

# The Catholic Community of St. Jude

## Mission Statement

*We, the people of the Catholic Community of St. Jude, are followers of Christ, striving to live the Gospel and reflect the compassion and love of Jesus to all people.*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017



To the life we were given; to the life we lost;  
to the life we honor.  
**Happy Mother's Day!**



End of the Year  
Youth Fusion, Infused,  
and Rooted  
**MESSY GAME DAY**  
celebration

**Have a great summer!**



The Mary & Marthas are  
hosting a Spring Tea!  
**Tuesday, May 16 at  
6:30pm**

All the ladies of the parish are invited to attend a night of friendship/fellowship. This will be a dessert potluck. If you would like to decorate a simple table, you are welcome to do so, but not necessary to attend. If you wish to bring a favorite dessert to share, that is great! This will **Not be** elaborate, it should be a very informal setting for 8 people! **No** candle light or lighting. Very simple, pretty, disposable is GREAT!! There will be no formal entertainment, we will have coffee, tea and soft drinks and desserts. For fun wear your Easter hat, or one of your grandmothers! There is no cost. To register visit the parish website and look for the link to the Spring Tea, [www.stjudedewitt.com](http://www.stjudedewitt.com). Any questions call Tina at the parish office 669-8335 x13.



This time of year, the Catholic Community of St. Jude participates in a collection for St. Vincent Catholic Charities and Cristo Rey Community Center. We left out a reminder at last weekend's Mass announcements about the collection so we thought it prudent to mention that we will be collecting for this important cause through the end of the month. The envelope for this collection is in the back of your contribution booklets and of course available online for our online contributors.

Thank you for your consideration!



**Help our Youth Programs Win  
\$5,000**

**see page 7 for details...**

### Church & Community Center:

801 N. Bridge St. (517) 669-6049 Community Center

**Parish Offices are located at** 409 Wilson Street

**Phone** (517) 669-8335 **Fax** (517) 669-8343

Religious Formation Office Phone (517) 669-8341

**After Hours Emergency phone** (517) 803-0911

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday 9:00AM to 5:00PM

Bulletin Deadline is 10:00AM Wednesdays

- Contact Tina Simon

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### Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:00PM, Sunday, 8:30AM, 11:00AM

### Weekday Masses

*Tuesdays at 6:00PM (Sept-May)*

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 8:00AM

### Reconciliation

**Saturdays, 4:00PM-4:30PM or by appointment**

### Other Area Reconciliation Opportunities

St. Thomas Aquinas (E. Lansing) Saturday 3-4PM & following 4:30PM Mass

St. John the Evangelist (MSU) Mon., Wed. & Fri. 11AM-Noon, Tues. 8-9PM

St. Therese of Lisieux (Lansing) Saturday 3:30PM

St. Joseph (St. Johns) Saturday 4PM

St. Gerard (Lansing) Saturday at 9AM-10AM

[www.stjudedewitt.com](http://www.stjudedewitt.com)

**Visit us on our Parish, Youth & K of C Facebook pages**



## Mass Intentions & Events for the Week

### Sunday, May 14, Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12*

**8:30AM Mass: Roger Overway**

*by Kay & Gene Russell*

K of C Mother's Day Breakfast

**11:00AM Mass: Gaile Ann Simmons**

*by the Thelen Family*

### Monday, May 15, Saint Isidore

*Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26*

### Tuesday, May 16, Easter Weekday

*Acts 14-19-28/Jn 14:27-31a*

**Noon Senior Luncheon**

**6:00PM Mass: David Hanses**

*by the Hanses Family*

6:30PM Marys and Marthas Spring Tea

### Wednesday, May 17, Easter Weekday

*Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8*

**8:00AM Mass: David Church**

*by Terry & Rosie Starn*

### Thursday, May 18, Saint John 1, Pope and Martyr

*Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11*

**8:00AM Mass: Norma Gage**

*by Gene & Kaye Russell*

5:30PM Parish Council Meeting

### Friday, May 19, Easter Weekday

*Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17*

**8:00AM Mass: Judy Hutchison**

*by Ruth & Roger Pline*

### Saturday, May 20, Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

*Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21*

4:00PM Reconciliation

**5:00PM Mass: Arline Smith and Kevin Smith**

*by Dave & Judy Thelen*

*Anointing of the Sick*

### Sunday, May 21, Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21*

**8:30AM Mass: Marie Northrup** *by Eileen Church*

*Anointing of the Sick*

**11:00AM Mass: People of St Jude**

*Anointing of the Sick*

6:00PM K of C Family Fun Night

7:00PM CYC Rooted



The **FBI** Report

Father Bob Irish, Pastor  
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## A happy and blessed Mother's Day!

