

ST. JUDE JOURNAL
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Parish Office

526-221-2505

Mon.-Thu.

9:30am-1:30pm

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HEALING SERVICE 2nd WED

11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 A.M. HE

10:15 A.M. HE



FROM THE RECTOR

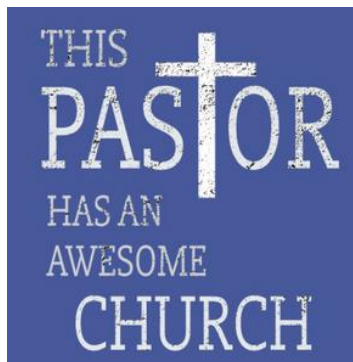
Dear Parish,

I hope everyone has had a great summer filled with fun and rest! And that you all were able to catch up with family and friends.

We have a lot going on in September ☺ We have the Parish Picnic, Blessing of Backpacks, installing of our Sunday School Teachers, Sunday School Kicks back off, our annual Ice Cream Social, Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark, to name just a little bit that'll be happening ☺ Then in October we have St. Francis Sunday where we bring our stuffed animals to be blessed, and Blessing of the Animals, Trunk or Treat, Spruce Up, and an LGBTQAI+ event, and in November...well you get the picture, we've a lot of good stuff going on. Oh, and we can't forget our 50th COUNTRY FAIR!

I hope you are as excited as I am for all these awesome things happening at St. Jude's. And thank you ahead of time for everyone's help with donating to the Country Fair, and the sorting, pricing, and organizing, AND for your help on the big sale day and the clean up afterwards ☺

Blessings, Mo. Jimmie Sue



VESTRY VIEWS By Alan Hecht, Warden

As we go through life, it is not uncommon to look at our various situations, life choices, struggles and successes, and a host of other influences that have helped us to make certain choices. All of these have had an impact on us and helped to shape who we have become. At this point, it would not be unusual to ask ourselves, “What is something I have accomplished as an adult that my younger self would be proud of?”

This is definitely a very open and thought-provoking question as it allows us to consider hundreds of possibilities based on numerous occurrences we have experienced throughout our lives. In fact, the longer we have lived, and the more we have been exposed to, makes this question even more difficult to answer.

So, it would be wise to narrow down the choices to just a few, thus enabling us to focus on one specific accomplishment. For this article, I am suggesting that we look over our lives as Christians in our church community and ask ourselves where we are in relation to our attitudes towards others.

Would your younger self be proud of the individual you have become in relation to Jesus’ teachings to “love thy neighbor as thyself?” Do you have compassion for your fellow humans and feel driven to help them, particularly when they are in need of assistance? Have you welcomed those less fortunate than you and helped them with a meal or clothing? Did you go out of your way to aid a friend, relative or even a stranger when it was obvious that they were in need? Were you there for someone during their time of struggle to give them moral and spiritual support? If you can seriously answer yes to any of these questions, then it is almost a certainty that you have accomplished a way of life that your younger self would, indeed, be proud of.



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer’s Report: Brian presents updated Treasurer’s Report.

- Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report. **Unanimous approval.**

Business:

- Mo. Jimmie Sue shared about building repair updates.
- Liaisons gave their reports.

Action Item:

- N/A.

Rector’s Report:

- I made pastoral care visits and calls.
- We had a lovely Christmas in July Coffee Hour.

- We had a very nice LGBTQAI+ potluck & lunch at Jani's was very nice.
- Attended a Province II meeting.
- Attend CAP as their Chaplain twice a month.
- Took some time off.



TREASURER'S REPORT By Brian Quinn

- July figures:
 - July Net Operating Income a surplus of \$3,888
 - July Net Income a surplus of \$4,178
 - July YTD Net Operating Income a deficit of **\$6,844**
 - July YTD Net Income a surplus of \$892
 - July in past years often a surplus. In 2023 comparison July YTD Net Income was deficit of **\$16,444**
 - Major factor is FMM \$22,872 contributed
- Pledge figures \$132,197 roughly 8% over projection
- We have 3 restricted funds at this time: (in total 16,285 with 12,686 marked for repairs)
 - Repair Restricted \$1607 remaining
 - VBS grant remaining \$3599 – some bills from this year have yet to be submitted
 - Faith Moves Mountains \$11,079 remaining - paid \$5k initial payment for door in June
- Balance Sheet:
 - Investment fund now with last statement \$95,623
 - Mortgage \$61,008 with monthly payment now \$1683
 - Assets – Liabilities \$145,990
- Insurance increasing by 20% now yearly payments amount to \$35,557 last year was \$29,717 - reason cited was increased volume of claims
- Mid July thru late Sept pledges trend significantly lower - last year deficit of **-20K**



