



St. Jude Thaddeus & St. Elizabeth of Hungary



~Two Churches-One Parish~

June 25, 2023
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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Rev. Mr. Bradley Seabrook, *Deacon (Retired)*
Secretary Mrs. Ellie Fitzgerald

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Jude

Saturday 4:00 pm Vigil Mass (Confession heard one half hour before Mass or by appt.)

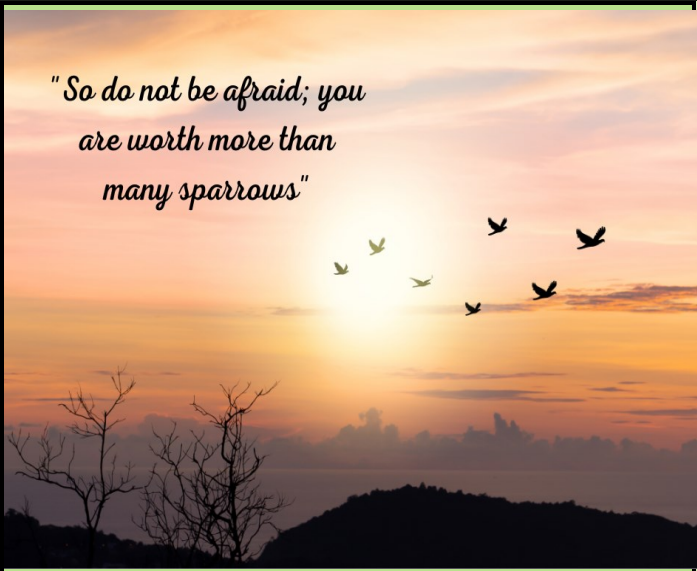
Sunday 10:30 am Mass (Confession heard one half hour before Mass or by appt.)

Tuesday 8:30 am Mass
Wednesday 8:30 am Mass
Friday 8:30 am Mass

St. Elizabeth

Sunday 8:30 am Mass (Confession heard one half hour before Mass or by appt.)

New to the Parish?
New family registration forms are available in the back of the church or you may request one from the parish office.



"So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows"

PROGRAMS & PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Religious Education	Rachel Bradley	850-968-6189
Knights of Columbus	Joe Zolciak	850-346-3000
Ladies Altar Society	Lynn Sonderman	614-314-0416
Parish Youth Group	Mary Holley-Lewis	850-346-2797

SACRAMENTS & SERVICES

Baptisms: Parents must be registered, active members of St. Jude Thaddeus or St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish. Pre-baptismal class attendance required. Contact the parish office to schedule.

Weddings: Call the parish office to schedule first meeting with the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

Funerals: Contact the parish office for priest availability and funeral arrangements. Call the priests direct if the parish office is closed.

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victim Assistance Coordinators, who are experienced and trained counselors, available to help anyone who has been sexually abused by a priest, deacon or other church personnel in Northwest Florida. Our coordinator for our area is Dr. Louis Makarowski (850-477-7181).

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Psalm 69: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)

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"JUNE: MINISTRY APPRECIATION MONTH"



Mass Intentions

St Jude Saturday: In Memory of Roberto Alarcon and Aniceta J Alvarez requested by the Alvarez Family

St Elizabeth: Sunday:

St Jude: Sunday: In celebration of the 57th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald (Ryan's parents). Requested by Ryan and Ellie Fitzgerald

St. Jude Tuesday: For Pia Perrea's successful surgery and healing

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday—St Jude: 8:30 AM Mass

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Friday—St Jude: 8:30 AM Mass

Saturday—St Jude: 4:00 PM Mass

Sunday—St Elizabeth: 8:30 AM Mass

Sunday—St Jude: 10:30 AM Mass

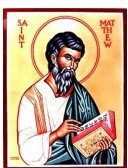
Holy Rosary on Zoom Every Wednesday evening at 7:00

all are invited to **pray the Holy Rosary** with parishioners, friends and family around the world. Just send them the address and invite them

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Today's readings call us to tackle the challenging issues of fear and trust — two concepts that must be confronted and dealt with by all of us who wish to live the stewardship way of life.

The Lord knows that facing down our fears and choosing to trust Him with all areas of our lives is an ongoing challenge for us. He is generous with reassurances to us throughout the Scriptures. Today's Gospel passage from Matthew is a case in point. In the span of eight verses, Jesus addresses the topic of fear four times.

- "Fear no one."
- "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."
- "Rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body."
- "So do not be afraid."

And the reassurance continues. "Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted." Notice that Jesus says, "your Father" in describing God's intimate knowledge and tender care for each one of us. He is truly "Abba," our Dad, Who knows us inside and out.

With that, let us all breathe a huge sigh of relief. All is well. Our Father knows us through and through, sent His Son to save us, and will always take care of us.

Let's stop wasting any more time with fear. Instead, let's put all our energy, all our time, our talents, and our treasure into trusting this great and loving God, using all that we are and all that He has given us to bring Him glory.

