

The Week at a Glance adminstjude@bellsouth.net	
SATURDAY APRIL 11 HOLY SATURDAY	10:30am- 11:30am-Rosary Group 4pm-Confession 8pm-Easter Vigil Mass, +Harold Laborde, Sr.
SUNDAY APRIL 12 EASTER SUNDAY	9am-Easter Mass, St. Jude Parishioners 11am-Easter Mass, +Vivian & Harold Laborde 4pm-Contemporary Group Rehearsal 6pm-Easter Mass, +Cindy Shelton 6-9pm-Youth Night
MONDAY APRIL 13 EASTER MONDAY	Office Closed 7-7:15AM-MORNING PRAYER 11:30am-Mass, +Tina & Nomie Namie, Sr. 6pm-Eagle Scout Court of Honor 6:30pm-Ladies Guild Meeting, K. Hall 6:30pm-Scouts, A. Bldg. 7pm-Knights of Columbus
TUESDAY APRIL 14 EASTER TUESDAY	7-7:15AM-MORNING PRAYER 9:15am-Bible Study, K Hall 10am-Mass, Pilgrim Manor 5:30pm-Mass, +Bonnie George 6pm-Cub Scouts Pack 37 6:00pm-Weight Watchers, A. Bldg. 6:30pm-Greco Course, K. Hall 6:30pm-Baptism Seminar, Hoppe 6:30pm-Beekeepers, A. Bldg.
WEDNESDAY APRIL 15 EASTER WEDNESDAY	6am-Men's Prayer Breakfast, K. Hall 7-7:15AM-MORNING PRAYER 7am-Mass, Donna Marie Harris 7:30am-Adoration 8am-Youth Canoe Trip Departure 6pm-Chaplet of Divine Mercy 6:15pm-Benediction 6:30pm-Pastoral Planning Council, Rect. 6:30pm-Life Happens, Library
THURSDAY APRIL 16 EASTER THURSDAY	7-7:15AM-MORNING PRAYER 1-4pm-Canvas Painting, K. Hall 6:30pm-Benton Chapel Group 6:30pm-Girl Scouts 8pm-Youth Return from Canoe Trip
FRIDAY APRIL 17 EASTER FRIDAY	7-7:15AM-MORNING PRAYER 11:30am-Mass, +Trey Bowen 6:30pm-Theology on Tap
SATURDAY APRIL 18 EASTER SATURDAY	8am-Super Saturday 10:30am- 11:30am-Rosary Group 10:30am-2pm-Magnificat, A. Bldg. 4pm-Confession 5pm-Mass, +Charlene Sonnier

SUNDAY APRIL 19 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	8:30am-Mass, Ladies Guild 9:45am-RCIA 9:45am-Bible Study 9:45am-2pm-Youth Spaghetti Dinner 11am-Mass, St. Jude Parishioners 4pm-Contemporary Group Rehearsal 4:30-Confirmation Group 6pm-Mass, +Mary Benson 6-9pm-Youth Night
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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 *Natalie* at the parish office at **746-2508** or e-mail adminstjude@bellsouth.net. Intentions must be into the parish office by Monday for the following Sunday's bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP accountingstjude@bellsouth.net

DIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
2009

UPDATE ON DIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

I am pleased to announce that despite our late start, St Jude has made great strides. Our tally TO DATE:

<i>Amount Raised: \$82,950</i>	<i>Where we stand:</i>
<i>(Goal \$105,000).</i>	<i>2nd in dollars</i>
<i>No. of Donors: 196 of our 1350 families</i>	<i>2nd in donors</i>
<i>(Goal: 400 donors)</i>	

I urge you to put this project on the front burner. Make it an Easter present to the Lord. Let our new Bishop know that you appreciate his parish-oriented style of shepherding, and his attention to those in need in so many ways. Remember, if you make this a regular part of your stewardship with monthly "installments," you may be able to dramatically increase your gift! For those who have already sent their pledge or made their gifts, a hearty thank-you from our Retired Priests, our Seminarians, and those assisted by the outreach programs of the diocese.

- Fr. Pike

EASTER SUNDAY

Fr. Pike's Pique

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Resurrection: Goal or Reality?

In the steady Catholicism of the 1950's, talk of the Resurrection seemed always subordinated to the stark reality of the cross. I do not recall uplifting sermons, missions or classes in school devoted to the life that Jesus Christ made possible for us through his rising from the dead. Perhaps this was residue from earlier centuries, when the mostly unrelieved misery of life assumed that the Cross was much more "real" than the Resurrection! We had cultivated attention to the Cross to the nearly total sacrifice of the language of Resurrection.

