



# St. Jude Thaddeus & St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Two Churches-One Parish

*"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."*

**December 10, 2023  
Second Sunday of Advent**



**Parish Office Hours**  
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
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## PARISH STAFF

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Rev. Mr. McBurnett J. Smith, Jr., *Deacon*  
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## PROGRAMS & PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Religious Education	Rachel Bradley	850-968-6189
Knights of Columbus	Joe Zolciak	850-346-3000
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	Gwen Smith	240-463-8106
Parish Youth Group	Mary Holley-Lewis	850-346-2797

***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.***

## 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.)

## Advent Penance Service

**December 15: 5:00-6:30 PM St. Jude**

## Christmas Mass Schedule (Holy Day of Obligation)

**December 24 (Christmas Eve Mass): 4:00 PM St. Jude**  
**December 25 (Christmas Mass): 8:30 AM St. Elizabeth**  
**10:30 AM St. Jude**

## 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).



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.  
 Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

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***"DECEMBER: CHILDREN'S APPRECIATION MONTH"***



**Mass Intentions**

**St Jude Saturday:** In Memory of Maria Garcia requested by Agustin & Diana Garcia  
**St Elizabeth Sunday:** In Memory of Ryan Flaherty requested by Deacon Bob & Pat LeBlanc  
**St Jude Sunday:** For the intentions of Diana & Agustin Garcia requested by Diana & Agustin Garcia  
**St. Jude Tuesday:** For Joanne Miller  
**St Jude Wednesday:** For a successful procedure for Elisha Madrid requested by Deacon Mac & Gwen Smith

**Upcoming Events**

\*December 12@ 6:30 AM: Men of St. Joseph Group  
 \*December 13@ 6:00 PM: RCIA  
 \*December 15@ 5:00 PM: Advent Mass & Reconciliation Service at St. Jude. NO 8:30 AM Mass.  
 \*December 24@ 4:00 PM: Christmas Eve Mass  
 \*December 25: Christmas Day Mass (Holy Day of Obligation) 8:30 AM St. Elizabeth, 10:30 AM St. Jude



We serve a merciful and patient God. In His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us.

The most precious gift He has given us is His own Son, Whose birth we are preparing to celebrate.

St. Peter describes the loving kindness of the Father in our Second Reading today, saying God "is patient with you, not wishing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance." Yet, in the same passage we receive this warning: "The Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar... and the earth and everything on it will be found out."

How are we to assimilate these two truths — the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living as His disciple? St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves "in holiness and devotion." Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent "reset" — to return to living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us.

In our Gospel passage from Mark, John the Baptist instructs us to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." We must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let's be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading the of Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service.

In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us.

**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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**MASS SCHEDULE**

- ⇒ Tuesday, December 12, 8:30 AM\* also online
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 13, 8:30 AM\* also online
- ⇒ Friday, December 15, 5:00 PM Advent Mass & Reconciliation Service\* also online
- ⇒ Saturday, December 16, 4:00 PM\* also online
- ⇒ Sunday, December 17, 8:30 AM
- ⇒ Sunday, December 17, 10:30 AM\* also online

**Online Masses will be held on ZOOM.**

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**CSA UPDATE**

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL PLEDGE</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>
St Jude	\$8,956.76	\$15,599.06	\$15,404.06
St Elizabeth	\$1,056.44	\$5,244.75	\$4,984.75

**Offertory Report 12-03-2023**

*\*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	\$3077.13	\$373.00	\$3113.31	\$210.00	\$61.66
St Elizabeth	\$1217.00	\$180.00	\$150.00	\$0	\$0



**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) MASS SCHEDULE**

*December 24th Christmas Eve:  
4:00 PM at St. Jude*

*December 25th Christmas Day: 8:30 AM at  
St. Elizabeth, 10:30 AM at St. Jude*

# \*PARISH NEWS\* MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS



## ST JUDE'S LADIES SOCIETY

St. Jude Ladies Society is now taking contributions for Christmas flowers for the altar. Checks should be payable to St. Jude Ladies Society. The envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or given to Flo Maxwell no later than next Sunday, **December 17th**. If you have any questions, contact Flo Maxwell at 850-450-3210



### December: Children's Appreciation Month

During the month of December we give thanks and pray for all of our children. We remember, especially, how Jesus came as a baby. But why would God send his Son as a helpless infant and not as a man, ready to begin his ministry? Here is one possible reason: A baby represents so much. For anyone who has children or has experienced the birth of a child, it is a miraculous occurrence. What was once nothingness is formed in a womb, wherein God breathes life. That life grows and a belly swells with the hope and promise of a new baby. Babies represent life. Newness. Hope. The future. A second chance. A new beginning. Opportunity. Freshness. God's promises. Tomorrow and far beyond. What better way for the heavenly Father to give the gift of salvation and eternal life, but through a baby who represents a spiritually new life?

[https://churchleaders.com/outreach-missions/outreach-missions-blogs/157602-nicole\\_cottrell\\_why\\_did\\_jesus\\_come\\_as\\_a\\_baby.html](https://churchleaders.com/outreach-missions/outreach-missions-blogs/157602-nicole_cottrell_why_did_jesus_come_as_a_baby.html)

### Christmas Decorating!



**Please come and help us decorate St. Jude church on December 22nd at 9:30 am. All help is greatly appreciated!**



## Light on top of the Hill – Updates & Tidbits

**St. Jude & St. Elizabeth New Community Center Project**  
**Calling all Catholic Concessionaires!**



**Dec 26th:** Hockey game at the Pensacola Bay Center. Arrive at 5 pm. **Need 5 volunteers.**

**December 30th:** Hockey game at the Pensacola Bay Center. Arrive at 5 pm. **Need 6 volunteers.**



Please call or text Lisa McCullough at 850-712-6871 or Rachel Bradley at 850-777-7244 if you can volunteer. Remember, all of the earnings go toward our Building Fund. **Please donate 4-5 hours of your time for a worthy cause!**

*As you can see, we have a great time!*

**A special THANK YOU to the Religious Education Program, who donated \$144.00 toward the Building Fund!!**

### **Angel Tree Donations**

**Thank you to all who donated to our Angel Tree. Your donations helped many who are in need this Christmas!**



### **The Bulletin Board**

1. If you are visiting our parish, or if you are a registered parishioner, and you would like to donate to the building fund for our new Family Life Center, please feel free to use the Building Fund envelopes in the pews. If you have made a Capital Campaign Pledge, please use the envelope in your box or a blank envelope at the back of the church. Thank you!
2. There will be a Day of Recollection on the Eucharist on January 6th from 8-2:30 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Pensacola. If you would like to know more or to register, call 850-438-3131
3. Our Advent Penance Service will be December 15th starting with mass at 5 pm, confessions occurring during and after mass.
4. **Please remember that the Good Samaritan Society, run through the Knights of Columbus, is available 24 hrs/7 days a week if you are in need of help. Please call Shawn Engel at 605-222-5976 if you are in need or have questions.**
4. The second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



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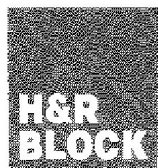
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