



St. Jude Thaddeus & St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Two Churches-One Parish

"My soul rejoices in my God"

December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday



Parish Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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PROGRAMS & PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Religious Education	Rachel Bradley	850-968-6189
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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.)

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).

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDETE SUNDAY

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Luke: 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

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"DECEMBER: CHILDREN'S APPRECIATION MONTH"



Mass Intentions

St Jude Saturday: In Memory of Naureen & Kim Lockridge requested by Cheryl Pilling

St Elizabeth Sunday: In Memory of Helen Schifko requested by Jay & Karen Gallacher

St Jude Sunday: In Memory of the Grandparents of the Garcia & Pagazani Families requested by Diana & Agustin Garcia

St. Jude Tuesday: In Memory of Marcia Kruszewski requested by Tony Kruszewski

Upcoming Events

*December 19@ 6:30 AM: Men of St. Joseph Group

*December 20@ 6:00 PM: RCIA

*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



Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is a Latin word, meaning "rejoice." The Christian steward should be characterized by a spirit of

rejoicing.

Our First Reading, from Isaiah, expresses a fitting motto for us. "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." It is God Who is the source of our joy and contentment — not things or achievements or comfort, but our relationship with God.

This is why stewards can share so freely of their time, talents and material possessions — because ultimately, we are not attached to these things. We recognize them as good gifts from our loving Father, but we are attached to the Giver of the gifts, not the gifts themselves. This allows for great freedom in life and the capacity for great joy in the Lord.

In fact, we can become like John the Baptist, in today's Gospel passage from the Book of John. We read this description of the prophet: "He came for testimony, to testify to the light... He was not the light but came to testify to the light." This is our calling too — to testify to the Light, our wonderful Savior — by the way we make use of the time, talent and treasure He has entrusted to our care.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2942181244?pwd=d3hSUnlXY1JlTzZlZm4TjJNYWp3QT09>

Meeting ID: 294 218 1244 Password: **063391**

MASS SCHEDULE

- ⇒ Tuesday, December 19, 8:30 AM* also online
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 20, 8:30 AM* also online
- ⇒ Friday, December 22, 8:30 AM* also online
- ⇒ Saturday, December 23, 4:00 PM* also online
 - ⇒ Sunday, December 24, 8:30 AM
- ⇒ Sunday, December 24, 10:30 AM* also online
- ⇒ Sunday, December 24, 4:00 PM Christmas Mass* also online
- ⇒ Monday, December 25, 8:30 AM Christmas Mass
- ⇒ Monday, December 25, 10:30 AM Christmas Mass* also online

Online Masses will be held on ZOOM.

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CSA UPDATE

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

Offertory Report 12-10-2023

The Offertory Report now includes the Vanco totals

	Offertory	Contin.	Capital Campaign	Bldg Fund	Other
St Jude	\$3209.88	\$90.69	\$770.00	\$2554.93	\$429.00
St Elizabeth	\$776.00	\$10.00	\$100.00	\$0	\$319.00



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

This is the last weekend to donate toward poinsettias for the altar this Christmas season. A list of donors and memorials will be printed for the bulletin the weekend of December 23/24. Envelopes are still available in the pews; checks should be made payable to St. Jude Ladies Society. The St. Jude Ladies Society would like to thank everyone who purchased poinsettias for the altar this Christmas season. The poinsettias will remain on the altar through Epiphany, January 6/7th. A drawing will be held prior to Epiphany and those whose names are drawn will be eligible to take home a plant after masses Epiphany weekend. (Only one plant per name drawn). The list of winners will be in the bulletin that weekend.



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!

Christmas Party Fun!!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Party and a special thanks to Shawn, Cam, Danise, Gary, John Clark, Jay, Barbara Carnley, Karen Zolciak, the Ladies and Knights and all of those who worked so hard to make our party so special!



Knights of Columbus

The Good Samaritan Society is available to help those in need! They can work on repairs in your home, help with lawn work if you are unable to move about, ect. They are also looking for volunteers, especially some ladies! Please call Shawn Engel at 605-222-5976 or Joe Zolciak at 850-346-3000 if you are interested in helping or if you are in need of help.

Community Caring at Christmas

Thank you to all of those who donated and helped with the Community Caring project, which helped foster children. Our good work was featured on WEAR 3 news!



Parishioner of the Year!

Congratulations to George and Nina Boudreaux, our Family of the Year! George and Nina help out both churches in so many ways.

We are so grateful for them!



Congratulations also, to all of those who were nominated!



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. Please come and help us decorate St. Jude church on December 22nd at 9:30 am. All help is greatly appreciated!
3. Thank you to Grocery Advantage for donating goodies for our Christmas Party!

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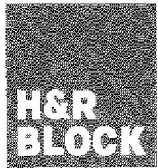
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