There is no doubt that motherhood is a very high calling. But, to whom can mothers look as the real model of motherhood? Today's modern culture offers many role models through television, movies and women's magazines. However, often these role models are either altogether wrong or they offer a very limited and unrealistic view of true motherhood.

All mothers who wish to be true to their high calling need only look to the woman who became the greatest mother of all. Born into humble surroundings, she was called by God to be the mother of the Son of God. She affirmed her obedience to the call of God and lived out her vocation throughout her entire life. Mary, the mother of Jesus, our Blessed Mother, is the true model of motherhood.

*"It can thus be said that women, by looking to Mary, find in her the secret of living their femininity with dignity and of achieving their own true advancement. In the light of Mary, the Church sees in the face of women the reflection of a beauty which mirrors the loftiest sentiments of which the human heart is capable: the self-offering totality of love; the strength that is capable of bearing the greatest sorrows; limitless fidelity and tireless devotion to work; the ability to combine penetrating intuition with words of support and encouragement"* (Blessed John Paul II, Redemptoris Mater).

One aspect of Mary's life that has particular meaning and inspiration for many mothers today is the profound suffering that she endured during the passion of Our Lord. Mary stood at the foot of the cross.

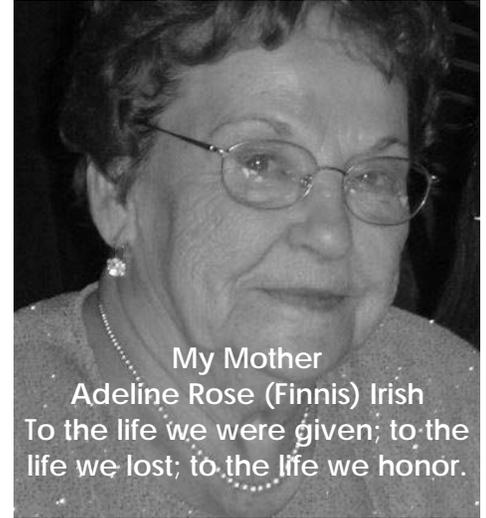
Divorce, separation, single moms, widows, mothers forced to work out of necessity, grand-mothers raising grandchildren, prodigal children and prodigal grandchildren, are realities that cause deep, daily suffering for many women. Added to all of these sufferings, is the pain endured by many married women who would like to be mothers but can not for one reason or another. And to those women who are in pain over a miscarriage, death of new born or maybe endured an abortion without realizing the life they carried within at the time. And the countless mother's who had their infants put up for adoption because of the circumstances surrounding the pregnancy, the feeling of hopeless to care for the infant or the inability to provide a suitable home.

All mothers and grandmothers need to find in Mary, our Blessed Mother, the faith, hope, love and fortitude to stand firm at the foot of the cross. All suffering has power when we unite our suffering to the cross of Jesus. Take your suffering, united to the suffering of Jesus, and offer that suffering for your children and grandchildren.

As we honor our mothers and grandmothers on this yearly celebration of motherhood, we also need to consider the essential duties of husbands.

Saint Paul exhorts husbands to love their wives as Christ loves the Church (Ephesians 6: 25). Husbands have the solemn duty to sacrifice themselves continually in their total love for their wives and their children. Each day provides numerous opportunities for husbands to live out their family life with many acts of patience, kindness and service.

So on this Mother's Day I wish to extend a very heartfelt appreciation for the hard work and dedication that so many women of our parish have provided us all. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit will renew the hearts of all mothers so that they continue to live out their calling to motherhood with a deeper and more generous love from sun rise to sun set.



My Mother  
Adeline Rose (Finnis) Irish  
To the life we were given; to the  
life we lost; to the life we honor.

