

The Grapevine

St. Jude Newsletter

A quarterly newsletter dedicated to nurturing the growth and community of St. Jude Parish

February-March 2026



Q & A about “Synod 2026 – Spreading the Fire of God’s Love”

By Mary Pohlman

What is a Synod? Many families have a family meeting to decide where the family wants to go on vacation or a boss might call a team meeting to hear everyone’s ideas about a particular project. Bishop Rhoades has called a Synod of our parish family to listen to the experience of every person so that we can build more vibrant parishes who “Spread the Fire of God’s Love”. Synod means we will journey together as a parish and a diocese to work toward this goal.

What are the parish phases of the Synod?

1. Prayer: personal prayer for the Synod; praying the Synod prayer at Mass; participating in our parish’s **Evening Prayer on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 6pm.**
2. Prayerfully reflect on your own experience of parish life using a booklet provided by the diocese focusing on: What’s working well, what are our most pressing needs and where do we need to grow both in our own parish and in the diocese.
3. Participate in our “parish family meeting” (the Parish Consultation day) on **Saturday morning, March 7 from 9 – 11am** This is our day to simply LISTEN to each other’s experiences, to give each parishioner a chance to share his/her reflections without interruptions or comments. Stay for lunch afterwards to share fellowship if you are able.

Why should I participate in this Parish day? Everyone in the parish shares responsibility of helping one another grow in relationship with God. We get the clearest picture of our parish’s strengths and needs by listening to everyone’s experience. Your participation makes a difference in our parish’s vibrancy.

How do I sign up? Fill out a registration form found at the church doors or in the pews on the weekend of Feb. 14 – 15; use the Sign Up Genius on the parish website at stjudefw.org; or call Jessica Heise at the Parish Office (484-6609).

Can I come if I don’t sign up before hand? Certainly, but it does help our planning of space and food to have an idea of how many parishioners will participate.

ST. JUDE LENT & EASTER CALENDAR

February 2026

<i>Sunday</i> 15	<i>Monday</i> 16	<i>Tuesday</i> 17	<i>Wednesday</i> 18	<i>Thursday</i> 19	<i>Friday</i> 20	<i>Saturday</i> 21
Sunday Mass 7am, 9am, 11am 7-8pm Praise & Worship night in church - fellowship following	7am Mass 7:30am Confessions	8am Mass 5-5:45pm Confessions 6pm Mass	ASH WEDNESDAY Mass: 6:30am, 8am 6:30pm *No confessions	8am Mass 5-5:45pm Confessions 6pm Mass	8am Mass 1pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Mass 6:30pm Stations of the Cross	8:15am Mass 9-10am Confessions 3:45-4:30pm Confessions 5pm Mass
<i>Sunday</i> 22	<i>Monday</i> 23	<i>Tuesday</i> 24	<i>Wednesday</i> 25	<i>Thursday</i> 26	<i>Friday</i> 27	<i>Saturday</i> 28
Sunday Mass 7am, 9am, 11am 6pm Opening Prayer Service for Synod	7am Mass 7:30am Confessions	8am Mass 5-5:45pm Confessions 6pm Mass	8am Mass 4:15-4:45pm Confessions 5pm Mass	8am Mass 5-5:45pm Confessions 6pm Mass	8am Mass 1pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Mass 6:30pm Stations of the Cross	8:15am Mass 9-10am Confessions 3:45-4:30pm Confessions 5pm Mass

Stations of Service

Make sure to grab a Stations of Service card to view the many volunteer opportunities that Social Action has organized for our parish this Lent! They will be available beginning on Ash Wednesday in church.



