

The Week at a Glance adminstjude@bellsouth.net	
SATURDAY February 13	9am-Sign Language, K-Hall 10:30am-Rosary, Chapel 4pm-Confession 5pm-Mass, +Joseph R. West
SUNDAY February 14 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time "World Marriage Day Mass"	8:30am-Mass, +Sidney Mayeux 9:30am-Coffee & Donuts, K-Hall 9:45am-RCIA, Rectory 9:45am-Bible Study, Hoppe 9:45am-1st Communion Class 11am-Mass, St. Jude Parishioners 12pm-Coffee & Donuts, K-Hall 4pm-Contemporary Group Rehearsal 6pm-Mass, +Dr. Joe West 6pm-Youth Night, Refuge
MONDAY February 15	Parish Office Closed 7-7:15AM-MORNING PRAYER 11:30am-Mass, +Nomie M Namie Sr. 6:30pm-SVdp Meeting, Hoppe
TUESDAY February 16	7-7:15am-Morning Prayer 9:15am-Scripture Study, K-Hall 10AM- Horizon Bay Mass 5:30pm-Mass, +Juanita Munchroth 6:30pm-GRECO Class, Fr. Pike presides "The Sacraments" K-Hall
WEDNESDAY February 17 ASH WEDNESDAY	6:00am-Men's Prayer Breakfast, K-Hall 7am-Mass, +Jerry Driskell 7:30am-6:15pm-Adoration NOON-Mass, Ash Wednesday 4:30pm-Confession, Chapel 5pm-Community Dinner, Stone Soup, K-Hall 6pm-Chaplet of Divine Mercy 6:15pm-Benediction 6:30pm-Mass, Ash Wednesday
THURSDAY February 18	7-7:15am-MORNING PRAYER 1PM-Canvas Painting, K-Hall 5:30pm-Weight Watchers, A-Bldg 6:30pm-Benton Chapel Group, Benton 7pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church
FRIDAY February 19	7-7:15am-MORNING PRAYER 11:30am-Mass, +Ann Austin 5:30pm-Stations of the Cross, Church 6:30pm-Theology on Tap, Rectory

SATURDAY February 20	8am-Souper Saturday, KC Hall 9am-Sign Language, K-Hall 10:30am-Rosary, Chapel 4pm-Confession 5pm-Mass, +Dorothy McCoy
SUNDAY February 14 First Sunday of Lent	8:30am-Mass, +Sidney Mayeux 9:30am-Coffee & Donuts, K-Hall 9:45am-RCIA, Rectory 9:45am-Bible Study, Hoppe 9:45am-1st Communion Class 11am-Mass, +Trey Bowen 12pm-Coffee & Donuts, K-Hall 4pm-Contemporary Group Rehearsal 6pm-Mass, St. Jude Parishioners 6pm-Youth Night, Refuge 7PM- Renew the Connection

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

MEMORIAL UPDATE!

To provide a memorial for altar flowers, bread and wine, or the sanctuary lamp, please contact *Mike* of the office at **746-2508** or e-mail adminstjude@bellsouth.net. Intentions need to be into the parish office by Monday for the following Sunday's bulletin.

MEN'S RETREAT

Men's Lenten Retreat 2010,
FRI Mar 12, 5:30pm & SAT Mar 13, 9:30am-4pm.
Holy Living in a Dangerous World., led by Fr. Pike and the St. Jude Men's Treasure team. Begins Fri. night with the Stations of the Cross, then a fish fry at the KC Hall. Donation will be taken.

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Marriage: Nearer My God to Thee

Marriage is at once the dearest, most clever and durable institution of God's creativity, and as well the most maligned and disparaged. This week we celebrate the former, putting the lie to the latter. Our longest married couples appear to be the Burgesses (65 years) and the Tuminellos (64 years). Both of these wonderful twosomes are still full of life even though they may be nearing the end of it. Their humor, unity and gentleness is marked upon being with them for only a few minutes.

And so one is bemused, for we are not sure if we are witnessing the proverbial chicken or egg! That is, are they so joyful because they are happily married, or are they happily married because they are joyful people? We will never know the answer to that riddle, because the answer lies somewhere hidden within their relationship. One can only marvel at how this wonderful institution brings out the very best in quite ordinary folk and transform them into quite wonderful people.

May the many who come to renew their promises in front of the altar today be truly blessed and know the example they give to the remainder of us of faithfulness to promises.

Congratulations and felicitations, Fr Pike.

More Trends based on questions raised in the September 2009 meeting (3rd Installment)

Proposal: The donated property is "too far north" from the center of our population base. (#14)

On a board in the hall of the Rectory/Offices is a bulletin board map of Bossier Parish covered with blue and red pins, comprising the addresses of our parishioners as of 2008 (alas, we have not been able to keep up with changes to alter the map, but if anything the fulcrum has shifted even more to the north since that date). At that point in our parish history:

1. about 28% of our list resided in the region of Benton, the lakes, and the several developments like Lakewood;
2. another 20% in the corridor just north of I-220 (New Green Acres, Stonebridge, etc.)
3. 22% between I-20 & I-220 (Old Green Acres, along Swan Lake),
4. 20% in the Haughton area (Dogwood and various other subdivisions, mostly near US 80) ;
5. and 10% S of I-20 and in Shreveport.

