring your lunches with 2 sandwiches per sack along with other typical lunch items -such as water or juice; fruit, vegetables and cookies or chips. **Our next lunch date will be in February.**



ST. JUDE PARISH LIFE

Welcome New Parishioners!

If you are new to our parish and have not registered, please pick up a registration form at our Welcome Desk in the gathering space. The committee will also give you a welcome bag! You can also go to the office during business hours or go online to saintjudelakewood.org and register! *Don't forget to sign up on Flocknote!!*



Scripture Readings December 18th through 24th

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Pray for the sick parishioners of our parish

(Names will remain for one month)

Jeanine Dalman Kennedy, Brenda Kidd, Stephen Roberge, Sherry Drobnitch, Alice Roberge, Andrew Roberge, Vickie Jacobson, Dennis Kotecki, Katie Liedtke, Deacon Mike Bunch, Rita Jo Van Driel, Bobby Edrozo, Gene & Lucille Beaudrie, Stephanie Colborg, Douglas Sawyer, Dana Mullins, Bridget Fitzpatrick, Albert Powers, Bob Weber, Mary Ellen Peters, Gary Landry, Laura Landry, Donna Gallenback, Rick Godinez, Ray & Bebe Lawlor, Joe Krupar, Monica Quintana, Jeramine Valdez, Toni Mineo, Nadine Scott, Jerry McClory

Pray for the deceased parishioners of our parish

+ Carmen Duran, + Tommy Martinez, + Paul Bonnstetter

Please contact the office if a parishioner needs to be added to our Prayer List for sick or deceased.

This Week at Saint Jude

JH-Joyful Heart; CH-Cheneniah; MC-Men's Choir; YC-Youth Choir

If no choir is listed, a cantor will lead the congregation.

Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22	Saturday 23	Sunday 24
8 am Mass - Anedo 8:30 am Rosary 4:00 pm Adoration 6:30 pm Catholic Biblical School	8 am Mass - Schaffer 8:30 am Rosary 6:00 pm HS & MS Sacrament Prep 6:30 pm Special Ed Classes	8 am Mass - Thuerauf 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Fellowship of Light 6:30 pm Adult Faith Refresher - Listening to God in Prayer	8 am Mass - Thuerauf 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Spiritual Book Club 10:00 am Light of God Prayer Group 1:00 pm Raphael Book Club	8 am Mass - Thuerauf 8:30 am Rosary 3:00 pm Divine Mercy	3:30 pm Reconciliation 5 pm Mass - Thuerauf	7 am Mass - Garrou 9 am Mass - Schaffer 11 am Mass - Schaffer 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass - Thuerauf (YC) 7 pm Christmas Vigil Mass - Thuerauf (JH) Midnight Christmas Vigil Mass - Thuerauf (CH)

Mass Intentions

+ Jim Burrows	+ Cecelia Van Dyke	+ Dan Leiker	+ Warren Zimmerman	+ Fr. Toan Toma Nguyen	+ Gilbert, +Steffie, + Loretta Jean, & + Ben Casias	+ Jeanette Simonson + Elizabeth Brod + Deon Carlson + Harry Stevenson & family For parishioners of St. Jude For Fr. Thuerauf's Benefactors
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Divine Mercy Chaplet

Come join us and pray the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** on Fridays at 3:00 pm in the Church.

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 circumstances; for this is the
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 1 Thes 5:16-18


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**In memory of
 Fred Clarke**

Our Youth groups are selling a 50% off coupon for 1 large pizza at Old Chicago Restaurants for **\$15 each**. This deal is for Monday – Thursday (dine in only) and these cards do not expire. To purchase Pizza Palz, please stop by the Parish office. The money goes towards expenses for youth retreats and missions for the teens and chaperones who attend these events.