The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) reemphasized the centrality of Resurrection as *the* primary Christian dogma, and some churches substituted a central "Resurrected Christ" figure for the crucifix to underscore this change. This shift has caused discomfort for some, and has spawned heartfelt calls for a "reemphasis on sin" or "more frequent confessions." Even the popularity of Gibson's visionary "Passion of the Christ" owed itself partially to this "reaction": a fixation on suffering and inhumanity, accompanied by the merest passing reference to the Resurrection.

I agree that balance must always accompany our understanding and adoption of the Paschal Mystery (Life, Death, Resurrection of the Lord). But just as the early Christians began their meditation on who Jesus Christ is by meditating on the meaning of the Resurrection, so must we today! His life and death acquired meaning precisely through his Resurrection. He was able to be a totally committed servant, prophet, rabbi, teacher and ultimately Savior because he trusted totally in his Father's love and will that he would not perish but live in eternal glory (cf. *John 3:16*). Just so, our own lives take on meaning not because of sufferings, failures or even successes but because we too are beloved heirs of this Resurrection Faith of Jesus Christ (*Rom 8:17*). The Resurrection is not a distant hope but indeed the central reality of our lives. Resurrection informs and transforms the other events of our lives, every sorrow and joy. Resurrection forms our daily horizon. Even the season of Lent results in Resurrection!

I became especially conscious of this truth on a recent Adult Mission to Mexico. Three of us were privileged to spend two days living with the people of the rural village of Tunalillo in the high desert mountains, a hundred miles from the urban barrio of the Saltillo mission,. Even though the hard life they lead is one which not one of us would wish on even the most poverty-stricken American (no plumbing, no heat, no TV or radio, monotonous sameness of food), there was a simple joy of living and rare sense of community in this little place. Somehow, each of us would trade our own cares and uncertainties for the sense of stability and serenity apparent in these faithful folk.

What these *campesinos* have that we often do not is a secure sense of Resurrection, a trust that the Father will not allow harm to touch them irrevocably, that he holds them in the palm of his hand always, and that their community is bound together by such an understanding. Thus their deep "repentance" (so obvious in their Holy Hour of prayer on their knees on a tile floor- ow!) grows out of knowing that Christ makes all things new.

Two young children of the village- Alejandro & Seferino- accompanied us devotedly on our short exploratory walks around the settlement. They were determined that we should experience the wonder of the cactus forests, sometimes scruffy animals, the rocky fields, the purple mountains in the distance. These were their treasures, as were all people in the village, the oldest wizened man and woman and the youngest new arrivals. They joyously introduced us to each "treasure" as we walked. In the midst of the multiplicity of our own "treasures," may we immerse ourselves in the everyday treasure of Resurrection for even more than the 50 days of this joyous season!

-Fr Pike (joined in love by Fr Howard)



Youth Ministry

Steubenville South Youth Conference - Registration for the Steubenville South Youth Conference is growing, but we still need YOU! Anyone entering high school through those graduating this year are encouraged to attend. Steubenville is one of the largest gatherings of Catholic youth in the country and a great opportunity to have a lot of fun with 5,000 of your closest friends, especially Jesus Christ. The cost is \$140; scholarships are available! The trip will be **June 26-28!** Forms are available in the parish office and online registration is available with instructions at www.steubenvillesouth.com. Don't miss it!

Spaghetti Dinner - The youth group is selling tickets for our April 19th Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Ticket sales will go to offset the tremendous cost of lodging for the Steubenville Youth Conference this summer, so that we do not have to pass that cost on to our youth. Spaghetti, salad, bread, and drinks will be included in the meal provided by Notini's. Adults are \$7, children \$5. Please come and support our youth group! Donations also gladly accepted.

Community Night - Our next community nights will be **Sunday, April 19th, and Sunday, April 26th, after the 6pm Mass.**

Dead Theologians Society - Our next DTS will be **Sunday, May 3rd after the 6pm Mass!** Be sure to bring a friend!

Counseling

Laurie Nussbaum, LCSW will no longer be offering counseling sessions at St. Jude on Wednesdays. However, you can see her at her office at Greenacres Office Park, 2285 Benton Rd., Bldg. III, Suite 502, Bossier City, LA 71111. Her office hours there are from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Office number: 549-1082. For emergencies: 347-8427. In the future if more people feel comfortable attending counseling sessions at the church, we will try it again.