Our parish boundaries extend north to the Arkansas border and on the east to the Webster parish line. Our present geographical location is probably as good as it could be in mileage as a center point. However, there are other problems with the site, as has been already discussed (building restrictions, noise, industrial locale, lack of visibility), and the unanimous voice of the regional planners is that the center is fast moving away, and north of I-220, with the most promising building development possibilities lying along Airline-Swan Lake toward Benton.

Unfortunately, we have no "**historical**" information offering geographical trends in our parish census. We all wish our church to be as convenient to its people as possible, but even with the increased driving mileage (lessened considerably by improved N-S road and by new E-W road joining Dogwood), a visit to church will be for most parishioners no more than 5-10 minutes added, and of course for the Bentonites the trip will decrease significantly.

Proposal: The congregation of St Jude is not growing enough to warrant a new facility. (#16)

According to independent usher figures, **Mass attendance has increased 22%** in the last five years, and 10% in the last year (2008). The fact that we now have four Masses instead of three is one factor, and also responsible for the perception among some that attendance has not increased so rapidly.

Were this trend to continue at the same rate, **another 25-30% increase** will likely take place by the time of the completion of the new facility. Marry these figures with the fact that four Masses per weekend is beyond even "extraordinary" permission for a priest on a weekend (three is the canonical maximum), and one might see the problem. There is a reason there are such limitations: it is an effort to safeguard the power of the liturgy. To pray a liturgy and proclaim a homily with power, it is vital that the celebrant himself be fresh and alert.

We have just completed the figures for 2009. Our parish list now is above 1300 families!

Youth Ministry

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Community Night - Our next community night is **Sunday, February 14**, after the **6pm Mass**. All middle and high school students are invited to join.

Wednesday Night Bible Study—February 24th at 6:30pm in the Refuge. No Meeting on Ash Wednesday.

Souper Saturday—February 20th at 8am at the KC Hall. All youth are encouraged to volunteer as we feed the needy of Bossier Parish.

DOMUS DEI

The next meeting will be **Monday, Feb. 22 @ 6:30pm in Kilpatrick Hall**. All parishioners are encouraged to attend as we move forward. A slideshow showing many new churches from the Houston area will be presented. See you there.

Food Pantry

Our **food pantry in Jan. 2010** distributed **323 bags of food** to the needy of Bossier Parish, assisting **238 children, 332 adults** and **134 seniors**. **18** new families joined the Food Pantry Program this month. A total of **5 homeless** persons and **701** needy individuals were served. **Thank you** to all the **Pantry Volunteers** who gave many hours of their time, talents and strong backs to help stamp out hunger in the Bossier area. Our pantry is in need of 12 hole egg cartons and canned corn.

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

February 15

Geno Iafrate
Catherine Webber

February 16

David McDaniel
Lauren Roberts

February 17

Alicia Murguia
Carlos Zamora

February 18

Ben Berner
Mary Christy
Olin Cutler

Charlotte Slaney
Kyle McCalister

Ethan Robinson
Cassandra Lites

Sam Switalski
Mary Bealer



February 19

Bernadine Fahringer
Rebecca Knafla
Katherine Spradling

February 20

Danielle Reid
Diana Godfrey
Marcelle Rankins

Norman McFerren
Jennifer Kelley

February 21

David Huyck
Johanna Albert
Angelito Slayden
Charlie Kenney
Kyleigh Bernard



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

Pilgrimage to Paris

TWO PLACES ON PILGRIMAGE TO PARIS REMAIN
Fr Pike has announced that there remain two openings on the May 25-June 7 Pilgrimage to Paris. The 15 members of the trip will visit the principal secular and religious landmarks of France: Mont St Michel, Normandy Beaches, Chateaux of the Loire Valley, The Louvre, Versailles & the great Museums and landmarks of Paris, AND the great shrines of France like Lourdes, Paray-le-Monial, Miraculous Medal, Little Flower, St Vincent de Paul and the like. We will reside in apartments on the serene Ile St Louis, in view of Notre Dame Cathedral. Non-stop flight Dallas-Paris. Details: call Fr Pike at 426-4484.

MOMS GROUP

St. Jude's Mom's Night Out

Let's make the St. Jude's Mom's Group the best around. Come mingle on February 15, 6:30 p.m. at the Copeland Cheesecake Bistro, Louisiana Boardwalk. Bring a friend or two, the more, the merrier. Please contact Shelly Roberts at 949-0917 or 707-2311 to RSVP. tomkorin@suddenlink.net

Please pray for our sick and homebound:

DEACON AINSWORTH	PETER MANGUM
ROSE ARTURI	PATRICIA MARTINEZ*
LYNN BOREL	DANESSA MORGAN
JIM BRICKNER	LANE REMEDIES*
PAT CAMARDO*	FELIX RIVERA SR. *
LOUISE COLSTON	CHARLES SANTORO
GEORGE CRAIG	ELLEN STAPLETON
MARILYN GIANFORTE	MARY SPATARO
JEANNE GREEN	PATRICIA TURNER*
MICHELLE GRABSKI	ROY UNDERWOOD
GENE HALL*	STELLA VELA
CATHY HIDAHL*	BETTY WENNER
JERRI HIMES	* Parishioner Relative/Spouse/ Friend
DAYTON HINTZ*	
KATHRYN KEMPER	

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



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.”

