

St. Jude “E” News

December 21, 2011

E-News Highlights

- 1. Christmas Mass Schedule 4pm-6pm-10pm, 10am**
- 2. VITAL CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE PARISH: Your December Stewardship**
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- 4. GRECO CLASS: CATHOLIC THEOLOGY/CURRENT ISSUES begins TU Jan 17**
- 5. Ministers of the Altar Training/ SA Jan 7**
- 6. Life Happens: Grief Support/ TH Jan 12**
- 7. Community Nights Return/ WE Jan 4**
- 8. New Church – New Site – New Life**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED DEC. 26-30

Christmas Mass Schedule

Preludes- Carols begin 30 minutes before Mass

Christmas Eve

4pm, 6pm, 10pm

Christmas Day

10am

Stewardship

Parish ordinary income in November returned to the budgeted level of \$70,500, drawing forth a still-nervous breath of relief from the Finance Council and Building Committee. We are still behind the overall income figure for the 2011-2012 year by about \$40,000, and of course we would really like to make up this deficit, but at least the shortfalls appear to have been stemmed. GIFTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS WEEKEND WILL TELL THE STORY IF WE HAVE RETURNED TO “NORMAL.” If you cannot be here for the holiday, please bring your gift by or drop it in the mail before you leave (budget for this month is \$68,000). *As we near year’s end, please examine your financial and investment positions to see if there are any special Christmas gifts you may be able to make this year in assets or appreciated stocks.* We are counting on parishioners to continue this “Good News” as we countdown to the anticipated ground-breaking of the new church complex in March, barring any problems.

Special Thank You to All the

Christmas Ministries

DECEMBER 19, 2011: RED-LETTER DAY

FOR ST JUDE PARISH MINISTRY:

› The beautiful church our folks are seeing during this advent-Christmas season is due to members of the arts & environment ministry, under the co-direction of Sharon Barrett, Lynn Mills, Ed Murphy, Fred & Donna Hensel, Harold Clark, Jack & Edra Campbell, Nancy Tatum, Nancy Lanclos and many, many other volunteers, who spent the entire day of December 19th at the church installing, trimming, erecting the spectacular crèche, Christmas trees, window decorations, memorial poinsettias, refitting the advent wreath and large wreaths, and more for this season.

› Another “point of light” was occurring simultaneously as many servants of the lord made possible bright Christmas joy for hundreds of children in less fortunate area families through the completion and distribution of the Angel Tree initiative, thanks to coordinator Gerry Castellani, primary “elf” Marcie Harold, Janet Boggs, Michelle Hollenshead, Patricia West, Susan Mason and many others.

› Our Pastoral Team, especially Peggy Moran and Mike Wise, have also gone way above the call of duty and regular hours with these projects as well as the huge “Marcie’s Meals” Thanksgiving Basket project.

› In the midst of all this activity, the ministries of Souper Saturday proceeded without pause under the leadership of Fred Reiling and Susan Mason, and we fed Hope House residents and workers with Nadine Barksdale in leadership.

› *The Lord basked in radiant beauty* through the work of all these special stewards of his love. To join these special folk in this and other “works of god,” inquire at the parish office 746-2508. Merry Christmas, all!

- Fr Pike

YOUTH NOTES

Wednesday Night Topic: Advent

High School Retreat—Retreat will be held Friday evening-Sunday morning, Jan. 20th – 22nd at Hodge’s Garden. Fr. Pike will celebrate Mass with us Saturday evening. It is mandatory for all confirmation students, but all high school students are welcome. Cost for non-confirmation students is \$35 (all confirmation students should already be registered and have paid their fee). Paperwork is due back by Sunday the 9th of Jan.

Community Night—Wednesday Night Scripture—Will not meet this week.

Christmas Day-Christmas day we will be visiting Pilgrim Manor to wish the Elderly staying there a Merry Christmas. We would love to have you and your family join us. We meet at the church at approximately 9:30 AM and we are back by 11:30 AM usually. We will be bringing the Eucharist and some Poinsettias to brighten both their spirits and their rooms. Can you really think of a better way to spend Christmas morning?

If you have any questions, please feel Free to call my Cell at (832) 298-1861.

—Blake Royall

GRECO CLASS

The Theology of the Catholic Church and Current Issues

Every Tuesday Jan. 17-Mar 6

6:30pm in Kilpatrick Hall

This course will be facilitated by our own Harold Clark, M.A. The course will explore some of the issues which are currently being addressed within the framework of the Theology of the Catholic Church. Topics will include:

A quick overview of the principles of Catholic Theology.

Creation: Biblical and Scientific

What is Apologetics?

How has God revealed Himself?

Does the Church teach Evolution?

What is Original Sin?

What does the Church teach about Angels?

Why are Abortion and Embryonic Stem Cell research wrong?

Ministers of the Altar

(Altar Servers)

There will be an important training meeting for all current and those who are interested in becoming Ministers of the Altar on Saturday, January 7TH @ 10:30am in the church.

Altar Servers are a visible part of the Mass, and their role is to assist the priest and deacon in

enhancing the celebrations of the Mass. People of all ages, 4TH grade and up, who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion are welcome to join us. To honor and elevate the role of family in parish life, we encourage *families to act as a whole as a group of Altar Servers.*

Call Peggy Moran @ 746-2508 or e-mail pastjude@bellsouth.net for more information or to confirm that you will be attending.

Lunch will be served.

"Life Happens Along The Journey"

*A Community Grief Support Group For
Adults Experiencing Loss of a Loved One*

*"Loss of a Loved One Can Feel Like
Walking Down an Unknown Path."*

Winter Community Grief Group Session

January 12, 2012 - March 1, 2012

Thursday Evenings, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Kilpatrick Hall, 3800 Viking Dr., BC, LA 71111

Day Care Available Upon Request - Must have advance notice!

Conducted by: Laurie L. Nussbaum, MSW, LCSW

For Details: Contact Mike @ church (318) 746-2508 or

Laurie at: 549-1082 or by email: lauriebelle55@bellsouth.net

Spring Group Session: May 3, 2012 - June 28, 2012

3rd Annual Community "Memorial Day (Early)"
Service & Potluck Dinner To Be Held May 2012

Community Night

☺ All of our Community Night activities are off for the Holidays. We will return to our regular schedule January 4th, 2012.

Capital Campaign

You should have received your specialty envelopes for the **New Church...New Site...New Life Capital Campaign** for 2012 in the mail. Please use these envelopes as it will ensure an accurate posting to your account. You may either return your envelope by mail or drop it in the collection basket on any Sunday. If necessary, extra green envelopes are always found in the foyer of the church.

Again, thank you for your commitment to our new church and if you have any questions, please call my office at 746-2508, x 103.

In His service,

Becky Jamroz

Accounting Department