

ST. JUDE JOURNAL

JULY/AUG 2026

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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,

Summertime has a way of changing the rhythm of parish life. The calendar may feel a little lighter, the parking lot may look a bit more relaxed, and familiar faces may be away visiting family, heading to the shore, tending gardens, or simply enjoying a slower pace. Even so, the life of the church doesn't pause. It simply breathes a little differently.

In these quieter weeks, we're reminded that being a parish family isn't only about busy programs and full schedules. It's also about staying connected in small, faithful ways: greeting one another warmly on Sunday mornings, saying a prayer for travelers, sharing a cup of coffee after worship, or sending a quick note to let a fellow parishioner know they are missed.

Summer can also help us notice the many people who keep our parish life going. We give thanks for the volunteers who arrange flowers, prepare coffee, care for the building, serve at the altar, count offerings, fold bulletin inserts, and step in wherever a hand is needed. Their ministry is a quiet gift, and our common life is stronger because of it.

So, whether you're here every Sunday this summer or joining us between vacations and family visits, know that you are part of this parish family. Come as you are, sunscreen and all. There's room in the pew, coffee in the pot, and grace enough for the slower days as well as the busy ones.

May these summer weeks bring rest, renewal, and plenty of gentle reminders that God is with us in every season — and that we are blessed to walk together, even when the pace slows down.

With gratitude for you and for our life together in Christ, Mo. Jimmie Sue

**Just a
reminder...**



♪ It's Summertime, summertime, summertime, please send
in your pledge time 😊

MAY 2026 Financial Summary



	Yearly	MayActuals
Operating Income	312,120	138,022
Altar Donations	3,813	1,728
Special Offerings	3,490	1,598
Miscellaneous Contributions	21,740	1,278
Building Use	1,300	900
Outreach & Mission Income	4,100	3,600
Total Income	346,563	147,166
Expense		
Worship	4,493	2,494
Formation	870	35
Outreach & Mission	30,180	13,090
Stewardship	2,690	1,349
Hospitality	1,000	0
Building Maintenance	53,010	27,505
Rectory Maintenance	9,525	5,165
Loans and Bank Fees	200	94
Office & Office Supplies	9,955	3,870
Insurance	39,871	10,383
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,300	439
Personnel	214,582	90,025
Total Expense	370,146	154,449
Surplus/(Deficit)	(23,583)	(7,283)



The Church of St. Jude's Country Fair

JULY: A Summer of Preparation — The Country Fair Vision

As you know, every November, something magical happens here at St. Jude. The smell of homemade food fills the air, children's laughter echoes, and neighbors who may not see each other often stop to shop, talk, share, and support our church. That is the Country Fair — and it is one of the most joyful expressions of who we are as a community and our biggest fundraiser of the year.

This year's fair promises to be the best yet, but only with your help. The Country Fair is not something a small committee can produce alone. It is built by many hands: the baker who rises early to prepare her famous apple pie, the father who spends a Saturday morning setting up the kitchen, the teenager who volunteers to face-paint for hours.

As summer unfolds, we invite you to begin thinking about what you have to contribute. Do you bake, craft, garden, or cook? Could you donate a prize or help at a table? Is there a talent or tradition in your family that deserves to be shared with the parish?

Over the coming months, we'll be reaching out with specific needs and opportunities. But we want you to start dreaming now. The fair is our community's gift to itself — and every gift begins with someone willing to give.

Get Involved

Save the Date: Annual Country Fair — November 6th, 2026

Share Your Ideas: Have a skill or idea to contribute? Email Jenn.garbowski@gmail.com

AUGUST: From Your Kitchen to Our Community: Baking, Crafting & Creating for the Fair

Some of the most treasured moments at The St. Jude Country Fair happen around the baked goods table. A slice of homemade pie. A bag of cookies tied with a ribbon. A jar of jam made from summer berries. These small, handmade offerings carry something no store-bought item ever could: the warmth of someone who took the time to make something with care.

This year, we're putting out an early call to all our bakers, crafters, gardeners, and creators. If you make something beautiful, delicious, or useful, we want it at the fair. Baked goods, jams and preserves, handmade ornaments, quilts, woodworking, greeting cards, potted plants — all of these find eager buyers and grateful recipients.

Donated goods support the parish directly. Every item sold at the fair contributes to our sales, which helps us keep the church running smoothly. When you bake a loaf of bread for the fair, you're doing far more than baking. You're feeding something much larger.

You don't need to be a professional baker or an experienced crafter. What matters is the heart behind it. If you're not sure where to start, speak with Diane Mortagua or any member of the Fair Committee — they'd love to help you find your place.

Get Involved

Sign Up to Contribute: See Diane Mortagua or the Fair Committee
Idea Sheet Available: Pick one up at the Welcome Table every weekend.



CLOTHING COLLECTION BIN



We collect used clothing and shoes in our Collection Bin. None of the donations are made into rags. Also, St. Jude's receives ten cents per pound of any items donated. Please share about our Clothing Collection Bin with your family and friends 😊



HEALING SERVICES

11:00am to 11:30am Healing Service will be on Wednesday, August 16th in the Chapel with Ken Norian and Chris Vanenburg.



SUNDAY SCHOOL by Barbara Arnold

Is getting ready for VBS!! VBS is a great way to make new friends and reconnect with old ones!



HOSPITALITY REPORT By Kathy Hecht



It's time to acknowledge everyone who makes Coffee Hour possible each week. Many thanks to all who have hosted a Coffee Hour so far this year.

Thanks to Amy for always volunteering and jumping in when needed, and Chris V. for helping set out tables. Thanks to the ladies who are always helping out and cleaning up, especially MaryJane and Pam. And thanks to Jeannie for making sure everyone gets their last cup of coffee.