March 2026

<i>Sunday</i> 1	<i>Monday</i> 2	<i>Tuesday</i> 2	<i>Wednesday</i> 4	<i>Thursday</i> 5	<i>Friday</i> 6	<i>Saturday</i> 7
Sunday Mass 7am, 9am, 11am	7am Mass 7:30am Confessions	8am Mass 5-5:45pm Confessions 6pm Mass	8am Mass 4:15-4:45pm Confessions 5pm Mass	8am Mass 5-5:45pm Confessions 6pm Mass	8am Mass 1pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Mass 6:30pm Stations of the Cross	8:15am Mass 9-10am Confessions 9-11am Synod Parish Consultation Day 3:45-4:30pm Confessions 5pm Mass
<i>Sunday</i> 8	<i>Monday</i> 9	<i>Tuesday</i> 10	<i>Wednesday</i> 11	<i>Thursday</i> 12	<i>Friday</i> 13	<i>Saturday</i> 14
Sunday Mass 7am, 9am, 11am	7am Mass 7:30am Confessions	8am Mass 5-5:45pm Confessions 6pm Mass 6-8pm - The Light is on for you	8am Mass 4:15-4:45pm Confessions 5pm Mass	8am Mass 5-5:45pm Confessions 6pm Mass	8am Mass 1pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Mass 6:30pm Stations of the Cross	8:15am Mass 9-10am Confessions 3:45-4:30pm Confessions 5pm Mass
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<i>Sunday</i> 29	<i>Monday</i> 30	<i>Tuesday</i> 31	<i>Wednesday</i> 1	<i>Thursday</i> 2	<i>Friday</i> 3	<i>Saturday</i> 4
PALM SUNDAY Mass: 7am, 9am (Procession), 11am	7am Mass 7:30am Confessions 1pm - Sort & pack food for Easter baskets 5pm - Deliver Easter baskets	8am Mass Chrim Mass at Cathedral *No evening Mass or confessions	8am Mass 4:15-4:45pm Confessions 5pm Mass	HOLY THURSDAY 7pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper *Confessions after Mass	GOOD FRIDAY 12:30pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion *Confessions after the service	HOLY SATURDAY 9-10am Confessions 9pm Vigil Mass
<i>Sunday</i> 5	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>					
EASTER SUNDAY Mass: 7am, 9am, 11am	April 12 1pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour 2pm Reception					



Be a part of a Night of Hope

By Diana Delaney

Our 6th annual Night of Hope dinner & auction is fast approaching on March 21st! The whole St. Jude community is welcome to join us in celebrating our school with this wonderful event! Over the previous 5 years we've raised over \$440,000 for a variety of projects including BenQ boards in all classrooms, replacing the HVAC in the school gym, remodeling a set of school bathrooms, and extra money for supplies for teachers. It takes contributions from many to make this happen!

This year's goal is to raise enough money to replace the aging and outdated public address (PA) system that will keep our school safe, connected, and efficient. This upgrade will bring clear communication to every corner of St. Jude—whether sharing daily announcements, celebrating successes, or responding swiftly in emergencies. With your support, we can ensure every student and staff member hears what matters most. Let's make this

essential improvement a reality—together!

Tickets are on sale now to join us at the dinner/auction at \$60 a seat or sponsorship levels that include a table of 8 start at \$1,000. A ticket includes a full plated dinner & dessert; beer, wine, & pop; and the ability to bid on our live auction items. Bidding on silent auction items is open to ALL and starts at 9am on March 14th. Please visit our website: NightofHope2026.GiveSmart.com to purchase tickets, become a sponsor or make a donation! For more updates, including upcoming previews of silent & live auction items, you can follow us on Facebook (StJudesNightofHope) and Instagram (@nightofhopeauctiondinner)!



Annual Bourbon Pilgrimage

This November 6-7 will be our 4th annual Bourbon Pilgrimage to Kentucky. If you have never joined us, this is a great chance to connect with fellow men while enjoying fellowship, food, and bourbon. This year we will visit Bardstown Distillery for a tour with their Master Distiller, have Mass at the Proto Cathedral in Bardstown, visit Abbey of Gethsemani for silent prayer, and some other fun things. The cost is \$350 and includes distillery visits and hotel stay. Payment is due by March 13th. If you are interested in joining us please contact Kris at kchurch@stjudefw.org





St. Jude School Registration for 2026-2027

January 30, 2026 until February 15, 2026 - St. Jude School will accept re-enrollment and new applications for Current School Families. PreK - 8th grade

February 16, 2026 until March 1, 2026 - St. Jude School will accept applications for new students from Current Parishioner Families who do not have students already attending St. Jude Catholic School.

Starting March 2, 2026 - the application process will be opened to all families interested in attending St. Jude Catholic School.



Knights of Columbus Sponsored Fish Fry

Date: February 27, 2026 **Time:** 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: St. Jude Church Basement

Vendor: Dan's Fish Fry

Price: Dine-In = \$15 ages 13 and up. Carryout = \$10.
Ages 12 and under are FREE

Dine-In = All-you-can-eat fish; with sides of Green Beans, Applesauce, Roll, Chips, Pickles, and beverages

Carryout = 6 pieces of fish and a roll.



New St. Jude Digital Newsletter launching February 16

Subscribe to St. Jude's new digital newsletter through "Flocknote"
The newsletter will be emailed the FIRST and THIRD MONDAY of each month. There are several easy ways to subscribe:

Text "JUDE1929" to 84576

OR GO TO: StJudeCatholicChurch12.flocknote.com

"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

2 Corinthians 3:18



Catholics, Protestants, Orthodox Gather for Ecumenical Prayer Service at St. Jude on January 18



Photos of Prayer Service taken by Scott Warden of Today's Catholic

Photos of reception taken by St. Jude

Read Today's Catholic article about the prayer service at this link or scan the QR code:

<https://todayscatholic.org/catholics-protestants-orthodox-gather-for-ecumenical-prayer-service-in-fort-wayne/>



Renovated Adoration Chapel Marks One Year!