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS NEEDS YOUR HELP



Hedge Trimming Party on Saturday, October 5th at 9:00 a.m.: As you drive up our entry driveway, you will see that the hedges along the driveway are in need of a serious trim. Everyone who can help trim these hedges is invited to join our hedge trimming party on Saturday, October 5th at 9:00 a.m. Please bring your own hedge trimmer, extension cord(s), rakes and brooms. Water will be available for everyone. Let John Stone know that you will be joining us. (The rain date will be the first Saturday after October 5th without rain.)

July 2024 Financial Summary



	Yearly	July Actuals
Operating Income	288,352	179,040
Altar Donations	2,850	2,815
Special Offerings	2,890	1,753
Miscellaneous Contributions	17,335	4,172
Building Use	2,000	1,250
Outreach & Mission Income	4,567	4,374
Total Income	317,994	193,404
 Expense		
Worship	2,188	2,760
Formation	980	852
Outreach & Mission	27,781	17,303
Stewardship	2,150	0
Hospitality	200	474
Building Maintenance	54,744	23,201
Rectory Maintenance	6,350	5,605
Loans and Bank Fees	19,460	11,813
Office & Office Supplies	13,940	7,124
Insurance	32,842	19,220
Miscellaneous Expenses	4,400	20
Personnel	202,752	111,874
Total Expense	367,787	200,246
Surplus/(Deficit)	(49,793)	(6,842)



SUNDAY SCHOOL By Barbara Arnold

Sunday School Registration is Now open! We are excited to reconnect with familiar faces and welcome new families. Please register online using the link <https://forms.gle/xtnnXKwsmU8wNXqVA> or QR code



Vacation Bible School (VBS) - Camp Firelight

This July The Church of St Jude was transformed into Camp Firelight, a high energy summer camp adventure. Campers descended upon the camp from many areas of Long Island from Bayshore to Bellmore. Camp Counselor Sam and Lumen the Firefly started the campers off each morning with fun skits, music, and stories. Within a few days the campers learned the camp call out "Whenever I'm Afraid, I put my trust in you." (Psalm 56:3)

Under the starry skies, campers gathered together to listen to stories about adventure. They learned to trust God, even when they are afraid. They fostered friendships at the recreation station building teamwork and playing games. They refueled at the snack station with watermelon, s'mores, Goldfish and other treats during the week. At the craft station, campers explored their creativity making items such as luminaries and crosses. Science kept their interest as they explored the properties of rocks, leaves, bubbles, motion and more.

Music is also an important part of vacation bible school. Campers learn new songs each year, but every year they love to perform Father Abraham. The week was ended with an ice cream party.

The week was a big success! During the community celebration we shared the highlight video of the week's activities and enjoyed popcorn.

VBS is blessed with an amazing team. We are all looking forward to next year!

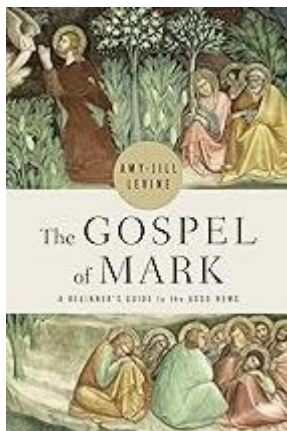


MORE VBS PICTURES IN OUR "ST. JUDE'S IN PICTURE SECTION!"



SAVE THE DATES!!

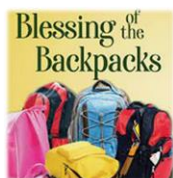
FORMATION OFFERING: THE GOSPEL OF MARK



Walk through the Bible's earliest source for the life of Jesus with scholar Amy-Jill Levine as she examines John the Baptizer, the Little Apocalypse, the Transfiguration, and several of Jesus's most notable stories and parables.

The Good News of the gospel message comes alive in this book as readers see Jesus as divine and human, powerful and weak, approachable yet mysterious. The book features an in-depth study of select passages and illuminates the Gospel in its historical context and as a source for the other gospels.