The Corps

The CORPS are Handy-folk who help keep the church together.

Current Members — Please update your information with me.

New Members — Anyone wishing to get involved, please contact me.

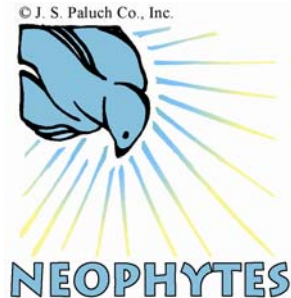
Thanks to all who have donated their time and talents during the past two years!

~Ed Murphy, 965-0538, nooutsed@aol.com

RCIA

Congratulations to our newly initiated Catholics, who were brought into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil this weekend:

Dennis
Coppersmith
Judy Coppersmith
Sean Tiet
Chasity Fox
Miguel Cortes
Pedro Cortes
Dorwin Hicks
David Huyck
Blake Petchak
Rebecca Tolliver



Diana Huyck
Kristina Smith
Kaci Wood

We use the word neophyte ("newly planted") for those who have recently become Catholic. As our neophytes continue their path through mystagogy, please continue to walk with them in the light of Christ.

-David Boyter, RCIA Co-Coordinator

Retreat

The Beginning Experience Weekend offers a powerful and revitalizing program in an atmosphere of understanding and support for those that have lost a spouse through death, separation or divorce. The weekend offers a safe atmosphere to work through the grief process with others that can identify and offer support and growth. The weekend will be held at Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville, LA. The next weekend is April 17th, 18th and 19th. Please contact Anna Sweat (318) 448-1990 or cell (318) 452-3678 or Cindy Colgin (318) 230-4315 or Rose Murray (504) 920-0770.

A Little Resurrection News

To all our friends at St. Jude Thank you for the prayers & continued concern we received in time of difficult days this past month. It is greatly appreciated.

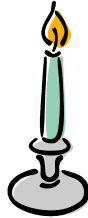
~ Dick & Jane Kittler

Easter Prayer

Lord, today you have risen from the dead; may we follow you, renewed in spirit and turned from sin, so that this Easter Season we may recognize and rejoice over the Risen Christ. Amen. Alleluia!

Evangelizer of the Week

St. Jude would like to honor Karen Boggs and Tammy Rumbaugh as our Evangelizers of the Week. Karen and Tammy spent hours cleaning the candlestick holders in the church from months of wax buildup. Way to roll up your sleeves! Thank you for all your hard work!



Vocations

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations: Young men recommended by pastors, school and parish leaders as having qualities needed in a good priest, attended our latest "Andrew Dinner" with Bishop Duca in March. A total of 15 were present to learn more about seminary life and the priesthood. In addition to our Vocations office and Serra Club activities, we need to pray regularly and fervently that those young men who in fact have a call from God will answer "Yes!" To encourage parish prayer we have instituted a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations in the Shreveport-Bossier area, rotating this month to Sacred Heart Church, 4736 Lyba Street in Shreveport (exit 13 off I-20, north on Monkhouse, right on Lyba; the church will be on the left). The Holy Hour includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Gospel, homily, litany, rosary, adoration and benediction. Please come and

Magnificat

The *Magnificat*, Nowela Chapter is sponsoring a prayer brunch on **Saturday, April 18, 2009** from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm in the Activities Center at St. Jude Catholic Church on Viking Drive in Bossier City, LA. The guest speaker will be Sister Patricia Cairns from Shreveport, LA. Sister Patricia's topic will be "Generosity".

Sister Patricia Cairns is a Sister of Saint Joseph of Carondelet. She holds a B.A. in History from the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York, and a M.A. in Sociology from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. She was elected for two terms as Regional Superior of her religious community, and served as Executive Director of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights in Milwaukee, WI. She has also served as Executive Director of the Lafayette Catholic Service Centers and the Opelousas Housing Corporation in Louisiana. From 1995-2006, she held the position of Executive Director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, PA.

The *Magnificat* is a ministry for Catholic women. This day is set aside to speak to the hearts of women and rejoice in the presence of the Lord. Please no children. Admittance is \$12.00 and reservations should be made prior to **April 15th, 2009** by calling either Barbara McAlister at (318) 747-7029 or Helen Langley at (318) 746-6223.

