



St. Jude Thaddeus & St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Two Churches-One Parish

"Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved"

**December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent**



Parish Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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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: 6:00 pm at St. Jude

December 25: 8:30 am at St. Elizabeth, 10:30 am at 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).

PARISH NEWS MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

DECEMBER: CHILDREN'S APPRECIATION MONTH

In this last week of Advent, as we approach Christmas, there is no better time to appreciate the gift of Children than now, as we contemplate the coming of Jesus as a baby. The following reflection is from

<https://divinemercury.life>

Imagine if you were privileged to be present when Jesus was an infant. And imagine if this infant looked at you, reached out His arms and sought to be held by you. And imagine if this infant held you tightly as He rested on your heart. This holy exchange of love will most certainly be understood by parents as they hold their children. Contemplate the profound love and infinite Mercy of God coming to you through this warm and unconditional embrace of a little child. Jesus is reaching out to you, embrace Him and hold Him tightly (See Diary #1442).

Ponder today this beautiful and holy image. But do so by imagining that this infant burns with a holy and pure love for you and longs to be held close to your heart. Resting in your arms you feel the love of this sweet embrace. This is an image of the Love of God and a holy image. Allow your own experiences of holding a child to teach you about the Mercy of God. And express your own love for God through this holy image of a child's embrace.



*On behalf of Father George and the Staff, we wish you a very Merry Christmas! May the joy of the birth of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, be ever present with you today and always!
See you at Christmas Mass!*



Light on top of the Hill – Updates & Tidbits

St. Jude & St. Elizabeth New Community Center Project

If you ordered a St. Jude & St. Elizabeth t-shirt, they are available this Sunday, December 22nd after the 10:30 am Mass at St. Jude Parish Hall. Shirts are \$22 each. Checks can be made out to St. Jude Catholic Church. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser for our building project!



Thank you to all of the ladies who decorated the parish hall for the Christmas Party. Everything was beautiful and festive! Thank you also to Shawn and Cam Engel who helped organize the party and provided delicious brisket!

The St. Jude Ladies Society would like to thank everyone who donated for flowers and helped the needy this Christmas season. We truly appreciate your generosity. The poinsettias will remain on the altar through Epiphany, January 5th. A drawing from the donors will be held and those whose names are drawn will be eligible to take home one plant after masses Epiphany weekend. The list of winners will be in the bulletin that weekend.



PLEASE NOTE AN IMPORTANT CHANGE ON THE CALENDAR:
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS WILL BE AT 6:00 PM AT ST. JUDE

Thank You
for your support

Just a reminder that if you are interested in making a tax-free charitable donation to St. Jude/St. Elizabeth, contributions need to be made by the end of December. Thank you for thinking of our parish!



1. No Altar Flowers during Advent.
2. St. Jude 2025 Offertory Envelopes are available for pickup in the Parish Hall. St. Elizabeth envelopes are available in the back of the church. These envelopes begin on January 1st. Please stop by and pick up your envelopes. If you have not been using envelopes but would like to or if you no longer wish to use envelopes, please call or email the parish office.

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