We need 99 to go be with THE ONE!

In our first year of adoring Jesus in our renovated chapel, we experienced a record number of visitors! Our St. Jude parish serves our community and city by providing a peaceful place of prayer, to spend time with our eyes on Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We need 99 more people to schedule weekly visits to ensure Jesus is being adored properly at all times. Jesus taught us in the *Parable of the Lost Sheep* that a good shepherd leaves the 99 to go after the one - because each one is so very special and dear to Him! How about it St. Jude's? Do we have 99 *sheep* that will leave the chaos of life to go be with The One Good Shepherd? He laid His life down for each of us. Are we each able to lay our lives down for 1 hour a week for Him?

~ Amy Delaney, Adoration Chapel Admin

Chapel Volunteer Opportunities

- Invite others to visit Jesus in our chapel
- Join our Volunteer Cleaning Crew
~ Quick Holy Hour Refresh
- Become a substitute adoror
- Join our Adoration Coverage Team
~ 4 coordinators needed
- Help with Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration
- Help with Adorer Fall Feast and Social
- Be a liaison to a Parish outside of St. Jude, high school or college
- Join prayer ministry of women praying for our priests (7 Sisters Apostolate)
- Donate Financially – to general adoration fund or for specific item
- Donate Needed Items – i.e. tissues, cleaning supplies, rosaries, other

Please join in Praying Daily for our Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Let us pray...

Mondays

for an increase in adoration devotion in our parish

Tuesday

for an increase in scheduled holy hours in our St. Jude Adoration Chapel

Wednesday

For an increase of visitors in our chapel

Thursday

for homebound adorers who desire to attend but are unable to be present

Friday

for those who are unfamiliar with adoration to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist

Saturday

for an end to the obstacles preventing adoration

Sunday

for an increase in Eucharistic Adoration worldwide

Amen.

ADORATION SCHEDULE BY THE HOURS & NUMBERS

TOTAL # SCHEDULED ADORERS NEEDED TO COMPLETE SCHEDULE (2 adorers per hour)	336
CURRENT # OF SCHEDULED ADORERS	245

Current # Scheduled Hours by St. Jude Parishioners	157
Current # Scheduled Hours from 15 other parishes	88
Current # Substitute Adorers	78
Current # Hours filled by Substitutes (each week)	15

TOTAL HOURS IN EACH WEEK	168
Current # hours w/ 2+ SCHEDULED ADORERS	69
Current # hours w/ 1 SCHEDULED ADORERS	99
Current # hours w/ 0 SCHEDULED ADORERS	0
CURRENT # SCHEDULED ADORERS WE NOW NEED TO COMPLETE THE SCHEDULE	99

To schedule an hour, volunteer, or for questions contact:
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Youth Ministry is Ready to *THINK SPRING & SUMMER*

Over the past few months our young church has been very active caroling through St. Anne's, working with Women's Care Center for new babies, and feeding the hungry with Out of a Jam. We have also had great fellowship with movie days, game nights, and Christmas parties. Our faith is ever growing through Bible and Breakfast, God Squad, and the Imago Dei Fall Retreat. We are on a roll and ready to look forward to some major events happening this spring and summer.

The following is a list of events that you will want to mark your calendars for and register as soon as possible because they fill up fast.

Spring High School Retreat: March 14-15

Location: St. Jude Campus

Registration is open now! \$40

Contact youthministry@stjudefw.org for registration information

Current 8th graders are invited to participate in events happening over the summer.

High School Mission Trip: June 7-12

Servicing Fort Wayne Lodging at St. Louis, Besancon

Registration opening in March. \$150 for the whole week

Adults are needed in various ways to help throughout the week.

Please contact youthministry@stjudefw.org if you are willing to help in any capacity for the week.

Steubenville Conference—Main Campus: June 19-21

Franciscan University of Steubenville: One of the most impactful conference our kids have attended

Registration is open now! We have very limited spots. \$275 (possibility for 50% scholarships)

Contact youthministry@stjudefw.org for registration information

The following are conferences many high schoolers from our parish have attended in the past, but we do not take a group from St. Jude. To attend the following you will register directly with them.

-ND Vision: Notre Dame Vision - June 22-26 or July 6-10

-Holy Cross Saints and Scholars - July 12-17 (can do back to back with ND Vision July date)

-Life Defenders Summer Camp - June 11– June 13