The calendar is wide open for July and August. Please volunteer for a day to keep Coffee Hour running this summer. If it's really hot, lemonade or iced tea and cookies will be fine. It's the fellowship that holds us together. Thank you for coming together to make Coffee Hours successful.

“Christmas in July” Coffee Hour is on July 12th. It will be a cooperative effort this year since my participation will be limited this summer. There will be a sign up sheet for setup, clean up, decorations, food, etc. Toward the end of August, there will be sign up sheets for the End-of-Summer picnic in September. Please sign up to volunteer or donate items for the picnic. Have a safe and happy summer from the Hospitality Committee!



THANK YOU’S



- Thank you to everyone who helped with setting up and cleaning up, and donating items for the Garage Sale!



ST. JUDE’S LGBTQAI+ GROUP

LGBTQ+ Summer Potluck at the Rectory!



Bring a dish to share and join us in the Rectory back yard for a potluck on August 16th at 12:30pm!

Mo. Jimmie Sue and Amy will provide water and sodas, cornhole & horseshoes!

LGBTQ+ folks, Allies, & guests always welcome!

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What our group is about



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

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!



MISSION CENTER



The St. Jude Mission Center at the Little Red Barn currently serves 15-20 families every other week. If you are interested in volunteering for the Mission Center, we're always happy to discuss those opportunities. Please contact Mother Jimmie Sue, Barbara Rice Thompson, or Patty Doll.

Dates Open: The Mission Center is open at in July and August. We are open from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Dates in July and August are TBD.

Donations Needed:

- Diapers, Baby wipes One-pound packages of rice, Black beans
- Canned fruit School snacks for kids (protein bars, cookies, chips)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- Vacation Bible School - July 5-10
- Healing Service in the Chapel – July 15 & Aug 19 @ 11am
- LGBTQ+ & Allies Potluck at the Rectory –August 16 @ 12:30pm
- **September Journal Deadline** – August 24, 2026



LOOK AT WHAT'S STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

CONVERSATION & DINNER



The idea is to get together and have conversations. The format is simple: food, conversation, and God. Come bring your questions (and not too worry – I'll have questions at the ready), your curiosity, and pull up a chair. Be ready to engage with people of varying religious and philosophical perspectives and life experiences. You'll be able to share your own wrestlings and thoughts while learning something new along the way.

Location: Miller's Ale House located at [3046 Hempstead Tpke. Levittown, NY 11756](#)

Time: 7:00pm

Date: Wednesday, September 16



WEDNESDAY EVENING HEALING EUCHARIST



I have had feedback that there is a desire to hold a Wednesday evening Healing Eucharist. In order to bring this service back I will need helpers. I will hold a planning meeting on Sunday, August 9th @ 12pm. I'm looking forward to planning and shaping the Healing Service together.

In anticipation of a positive response to resuming the Healing Service, I've reserved two dates: September 9th & October 14th in the Chapel at 7:30pm.

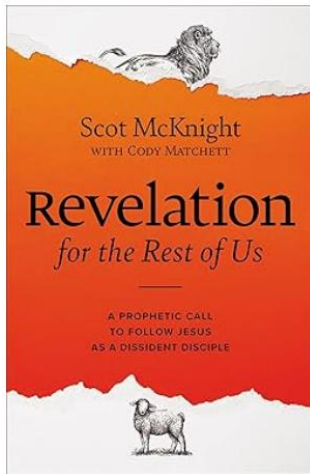


BIBLE STUDY - THE BOOK OF REVELATION

What the book is about:

"The last book of the Bible frustrates and frightens many people with its imagery and apocalyptic tone. In *Revelation for the Rest of Us*, Scot McKnight with Cody Matchett explore the key message of Revelation and how it:

- Calls us to be faithful and hopeful witnesses to Jesus.
- Stimulates our imagination to see the world through the eyes of God and excite our faith.
- Challenges us to stand against the militarism, economic exploitation, oppression, and injustice of worldly authorities.



McKnight addresses the popular misconceptions about the book, explaining what John means in his use of the images of dragons, lambs, and beasts; and how the symbolism of Revelation spoke in the days of Rome and still speaks powerfully to the present day — though not in the way most people think."

DETAILS:

- We'll meet on the following Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm via Zoom
 - September 23rd + October 21st + November 18th
- Before our first meeting please read Part 1: Reading Revelation as if for the First Time
- At the September meeting we will discuss the pace with which we want to read and discuss this book together.

Zoom Link for the Wednesday Evening Bible Study:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88271703032?pwd=dG6awFH5rUdhNjD0kTf7kOWK2Y1da.1>

Meeting ID: 882 7170 3032

Passcode: 051385



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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

2026 Sanctuary Lamps/ Altar Flowers (Live or silk)/ Altar Candles / Mass Cards 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.

FROM YOUR EDITORS

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.

THE BISHOP

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano

THE RECTOR

The Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe

THE BISHOP-ELECT

The Rev. Dr. Adam Shoemaker

WARDENS

Charles Garbowski (2028)	Alan Hecht (2027), Clerk
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VESTRY

Michael Nersesian (2028)	Adrienne Comito (2028)
June Gerbracht (2027)	Maria Smith (2029)
Jon Mortagua (2029)	Janine Scarlatos (2027)
Laura Anne Loud (2027)	Lauren Wangner (2029)
Ken Norian (2028)	Brian Quinn, Treasurer

STAFF

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



JULY

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28 8am Worship 10:15am Worship	29 CAP P.H. 7pm	30 AA 7:30pm	1	2 AA 7:30pm	3 9:30am Mice Makers AA 7:00pm in Chapel	4 
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TO:

CELBTRATING ST. JUDE'S IN PICTURES
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PRIDE COFFEE HOUR



A FEW PICUTRES FROM OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

