

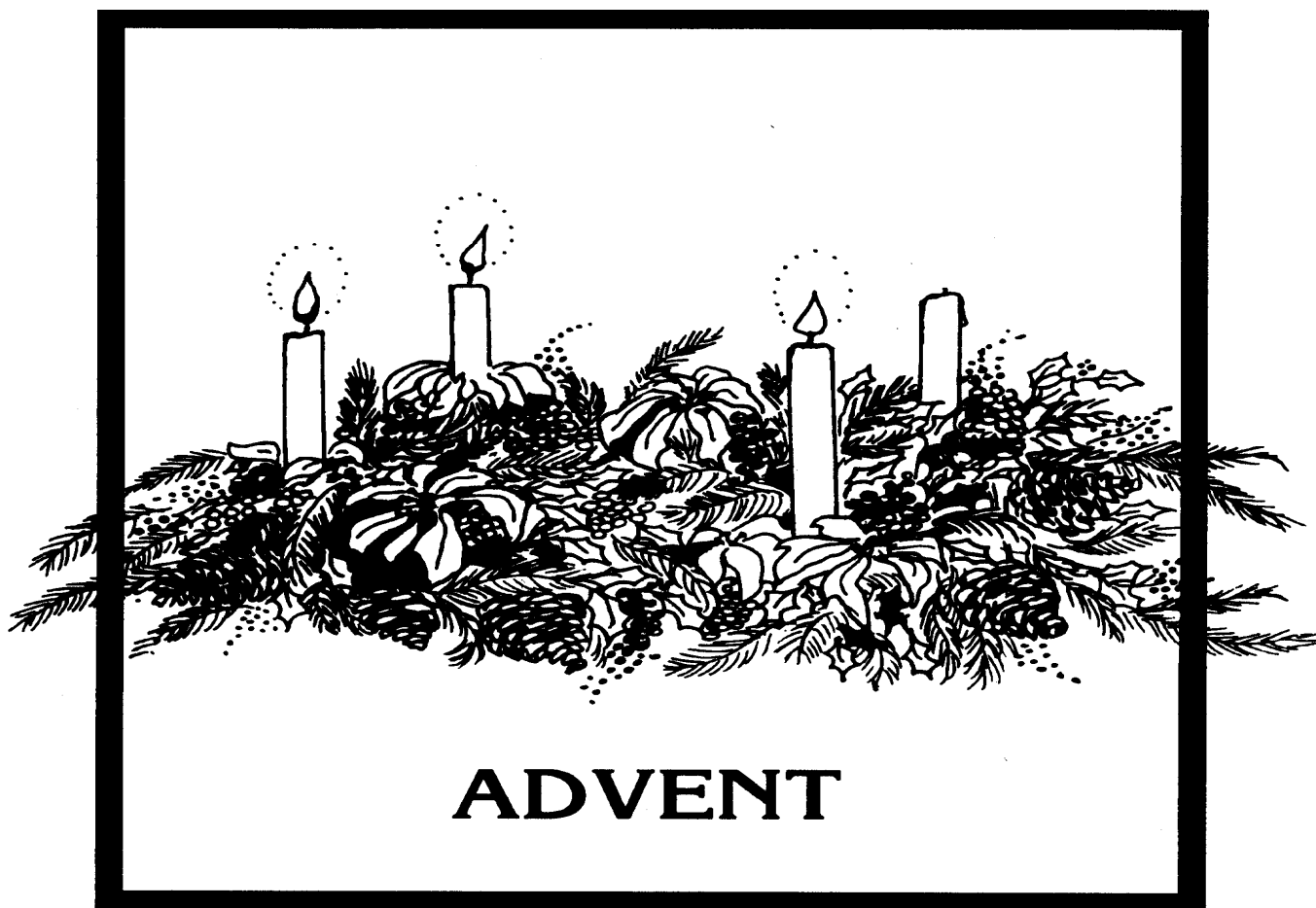
St. Jude The Apostle Church

South Holland, IL

Established 1957

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the family of faith of St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church in South Holland, nourished by the Word of God and Sacraments commit ourselves to know, love, live, and celebrate Jesus the Christ.