The series will begin on Wednesday, September 18th and meet on the following Wednesdays: 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, and ends on 10/23 (last two chapters). We'll begin at 7pm and end by 8:30pm, and we'll meet in the Parish Hall. Please buy and read the first chapter of the book for our first meeting on 9/18.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – SEPTEMBER 8TH

Please bring your BACKPACKS so they can be blessed during the 10:15am service to start your new school year on the right track!!



TWO CHALICES STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 8TH

We're going to return to coming up to the altar rail for Holy Communion starting on Sunday, September 8th.

LGBTQAI+ FILM OFFERING



Join the LGBTQIA+ Group for a film and discussion on Sunday, October 13 at 1pm. We will be watching "Take Me to Prom," a 21-minute documentary from CBC Docs where we hear the stories of going to prom from LGBTQ+ people ages 17 to 88.

We will provide light snacks and some beverages. All are

welcome!

See Amy Deppe or Eugene Brennan for more information.



St. Francis Sunday



On Sunday, October 6th we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis to honor all God's creatures and creation. Children and Adults are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animals to get a blessing during our worship services.

Blessing of the Animals



All animals welcome! On Sunday, October 6th at 3pm we will be outside in the parking lot, or inside the Parish Hall depending on the weather.

Parishioners and guests, please have your animal on a leash or in a crate, and we will bless our animals as they bless us with their love and companionship. People are also welcome to bring photos of their animals for a blessing too.



HOSPITALITY REPORT By Kathy Hecht

Coffee Hour Summer Recap

Thank you to all the summer Coffee Hour hosts. Thank you to those who donated supplies. You all rock!

Christmas in July

Thank you to Santa and the Elves for a fun day beating the summer heat. Reminder: it's only 4 months till the real thing!

End-of-Summer Picnic September 8, 2024

The picnic will take place in the Parish Hall following the 10:15am Mass. Real and vegan burgers and dogs, along with the fixins, will be provided by the church. Volunteer and donation lists are posted on the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall. Please sign up. Monetary donations to defray the cost of burgers and dogs are welcome.

Special orders will be taken for vegan burgers, dogs and gluten-free buns. Make sure you fill out an order form.

So that our BBQ chefs get to enjoy the day, there will be two shifts of chefs and servers at the grill. A server will bring the food to you in the Parish Hall.

Sundae Sunday on September 15, 2024

To celebrate the return of Sunday School, we will have make-your-own ice cream sundaes during Coffee Hour.

There are many open slots to host Coffee Hour on the sign up sheet during November and December. Please volunteer. Questions? See Kathy Hecht. Thank you.

COFFEE HOUR



If you have never hosted Coffee Hour and wish to do so, the sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall. It's as simple as bringing a snack, juice for the kids, making coffee, setting up and cleaning up.

There are many open slots to host Coffee Hour on the sign up sheet during November and December. Please volunteer.

If you don't want to do it alone, host with a friend. Any questions, ask Kathy Hecht or Amy Deppe.





ST. JUDE'S LGBTQAI+ GROUP

What our group is about

We get together regularly for discussions and events celebrating, discussing, and helping each other complete the connection between God and the LGBTQAI+ community in the Church.

If anyone would like to be added to the LGBTQAI+ mailing list, Facebook group or if you have any questions about our group, feel free to email Mo. Jimmie Sue or Bobby Green.

Remember ALL are welcome, the A stands for Ally!

You are already a member of our group if you are a member of St. Jude's welcoming community of faith!



THANK YOU'S

- Thank you to everyone who hosted a Coffee Hour!
- Thank you to everyone for bringing food to share at our Parish Picnic!
- Thank you to every to John Stone and Chris Wright for helping keeping the gutters clean!
- Thank you to Kris Stone for keeping all our gardens looking good throughout the Summer!



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COUNTRY FAIR - SHIRT ORDER

THE MINDFUL EYE SHOP
TheMindfulEyeShop@gmail.com

\$20
PER
SHIRT

OF SHIRTS:
TOTAL DUE:
\$

NAME _____
EMAIL _____
PHONE _____



(BACK)



(FRONT)

Shirt Color: Stone Blue

You can order up to 3 shirts per form

Circle your choice:

Size (Adult)
S M L
XL 2XL 3XL

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Instagram: search for @stjudeepiscopal

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StJudeWantagh/>

YouTube: Search for @stjudeepiscopal

<https://www.youtube.com/@stjudeepiscopal>

A simple way to boost our online presence is to like and share all the wonderful events and pictures we post. Please consider giving us a “like” and a “follow”.

