

The Week at a Glance adminstjude@bellsouth.net	
SATURDAY January 23	9am-Sign Language, K-Hall 4pm-Confession 5pm-Mass, St. Jude Parishioners
SUNDAY January 24 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30am-Mass, +Morris C. Jacobs 9:45am-RCIA, Rectory 9:45am-Bible Study, Hoppe 9:45am-Pancake Breakfast, K-Hall 9:45am-1st Communion Class 11am-Mass, +Michael Gleason 12pm-Coffee & Donuts, K-Hall 4pm-Contemporary Group Rehearsal 6pm-Mass, +Greg Elskin 6pm-Youth Night, Refuge
MONDAY January 25	7-7:15AM-MORNING PRAYER 11:30am-Mass, +Jerry Driskell 12:00pm-Pastoral Team Meeting 6:30pm-Social Concerns, Hoppe
TUESDAY January 26	7-7:15am-Morning Prayer 9:15am-Scripture Study, K-Hall 5:30pm-Mass, +Haitians 6:30pm-GRECO Class, Fr. Pike presides "The Sacraments" K-Hall
WEDNESDAY January 27	6:00am-Men's Prayer Breakfast, K-Hall 7-7:15am-MORNING PRAYER 7am-Mass, +Marie Butler 7:30am-6:15pm-Adoration 9:30am-AARP-K-Hall 4:30pm-Confession, Chapel 5pm-Community Dinner, K-Hall 5:30pm-Ballroom Dancing, A-Bldg. 5:45pm-Music Makers, A-Bldg 6pm-Chaplet of Divine Mercy 6pm-Mardi Gras Meeting, Library 6:15pm-Benediction 6:15pm-GIFT, A-Bldg 6:30pm-Catholic Topics, K-Hall 6:30pm-Life Happens, Rectory 6:30pm-Wed Night Bible Study, Hoppe
THURSDAY January 28	7-7:15am-MORNING PRAYER 1PM-Canvas Painting, K-Hall 5:30pm-Weight Watchers, A-Bldg 6:30pm-Domus Dei Committee (All members, open to all), K-Hall 7pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church
FRIDAY January 29	7-7:15am-MORNING PRAYER 11:30am-Mass, +Haitians 6:30pm-Theology on Tap, Rectory

SATURDAY January 30	9am-Sign Language, K-Hall 10:30am-Rosary, Chapel 3pm-Contemporary Group Rehearsal 4pm-Confession 5pm-Confirm. Mass, +Carolyn Vishnefski 7pm-Mardi Gras Ball, KC-Hall
SUNDAY January 31 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30am-Mass, +Jerry Driskell 9:30am-Coffee & Donuts, K-Hall 9:45am-RCIA, Rectory 9:45am-Bible Study, Hoppe 9:45am-1st Communion Class 11am-Mass, Jo Ann Krula 12pm-Coffee & Donuts, K-Hall 4pm-Contemporary Group Rehearsal 6pm-Mass, St. Jude Parishioners 6pm-Youth Night, Refuge

Notices

WELCOME VISITORS:

The St. Jude Parish Family welcomes all visitors who are worshipping the Lord with us today. We are glad & honored to have you with us. Please know that the doors of our hearts & church are always open to you.

Fr. Pike Thomas

Pilgrimage to France

We have room for one good gentlemen pilgrim on this 2 week tour of the 1st daughter of the church. Pilgrimage starts on May 25, 2010. Contact Father Pike if you are interested.

SEALED IN THE SPIRIT

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Nathaniel Reese Dillon

Son of

Matthew & Emily Dillon

Grandson of

Pat & Sonia Cox

St. Jude Mission Statement

United in the love

of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit,

We commit ourselves as

a welcoming Catholic Community:

To Worship God in Word & Eucharist;

To Learn, Live, & Share our Faith;

To serve others; and

To reconcile with God and one another.

~adopted 2007, St. Jude Pastoral Planning Council

Youth Ministry
youthstjude@bellsouth.net

Community Night - Our next community night is **Sunday, January 24th**, after the **6pm Mass**. All middle and high school students are invited to join.