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Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2009

*With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.*

-Isaiah 12:3



MassSchedule

Sunday, December 13, 2009-3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:00 AM-Quinlan & O'Connell Families Req. Family
- 10:00 AM-Frank & Stella Brotan Req. Daughters
- 11:30 AM-Christopher Swetlik Req. Family

Monday, December 14, 2009-St. John of the Cross-Doctor

- 8:30 AM-Adeline Ronzani Req. Yolanda Opyt & Family

Tuesday, December 15, 2009-St. Maximin of Mesmin

- 8:30 AM-Kenneth P. Schomers Req. R. & M. Roeper

Wednesday, December 16, 2009-St. Eusebius-Bishop

- 8:30 AM-Mary Jo Petroski Req. James Herink

Thursday, December 17, 2009-St. Olympias

- 8:30 AM-People of the Parish

Friday, December 18, 2009-St. Gatian-Bishop

- 8:30 AM-Helen M. Stomp Req. Daughter

Saturday, December 19, 2009-St. Nemesion-Martyr

- 8:30 AM-Jim Cox Req. Rita & Bob Laurisch

- 5:00 PM-Mark Marczak Req. Family

Sunday, December 20, 2009-4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:00 AM-Genevieve Torres Req. Estep Family
- 10:00 AM-Max Demps Req. Family
- 11:30 AM-Helen, Frank & Paul Styka Req. Family



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WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 19TH & 20TH

- 5:00 PM-L. Stasinski
- 8:00 AM-D. Ntamere, A. Ntamere
- 10:00 AM-M. Nowak, T. Nowak, J. Nowak
- 11:30 AM-S. Ihejirika, A. Nosike



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REST IN PEACE

In your prayers this week, please remember especially: Rose Canning, Father Tom McNeff, Virgil Valiunas and Erwin Rutkowski. May God grant them eternal rest and peace.



Join us as we explore the Advent Sunday scripture readings led by Deacon Mel Stasinski on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 P.M. in the Social Ministry Office. For more information call the Rectory at 708-333-3550.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY



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MASS MUSIC

During the weeks of Advent we long for the light of Christ. We shall sing the Mass of Light setting in anticipation of Christ's coming to us as man. It can be found in Gather at number 90.

**THIS SUNDAY OFFERTORY
"YOUR WEEKLY GIFT
OF THANKS"**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	December 6	December 7
	\$6,183.54	\$7,154.47
Fiscal Year to Date:	\$143,263.86	\$149,462.78
Required Weekly Budget:		\$8,275.00
Amount Collected:		\$6,183.54
Surplus or Shortfall for the week:		(-\$2,091.46)

Registered Families - 750



The wine we are using at the Eucharist for the month of December is in memory of Stuart & Mary Vogel donated by Karen Vogel. We thank her for her generosity.

If you would like to donate the wine used at Mass for a particular month, the cost is \$65.00. If there are any questions, please call the Rectory at 708-333-3550.

OPLATKI—THE CHRISTMAS WAFER

The Rectory has received its annual order of OPLATKI. Anyone desiring to share "Oplatki" during the Christmas Season may stop at the Rectory Monday thru Friday between 9:30 AM and 4:30 PM. The donation for each packet of four (4) wafers is \$2.00.

SIMBANG GABI

The traditional **SIMBANG GABI-Christmas** celebration sponsored by the Filipino Ministry Organization of St. Jude the Apostle Church will be held **this Saturday, December 19th at 5:00 P.M. here at St. Jude Church.** Refreshments will follow after Mass in McMahon Hall.

OUR WARMEST WELCOME to all those who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long-time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you.

If you are new in the parish or have moved to a new address in the parish, or if you are planning to move, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection or return to the Rectory Office.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

____ New Registration ____ New Phone

____ New Address ____ Moving Out of Parish

From Deacon Mel Stasinski-

Christmas is rapidly approaching and the sights and sounds of the holiday are all around us. For the past couple of weeks more and more shoppers have been clogging Michigan Avenue making it increasingly difficult for me to weave through the crowds in order to get to my train on time. And I have noticed that many of my fellow commuters are carrying shopping bags along with their purses and computer bags. Decorations are up and Christmas music can be heard everywhere. I like this time of the year even though things can get a bit frenzied. Life can be a hassle during the Christmas season, and all the shopping and preparing can wear a person out. But along with all the hassles of the holiday there remains an underlying sense of joy. The Christmas season can be uplifting. It can keep us going even though the daylight hours are becoming fewer, the landscape is barren, and the high temperature for the day struggles to get above the freezing mark.