CHURCH OFFICE CORNER

2023 Sanctuary Lamps/ Altar Flowers (Live or silk)/ Altar Candles signup is online or call the office: <https://forms.gle/Q7DqqaCHm5LrvLFX6>

Please print the name of the individual(s) you wish to remember or honor. If looking for a whole month, please choose the month-long option; or for a specific date choose this instead. Please make a new form for each month (all December on one form) or choose a specific Sunday.

ARTICLES FOR THE JOURNAL

If you would like to write an article, please contact Mo. Jimmie Sue. If you know someone who would like a copy, please contact Sue Heilig.

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THE BISHOP

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano

THE RECTOR

The Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe

WARDENS

Charles Garbowski (2024)	Alan Hecht (2025)
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VESTRY

Patty Doll (2025), Clerk	Adrienne Comito (2025)
June Gerbracht (2024)	Susan McCann (2026)
Jon Mortagua (2027)	Janine Scarlatos (2027)
Laura Anne Loud (2024)	Rick Gomez-Nieto (2026)
Ken Norian (2025)	Brian Quinn, Treasurer

STAFF

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Walter H. Fuller
Music Director: Shira Fishkin
Parish Administrator: Susan Heilig
Sunday School Coordinator: Barbara Arnold



Office is Closed for Labor Day

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Office Closed for Labor Day	3	4	5 7pm Country Fair Meeting	6 9:30am Mice Makers	7
8 8am Worship 10:15am Worship Blessing of the Backpacks  	9 CAP P.H. 7pm	10 AA 7:30pm	11 Healing Service – Chapel 11 am	12 AA 7:30pm	13 9:30am Mice Makers	14
15 8am Worship 10:15am Worship Ice Cream Social @ Coffee Hour! START OF SUNDAY SCHOOL 	16 CAP P.H. 7pm	17 AA 7:30pm	18 7pm Formation Offering: Gospel of Mark	19 AA 7:30pm	20 9:30am Mice Makers	21
22 8am Worship 10:15am Worship	23 CAP P.H. 7pm Journal Deadline	24 Vestry 7:30pm AA 7:30pm	25 7pm Formation Offering: Gospel of Mark	26 AA 7:30pm	27 9:30am Mice Makers	28
29 8am Worship 10:15am Worship Book Club @ 12pm	30 CAP P.H. 7pm	October 1 AA 7:30pm	2 7pm Formation Offering: Gospel of Mark	3 AA 7:30pm	4 9:30am Mice Makers	5

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CELEBRATING ST. JUDE'S IN PICTURES



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – MISSION PROJECT: PAWS OF WAR

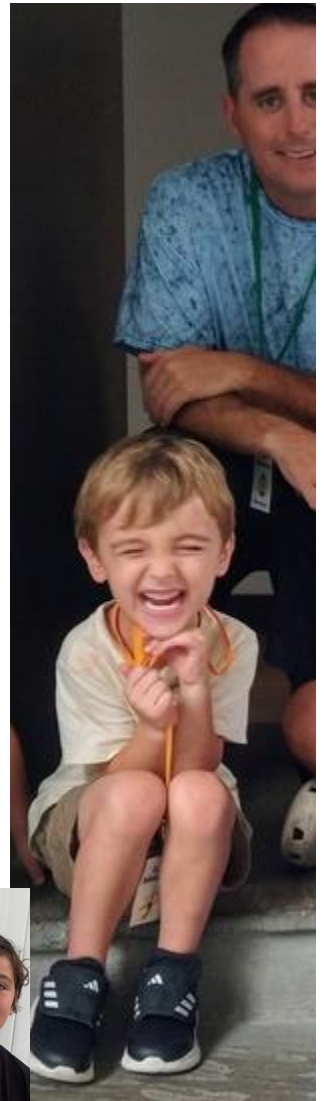
VBS Camper's generosity for their mission project [Paws of War](#). Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – BEHIND THE SCENES



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – THE WEEK







CHRISTMAS IN JULY



NEW SHED FOR THE MISSION CENTER IS READY!

