

**Mass Times**  
**Tuesday/Wednesday**  
**6:30pm**  
**Thursday/Friday**  
**8:00am**

**Funeral Masses will**  
**take the place of**  
**daily Masses.**

**Saturday: 5:00pm**

**Sunday:**

8:00am, 11:00am

2:00pm Spanish Mass

**Holy Days:**

Vigil 7:00pm

Holy Day: 8:00am

**Sacrament of**  
**Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:00pm—  
4:30pm

Or by appointment

**Baptism**

To schedule a  
baptism and to make  
arrangements for a  
baptism preparation  
session (required for  
all) please contact the  
parish office at  
982.4891. Please  
check our website  
([www.stjudejax.com](http://www.stjudejax.com))  
under "Sacraments"  
for some very  
important  
information!

**Marriage**

In addition to some  
critically important  
steps noted on our  
parish website  
([www.stjudejax.com](http://www.stjudejax.com))  
under "Sacraments,"  
our Diocese has set a  
required period of at  
least six months of  
preparation between  
setting a wedding  
date and the wedding  
ceremony itself.  
Please check our  
website and call the  
office (982.4891)  
before setting any  
dates or making any  
plans.

### Office Hours

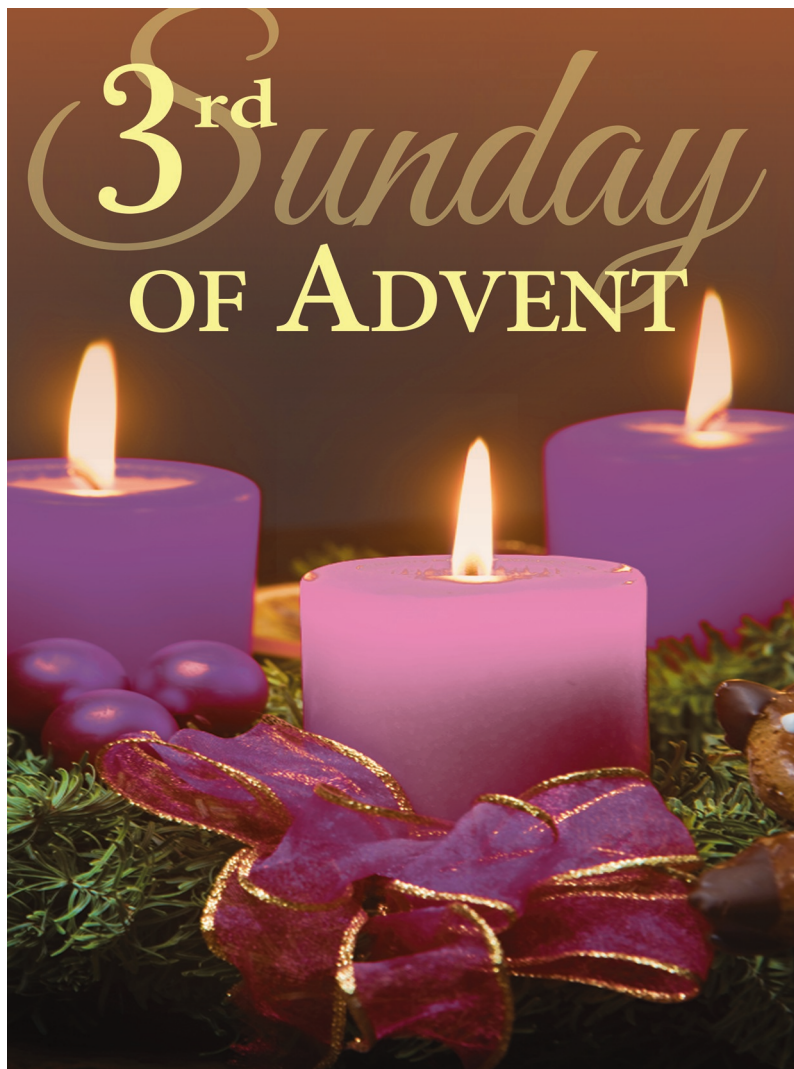
8:30am-4:30pm Monday through Thursday  
8:30am-12:00pm Friday

**Pastor Fr. Andy Smith 982.4891**

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**Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 11, 2016**



## Welcome to

# ST. JUDE *the* APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Welcome! If you are a visitor to St. Jude's, we want you to know you are