Wednesday Night Bible Study—January 27th at 6:30pm in the Refuge.

Casting Crowns Concert- Casting Crowns is performing in the CenturyTel Center February 11th. Tickets are just \$17! Contact Blake in the youth office for more information.

Diocesan Teenage Rally-All junior and senior high school youth are invited to celebrate your faith with other youth from throughout our Diocese **Saturday Feb. 13** at La. Tech University. **Cooper Ray** from NCCY will be the featured speaker. See Blake Royall for details.

Stewardship Report Fiscal 2010 YTD
Through the Week Ended 1/10/2010

	<u>Jan to date</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
Operating Income	\$ 28,596	\$ 417,119
Improvement Fund	\$ 3,366	\$ 44,723
Other Income *	\$ 5,318	\$ 166,359
Total Income	\$ 37,280	\$ 628,201

* Includes tuition and extended care monies for St. Jude Greenfield School.

Birthdays blessings to the following St. Jude parishioners as they celebrate their birthday this week:

January 25

Eric Crowder
Matthew Szempruch
Todd Kempf
Marsha Murray
Denise Moon
Isaiah Montgomery
Michele Criddle

January 26

Curt Allen
Tyler Bultman
Macie Davis
Merline Broussard
Kenneth Webb
Jeanne Webb

January 27

Alexandria Ording
Paul Byrd
Ray Carney



January 28

Louis Serio
Owen Ranns
Deb Stevens

January 29

Donald Sonnier
Tom Kalinowski
Matthew Funk
Phoenix Butler

January 30

E.B. Robinson
Matthew Kempf
Judith McDaniel

January 31

Jessica Markiel
Michael Gillespie
Andrea Parks
Jessica Duos
Connor Blank



Note: If your birthday is not listed, likely you haven't completed the parish census. Check the church foyer for a copy.



MARDI GRAS

Saturday, January 30, 2010

7:00 - 11:00 p.m. KC Hall

Dance Music by Don Mason

Tickets \$15 each.

Tables of eight \$120 (pick out your own table)

Bar-B-Q dinner with all the trimmings. Cash bar.

Come dressed as your favorite WILD WILD WEST character!!

Any questions please call Kaye Richard 751-8362.

World **Marriage Day**

World Marriage Day, held each year in February, honors the lifelong commitment of husband and wife. World Marriage Day events provide the visible sign of support couples need to continue to make the daily decision to love one another. We will honor all couples whose **anniversaries end in 5 or 0** (5th, 10th, 15th etc.) on **Feb. 13th and 14th**. We will also honor all **anniversaries over 50+ years**. An invitation card has been sent to all those we know about. If you do not receive a card contact Peggy Moran in the church office or e-mail pastjude@bellsouth.net

Please pray for our sick and homebound:

DEACON AINSWORTH	KATHRYN KEMPER
ROSE ARTURI	BILLY LAMBRIGHT
ANN AUSTIN	PETER MANGUM
LYNN BOREL	PATRICIA MARTINEZ*
PAT CAMARDO*	DANESSA MORGAN
LOUISE COLSTON	LILY PEDERSOLI
GEORGE CRAIG	CHARLES SANTORO
MICHELLE GRABSKI	PATRICIA TURNER*
GENE HALL*	ROY UNDERWOOD
CATHY HIDAHL*	BETTY WENNER
JERRI HIMES	* Parishioner Relative/Spouse/ Friend
DAYTON HINTZ*	

Prayers for our sick & homebound will remain on the bulletin for 2 weeks unless you otherwise notify the parish office.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Pike's Piques



Future Church: Mediating Moments, #1, 2, & 4

Proposal: *There is enough unrestricted acreage on our present footprint to construct and expand.*

The national norms and guidelines (UNCCB) for establishing a new parish suggests a minimum of twenty acres of property, to allow for the construction of a school and other facilities such as parish hall, gym, and recreational areas, with 15 acres the absolute minimum. Especially today, when the stresses of society call for increasing the impact of parishes on families and individuals so as to provide a “center” for life’s better moments, the need for physical facilities has increased. I note for you the loss of a significant portion of our youth (and even our adults) to several surrounding churches with excellent areas for their youth and adults in recreation, food, fellowship and education!