THIS WEEK'S ONLINE MASS FOR THOSE WITH SPECIFIC DISPENSATION

⇒ **Tuesday, June 27, 8:30 AM Mass**

⇒ **Wednesday, June 28, 8:30 AM Mass**

⇒ **Friday, June 30, 8:30 AM Mass**

⇒ **Saturday, July 1, 4:00 PM MASS**

⇒ **Sunday, July 2, 10:30 AM MASS**

Online Masses will be held on ZOOM.

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AFTER MASS TODAY - ACTIVITIES AT THE HALL

BE SURE TO VISIT:



THE MINISTRY FAIR

&

PICK UP



YOUR GRAB & GO MEALS

CSA UPDATE

TOTAL PLEDGE

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL PLEDGE</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>
St Jude	\$8,956.76	\$15,178.36	\$14,838.36
St Elizabeth	\$1,056.44	\$ 5,244.75	\$ 3,474.75

Offertory Report 06-18-2023

The Offertory Report now includes the Vanco totals

	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Contin.</u>	<u>Capital Campaign</u>	<u>Bldg Fund</u>	<u>Other</u>
St Jude	\$2091.65	\$60.00	\$1710.00	\$394.24	\$10.00
St Elizabeth	\$825.00	\$.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$5 .00

PARISH NEWS MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS



Knights of Columbus Council 7402 Welcome their 2023 –2024 Officers

St Jude & St Elizabeth would like to thank Council 7402 for all you do (your time, talent and prayers) for our parish.



Light on top of the Hill – Updates & Tidbits

St. Jude & St. Elizabeth New Community Center Project

Watch this space for future updates concerning our building project!

Campaign Prayer

Heavenly Father, we humbly pray that you continue to bless us always with a spirit of cooperation, generous heart, patience, and open mind, as we seek to build a family life center. Help us with a greater sense of unity and obedience to carry out Your Will so that this mission will be accomplished relying solely on Your loving Providence and Care.

May Your Presence always be recognized at the altar of praise in our church, flowing with grace and blessings, befitting of the sacred mysteries of Your Love. May this new space be a home where all are welcomed, nourished, and empowered to be Christ for others. Amen.

Together, Sharing our Faith, Building our Vision

2023-2024: 1st Year Configuration

Alexander Fitzgerald

Accepted by Bishop 2023

Projected Ordination Year 2030

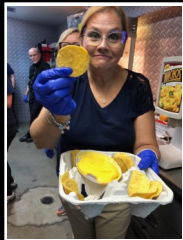
DOB 6/16

Email:

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Thank you Alex for responding to your invitation from our Lord to “come and see”. Please keep Alex in your prayers. Ask God to grant him perseverance and zeal. Please see today’s insert, which is an update from Alex.



Calling all Catholic Concessioners!!

Please help us continue to raise funds for our Building. Here are the dates that we need help with. Please text Rachel at 850.777.7244 which day you commit to or sign up at the Ministry Fair!

July 15, 2023: Arrive at Pensacola Bay Center @ 6:00 pm. Six people needed. Catch some of White the Rock!

July 22, 2023: Arrive at Pensacola Bay Center @ 4:30 pm.. Five people needed. Catch some of a Christian Concert!

Come see us at the Ministry Fair after Sunday Mass and sign up as one of our volunteers for future events! This is a big fundraiser for our future Parish Hall & Church!



ST JUDE'S LADIES SOCIETY

A special thank you to all our St Jude & St Elizabeth parishioners who give to Burse Club. At this year's Convention of the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, a check for \$212,241.91 was presented to Bishop Wack from all the councils in our diocese.



1. St. Jude Altar Flowers are provided by Billy and Donna Randell in Memory of Buster and Marie Randell
2. St. Elizabeth Altar Flowers are provided by George and Nina Boudreaux
3. Next Sunday the Knights will be serving coffee & doughnuts after the 10:30 am Mass
4. The second collection this weekend is the Peter's Pence Collection. The second collection next weekend is for the Contingency Fund.

June 2023

Dear St. Jude & St. Elizabeth Parish Family:

May the peace of Christ be with you all! I have written this newsletter a few times, wondering how to explain on all that this summer's formation house has brought. The best way, though, would be a lens through the four pillars of formation. The call to priesthood involves the forming of four pillars of a man's life: academic, spiritual, pastoral, and human. While I won't be able to cover *everything* of this summer, I shall highlight those that have helped me in my growth.

Academically, we typically have 1-2 "conferences" a day. Our resident priest selects what he would like us to participate in reading and then we discuss. In our first few weeks, we have read a chapter titled, "The Vigor of Youth" from Teddy Roosevelt's autobiography, an essay from Pope Benedict XVI about beauty, C.S. Lewis's *The Abolition of Man*, and now a book called *Technopoly*. Of these, President Teddy's has been my favorite because of its aid in my human growth.