**Pilgrimage to Italy** Word was received that this pilgrimage is a go! Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime trip to Assisi and Rome, Italy; November 3—10 2017. There is still time to join us for this wonderful and spiritual visit to Italy. For greater details, go to our website.

## Next Sunday's Scriptures

A reflection on the readings for Mass next Sunday, May 21



Living as a disciple of Jesus requires that we be ever-ready and willing to share our faith with others. The first reading reminds that as disciples of Jesus, we must be willing to share with others the reason for our hope. Meeting this challenge requires first and foremost that Jesus, in whom we are saved and redeemed, is the source of our hope. We also need to pray each day so that we have the grace and strength we need to share our faith when the opportunity presents itself.

In Acts, 8:5-8, 14-17, we hear of the many people in Samaria who were accepting the word of God, and how Peter and John were sent to confirm them in the Holy Spirit. In the first Letter of Peter, 1 Peter 3:15-18, we are encouraged to be ready to give an explanation for our hope. In the Gospel, John 14:15-21, Jesus teaches that whoever has his commandments and observes them is the one who loves him.

## In Loving Memory

*Anniversaries of deceased friends and family from our parish*

Cecilia Parks      May 15, 1995  
Barbara Hanson    May 15, 2009  
Beverly Besonen   May 15, 2009  
Robert Cleaver     May 16, 2011

Stanley Osborn     May 17, 2005  
Sylvia Stankula     May 20, 1975  
Gordon Barnhart    May 20, 1977

### ***We remember in prayer . .***

*All who are sick may be healed in body and spirit, especially:* Fedele Spadafora, Addison Martin, Shawna Boyle, Barb LaLonde, Patricia Strouse, Stephanie Dorr, Joanie Eckhart, Debbie Platt, Tom Adams, Eileen Church, William Steinman, Doris Welsh, Deacon Ted Heutsche, Larry Garagiola, Bill Pearson Jr., Jean Cramner, Bruce Ely, Sarah Swank, Ken Jensen, Sharon Hunt, June Dennany, Barbara Bernardo, James Irish, Irene Gilbreath, Don Williams, Steve Kelly, Jerry Strayer, Cathy Smith, Becky Schafer, Brian Byelich, David Starn, Larry Starn, Therese VanWormer, Robert Steinman, Barbara Katch-Smith, Brian Shellberg, Jackie Hunt, Mary Jo Piecuch, Mary Therese Swanson, Robert Ataman, Samantha Sontich, Deanna Hartwell, Jeff Church, Steffi Kracko, Tom Reid, Pat McCrackin, Camilla Smith, Kari Quimby, Cheryl Corr, Greg Gillispie, Peg Schmid, Kathleen Gladding, Mary Erickson, Rose Parks, Elizabeth Downie, Cathy Koski, Carol Haege, Daniel Thelen, Judy Welling, Ken Mohnke, Bethany Ames, Mary Montcalm, Jordan Ramos, Nick Robinson. ***If you have someone listed here who has recovered please contact Tina at 669-8335 x13 so their names can be removed.***

### Greetings Corner



Birthday Greetings to LouAnn Myszak

Happy Anniversary on the occasion of their  
45th to Roger & Rita Woodruff



Celebrating a milestone anniversary, a milestone birthday, a notable accomplishment? If you happen to be celebrating a milestone birthday, 65 and older (we automatically print those who are celebrating 65, 70, 75, 80 and over) and we know about it, we will congratulate those folks. Contact the parish office at 669-8335 x 13 if you have someone to add.

## Parish Sacramental News

### Parish Sacramental Policies

**Baptism:** To schedule a baptism or register for the baptismal preparation program, parents may contact Laurie Seybert or Deacon Ted. Baptisms may be celebrated during the Masses on the second weekend of each month, except during Lent.

**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made with Fr. Bob at least one year in advance of your proposed wedding date. No weddings are celebrated during Lent.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Please call the parish office if you are hospitalized or at home and would like a visit from a Eucharistic minister to the homebound, Fr. Bob, or to receive the Anointing of the Sick.

**Anointing of the Sick:** is also celebrated after each Mass the weekend of the third Sunday of each month.



**The next Baptism Preparation Class will be held on June 6 at 7pm  
at the Parish Offices at 409 Wilson Street.**

Please contact Laurie Seybert at 669-8341  
ext. 16 or by email at [laurieseybert@stjudedewitt.com](mailto:laurieseybert@stjudedewitt.com) to register or  
for information about preparing for your child's baptism.