Magnificat NOWELA Chapter
c/o Sandy Chapman
4686 Hwy 71
Shreveport LA 71107

"Life Happens"

The "Life Happens" Support Group is still being held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 7:30pm in the Library. This has not been cancelled, just moved to a different room!

Volunteers Needed

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS... ST. JUDE ADMINISTRATION NEEDS YOU!

The Parish office is in need of volunteers weekdays to assist in the handling of certain functions/responsibilities currently performed by the Administrative Assistant and Accountant positions.

The particulars are as follows:

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (these hours may vary, depending on the tasks assigned, but the majority of the time required will be for the hours noted).

Duties to be performed in support of the **Executive Assistant:**

(1) Answering the phones, taking messages, and delivering the messages; (2) Light filing; (3) Ordering office supplies; (4) Making copies; (5) Sort and run mail; (6) Other duties as assigned by Parish Administrator through Executive Assistant

Duties to be performed in support of the **Accountant:**

(1) Sorting mail (invoices, notices, etc.); (2) Light filing and file maintenance; (3) Some data entry; (4) Maintenance of the membership database; (5) Other duties as assigned by Parish Administrator through Accountant

We have **35** hours to fill between the two positions, and we will be appreciative of any and all volunteers who step forward to offer time in support of our efforts to fulfill our Parish Administrative duties.

All interested parishioners should contact the Parish Office at 746-2508, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. We will take your name, phone number, available times to volunteer, and specific area of interest (either Administrative or Accounting). Based on the responses received, we will contact you to let you know how we can best use your generous offer of your time.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support on behalf of the Parish Administration.

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

READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading - Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a; 37-43).

Second Reading - All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4).

Gospel - Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9).

WEEKLY FAITH SHARING QUESTION

Adults: How well do I recognize the presence of the Risen Christ in the poor, in the sacraments, and in the Church?

Children: Do I remember that Jesus is alive in my heart and that I can always tell Him that I love Him?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

St. Jude MDO

Spring Cleaning?

Please remember Mother's Day Out—we are in need of DVDs that are appropriate for children from 1-3 years old. Your donations of child-friendly movies would be greatly appreciated.



"Come and Paint with Me"

Did you ever wish you could pick up a brush and paint a pretty scene? Or one of God's creations such as an animal, or a human being?

Of course it isn't easy, but it can be lots of fun. And with a little patience, you could have something wonderful when you're done.

If you think you would like to try it, but first you would like to see,

Just drop in for a visit to "Come and Paint with Me."

So any *Thursday* from **1:00-4:00pm**, come right on in, it's free! You'll be glad you decided to "Come and Paint with Me."



In Kilpatrick Hall

Please pray for our sick and homebound:

AL ALBERT	ROLAND HARVEY
JOHANNA ALBERT	DICK KITTLER
CHARLES BENNETT	JOHN MAY
ANN BLACK	SIDNEY MAYEAUX
CLARA BRESNAHAN	DANESSA MORGAN
LORI BULTMAN	F.C. NEWBERG
TYLER BULTMAN	BILL PERRY
MARIE CLARK	CHRIS REMEDIES
SANDRA FLETCHER	MARGARET ROBINSON
MICHELLE GRABSKI	ABIGAIL SHERWIN*
MARGARET GUANELLA	CAROLYN VISHNEFSKI
MARCIE HAROLD	* Parishioner Relative/Spouse/Friend

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

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

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



APRIL 11

John Maranto
 Sara Maranto
 Donald Brown
 Dominic Palmisano
 Jim Tardie

APRIL 12

Gabrielle Delecia
 Lynn Mills
 Agnes Thornton

APRIL 14

Frazier Bratton
 Thomasina LeBlanc



APRIL 15

Kevin Harrell
 Jessica Johnson

APRIL 16

Trenton Turner
 Faye Salinas
 Anna Paulsen
 Patricia Venteicher

APRIL 17

Carrie Burns
 Dana Pierre
 Susie Martinez
 Berry Conley
 Kevin Welsh

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

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Some little known facts about Easter:

- ✠ the date of Easter is calculated as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox. Why? It was a standard way of calculating the date regardless of varying cultural calendars and it meant that the moon would be out to provide light for nighttime Easter travelers and vigil-keepers. It also comes at a significant symbolic time, when the earth is just teeming with reborn life in the Spring season.
- ✠ Easter comes from an early German word Ostern, which means Spring.
- ✠ the Easter egg comes from ancient traditions predating Christianity when the egg symbolized new life.

Happy Easter to all our wonderful St. Jude parishioners!