

The Week at a Glance adminstjude@bellsouth.net	
SATURDAY February 20	8am-Souper Saturday, KC Hall 9am-Sign Language, K-Hall 10:30am-Rosary, Chapel 4pm-Confession <b>5pm-Mass, +Lance Hutchinson</b>
SUNDAY February 21 <b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>8:30am-Mass, St. Jude Parishioners</b> 9:30am-Coffee & Donuts, K-Hall 9:45am-RCIA, Rectory 9:45am-Bible Study, Hoppe 9:45am-1st Communion Class <b>11am-Mass, +Charles A. Bates</b> 12pm-Coffee & Donuts, K-Hall 4pm-Contemporary Group Rehearsal <b>6pm-Mass, St. Jude Ladies Guild</b> 6pm-Youth Night, Refuge 7PM- Renew the Connection
MONDAY February 22	<b>7-7:15AM-MORNING PRAYER</b> 8am-Ladies Card Day, A Bldg. <b>11:30am-Mass, +Carolyn Vishnefski</b> 6:30pm-Domus Dei, K-Hall
TUESDAY February 23	<b>7-7:15am-Morning Prayer</b> 9:15am-Scripture Study, K-Hall 10AM- Horizon Bay Mass <b>5:30pm-Mass, +Leo Remedies</b> 6:30pm-GRECO Class, Fr. Pike presides "The Sacraments" K-Hall
WEDNESDAY February 24	6:00am-Men's Prayer Breakfast, K-Hall <b>7am-Mass, +Ann Austin</b> <b>7:30am-6:15pm-Adoration</b> 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 <b>6:15pm-Benediction</b> 6:15pm-GIFT, A-Bldg. 6:30pm-Catholic Topics, K-Hall 6:30pm-Bible Study, HOPPE
THURSDAY February 25	<b>7-7:15am-MORNING PRAYER</b> 1PM-Canvas Painting, K-Hall 5:30pm-Weight Watchers, A-Bldg 7pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church
FRIDAY February 26	<b>7-7:15am-MORNING PRAYER</b> <b>11:30am-Mass, +Juanita Munchrath</b> 5-8PM-KC Fish Fry, KC Hall <b>5:30pm-Stations of the Cross, Church</b> 6:30pm-Theology on Tap, Rectory

SATURDAY February 27	9am-Sign Language, K-Hall 10:30am-Rosary, Chapel 4pm-Confession <b>5pm-Mass, +Jerry Driskell</b>
SUNDAY February 28 <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>8:30am-Mass, +Charles Brigham</b> 9:45am-Pancake Breakfast, K-Hall 9:45am-RCIA, Rectory 9:45am-Bible Study, Hoppe 9:45am-1st Communion Class <b>11am-Mass, St. Jude Parishioners</b> 12pm-Coffee & Donuts, K-Hall 4pm-Contemporary Group Rehearsal <b>6pm-Mass, St. Jude Ladies Guild</b> 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*

### 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](mailto: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. Saturday in Kilpatrick Hall, Breakfast & Lunch. A \$20 donation to cover all three meals 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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



# Lenten Panic!



It seems like Christmas is JUST over and Lent is here already! How can this be? You did notice Lent arrived, didn't you?

So what did I miss? Wait! Let me check my list with myself...

OK self . Did you...

1. Take down the Christmas decorations? Check
2. Box them up? Check
3. Put them away? Check
4. Clean up the house? well..maybe
5. Make a New Year's Resolution? We're in a new year?
5. Finish your taxes? Uhggggg!
6. Prepare for Lent? How could I? Just got everything cleaned up after Christmas for goodness sake!

**Ok...OK!!!** So if this were a test...well, you know! But I'll bet I'm not the only one. There are plenty of busy and productive people out there such as myself who just get a little behind sometimes (notice the pat on the back).

Yet, seriously, this can be a problem. If we are to cultivate any spiritual growth at all during this special season we might need to put on the brakes a bit and take a breath. So watch closely, here it comes...below!



**Well, I feel a lot better now. How 'bout you?**

Lent is a wonderful time to stop and smell the roses. In fact, we should take that metaphor much further and make it a reality. Lent is a special time to **pay attention** to God's action around us. His presence in the world is a constant invitation into communion with him. If we are too busy to notice we lose out in the most powerful experiences He offers us.

God in the world. He loves us so much he "pitched a tent" among us, became flesh for us, leaving his Spirit with us, so that we may never be alone. So where do we find God's communion?