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2016  
 Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11  
 Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32  
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18b-23  
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/Lk 7:24-30  
 Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67/Jn 5:33-36  
 Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17  
 Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Observances for the Week of December 11, 2016  
 Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent  
 Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 Tuesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
 Wednesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
 Thursday:  
 Friday: Las Posadas begin  
 Saturday:  
 Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent  
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	ORGANIZATIONS	
Altar & Rosary	Kathryn Fairchild	690.3875
CYM	Paula Price	551.1873
JRCYM	Kathleen Hill	
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Knights of Columbus	John Red Smith	628.7980
Ladies of the Knights	Ruth Adams	843.3392
Senior Citizen	Donna Aldrich	772.2098

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**Please keep in your prayers, Alex Smith, our seminarian. Sister Judith Timmerman, who is also from our parish and is at St. Scholastica Convent in Fort Smith, teaching Spanish at Christ the King and teaching Hispanic students in 5th and 6th grade PRE. She is also beginning a Master's Degree in Theology.**

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**POST-ABORTION SUPPORT GROUP:** *Do you feel alone, hurting or unforgiven from a past abortion? The Respect Life Office, through Project Rachel, is starting a support groups, beginning February 13, 2017. The spiritual journey lasts 11 weeks, with small groups of 6-8. Groups will be formed in **Little Rock, Fayetteville/Rogers, and the Hot Springs area**. All names and meeting places are strictly confidential. For details call 501-664-0340, ext. 357. All inquiries must be made by February 13, 2017.*



# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, December 10

5:00pm Mass Lee Sobba+

## Sunday, December 11

8:00am Mass Parishioners  
 11:00am Mass Alfred Nardi+  
 2:00pm Mass Priest Intention

## Tuesday, December 13

6:30pm Mass Mark Wasinger+

## Wednesday, December 14

6:30pm Mass Joe Ott+

## Thursday, December 15

8:00am Mass Fr. Calvecchio+

## Friday, December 16

8:00am Mass Todd DeBriyn+

## Saturday, December 17

5:00pm Mass Fr Raymond Rossi+

## Sunday, December 18

8:00am Mass Parishioners  
 11:00am Mass Robert Gibson+  
 2:00pm Mass Priest Intention

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sunday, December 11

12:30pm Procession for Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 12:00am Serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe

### Monday, December 12

9:00am AARP  
 7:00pm Small Faith Community

### Tuesday, December 13

6:30pm Choir Practice  
 6:30pm Cub Scouts  
 7:00pm Altar and Rosary Society  
 7:00pm Scripture Study

### Wednesday, December 14

10:00am Scripture Study  
 7:00pm RCIA-Universal Call to Holiness- Dc John Hall  
 7:00pm JrCym/Cym  
 7:00pm Faith Chats

### Thursday, December 15

9:00am Discovering God's Will (class)  
 6:00pm Penance Service-Immaculate Conception NLR  
 7:00pm Choir Practice  
 7:00pm Biblical Roots (class)

### Friday, December 9

7:00pm Benediction and Adoration



## CARE CHANNEL REQUESTS

The Jacksonville Care Channel is in need of corn and peas.

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St. Joseph's Helpers-Donation box located in the entry hallway. SJH/Arkansas Pregnancy Resource Center is a nonprofit agency to help enable abortion minded clients to make informed lifelong decisions for their baby and themselves. We, at St. Jude's, have a collection box (labeled ST. JOSEPH). Please be generous with donations such as diapers, crib sheets, baby clothes (up to size 2T), diaper ointment etc. The APRC staff greatly appreciates your heartfelt donations by material or monetary assistance (Mail monetary gifts to: APRC, 3 Office Park Dr., Ste. 101, Little Rock, AR 72211.

Please continue to pray for the unborn and their families.

## ATTENDANCE

### December 3/4

5:00pm	204
8:00am	<b>232</b>
11:00am	274
2:00pm	125

## STEWARDSHIP

### December 3/4

**Stewardship: \$ 11,036.31**

**Maintenance: \$ 3,931.13**

**Stewardship:** The regular parish budget for 2015/2016 anticipates a weekly offering of approximately \$12,936.00 for the regular operation of the ministry of St. Jude's. May God continue to bless you for your faithful stewardship.

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### Sick or Homebound

If you have a family member who is ill, in the hospital, or homebound who would like to receive communion, **please have a family member** call the office at 982.4891. We will arrange for one of our many wonderful people to come and visit and bring communion.