### **Wedding Banns. . .**

II Shannon Ongena & Dominique Rhodes

***Please remember in prayer our parish members and their families that are serving in our armed forces.***



Brett, Chandra, Christopher, Stephen, Matt, Vann, Kara, Robert, Tyler, Kyle, Michael, Joseph, Erin,  
Matt, Michael, Ryan, Tamara, and Dalton.

*Dear God, we pray to give all of our soldiers the courage and strength to do the duty that is  
required of them. May they always remember our appreciation for the sacrifice they are making  
for us. We are thankful for the men and women who are willing to risk their lives to protect our  
freedom. We ask you to go with each one of them and protect them wherever they go. Amen*



## Liturgical Ministry Schedule for May 20 & 21

### **5pm Mass**

**Altar Server:** Isabel Richardson  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Janet Irrer, Jim Kurt, Sally  
Locher, John Sands,  
Rob & Sue Strouse  
**Greeters:** Andy & Terri Angwin,  
Rob & Sue Strouse  
**Lector:** Robert McCauley  
**Mass Coordinator:**  
Leslie Feldpausch  
**Ushers:** Mark Feldpausch,  
Dennis Locher, Bruce Miles,  
Kim Scherschligt-Miles

### **8:30am Mass**

**Altar Servers:** Michelle Johnson,  
Madison McDonald,  
Caiden Mc Donald  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Kathy Bishop, David Dainton,  
Therese Hudak, Alex Johnson, Jim  
Kraus, Kay Russell  
**Greeters:** Alex & Heidi Johnson,  
Gladys Stauffer, Jackie Urbain  
**Lectors:** Alex Johnson and Erica  
Martin  
**Mass Coordinator:** Amy Kraus  
**Ushers:** Ken Armbrustmacher,  
Brian Ballinger, Joshua Johnson,  
Fred Strouse

### **11am Mass**

**Altar Servers:** Jacob Orth,  
Jacob Schorfhaar, Rylie Stevens  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kevin Orth,  
Isabelina Amor, Tina Ashbrook,  
Shannon Fitzpatrick, Ginny  
Ramirez, Kathy Thelen  
**Greeters:** Carolyn Drake,  
Brenda Orth  
**Lector:** Joan Overway  
**Mass Coordinator:**  
Michael Muehlenbeck  
**Ushers:** Arthur Amor,  
Kenneth Ashbrook, John Baibak,  
Bob Ramirez



## Youth Fusion and Infused Faith Formation

Grades Pre-K through 8th: Mary Lippert, Director, 669-8341 ext. 17 • marylippert@stjudedewitt.com

# Thank You!

Faith Formation sessions have ended for the 2016-17 school year. We have had such a great time with the children—laughing, learning, playing and praying together. It is with deep fondness and gratitude that we end this season and look forward to the next. God is so good and has blessed us with bright children and faith-filled catechists.

With an abundance of love and gratitude, we thank the catechetical team who always serves with love of the church and children! We thank you for the countless hours you spend planning and teaching. Thank you for greeting families with a smile! Your face is the face of Christ to many. May you be blessed with the gift of rest and satisfaction of a job well done during the summer.

First Grade: Kris Poulson, Mary Jo Fedewa, Nathan Sweet, Julia Rios and Katie Sweeney.

Second Grade: Cindy Brushaber, Angela Straus, Melissa Gyurich and Sofia Perez.

Third Grade: Lynda Roof, Christina Buckmaster, Amy Rumsey, Cara Wilks and Sarah Simon.

Fourth Grade: Alex Johnson, Jen West, Sue Shafer and Angie Yankowski

Fifth Grade: Christy Freeman, Amy Schaefer, Jim and Norma Skower.

Sixth Grade: Kathy Richardson, Shawna Boyle, Angela Ellsworth, Stacey Ongena, Kelly Stafford and Heidi Johnson.

Seventh Grade: Jenny Crichton, Courtney Greenfield, Sarah Simon and Jen West

Eighth Grade: Patricio Medina, Claire and Buffy Wozniowski, Mercedes Ward and Sarah Gustafson.