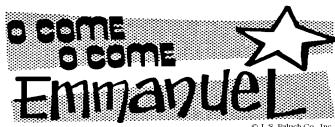
Today, the third Sunday of Advent, we light the rose colored candle. We light it to remind ourselves that Christmas is coming nearer. Advent is the spiritual lift that we need as we experience the weariness and discouragement that comes from living in a world made dark and barren by sin. Rather than surrender to the forces of a broken world, we keep our hearts warm with the love of Christ and we celebrate that great love with joy. We are filled with joy because we know that despite all the problems that can weigh us down, our Lord Jesus Christ is in our midst and promised us the Kingdom of God. Christ will return at the end of time to fulfill the promise of His Kingdom. Until that time comes, we wait in His light, His warmth and in His joy.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Religious face rising costs. Data submitted to the National Religious Retirement Office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. Current statistics put this figure at \$35,077 per person annually, with skilled care reaching nearly \$55,000. Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. Please pray for all religious and give generously to today's second collection. www.retiredreligious.org.

CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Just a reminder that we're continuously collecting Campbell's product labels to benefit our school. During this holiday season when you're doing extra baking and cooking, please remember to drop off your labels from Campbell's (the whole label) Swanson, Franco American and Pepperidge Farm products in the containers in the Church lobby and by the side exit doors. The more labels we collect, the more **FREE** items we can obtain for the children in our school.



**Ministers of Care,
Eucharistic Ministers, & Lectors
Christmas Potluck**

Come and share some Christmas cheer with us this Sunday, December 13th from 1:00-3:00 P.M. in McMahon Hall. The main dish and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be held **this Friday, December 18th at 11:00 A.M. and Monday, December 21st at 7:00 P.M.**

We hope all of our parishioners will take this opportunity to prepare themselves for Christmas.

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WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting this **Tuesday evening, December 15th, beginning at 7:00 in Church.**

All the ladies of the Parish are invited to attend.

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

*As the Church celebrates the year of the Priest
June 19, 2009 through June 19, 2010*

Almighty God, in your love you bless your Church with priests, a sign of your faithfulness to your people.

May our prayerful encouragement, during this year and years to come, help them remain faithful to the calling they have received from you.

As they tend your flock, grant them a caring heart.

In them may we know the voice of Christ, our Good Shepherd, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

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SHEDSOMELIGHT

Christ Our Savior Catholic School

Greetings From Your Parish School

On Sunday, November 21st, Bishop Thad Jakubowski administered the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish to two of our students, Louis Jasso and Christopher Ziobro. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue on this journey in their commitment to their Catholic faith.

We would like to thank Deacon Tim Springer of St. Jude the Apostle Parish who led us in prayer for the second week of Advent on Monday, December 7th. Our third week of Advent prayer service will be held on Monday, December 14th. The theme of the third week is "Jesus is light." Deacon Tom Knetl of Our Lady of Knock Church will be our main presider. All are invited to attend our prayer service – 1:15 p.m. West Campus – 2:15 p.m. East Campus.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for Monday, December 14th through Friday, December 18th. For your Christmas shopping convenience, the Book Fair will be opened on the evening of each of the music concerts (Tuesday, December 15th -7:00 West Campus and Thursday, December 17th- 7:00 East Campus). Stop by and shop before or after the concert. Cash, checks, and charges will be accepted. Everyone is welcomed to stop by our Book Fair during the week. Please contact Mrs. Brodzik if you are interested in purchasing quality merchandise at very affordable prices from the Scholastic Company. If you would like to shop during the school day, call the school office and Mrs. Brodzik will assist you with your purchase.

Plans are underway for our *Black Tie Affair* scheduled for the spring of 2010. If you are an alumni of one of our founding schools: St. Andrew the Apostle, St. Jude the Apostle, St. Victor, Holy Ghost, Our Lady of Knock, or Queen of Apostles and would like to join us in planning this event, please contact Mrs. Tanzy Lewis, our Advancement Director, at 708.333-8173.

With God's Blessings,

Cindy Rogers, Principal
Karen Brodzik, Assistant Principal

Let those love now who never lov'd before; let those who always lov'd now love the more.
-Anonymous



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LITURGY & SWINE FLU (H1N1 VIRUS)

Remember, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal does not mandate a particular gesture to use in the Rite of Peace. The customary gesture is to extend a hand to those near. However, people should be reminded that if one is ill, or if one feels the need, another gesture is perfectly acceptable. For example, a bow of the head could accompany the verbal sharing of Christ's peace. Others should not interpret this as an affront, but simply that the person who chooses not to extend a hand is taking precautions.



