

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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The Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2010

*He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. -Titus 3:5*

MassSchedule

Sunday, January 10, 2010-BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 AM-Mario Mion Req. Rita Granda
 10:00 AM-Walter Janczak, Sr. Req. Wally & Dory Janczak
 11:30 AM-Ralph Musachio Req. Art & Bev Nysten
Monday, January 11, 2010-St. Hyginus-Pope & Martyr
 8:30 AM-Dona Hearne (19th Anniversary) Req. Bill Hearne & Children

Tuesday, January 12, 2010-St. Victorian-Abbot
 8:30 AM-Mary Fabris Req. Greg & Joanie Blaszczyk
Wednesday, January 13, 2010-St. Hilary-Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM-Kenneth P. Schomers Req. R. & M. Roeper
Thursday, January 14, 2010-St. Veronica of Milan
 8:30 AM-Raymond Chmielewski Req. Pat & Ron Slusarski
Friday, January 15, 2010-St. Paul

8:30 AM-Julia Podulka Req. Barbara Lucek
Saturday, January 16, 2010-St. Marcellus-Pope & Martyr
 5:00 PM-Katherine & Stanley Slusarski Req. Family
Sunday, January 17, 2010-2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM-Pat Nebel Req. Mary Ellen Myjak
 10:00 AM-Mary Ann Trobec Req. Ron & Pat Slusarski
 11:30 AM-Juliana Mrowinski Req. Reggie, Caroline & LaVerne



WEEKEND OF JANUARY 16TH & 17TH

5:00 PM-L. Stasinski
 8:00 AM-D. Ntamere, A. Ntamere
 10:00 AM-E. Morris, J. Turton
 11:30 AM-K. Jackson, A. Jackson

REST IN PEACE

From Death to New Life

In your prayers this week, please remember especially: Fr. William J. Kelly, Pastor Emeritus of St. Edmund Church, Oak Park, Allis Quigley and Allen Homere. May God grant them eternal rest and peace.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

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| Parish | 2470 |
| Parish Name | St. Jude the Apostle |
| Donor Count | 229 |
| 2009 Goal | \$24,727 |
| Amount Pledged | \$41,127.50 |
| Amount Paid | \$33,417.00 |
| Balance Due | \$5,710.50 |

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

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| <u>2009</u> | <u>2008</u> |
| December 27 | December 28 |
| \$5,353.86 | \$6,223.67 |
| Fiscal Year to Date: | |
| \$161,163.75 | \$167,324.47 |
| Required Weekly Budget: | \$8,275.00 |
| Amount Collected: | \$5,353.86 |
| Surplus or Shortfall for the week: | (-\$2,921.14) |

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| <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> |
| January 3 | January 4 |
| \$6,262.55 | \$6,939.62 |
| Fiscal Year to Date: | |
| \$167,426.30 | \$174,264.09 |
| Required Weekly Budget: | \$8,275.00 |
| Amount Collected: | \$6,262.55 |
| Surplus or Shortfall for the week: | (-\$2,012.45) |

Registered Families - 750

The wine we are using at the Eucharist for the month of January is in memory of Chacon and Simms Families donated by Mary Simms. 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.

2009 CONTRIBUTIONS

If you wish to have a copy of your 2009 contribution statement to St. Jude the Apostle Parish, please call the Rectory Office at 708-333-3550 between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday-Friday. **Only requested statements will be mailed.**

THANK YOU!

The Priests and Staff at the Rectory wish to thank you for your many Christmas greetings, kindnesses and gifts. Our sincere prayer is that the New Year of 2010 will bring health, happiness, and true peace to you and your family.

Mass Intentions

The Rectory Office has received the Mass Book for the year **2011**. Anyone who is interested in scheduling Masses for 2011 may come to the **Rectory Office Tuesday through Friday between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM.**

From Deacon Mel Stasinski-

Last week I read a story in the newspaper about people who celebrated the New Year by changing into their swim suits and jumping into Lake Michigan. I think I'll just stick with my usual sparkling grape juice and noise maker. I can't imagine how anyone would want to jump in the lake when it's below freezing outside. But they do. Water has a certain quality about it that draws people to it. As a matter of fact the Bible is filled with stories that refer to water. The Book of Genesis opens with the story of creation and how the earth was formless, and how the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. And we are all familiar with the stories of Noah and the flood as well as how God parted the waters of the sea to allow Moses and the people to cross in safety.