Beginning in the fall 2017, there will be two options for Elementary Faith Formation

Traditional Weekly Formation

On Sundays from 9:30am-10:45am

Or

Family Faith Formation

Wednesday evening sessions will no longer be available.

### Introducing NEW for

### Fall of 2017

### *Family Faith Formation*

Family Faith Formation, an alternative to traditional Faith Formation, is a strong, parent-lead program for children in grades 1-4 or children who have special development challenges through 8th grade.

Families complete each unit at home using provided lesson plans and online resources before joining the large group of registered families for monthly (8) sessions. This allows for children to receive instruction at home and still be in community with other Catholic families and peers.

Large group activities include a healthy snack, service projects, prayer services, games, special guests and unit review.

Thank you also to our classroom assistants: Logan and Hannah Simon and Noah Behovitz and to Elena Lippert for babysitting



## June 26-29

## Register on our website!



Formation Administration Assistant: Laurie Seybert  
Email: laurieseybert@stjudedewitt.com  
Phone: 669-8341 ext. 16

Formation Assistant: Lynda Roof  
Email: lyndarroof@stjudedewitt.com  
Phone: 669-8341 ext. 19





## ROOTED Faith Formation

Hallie Card, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Grades 9-12 669-8335 ext. 14  
halliecard@stjudedewitt.com



This past weekend was a doozy! Teens from Rooted helped out with our Spring Service Day by cleaning up the grounds of the church and parish office on Saturday and then came and got downright messy at our Messy Game Day on Sunday. Ooey goeey, foamy, and glittery fun was had by all!



Hosing off and returning at 7:00, our Rooted Meeting showed the compatibility of Science and Faith and answered the burning questions of those in attendance. In the words of Pope Leo XIII, "Truth cannot contradict truth."

The meeting was such a success that we will continue the Q & A into our next (and last for the school year) Rooted meeting on **Sunday, May 21 at 7:00 pm**. Mark your calendars!

### Senior Sendoff Game Night

Join us for a fun night of food, friends, fellowship, and games on **Wednesday, May 24, from 6:00—8:30 pm**. Dinner provided!

Help us say goodbye to the graduating Seniors with a night of friendly competition.



### Help our Youth Programs Win \$5,000

We need your help in winning \$5,000 to go toward our Pre-K - 12 Youth Faith Programs! All you have to do is enter the promo code: **STJUDEDEWITT** when purchasing your tickets for Faith Fest 2017.



Faith Fest 2017 will be held on Saturday, June 24, on the grounds of the St. Francis Retreat Center. This fun-filled day of Christian music and activities is family friendly and even includes Mass with the Bishop! Go to [www.faithfest.com](http://www.faithfest.com) for more information and to purchase tickets.

Please pass our promo code on to your family and friends. The group with the most entries wins \$5,000!

### Baccalaureate Mass and Breakfast

• Baccalaureate Mass will be at the **8:30 Mass on Sunday, June 4**, with the breakfast immediately following

• Graduates are asked to bring their caps and gowns to wear for the Mass and to arrive by **8:15am**



• RSVP to this event by visiting the link on our webpage or emailing Hallie Card

• *We are looking for each participant to submit a photo of the graduate (from this year or childhood, your choice!) as well as their future plans (college, military, vocation, etc.) to be used in the celebration. These can be emailed or dropped off at the parish office during regular business hours.*

• We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the event in various ways. If interested, please contact Hallie Card by emailing [halliecard@stjudedewitt.com](mailto:halliecard@stjudedewitt.com) or calling (517) 669-8335 x 14.

Parents of Juniors are encouraged to participate.

Information about our Baccalaureate Mass went out to all graduating seniors last week. If you did not receive your invitation because you have moved, please contact the parish office so we may update our information.



## Adult Faith Enrichment and Pastoral Associate's Notes

Terry Humenik, R.N., B.S.N. M.P.S.  
517 669-8335 ext. 18 terryhumenik@stjudedewitt.com

### Help Needed in Flint on May 20

It can be difficult to participate in the group projects that help our brothers and sisters in Flint if you already have plans for that day. We are going to plan a monthly trip to Flint to help provide whatever help is needed and to encourage the people of the neighborhoods in their lives.