In our own case, within our 23-acre site, approximately 8.3 acres is available for parish “people-intensive” gathering structures, zoned R-A (Residence-Agricultural). The other 15 acres is zoned A-1 (Air Base Buffer District/ Accident Potential Zone -APZ). At present our Activities Center, our principal gathering space outside the church building – used for every large occasion, as well as for the Greenfields Pre-School and for Mothers’ Day Out, is totally within the restricted area, having been given a special “non-conforming” exemption in 1978.

***DOMUS DEI* COMMISSION WILL RESUME ITS MEETINGS THURSDAY, JAN 28 AT 6:30PM IN KILPATRICK HALL.**

ALL PARISHONERS INVITED.

AGENDA: 1- New Membership ; 2- Update on the project: Bishop’s charge; 3- New Sub-committees (site, fund-raising, design); 4- Show and tell: Report from those who attended the SW Liturgical Conference in Houston, visited several new churches there -visual). 5- Haynesville Shale update.

An expansion of this facility would require applying for another variance and a subsequent inspection would require the need for many upgrades to bring the current structure up to present building codes. As pastor, I would be opposed to such an application, with the reasoning that this zone is a safety measure and does not warrant putting our own gatherings above the considered wisdom of the Air Force and the Bossier City governance. Even a small chance of an accident from the skies is enough for me to think first of the protection of our people, especially our children. The various councils who reviewed this point agreed that this was an important consideration and that any future expansion should consider strongly avoiding this zone altogether. Moreover, Sam Marsiglia, Executive Director of the Bossier Cit-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, offered his own opinion to the Domus Dei Commission that this zone is not likely to shrink but even to expand in future years. I, for one, do not wish to be the pastor who places parishioners in any jeopardy by using this restricted acreage. I wonder as to the position of the diocese on this issue as well, as they are traditionally even more than parishes concerned with these safety issues, as our “self-insurer.” Indeed, I wonder (in my shakier moments) as to what would happen to our parish if an accident were to happen even “close” to our present facility!

So, are 8.3 acres enough for the expansion envisioned as necessary for our parish in the next decade?

If we had a cleared, completely usable 8.3 acres, the answer would be yes, especially considering that parking and storage uses are possible in the restricted portion of our acreage. However, were our present plant to remain as it is, with the inability of the present church building to be expanded easily (the floor contour problem plus the outside supporting walls present intractable problems), the only places available for the new buildings would be the prayer garden to the west and most of the former pond (where the children's play area is presently located). Parking areas would have to be placed at a considerable distance from the gathering facilities. There would be precious little "open space." We could expand toward Viking Drive and cut down the buffer of trees. I would surely not wish to be the one to do that. There is also the question of significant upgrades if & when we attempt expansion of our present facility.

We could, of course, demolish the present church and surrounding buildings. That course of action would be expensive but possible. We would in that case still reside on a piece of property with severe restrictions on use of two thirds of it, with no future guarantees more of the property would not ultimately fall under the restrictions. Moreover, the area has become increasingly small industry-oriented. Every city planner we have consulted suggests strongly that we should position ourselves where the residential growth is, north of I-220.

Bottom line: We could use the present area and its 8.3 acres for the new facility, but restrictions would still present problems, construction would likely be more expensive and we would not be optimizing our resources. We would be crowded on the 8.3 acres, and parking would be at a considerable distance. We would leave ourselves open to more restrictions and according to planners we would not be in the optimum position for population growth to augment our membership. Moreover, even if on the same physical space, it would not be the "same church".

