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New Year's Mass Schedule

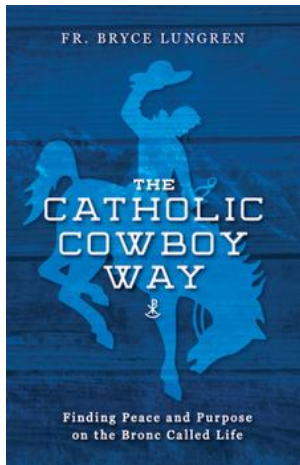
Wednesday, December 31st

Daily Mass at 8 AM

Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God at 6:30 PM
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, January 1st

Mass for Mary, Mother of God at 8 AM and 6:30 PM (Holy Day of Obligation)



A Christmas Gift from our House to Yours!

We invite each family to take home as Father Thuerauf's Christmas gift to you, a copy of the book "The Catholic Cowboy Way: Finding Peace and Purpose on the Bronc Called Life". Father Bryce Lungren was a recent guest on

the St. Jude Parish Chatter Podcast, and a guest speaker at our parish staff retreat. We hope you enjoy his cowboy philosophy and use it to bring the joy and love of Christ deeper into your lives.

Pray the Rosary!

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.

Pastor's Blog



A Cowboy Christmas Message

Saint Jude Parish has adopted a bit of a cowboy theme for the proclamation of Christmas this year. The cowboy theme was inspired by the recent visit of Father Bryce Lungren, who is the author of the book you received. He offered three pieces of cowboy advice which correspond to the spiritual life. The cowboy advice is: always wear your hat; leave a little nail; and back up only as much as necessary.

Cowboys will always wear their hats not only for the material assistance on the open range but also because it identifies them as a cowboy. In the spiritual life, we should easily be identified as a Christian. The life of sacraments and virtue, which sets us apart from the pagans, should be easy to see in our actions. Secondly, when cowboys trim their fingernails, they leave some of the nail as it will help them to do their work. In the spiritual life, we should always be ready to work and to make the sacrifices which the Lord Jesus asks of us. If we have become so groomed and comfortable that we cannot offer sacrificial service to Christ, we have "trimmed too much of the nail." Finally, a cowboy will only back up his horse as much as necessary before turning and going forward. In the spiritual life, we back up by repenting of our sins in the Sacrament of Confession. Once we have confessed our sins and received absolution, we do not look back on our sins. We go forward with confidence in our spiritual walk with Jesus Christ.

- Fr. Thuerauf

ST. JUDE PARISH CHATTER



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EVENTS/REMINDERS

MERRY Christmas!

**The Parish Offices will be closed
Monday, December 22nd through
Sunday, December 28th.**

**We will be open December 29th
through the 31st and closed on
January 1st, reopening on January 2nd.**



Pastor:

Rev. Jason Thuerlauf

Deacons:

Deacon Joe Hensley, Deacon John Volk

Our Staff

Business Manager: Jeff Ruskamp

Ministry Coordinator: Sharon Hensley

Director of Family Evangelization: Mary Richards

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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

Holy Days of Obligation: 8 am & 6:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Stewardship

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

Weekly Offertory Contributions

December 20/21 Offertory will be reported next week

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scan the QR code to register a new account today!

Important: Please be aware that the IRS requires all charitable donations for the year 2025 be made no later than Dec 31, 2025. **All donations for the year 2025 must be in the office or postmarked by Dec 31, 2025.** Our office will be closed December 22-28, 2025, but open December 29, 30, and 31.



Now Hiring: Front Desk Receptionist

Saint Jude is seeking a friendly, dependable Front Desk Receptionist to serve as the first point of contact for our parish community. This role requires hospitality skills, a high level of discretion, and basic computer skills (email, word processing, databases), and familiarity with parish life and Catholic ministries. Prior receptionist or administrative experience is preferred. Parishioners are welcome to inquire directly via email:

jruskamp@saintjudelakewood.org

Full-time preferred; part-time considered; Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 4 pm

HEALING FROM SEPARATION & DIVORCE

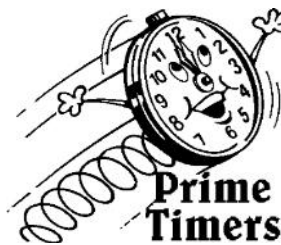
TOPICS INCLUDE GRIEF, FORGIVENESS, COMMUNICATION WITH CHILDREN, ANNULMENTS, & MORE



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LIGHT OF THE WORLD, LITTLETON – JANUARY 13TH, 6:30-8:30PM, 12 WEEKS
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ST THOMAS MORE, CENTENNIAL – JANUARY 26TH AT 6:30-8:30PM
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Prime Timers

Ho-Ho-Ho and Happy New Year! The Prime Timers will hold our first meeting of 2026 on January 2 at 8:45 in the Community Center, lower level. Donuts, fruit and coffee will be served, along with residual good cheer from the Christmas season. Incidentally, we want to mention our Christmas Party held on December 6—a prime time was had by all—and we collected a lot of great presents for Marisol House and Samaritan House. See you next year!

Special Thank You

to Mary Ann Stevenson from Advantage Runyan & Mark ZumTobel with RE/MAX Alliance for sponsoring the St. Jude 2026 calendars for our Parish.