**Look around. Pay attention.**

**WHAT do you see and hear?**

- ...a glorious sunset.
- ...a majestic pine reaching to the heavens.
- ...the song of the wind blowing through the trees.
- ...the laughter of children in the park.
- ...a mother pushing her child in a stroller.
- ...the shriek of the hawk, high in the blue sky
- ...a million points of light in the clear night sky
- ...in silence, the beating of your heart.

**HOW does it make you feel?**

- ...awe
- ...wonder
- ...a tug of the heart

Yes. All of that and much, much more. That is the offering God makes to us. His communion with us. It is a communion we are to share with each other. And we as created beings are an integral part of the communion. Nathan Mitchell, author of **Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter** brings this communion to profound light.

Lent is a call to pay attention, to see creation as God does, to gather our faith not only from God's promise (where it all begins), but also from God's presence in the low, vast murmur of human life that tugs at our hearts, heads, and hands.

To feel that tug we must pay attention. For it will draw our hearts to love, our heads to seek a greater understanding of God's plan of salvation, and our hands to build bridges of hope over the chasms of hopelessness for those in need.

For all that, we need not turn our attention to heaven. God's communion surrounds us permeating his glorious creation. A creation that includes each of us with wondrous gifts to share with the world. In my imagination I can see Him, waiting patiently for that one moment I pay attention. This Lenten season may we all become more aware of God's presence that surrounds us and the communion he offers us in our world as we await the Great Alleluia:

**Easter.**

**Deacon Larry Mills**

## Mark Your Calendar for Lent

### St. Jude Men's Retreat

Friday, March 12 5:30pm  
Stations of the Cross, KC Fish Fry  
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

### Benton Chapel Bible Study/Devotional

3 Thursdays during Lent  
Feb.18, March 4 & 18, Pot Luck @ 6:30pm

### First Communion Retreat

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

### First Reconciliation

Feb. 27th at 1:00 PM in the church

**Youth Ministry**  
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**Community Night** - Our next community night is **Sunday, February 21st**, 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.

**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.

**Catholic Women's League**

The Ladies of Christ the King Church will host the Catholic Women's League luncheon Meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2010. The luncheon will be held at Christ the King, 425 McCormick, Bossier City, LA. Cost of the luncheon is \$6.00. Registration will begin at 9:30am and the meeting will begin at 10:30am. Canned goods and used clothing will be collected for the Rescue Mission. We also need cancelled stamps. "White elephant" and plant gifts will be needed for our usual sale. The deadline for reservations is Friday, March 5. Please call Joyce Wheeler @ 742-4596 or Edna Zerkle @ 949-3845 to RSVP.

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

**February 22**

Jackson Mathews  
Corey Soignier  
Michael Angelo  
Arlene Harvey  
Brayden Ramirez

**February 23**

Kirsten Kerry  
Emila Tamez  
Alexandria Einerson

**February 24**

Robert Yagusesky

**February 25**

John Turner  
Victoria Sloan  
Robert Carrizales  
Debra Leon  
Jerry Kolniak



**February 26**

Rosemary Terracina  
Christopher Seale  
Corrine Dumestre  
Liz Brown

**February 27**

Beverly Cole  
Caroline Spohn  
Gordon Cutler

**February 28**

Angeles Miller  
Chris Seale  
Mike Sievers

**February 29**

Justin Markiel  
Danette Wile



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.

**Pro Life Committee**

It's CPC Baby Bottle ministry time again. If you did not pick up your baby bottle last weekend, they will be available in church again this weekend. Or, you can go by the Rectory and pick one up during the week.

**1st Communion & Reconciliation**

**First Communion Retreat**

**Feb 27th** from 9:30am-12pm in the Activity Building. **Heart Card Ceremony** in the Church @ 12pm, parents, please be in the Church by 11:50am.

**First Reconciliation**

**Feb. 27th @ 1pm** in the Church. **Parents** please mark your calendars for these important dates. It is very important for your children to attend the retreat and for you to be there for the **Heart Card Ceremony and First Reconciliation**.

**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	ROSEMARY TERRACINA
MICHELLE GRABSKI	PATRICIA TURNER*
GENE HALL*	ROY UNDERWOOD
CATHY HIDAHL*	STELLA VELA
JERRI HIMES	BETTY WENNER
DAYTON HINTZ*	* Parishioner Relative/Spouse/ Friend
KATHRYN KEMPER	

If you know someone who is in the hospital and would like to receive communion, please call the church office. Privacy laws make it difficult for us to get the names from the hospital.