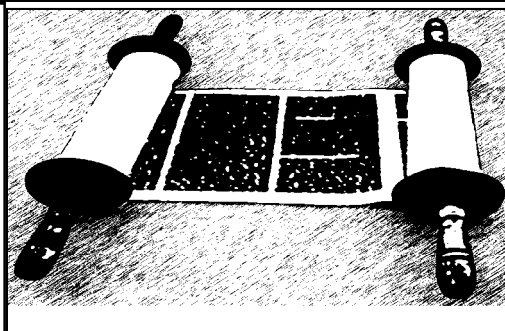
As a minimum, an unrestricted 8.3 acres would allow us to have the basic facilities – church, hall, classrooms, administration, rectory – we require to function as an active parish, but not a school and its necessary recreational areas. The presence of welcoming and exciting areas in which our youth might gather would likely be problematical, as would the presence of a separate gym. The various councils agreed that we could get a lot more "bang for our buck" in locating a new tract to build the church of the future, to serve us for the next 50-100 years, with space for expansion. They agree also that our location, while geographically central in Bossier, has its significant downside as an "industrial" area, and that the decibel level of the planes directly overhead reduces the efficiency of the work schedule and lessens its effectiveness. Since most of this occurs during the Monday-Friday workday, those here on weekends do not notice it very much.

As pastor, I invite any and all to cozy up with me in the rectory for a few days and you may have a different impression. – ***Fr Pike***

P.S. Realtors and other business folk have told us that our land, despite its use restrictions, is still a salable and attractive piece of property for those with small industry and warehousing needs. Indeed, when it became known we might be moving, two inquiries came to us regarding the land's price and availability. An informal appraisal put the value of land and buildings at around \$2 million.

HAITIAN RELIEF FUND

The compassion of the Parishioners of St. Jude is proven once again as we generously donated close to \$15,000 for the Haitian Relief Fund. The donations will all be turned over to the Catholic Relief Services. Thank You one and all for giving to such a worthy cause and for doing the Lord's work.



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2010**

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the
poor.*

— Luke 4:18a

Scripture & Faith Sharing
Question of the Week

READINGS FOR

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Second Reading — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30).

Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

WEEKLY FAITH SHARING QUESTION

Adults: In what ways has my hearing of the Scriptures changed me?

Children: How can I listen more attentively to the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13;
Lk 4:21-30
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

CANDLEMAS

The **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, also called **Candlemas** or **Feast of Light** is celebrated this year on **February 6th and 7th**. That weekend please bring your candles from home to participate in this blessing. We will also provide candles for you to purchase for a small donation.

GRECO CLASS

SACRAMENTS

God's grace comes in full measure through these special moments. They are principal peak experiences with God on this Earth. A new and broader overview of these superb gifts occurs this spring, with Fr. Pike facilitating. Please join us in Kilpatrick Hall beginning Tuesday, January 26 at 6:30pm.

Servers of the Altar
A Call to Families

The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. This is done through specific actions and by setting an example to the congregation by active participation in the liturgy (hymns, responses, etc.).

Altar Serving allows people of all ages in our parish the opportunity to be at the center of the parish liturgy. We are looking for parishioners, 4th grade and up for this special ministry. To honor and elevate the role of family in parish life we also invite **parents** of our Altar Servers to serve with their children. Please join us **Saturday, Feb. 6th at 10am** in the church for training. Lunch will be served immediately following. Call Peggy Moran @ 746-2508 or e-mail pastjude@bellsouth.net for more information or to RSVP.

Greenfield Preschool

St. Jude Greenfield Preschool will open pre-registration to all current MDO & Greenfield parents and all St. Jude Parishioners Monday Jan. 25. The remaining openings will be open to the general public beginning Monday Feb. 1. 3 year-olds 2day & 5 day; 4 year-olds 3 day & 5 day. Kindergarten is 5 full days. Contact Susan @ 746-7889 for more details.

VOCATIONS

On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord we begin **National Vocation Awareness Week**. Renew your baptismal commitment as you consider your call to serve God in your particular vocation. Hopefully some of you will hear a call to priesthood, diaconate or religious life and will be open to that possibility. If you would like assistance, please contact the parish office 746-2508 or Fr. David Richter at the diocese office of Vocations 868-4441

Pro Life Committee

frank35235@hotmail.com

On **Sunday January 24th** we celebrate **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday** in commemoration of the 37th anniversary of **Rowe vs Wade**, the unfortunate Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. This has resulted in the death of millions of unborn babies. As we await the final version of health care reform, let us contact our legislators and pray that it will not assist the evil of abortion.

There are alternatives to abortion. Call 1-800-848-5683