Generally the workday for Flint will take place on the first Saturday of the month. We will leave St. Jude at 8 or 9 am and probably return by 2pm.

Families are welcome to participate.

Our next workday is an exception to this plan as it takes place on Saturday May 20. Please sign up at the Parish Information Center to participate. On this day we will be cleaning up neighbor's yards so bring garden gloves, rakes, shovels etc.



### Its Better to Light one Candle . . .

This popular phrase goes well with the image of Christ as the Light of the World. As Catholic Christians we have seen the light and we are called to share the light of joy and hope in the lives of others.

I was reminded this week of some people at some of the assisted living facilities and adult foster care homes within our parish boundaries who are extremely lonely and long for someone to talk to and who will do things like playing games or going outside in nice weather. Their lives seem boring and dark on a day to day basis. If you could be an occasional visitor to any of these folks they would certainly see in you the light of Christ. Think about what it must be like for them to sit in a room most of every day - boring and dark. Call Terry Humenik if you are interested in helping to shine the light of Christ for them.

Another way you can let the light of Christ shine is to be present for someone at the funeral Mass after their loved one dies. You don't have to worry about saying the wrong thing if you simply tell them you are sorry for their loss and that you are praying for them. Being present at the funeral even if you do not know the deceased person is a witness to our faith in God and Jesus resurrection. Your presence is a comfort and gives a sign of hope. Give strangers who sat at table of the Lord

and their families the light of the reminder of Christ who also is a gentle presence in their healing process. Watch the parish website for information on upcoming funerals and make a plan to be there.

### My Favorite Tribute to Mothers

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into his sixth day of "overtime" when an angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this order?"

- She has to be completely washable, but not plastic;
- Have 180 movable parts... all replaceable;
- Run on black coffee and leftovers;
- Have a lap that disappears when she stands up;
- A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair;
- And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands... no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have." "That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel, touching His sleeve gently, "Go to bed. Tomorrow..." "I can't," said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick... can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger... and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

"But she's tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure."

"Can it think?"

"Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You You were trying to push too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."

"You are a genius," said the angel.

The Lord looked somber. "I didn't put it there," He said.



## Director of Music

Patrick Paddock, BA 517-669-8335 x 20  
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Greetings Catholic Community of St. Jude!

I have not officially started yet, but already have a parish e-mail in full use, an office telephone extension assigned, my biography on the website and space in the bulletin. Additionally I recently attended a funeral and experienced daily Mass in the Narthex (Gathering Space). Every person I have met at these encounters have been warm and welcoming and I am very much looking forward to meeting the rest of the 1300+ families that call St. Jude their spiritual home!

Before I go any further, I need to express a word of thanks and praise to Fr. Bob and the entire St. Jude Parish Staff for their hospitality. I am excited about the opportunity to collaborate with them to continue the mission of our Catholic faith: to go out and make disciples! Thank you to all of the parish musicians and their efforts during this time of transition. As I continue my preparations to become a part of the Catholic Community of St. Jude, I ask that you keep St. Owen in Bloomfield Hills and its parishioners in your prayers as I conclude my time with them.

This very Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day. To all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, godmothers and mothers of all kinds...Happy Mother's Day!

See you soon!

Musically in Christ,  
Patrick

## The Mary & Marthas invite you to the Spring Tea! Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30pm.

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## Other News in Our Parish

### Other Area Announcements

**Calling all Volunteers: Help Us Honor our Fallen Heroes This Memorial Day!** St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery is trying to bring back a tradition and we need your help. We are looking for volunteers to help us raise the flags of fallen heroes as a way to honor them and their families on Memorial Day. Volunteers are needed at 8am, **Monday, May 29** - Memorial Day - to place the flags on temporary flag poles along the entrance to our cemetery. We have approximately 80 flags to fly that morning prior to Mass, which we will celebrate at 10am outdoors here at the cemetery, weather permitting. If you are willing and able to help us honor our veterans and their families, please call St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, 517-484-2500 and provide your name and contact phone number.