OF INTEREST

Member Spotlight

Knight of the Month, November, 2025 **Gregory R. Kelly**

Since joining the Knights of Columbus in December 2014, Brother Greg Kelly has been active in most functions of Council 16052. Greg's biggest contribution to St. Jude parish is coordinator for the annual Parish picnic – almost a full time job. Brother Greg is there to help with the serving at the Family Breakfasts, Donut Sunday, and various other Parish and Council events. Brother Greg can be found at the 9 AM Mass on Sunday where he serves as a Eucharistic Minister. He also acts as liaison between the Council and Parish Finance Committee. We are pleased to recognize Brother Greg Kelly as Knight of the Month for November 2025.



Family of the Month, November 2025 **David G. & Sharon Ehler**



Brother David has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since February 2008 and he currently serves as a Trustee for St. Jude Council 16052. David serves as an usher at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sundays and occasionally fills in as head usher. He is also Communion Minister at that Mass. David's wife, Sharon is a member of the St. Jude Parish rosary making team in conjunction with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Guild. Currently, David is planning the Certified Training of Safe Environment Classes for the Council. We congratulate the Ehler family for being selected as Family of the Month for November 2025



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**January 3rd & 4th
after all Masses**

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***All proceeds benefit the
Knights of Columbus 16052 Charities.***

STAY CONNECTED

911 Outreach Assistance for members of our parish 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.

Update Family Parish Data

Do you have a change in your family, 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 or call the parish office at 303-988-6435.

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 at 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 24, 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 10-month preparation period is required. Please call the office at 303-988-6435 and talk to Sharon Hensley.

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, call the emergency line at 303-336-0582.)

Funeral Arrangements: Call the office 303-988-6435 and ask for Sharon Hensley.



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 a Catholic women's organization whose motto is "Unity & Charity". Our next meeting is **January 3rd, at 10 am** for our regular Court meeting. Join us for the rosary before the start of the meeting at 9:30 am. For information contact Regent Sharon Hensley at 303-988-6435.



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. For more information about our Club or 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 of each month for an Officer's Business meeting & the Membership Meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the St. Benedict Room starting with a rosary at 7:00 pm. Questions, contact Jason McCracken, 970-290-3514 or at mccrackenj@comcast.net

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 Feb. 15th.**



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 29th through January 4th

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Pray for the sick parishioners of our parish (Names will remain for one month)


Marie Husa, Amanda Cordova, Bebe Lawlor, Bob Bates, Bill Snyder, Jere Kennedy, Dee Wade, Don Carlson, Sam Kervin, Mary Ellen Peters, Hallie Fitzpatrick, Stephen Roberge, Alice Roberge, Sherry Drobnitch, Vicki Jacobson, Jean & Dennis Kotecki, Madison Mauch, Jim Rogers, Natalie Larson, Cameron Cooper, Catherine Cannon, Alanna Smith, Patty Liaghat, Vincent Vigil, Diane Nordquist, Richard Godinez, Gary Landry, Deacon Mike Bunch, Gene & Lucille Beaudrie, Jerry Hageman, Bridget Fitzpatrick, Dana Mullins, Douglas Sawyer, Katie Liedtke, Donna Zingleman, Bill Chase, Loretta Sandoval Hackett, Anthony Higgins, Jason McDonald

Pray for the deceased parishioners and loved ones of our parish

This Week at Saint Jude


JH-Joyful Heart; CH-Cheneniah; MC-Men's Choir; DC-Deo Cantus


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

Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3	Sunday 4
8 am Mass - Zimmerschied 8:30 am Rosary 4 pm Eucharistic Adoration	8 am Mass - Thuerauf 8:30 am Rosary 7 pm Deo Cantus Choir Rehearsal	8 am Mass - Thuerauf 8:30 am Rosary 6:30 pm Mass - Thuerauf	Parish Office closed 8 am Mass - Zimmerschied (DC) 6:30 pm Mass - Thuerauf 	8 am Mass - Nnamezie 8:30 am Rosary 8:30 am First Friday Adoration 8:45 am Prime Timers 3 pm Divine Mercy	9:30 am Catholic Daughters 3:30 pm Reconciliation 5 pm Mass - Thuerauf KC Burrito Sale	KC Burrito Sale 7 am Mass - Thuerauf 9 am Mass - Thuerauf (DC) 11 am Mass - Thuerauf w/ Children's Liturgy (CH) 12:15 pm HS Youth & Seeds of Faith (Pre-K) 2:30 pm Mend Sac Prep

Mass Intentions

For the living and deceased members of the Frank & Juanita Augustine family	+ Gayle Zimmerman	+ Ron Garrett + Janice Green	For Divine help for Charles & Jacinta + Sharon Hageman	+ Julianne Macy	For the intentions of the James Rupp family	For St. Jude Parishioners + John and + Julia Tafoya For the intentions of Carle Stewart
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 December 2025**
 "All the ends of the
 earth shall see the
 salvation of our God"
 (Is 52:10)

 **In
 Memory
 of
 Alice Thompson**

 **Keep in touch with us via
 email & text! To sign up,
 text **stjude** to 84576.**

 **Catholic Daughters
 of the Americas
 Court Madonna of the
 Mountains #2035**
Unity and Charity

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"May she rest in peace."

 **In Memory of
 Mike Klebba**
May he rest in peace


Holy Family
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