All these references to water are what Bible scholars call types. A type, although having significance in and of itself, points to something else. The waters mentioned above are types of baptism because they pre-figure the baptism of Jesus as well as our own baptism. Jesus stands in the Jordan River and is baptized in its waters as a dove hovers overhead – just like the Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning of creation. This time, however, the Father does not speak the words “Let there be light.” Instead He says “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” Jesus is the new creation – the beloved Son of the Father – who leads us into the waters of baptism as our brother. It is through Him that we become the beloved sons and daughters of the Father as well. In the waters of baptism we are sacramentally immersed in Jesus Himself. He soaks us in divine life as we immerse ourselves in His way of life and His way to life.

Water is a powerful force. It can cleanse, invigorate, soothe and refresh. It is in us and all around us. We need water to live. But there is no more powerful water in all creation that is essential to life, than the water of our baptism.



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THANK YOU!

Through your generosity, the Christmas collection thus far has amounted to \$23,666.96.

If you have not yet turned in your Christmas donation, you may put it in the regular Sunday collection.

A PRAYER FOR PRIEST

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

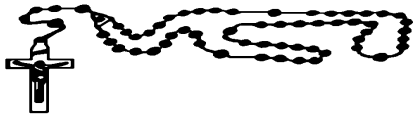
Almighty God, in your love
you bless your Church with priests,
a sign of your faithfulness to your people.

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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COAT DRIVE

The poor are in need of winter coats in this cold weather. During **January**, we will be sponsoring a coat drive for Catholic Charities-South Suburban Services. **Your donated used coats may be placed in the boxes in the Church lobby. Wool caps, gloves and scarves are also needed. Your generosity is appreciated.**

ST. JUDE ROSARY MAKERS

St. Jude Rosary Makers have made well over 35,000 rosaries that have gone all over the world. A steady supply goes to our service men and women in Iraq. Many thanks for the support received and those who make this mission possible.



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THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the Italian Catholic Federation #375 for their generous Christmas donation to our Church.



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KIDS CHOIR CORNER



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Didn't our children sing great at the Mass on Christmas morning and on the Feast of the Epiphany!

Dates to remember:

Saturday, January 16th-Rehearsal 11:00-12:00 Noon.

Sunday, January 17th-11:30 A.M.-Mass.

Saturday, January 23rd-Rehearsal 11:00-12:00 Noon.

Saturday, January 30th-Rehearsal 11:00-12:00 Noon.

PLEASE NOTE:

CHOIR PRACTICE: MEMBERS ARE TO BE IN PLACE BY 10:55 A.M.

CHOIR MASS: MEMBERS ARE TO BE IN PLACE BY 11:11 A.M.

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

SHEDSOMELIGHT

Christ Our Savior Catholic School

Greetings From Your Parish School

Congratulations to Logan Cap and Douglas Roach, Jr., 2009 graduates of Christ Our Savior Catholic School, who were named 2009 Illinois Young Scholars. Logan and Doug join 800 3rd through 8th graders from across Illinois who received such acclaim. Hundreds of students participated in the process to select and honor students who not only excel academically but show that they are well-rounded individuals. We are proud of their accomplishments and wish them well as they continue their educational journey.

Congratulations are also in order to 2006 alumni Chester Peterson who was named a National Achievement Scholarship Program Participant. Chester currently attends Marian Catholic High School.

Christ Our Savior Catholic School is participating in the "Calling All Communities Contest" sponsored by U.S. Cellular. Vote for Christ Our Savior Catholic School to help our school be one of ten schools to win \$100,000. Anyone 18 years or older can go into any U.S. Cellular store to get a code to use online to vote for Christ Our Savior Catholic School (zip code 60473). To vote, visit www.uscellular/callingallcommunities and click on the "Vote for Your School" button. Then enter the code on your card. You must have a valid e-mail address to vote. Next enter Christ Our Savior Catholic School's zip code: 60473. Since we have two campuses, the recommendation is to use the location of the business mailing address. We appreciate your time and effort to help us to be eligible for the chance to win extra funding for our school.