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

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## “Men’s Lenten Retreat”

### Open Letter to the Men of St Jude: Spend Mar 12-13 with US!

*Have you ever been dismayed that you don’t feel the same as your wife/significant other regarding various devotions and spiritual practices?*

*Have you ever felt especially exhilarated when in the woods, or streams or mountains?*

*Has accomplishing a goal or fulfilling a dream ever had for you a sense you are close to God at that moment?*

*Do you feel a difficulty equating God’s presence with humility or powerlessness?*

*Do you want an answer NOW?*

*Do you feel an urge to right wrongs, achieve justice, make things right?*

*Do you long for good strong friends with whom you can share a special bond?*

*Do you wish to develop your own special sense & practice of the Spiritual?*

If some of these elements ring a bell, it’s because we are speaking here of several characteristics of male spirituality. Because men differ from women, we sometimes feel “hung out to dry” in churchy situations.

Speaking generally, observers of our religious practices in the Western Church have sensed that the spiritual activities which have been ascendant appeal more to feminine needs: our devotions and prayers have been more passive than active, more verbal than demonstrative, more nurturing than challenging, more group-centered than individual, more relational than personal, more “inside” church than in the world.

**If any of this wets your appetite, join us at the St Jude Men’s Retreat  
Friday March 12 & Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup>.**

		Schedule
FR Mar 12:	5:30pm	Way of the Cross with Fr Pike at the Church
	6:15pm	Fish Fry at Kaycee Hall
	7-8:30pm	Opening Free-for-all discussion in KC Small Bingo Rm “What is a Man”?
SA Mar 13:	9:30-10:30am	Breakfast and fellowship
	10:30am-noon	Men’s Spirituality: Principles (w/discussion)
	Noon- 1:30pm	Lunch & Spiritual Reading
	1:30-3pm	Men’s Spirituality: Practices (w/discussion)
	3pm	Closing Prayer Service
	To 4:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5pm	Mass – Homily: “‘Desert’ as Spiritual Home.”

**DONATION COVERS THE THREE MEALS..... (& FR PIKE’S MEDS).**

Reserve your place by calling 746-2508 anytime before March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**VERY MUCH** hoping to spend this time with you!

**Fr Pike**

### STEWARDSHIP

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	<u>Jan Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
<b>Operating Income</b>	\$ 61,520	\$ 450,042
<b>Improvement Fund</b>	\$ 3,771	\$ 45,128
<b>Other Income *</b>	\$ 43,065	\$ 204,277
<b>Total Income</b>	\$108,356	\$ 699,447

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

### COMMUNITY DINNER

**MENU**

**Feb 24**

Penne Casserole, Italian Style Vegetables, Salad and Dessert

### GRECO CLASS

#### SACRAMENTS

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.

#### 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.

## Scripture & Faith Sharing Question of the Week

### READINGS FOR First Sunday of Lent

**First Reading** — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

**Second Reading** — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

### WEEKLY FAITH SHARING QUESTION

**Adults:** What areas of my life do I need to fully surrender into God's hands?

**Children:** How does Jesus show us a way to be close to our heavenly Father?

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17 — 4:1;  
Lk 9:28b-36

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent  
Monday: The Chair of St. Peter;  
Washington's Birthday  
Tuesday: St. Polycarp  
Friday: Abstinence

## 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.

## St Jude Presents RENEW the CONNECTION



On February 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## WEIGHT WATCHERS

### I have lost 100lbs

I'm **Peggy Moran**, your Pastoral Associate here at St. Jude. **Betty Nolin** contacted me in late 2007 about forming a **Weight Watchers Group** at our church. I was happy to help her form the group but had no intention of joining, even though I was a great deal overweight.

I made many excuses not to be a part of the group, but looking back now I see that God was leading me to this new healthy life style.

Our leader **Betty Nolin** (parishioner of St. Jude) has inspired me and many to lose weight. She is very inspirational and is an award winning **Weight Watchers** leader. One of the best things about meeting here at St. Jude is that the other members of the group are your fellow parishioners and friends who share your struggles and issues. I have met and became friends with parishioners who I did not know before Weight Watchers. This group is small and personal. You get to know everyone and help them as they help you.

Weight Watchers is a sensible way to lose weight. I lost weight slowly but the healthy way. It may have taken 2 years but I have **LOST 100 POUNDS!!** I now feel better, look better and no longer suffer from arthritis.

I wanted to share my success with you and encourage anyone who may be thinking about joining our Weight Watchers group to make that 1<sup>st</sup> step. I still have more weight to lose but am now more confident that I can reach my goal.

*Peggy Moran*