**Summer Scripture Days 2017:** The host of Summer Script Days this year will be St. Francis Retreat Center. They will help us discover how to "Live to Inspire", as we attempt to gather the "Lost Sheep". Attend **August 15 - 17** at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Registration is open until August 4. Space is limited. Brochures are available in the church vestibule or contact Sheila Rogers at 517-669-8321 or [srogers@stfrancis.ws](mailto:srogers@stfrancis.ws)

**Lansing Catholic High School** is accepting applications for a Social Studies teacher. Qualified candidates will hold valid Michigan Certification for Government and Economics (RX) and have a commitment to Catholic education and Catholic religious tradition. This teaching assignment could include Advanced Placement Government. Currently, this position is part time up to 4 sections. Prior high school teaching experience is preferred, with excellent organizational skills and sound classroom management practices and proficiency with technology. The Lansing Catholic High School community forms students spiritually, intellectually and socially into faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Our staff is actively engaged in the spiritual development of our students by modeling our faith tradition in our prayer life and community service opportunities. Interested candidates should send resumes with references to the attention of: Cecilia Draminski, Lansing Catholic High School 501 Marshall St., Lansing, MI 48912, or by email to [Cecilia.draminski@lansingcatholic.org](mailto:Cecilia.draminski@lansingcatholic.org).



**From the Operations Managers Desk**  
 Rob Strouse, 669-8341 ext. 10    robstrouse@stjudedewitt.com

The **Meijer Simply Give** program is scheduled to begin again this Sunday, May 14 and continue through June 18. This program has been enormously successful for our Food Pantry and has allowed us not only to serve those who come to our door seeking food assistance but to also reach out to our brothers and sisters in need in areas such as Flint and north Lansing. Normally for a \$10 donation, Meijer will match with \$10. On **June 2 & 3**, Friday and Saturday, Meijer double matches all donations so a \$10 donation is double matched by a \$20 donation. To make a donation, please pick up a **Simply Give** card(s) from the table near the grandfather clock in the gathering space or donation cards near the checkout registers at Meijer and hand it to the cashier with your donation. It's that easy and no purchase is necessary. Thank you for your support of this successful program!

### Parish Offerings

#### May 1-7 Contributions

Budgeted Expenses:	\$13,592.00
Offertory:	-9,268.00
On-Line Giving:	-4,580.00
Non-Offertory Income:	<u>-775.00</u>
Surplus	\$1,031.00

Building Fund Collection: \$2,495.71

#### Fiscal YTD 7/1/16-6/30/17

YTD Budgeted Expenses:	\$611,640.00
YTD Offertory:	-410,338.02
YTD On-Line Offertory	-194,045.58
YTD Non-Offertory Income	<u>- 51,685.71</u>
YTD Surplus	\$44,429.31

YTD Building Fund (Phase II)  
 \$65,078.59

**Counter Schedule:    May 15 — Team #3                      May 22 — Team #4**

Food  
Pantry  
Update

#### The food pantry is in need of:

Mac and cheese, shampoo, toothpaste and laundry detergent.

**FOOD DELIVERY SCHEDULE:**    **May 15 — Nancy Riel**  
**May 22 — Diana Steinman**

#### Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, May 21 - K of C Family Fun Night at 6pm
- Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day Mass in the DeWitt cemetery at 9am
- Sunday, June 4 - K of C Rosary in church at 8 am
- Saturday, June 17 - K of C Grand Knight/Appreciation Dinner - after the 5pm Mass
- Saturday, June 24 - Faith Fest 2017

K of C  
Corner

Interested in becoming an Officer in the council? Contact GK John Urbain for information about the officer training sessions on June 7 and June 10.

Any Catholic man that's interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus, please contact our Membership Director, Chris Thelen at 517 489-8675. See our website [www.DeWittKofC.com](http://www.DeWittKofC.com) for additional Council information.



## Dresser Ministry

**JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN!  
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The Dresser Ministry is back from vacation! There is a new dresser in the gathering space just waiting to be filled! There is a wish board next to the dresser with tags on it with items for the current dresser. Please take one or several, purchase the item(s), and return to the dresser. Once the dresser is stuffed so full that we can't get another thing in it, I will take it to a Christian based center for women and men who have decided to keep their baby.

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Leslie Feldpausch at [lpfzoo@aol.com](mailto:lpfzoo@aol.com) or at [517-669-9264](tel:517-669-9264). If you or anyone is in need and would benefit from one of our dressers, please don't hesitate to contact me. Confidentiality is strictly enforced. **GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!**

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