Our next Board of Specified Jurisdiction meeting is on Wednesday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Campus. We are seeking alumni, parishioners, business owners, and community members who would like to serve on this Board. Please contact Cindy Rogers or Karen Brodzik for further details.

With God's Blessings,

**Cindy Rogers, Principal
Karen Brodzik, Assistant Principal**



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Welcome The Baptism of the Lord

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We Are People Of Hope

Today's Gospel story of the Baptism of the Lord seems so fitting now that we have entered the second half of the Catholics Come Home evangelization initiative. During the time of John the Baptist people were waiting in great anticipation for the coming of the Christ. They continued to live in hope that God would save them just as he had promised Abraham and all the generations that came afterward. It was their faith in God and their hope for the future that kept them watchful for the messiah.

Today we have the joy of knowing Jesus, the Christ through our baptism and in our practice of faith. No longer do we wait for salvation for we have tasted it in the Eucharist and felt it in the water and oil of our Baptism. Jesus called us to go out and spread the Good News. That is the reason for the Catholics Come Home evangelization effort. Today we have an opportunity to talk to others about our faith by simply asking, "Have you seen those commercials on TV?" Just by getting people to talk about Catholics Come Home you may be planting the seeds of faith that could blossom in the future.

The first line of today's Gospel may ring true in your hearts today, "The people were filled with expectation." At the halfway point in the Catholics Come Home advertisement schedule some parishes have seen and heard of those who have been moved to return to the Church and others wait expectantly. It is helpful to remember that God is present in all things and we may never really know how our efforts and this invitation back to the Church has touched the lives of those who have drifted. It is through prayer that we can stay grounded in our faith and it is prayer that nurtures the seeds of hope within us.



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ON BAPTISMS, SCRIPTURAL REPETITIONS, AND TAKING NOTICE

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While considering today's readings in preparation for writing this column, I found that the Gospel had a familiar ring to it. To a certain extent, this wasn't surprising to me, given that the Church always gives us an account of our Lord's baptism on this day each year. Still, it seemed fresher than that. You know. Like having a second donut, now, out of the box, instead of wrapping it and having it a year from now, out of the freezer. It didn't take me long to recall that we got a portion of this exact same Gospel passage back in mid-December--on the Third Sunday of Advent--and when this realization hit me, I remembered a priest telling me once that if we hear the same thing in the scriptures more than once, we had really better take notice.

Here's the repeating part, which actually puts the Baptizer in the spotlight even as he shuns away from it: "Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, 'I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'" So...what does the repetition tell us? It tells us--over and over--that John is not the one who is to come. And it tells us, too, that through Jesus comes the Holy Spirit.

Sometime after John delivers this message, Herod--unhappy with John's censure regarding Herodias, Herod's brother's wife--locks the Baptist up and for John, it was the beginning of the end. But John's decreasing runs essentially parallel to Christ's increasing, and this begins in some ways right there in the Jordan: "After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased.'" Speaking of scriptural repetition, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John all write of this occurrence.

Curiously, though, only today's Evangelist--Luke--puts Jesus praying just before the event. Look at it again: "After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized *and was praying*..." This raises a legitimate question: what was the nature of his prayer? I hope to ask him someday, but for now, I can only speculate. And I can only speculate within the context of my own human-ness. I mean...did he pray like I pray? Was he praising the Father? Was he thanking him? Was he *asking* for something? All I know is what comes next: "...heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." Might Christ have been saying the Aramaic version of "Veni Sancte Spiritus", "Come Holy Spirit"? That's my guess, and I embrace it, because even though we hear of Jesus praying thus but once in the four Gospel accounts of his baptism, I'm thinking we had still really better take notice. And more so in this case, perhaps we had really better go and do likewise.



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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 Friday—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.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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