— Luke 6:20-21a

Pro Life Committee

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It is time again for the Ark-La-Tex Crisis Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Ministry. The bottles will be available on the weekend of Feb. 13 -14 at all the masses. Take the bottles home and put your spare change in them. Return the bottles with your spare change on the weekend of March 13 -14, or before if you fill them up before that date. All money collected goes directly to the Crisis Pregnancy Center ministry of saving babies from abortion.

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

Angel Food Ministries

<http://www.angelfoodministries.com/host.asp?id=10155>

Our Angel Food program continues to grow. More and more people are taking advantage of the high quality food at significantly lower cost. Simply put, the average family can cut their grocery bill in half and eat better than ever. The program is open to everyone, with many choices available to fit you and your family's needs. You may order online, call Phillip Campo at 949-2301 or come by the office. Payment is due at time of order. February order deadline is February 18th, pick up date is Saturday, February 27th from 8:00 until 11:00 AM.

<http://www.angelfoodministries.com/host.asp?id=10155>

COMMUNITY DINNER

MENU

K-Hall 5-6pm

Feb 17
(Ash Wednesday)
Stone Soup (Free)

Adults \$3
Kids \$2

Feb 24

Penne Casserole, Italian Style Vegetables, Salad and Dessert

Catholic Criteria

Financial Assistance for Catholic Students

Application packets for tuition assistance from the Theresian Endowment, the Daughters of the Cross Education Fund, the Bishop's Tuition Assistance Fund, and Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Scholarship Endowment are now available for the 2010-2011 school year. Partial tuition assistance is available on a needs-basis for Catholic students in the Diocese of Shreveport. Parents may contact any Catholic school or the Superintendent's office for application packets, or may apply online at www.tuitionaid.com. Deadline for application is March 31, 2010. For more information, contact the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office at 219-7253.

Please keep in mind the St. Jude SVdP monetary donation box located In the Church by the candles. Your donations are welcomed with much gratitude.

SEALED IN THE SPIRIT

FEBRUARY 7, 2010



Sadie Jolleen Waddle

Daughter of

Keith and Jennifer Waddle

Ada Rae Rumbaugh

Daughter of

Jacob and Kari Rumbaugh

Julian Ramirez

Heather Miller



Carlos and Yadira Giron

Julian Ramirez and Heather Miller



Weddings

Julian Ramirez and Heather Miller

Joined in Holy Matrimony

Carlos and Yadira Giron

Marriage Convalidation

Please return any books or movies borrowed from the library at St Jude's. If you are still using the books or movies, stop in the library to record the renewal date for them. Thank You.

**Scripture & Faith Sharing
Question of the Week**

READINGS FOR

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading — Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings; blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

WEEKLY FAITH SHARING QUESTION

Adults: How do I measure happiness? Do I “buy into” the values of the Reign of God?

Children: When have I felt sad or angry because my friends did not understand my religion?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: JI 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13;
Lk 4:1-13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Valentine’s Day; World Marriage Day;
Chinese New Year 4708

Monday: Presidents’ Day

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence;
Almsgiving

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Mark Your Calendar for Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

7:00am; Noon; 6:30pm

St. Jude Men’s Retreat

Saturday, March 13 9:30am-4pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent at 5:30pm

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Friday, March 26 at 5:30pm

**St Jude Presents
RENEW the CONNECTION**



The presentation on February 21st after the 6:00pm Mass, **Renewing the Connection** will review aspects of how St. Jude’s through the years has tried to accomplish the continuing need to grow in faith and understanding. And hopefully, along the way, we’ll get some sharing from the audience of their remembrances and involvements.

Sr. Nancy Brossette began work with St. Jude’s Parish in the early 70’s as part of Grace Center, a collaborative effort of several Catholic churches in the Shreveport—Bossier City area. Sr. Nancy has a Masters in Religious Education from St. Louis University.

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 every Tuesday at 6:30pm.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN
Service Appeal**

As our diocese prepares to celebrate our Annual Stewardship Appeal, it is time for all of us who worship together to begin prayerful consideration of how we each will support the 2010 Appeal effort. Your gift to our Annual Appeal provides programs and ministries that remain available through no other source, as over 40,000 Catholics throughout our diocese continued to be served by our combined generosity. Please prepare in prayer on how you can share your blessings by providing a pledge to the 2010 Appeal campaign and encourage others to participate in this important effort of Church unity that will take place on Appeal weekend, February 13-14, 2010.

CATHOLIC TOPICS

Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 pm

An ongoing discussion group will cover the present day hot topics of our Faith and our Church. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate. The next discussions will be Wednesday, Fe. 24th at 6:15pm in Kilpatrick Hall. The topic will be “Conversion, Being Born Again.” Facilitated by Fr. Pike. There will be no meeting on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th.