Spiritually, we pray what is called *The Divine Office* together in the morning, evening, and night. We also participate in a holy hour every day and we go to daily mass. Personally, there are little things about each that I love. Mass obviously is where I can consume the Eucharist, my holy hour is where I really pick apart my thoughts with Jesus, but the Office has a unique small feature. At the end of night prayer, we sing "Salve Regina" in Latin. There's one part right at the end and I don't quite know why but it almost makes me want to well-up with tears. We sing, "O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria". This and a book from one of my seminarian brothers has aided my spiritual life. One day, on the way to adoration, he suggested a reading from St. Francis De Sales' *Introduction to the Devout Life*. I had read the book before but more as a typical front-to-back. He suggested using it as a manual to be returned to often of which I have done, and it has been of enormous aid in my spiritual life. Prayer has begun to transform into a consistent thing throughout daily activities where I always silently come back in my heart to Jesus amidst whatever I am doing, but I am still learning this way of prayer.

Speaking of prayer, we also work on our pastoral pillar of formation. This is done in many ways. We helped with VBS, we go to Lifeteen each week, and we are leading a book study on a book about 13 ways to pray. This has been my favorite of all our pastoral responsibilities. It reminds me very much of RCIA and I get to listen to the relationship others have with Jesus. My friends, it is of great assistance to talk with each other about your relationship and prayer life with Christ. I have heard beautiful stories and learned more about the love of Jesus through this book study by talking with every participant.

Yet, what is even more surprising is the human pillar formation. The formation house forces you into the uncomfortable in a wonderful way. It challenges you to do things you've never done. Chopping the trunks of trees with an axe has been a great pastime. Upon shooting a gun, though it was a pellet gun I will admit, for the first time in my life I directly hit the smallest and most difficult target, impressing everyone and promptly leaving after that shot so that everyone could remain impressed. I have developed some of the best friendships with my new brothers and am excited for our futures. If the house were a garden, I would be a well washed tomato because I have spent much of my time here red and crying with laughter. Though, there are difficulties. For each person, those difficulties are exposed, and each man must face them. As for myself, it is odd to not have the autonomy to call my family whenever I'd like. Obedience is not the struggle because I have not fought the rules on this policy. Rather, it is as though I have my hands tied behind my back and I want to wiggle, but I know there's no use. In the best way, I am challenged to detach myself and cherish the little times I can communicate, but not to depend on those times. Rather, my dependence is on Jesus in the present moment and what He so lovingly gives me that I may cooperate with His will and, through Him, bring about some good. There are some saints that I have begun to ask intercession from as I grow in formation. Of course, St. Jude and St. Elizabeth have been there, but I am growing fond of St. Francis de Sales and especially St. Therese of Lisieux.



St. Therese has discovered what has come to be known as “The Little Way”. It is the little way of trust and love. The little way of complete surrender. It’s quite a rich path and is difficult in practice. A great discussion this year amongst myself and a few seminarians has been the love of God. I cannot get into the complexities in this letter of such a conversation, but after nearly two weeks of discussion I concluded with St. Therese. It is not to what degree of love God has for us that should concern our hearts, but the fact *that* God loves us. All He asks is for us to trust and love Him. He has asked that of humanity since the beginning. Every biblical account you read about can be boiled down to these three words: trust and love. St. Therese discovered the heart of theology, and we now recognize her as a doctor of the Church. The formation house has been a joy because ultimately it teaches everyone who participates in it to trust and love Jesus.

I thank you for your prayers, for all the aid you provide, and I ask you to continue to ask for the intercession of St. Elizabeth, St. Jude, and if possible, to dedicate yourselves to The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and ask for the intercession of St. Therese of Lisieux. These saints teach us great things: to give charitably and abundantly, to rejoice in being unknown, and to trust and love Jesus Christ. I have no doubt that their intercession will aid in changing all our hearts to be charitable, little, and resting gently in the hands of Our Lord. The dedication is of great importance for the Sacred Heart of Jesus wishes to bestow an enormity of love and yet is so often rejected. Please consider a personal dedication to The Sacred Heart of Jesus, to be open to the love of His heart, to throw your heart into the furnace of His Love so that, united with Him, you may bring Christ to others. Our first vocation is love – loving God and then each other; let us work towards this call together so that the love of Jesus’s Heart may pour forth.

May the Holy Spirit always guide you and may you rest in the hands of God.

Yours in Christ,
Alexander Fitzgerald

P.S. I’d like to leave you with a prayer that I have stumbled upon. I do not know the author or date of its conception, but it has become a daily prayer of mine:

Eternal Father, I offer thee the bored feet of Jesus for the many downward steps I have taken toward destruction; His pierced side for the sins committed through the flesh; His bruised shoulders for my rebellion against humiliations; His nailed hands for the unworthy actions of my life. I offer thee His parched and silent lips for all my uncharitable words; His sacred ears for the unkind conversations to which I have listened; His tear-filled downcast eyes for my sins of curiosity and vanity; His thorn-crowned head for my unworthy thoughts. I offer His burning heart for the coldness of my love. Take my heart and offer it as a holocaust on the altar of love and sacrifice.

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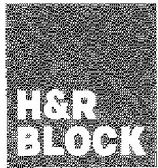
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