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If you are new to our parish, we would like to welcome you into our community. Please pick up a registration form on the table by the bulletin board, call the office, or register online at stjudejax.com



Bill Aldrich, Spencer Aydeot, Paul Avaltroni, Priscilla Baltazar, Robert Barrett, Andrea Bistrain, Charles Blanchard, Shirley Blanchard, Sherrie Brown, Rayeigh Butrand, Natalio Carrillo, Michael Carter, Christina Carver, John Claude, Norman Coffelt,

Evelyn Cook, Charles Delorenzo, Emily Downs, Sherry Duncan, Terry Franks, Bill Garner, Misty Gay, Ann Gheagan, Betty Gibson, Michael Gilbert, Helen Hall, Susan Hall, Mike Hargrove, Hazel Hayes, Helmut Herm, Hibbard Family, Edna Hill, Louise Hubbard, Dylan Jeffrey, Mickey Kamer, Rebecca Kendall, Joceyln Kennedy, Melinda King, James Kroskey, Grace Kulpa, Rudy Kurz, Norma Laberdee, Ariel Leach, Carla Lewis, Carol Lloyd, Joan Lowry, Jean Luman, Joshua Luker, Al Manning, Sally G. Menke, Steve Menke, Tim Menke, Joan Meyer, William Mergenschroer, Carol Miller, Greyson Moore, Sandra Morris, Bridgette Mucha, Bob Nawrocki, Ronald Neumeier, Jeffery Nordmeyer, Cindy Nunez, Tom Pack, J. W. Palmer, Mary Pickels, Benjamin Ramirez, Sue Riley, Randy Rhodd, Mark Rivard, Jerry Robbins, Dawn Robnett, Mary Robnett, Odette Rose, Beverly Saltz, Mary Anne Schulke, Piper Scott, Linda Seidl, Jeremy Sheeran, Joe Schilling, Tina Simone, Maria Stewart, Patsy Strode, Mary Suiter, Patrick Testa, Verna Thompson, Walter Townes, Pat VanWinkle, Judy Vulner, Brandon Weisenfels, Charles Whitaker, Maureen Wilmoth, Otis Wilson, Patricia Zawislak.

## P R E /CYM/Adult Ed

### SAVE THE DATE

**January 21st, 2017**

**Retreat "Wisdom of Pope Francis" with Father Jim Ward, Vincentian**

**St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church**

**Saturday 9:00am -3:00pm**

**Cost- \$20 includes lunch**

**Registration January 7-8, 14-15 or call Rita Strickland**

**501-835-9785**





DECEMBER 11, 2016  
3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised." Jesus has quite a résumé. When asked whether or not he is the long awaited Messiah, Jesus replies with this list of his credentials as proof of his position. These signs and wonders speak volumes, to be sure. But perhaps the most interesting line on the list is his concluding one, "the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." Why does he count this among his litany of miracles? What is so remarkable about sharing good news?

Perhaps Jesus included this element of his work--the preaching of good news--to remind his followers that the physical healings were not the ultimate goal of his mission. Rather, the spiritual healing that comes from hearing the good news of salvation is what Jesus was really about. The "poor"--which in a sense means all of us sinners, trapped by the poverty of the sins that enslave us--are freed by Jesus' message of a loving God who wants to bring us into his kingdom. Our poverty is erased by his richness. His mercy "undoes" our sin and we are invited to become the children of God who share in the glories of his heavenly abode.

Sometimes it's tempting to just want the visible miracles. But the invisible ones--the conversions that take place in the silence of the human heart--are truly the more important works of God. Such interior transformation is what leads us to eternal life; even a physical cure won't last for eternity--death still comes at some point. But the really good news is that this miracle of conversion is available to all of us. And this season of Advent is the perfect time to let God work his miracles in our hearts.

## DEPLOYED

If you know of anyone who is deployed please call the office so we can add them to the list. Thank you Major Steffanie Jebb, 1st LT Jared Riethbaum, MSG John Paul Jebb, SrA Brian King.



The Ladies of the Knights are gearing up for their ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE. It will be held the weekend of December 10&11 after the Masses. As always, they will be selling lots of goodies (cakes, cookies, fudge, candies, breads, pies, etc.) All the proceeds will be for those they continue to

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

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**Finding your YES to God: A Women's Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat** will be held January 6-7, 2017 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2500 N. Tyler St., Little Rock, AR 72207. *Come see that Sisters are Real People!* The retreat is for young women 16-35 years of age who want to learn and discern about Religious Life. Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices of Youth & Campus Ministry & Minister for Religious, the retreat will include talks on Religious Life by Sisters from congregations serving in Arkansas; time for prayer & reflection; and opportunity to speak with the Sisters. The Retreat is free. Registration deadline is January 2. For Registration Form and more information see <http://bit.ly/womenretreat2017> or contact Sr. Joan Pytlik, Minister for Religious [jpytlik@dolr.org](mailto:jpytlik@dolr.org) or 501-664-0340, ext 384.