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HOLY NAME SOCIETY

NUT SALE

The Holy Name Society will be selling **Georgia Deluxe Mixed Nuts (no peanuts)** after all the Masses **this weekend**. They may also be purchased during the week at the Rectory between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. For large orders, please call Bill at 841-5775. **The one pound boxes are \$10 each and make great gifts!**



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Lord, hold our military men and women in your loving hands ... Protect them as they protect us...



Bins to collect magazines and newspapers are in the West Parking Lot. We encourage you to save your old newspapers and magazines and place them in the bins at any time that is convenient for you. There is only one restriction. **Please do not put papers in plastic bags or cardboard of any kind. Paper bags are acceptable.** The proceeds will benefit our parish.



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KIDS CHOIR CORNER

We're working on our Advent & Christmas music. We are singing twice this month.

Dates to remember:

Saturday, December 19th-Rehearsal 11:00-12:00 Noon.

Sunday, December 20th-11:30 Mass-Choir members in their place at 11:11 A.M.

Friday, December 25th-Christmas Day-11:30 Mass-Choir members in their place at 11:11 A.M.

Saturday, December 26th-No Rehearsal.

Any questions, call Miss Marsha at 708-225-1180 or Miss Pam 708-284-6554.

ON ADVENT, CELEBRATING, AND DANCING TO THE MUSIC

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Years ago in an Advent piece I referenced the Three Dog Night song, *Joy to the World*. Actually, I compared it to the Christmas classic of the same name (written by Isaac Watts in the early 1700s, with music by Handel), and made the point that even though the *Three Dog Night* hit was never released as a Christmas song, perhaps it should have been. On this 3rd Sunday of Advent--Gaudete Sunday--I'm thinking the old rock band might have had still another holiday hit if they'd gone in that direction. "Gaudete" comes from the Latin "gaudere," which means "rejoice," and the repeating hook for the Three Dog Night song now in question is "Celebrate, celebrate, dance to the music!"

This, after all, is the message that Zephaniah proclaims in the first reading. Listen: "Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!" The prophet is not *suggesting* a joyful existence. He's declaring it, and commanding the people to live accordingly. The Apostle Paul in the second reading picks up where Zephaniah leaves off: "Brothers and sisters, Rejoice in the Lord always! I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known by all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety..." And in the gospel, the Baptist speaks of ways to ready ourselves for the coming of Christ so that our rejoicing in Jesus may be complete. So...are we getting it yet? Is the Gaudete message perfectly clear?

John leaves no room for ambiguity. He was a wild man back in his day, true, but everyone knew what he was about. Today's Gospel text is preceded by an earlier passage in which the Baptist admonishes those who come to him for baptism, challenging them to do good works as evidence of their true repentance, and this is where today's passage begins, with the crowd asking John, "What should we do?" John responds, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." He also gives precise direction to the tax collectors and to the soldiers in his audience. In all cases, John's marching orders are clear, and mimic the message of love and compassion that Jesus embraces.

Which perhaps is why the crowd ponders if John himself might be the Christ. John again leaves no room for ambiguity. As Christmas approaches, we need to be mindful as well that we do not follow the wrong lead. We *get*, of course, that Jesus is our Light. But there are a lot of other lights out there too, and they can be plenty distracting. I've used the analogy before, but it's a bit like driving a car at night. When the interior lights are on, it's harder to see where we're going. If we pay attention, though, we don't have to lose our way. Not with Zephaniah, Paul, and John to keep us pointed in the right direction. The Baptist's good news is our very own good news these two millennia later. Christmas is just around the corner, and Three Dog Night's Gaudete refrain is already on the charts. Let's all celebrate and dance to the music!



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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Evening: 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday thru Saturday—8:30 A.M.

HOLY DAY MASSES:

Vigil: 7:00 P.M.
 Holy Day: 7:00, 8:30 & as announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

(Confessions)
 Saturday: 4:15 to 4:45 P.M.

BAPTISMS: Arrangements must be made in advance for catechesis and reception of the sacrament of Baptism. All families must be registered parishioners. Call the Rectory for information at 708-333-3550.

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