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**Descubriendo su Si a Dios: Un Retiro de Discernimiento Vocacional Religioso para Mujeres** se llevará a cabo del 6 al 7 de enero, 2017 en el Centro Diocesano Pastoral, 2500 N. Tyler St., Little Rock, AR 72207. *¡Vengan a ver que las Hermanas son Personas Reales!* El retiro es para mujeres jóvenes entre 16-35 años de edad que desean aprender y discernir sobre la Vida Religiosa. Patrocinado por las Oficinas Diocesanas de Vocaciones, Ministerio de Jóvenes y Universitario, y la Ministra para Religiosos, el retiro incluirá: charlas sobre la Vida Religiosa, impartidas por las Hermanas de congregaciones que sirven en Arkansas; momentos de oración y reflexión; y oportunidades para hablar con las Hermanas. El retiro es gratis. La fecha límite de inscripción es el 2 de enero. Para obtener un formulario de inscripción y más información, vea: <http://bit.ly/womenretreat2017> o comuníquese con la Hna. Joan Pytlik, Ministra para Religiosos [jpytlik@dolr.org](mailto:jpytlik@dolr.org) ó 501-664-0340, Ext. 384.

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### Prayer for Missionaries in America

*Dear Lord, We pray for those who work among poor and isolated communities across America, bearing witness to the life of Christ in a thousand different ways. Give them wisdom, courage and joy in their generous ministry. AMEN*



# PARISH NEWS

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**Bingo**  
Parish Hall

1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month After  
5:00pm Mass

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**HAVE YOU NOTICED???** Altar and Rosary Religious articles has grown!! Go take a look at all the goodies they have NOW!

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**Change of meeting days:** The Queen Bee Quilters are back in swing for the fall. We will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Fridays this fall and plan to work on projects for fall and Christmas. All members of the parish and their friends are welcome. We meet in the large classroom at 9am. Please plan to join us.

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**A Christmas Gift for Married Couples:** Couples...want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are at Subiaco, Arkansas, February 10-12, 2017 and at Memphis— Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center, April 28-30, 2017. Space is limited. For more information or to apply call Ben & Leah Brewer at 501-733-1235 or email [apply@arkansaswwme.org](mailto:apply@arkansaswwme.org) or apply online at [www.arkansaswwme.org/apply](http://www.arkansaswwme.org/apply).

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**You Did It for Me**

Bob\* was court-ordered to attend a parenting program. He didn't want to be there, and he let everyone know it. Catholic Charities ran the program, and the staff had seen many reluctant participants over the years. The staff didn't lecture; they provided opportunities to share and they waited. After hearing the other fathers tell their stories, Bob started to share his. Gradually he became more involved and even wanted to learn. Now he is trying to be a good father to his son instead of hiding behind a frown. In 2015, Catholic Charities agencies reported 164,572 parenting-related services.

To learn more, visit  
[www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org)



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If you are not getting the EMAIL BLAST on Friday, please email us at [stjudeapostle@gmail.com](mailto:stjudeapostle@gmail.com) with your name and email.

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Would you like to have flowers placed at the altar in the sanctuary on weekends in memory of a loved one? If you are interested in doing so, please contact the church office at 501-982-4891. The donation to cover the weekly expense of placing the flowers is \$100. The name(s) of the person(s) you are remembering will be placed in each week's bulletin on the week the flowers are placed. Thank you!

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You are invited to enjoy an evening of story and song with the presentation of a Christmas Cantata, "Almost There – A Christmas Musical" at Little Rock Air Force Base Chapel. St. Jude choir members join together with

LRAFB Catholic and Protestant choirs to take you on the journey of Mary as she fulfilled the divine call God placed in her life. Experience the awe and wonder of Christmas as Mary did many years ago. Celebrate the expectation of Christ's coming through this unique take on the familiar story.

**Date:** Sunday, December 11, 2016

**Time:** 6:00 pm (music begins at 5:45)

**Location:** LRAFB Chapel

(Refreshments and fellowship after the program at the adjacent Walter's Community Center)

**NOTE:** To attend, you must have access to LRAFB



**ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY:** Tuesday December 13, 2016. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Mass is at 6:30pm and Rosary is at 6:00pm