

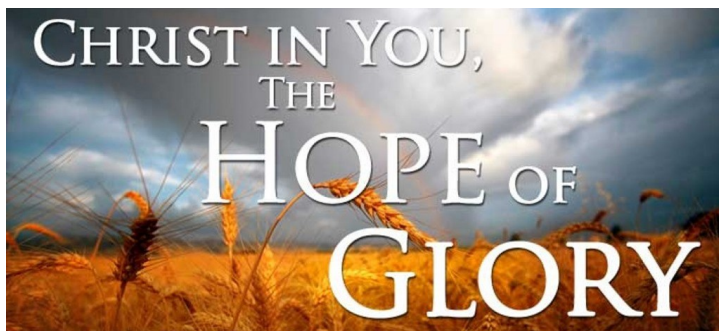
The Grapevine



St. Jude Newsletter

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

October/November 2025



St. Jude Parish Mission

Oct. 26, 27, & 28

Presenter Father Jake Schneider from St. Elizabeth's

Oct. 26 "From Sojourners to Saints"

7pm—evening prayer & talk 8pm—reception

Oct. 27 "Saints on the Narrow Way"

7pm—evening prayer & talk 8pm—reception

Oct. 28 "St. Jude, Beacon of Hope"

7pm—Mass 8pm—reception

A youth program will be offered / Childcare available

Why a Parish Mission?

A parish is the concrete community in which the gospel has been received and is changing lives. It is in the parish where people begin to know and love the Body of Christ mysteriously through the sacraments and the people who receive them. As a parish, we are outward focused being that bridge between God and the world around us. In our various apostolates, we can become stressed, tired, and even waver in our work. In order to continue our ministry of Christ to the world, the Lord will invite us to **"come with me privately to a desolate place and rest awhile."** The parish mission is the rest from work and intimate time with Christ.

St. Peter writes to us today, **"By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little**



while you may have to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

In what ways has God has mercy upon us? Not only in our personal sins, but as a people far from him, we are brought close and the great work he accomplished for us has given us a great purpose, from being just sojourners in this world to the great call of being saints. No matter where we are in our journey of sanctity; it is great to know that our inheritance is imperishable, cannot be erased or forgotten, and that gives us confidence. Whereas everything else in our life can decay and even being taken away, our salvation is given as imperishable seed that cannot be destroyed, but through our parish is growing into its fulfillment, no matter how slow or through whatever trials we face.

And our response to all of this is joy! But is that our experience? And can others feel or recognize the joy we have in Christ? The parish mission reconnects to our source in Christ and those who have formed the body of Christ, our parish. It is the ultimate retreat of the parish to pray, to ponder the mysteries of Christ, and to socialize and continue to uncover the depths of the treasure that the Father has given us through Christ in the Holy Spirit.

If you feel you are dragging your feet as a Christian or nostalgia has replaced your joy heed Christ's command, "Come away with me for a while and rest."

See you October 26 for Vespers at 7PM to kick off the Mission! Know of my prayers for you, may the peace of Christ be with you.

**Warmest regards through Christ,
Fr. Jake Schneider**



1985-2025

*Celebrating 40 Years of
Adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.*

Body ✦ Blood ✦ Soul ✦ Divinity

St. Jude Perpetual Adoration Chapel Committee

invites YOU to our

40th Anniversary

CELEBRATION POTLUCK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th

6:15 pm in the PARISH HALL

(Immediately following the 5pm Mass)

In Thanksgiving for the

**40th Anniversary of our
St. Jude Perpetual Adoration Chapel**

- ✦ Pray for the chapel founders,
priests, and all past adorers
who gave us this gift.
- ✦ Pray for our current and future adorers
who make it possible to continue
perpetual adoration.

Bring your intentions to Jesus

Write your intentions below and place in box in the chapel.





Confirmation

September 20, 2025



St. Jude School
Musical



St. Jude HASA presents

2025 Trivia Night



November 22 at 7pm

\$200 per team of 10

Register your team TODAY with Tera Hogan at 260-237-2542 or email at terakhogan@gmail.com

Proceeds go toward St. Jude School HASA events like this, Family Dance, Mother Son Bowling, Plant Show, etc.

Grab your friends, coworkers, or team of 10 strangers, get dressed up for one night and come ready to have some fun!

Categories and questions for all ages! Winner of the whole thing wins free entry to next years TN. Prize for the team that exhibits the most team spirit related to a Prom theme as voted by the participants. Door prizes, 50/50 raffle, and lots more fun!

New to St. Jude-this is the perfect time to meet new people, if you need help filling a table of 10 just let me know and I can try to help you out!

Beer, Selzers and wine provided. Bring your own snacks.

Doors open at 6pm to decorate your table.

Night of Hope 2026

by Diana Delaney

As the new school year has kicked off, so has planning for our 2026 Night of Hope dinner & auction! The whole St. Jude School & Parish community is invited to join us on the evening of Saturday, March 21st, to celebrate our wonderful school and raise additional funds to support the good work that they do. The 2026 Night of Hope will be our 6th annual, and in the past, we have raised money to put BenQ boards (smart boards) in all classrooms, redo the 4th grade hall bathrooms (across from the old office), give teachers additional funds for supplies, and replace the HVAC system in the school gym.

All of this is because of the \$447,000 that the first 5 years of Night of Hope raised. It truly takes the generosity of so many to make this possible, from



sponsors & donors to everyone who bids (whether they win or not!), teachers who let us steal a little class time to make projects, and parents who organize and put together baskets. Tickets will go on sale in early January. More information about the 2026 project will be coming, as well as details on the dinner and auction. Please be sure to look for more in the December Grapevine as well as the bulletin, as we begin to seek sponsors and pull together live and silent auction items. You can also follow us on Facebook (StJudesNightofHope) and Instagram (@nightofhopeauctiondinner).

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Night of Hope is a wonderful celebration of our school community, and it takes the work and contributions of many people to make it a success!

by Nancy Howe

We are in our third year of the Virtue=Strength program at the school. It is a program that was developed by Lou Judd, the Executive Director of VirtueStrength.org and CatholicAthletes.com. The program is based on Catholic virtues, offering many ways to teach and implement our virtues in daily life in schools and athletics. Every month, Mr. Judd's company sends a plethora of resources to our school, and many other schools across the country.

The program is designed to provide monthly virtues and weekly strengths that support the virtue. The amount of information that is provided for each virtue and strength is amazing, which allows teachers & staff to implement the program according to their classroom's needs, their teaching styles, and allows for flexibility for unexpected changes.

We have found ways to include it in many aspects of our daily lives at St. Jude. Mr. Obergfell does a weekly video on the virtue or strength that is our focus and all of the students view the video throughout the week.



Father Emmanuel includes the virtue or strength in his homily, we put posters around the school each week with the current topic, teachers use various activities in their lessons that reflect the virtue or strength. Mrs. Howe incorporates the virtues and strengths into her lessons and the athletic teams are provided with information to utilize during games or practices as well.

This has been a great resource to strengthen our Catholic identity for the young people of our school and parish. Please feel free to contact Nancy Howe, Social Worker, at 484-4611 if you would like further information about the program.



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Grief workshop

Saturday, Nov. 1

“Grief is not a disorder, a disease or a sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical and spiritual necessity, the price you pay for love. The only cure for grief is to grieve.” Earl Grollman

by Pat Tighe

Grieving is a natural response to the loss of a loved one. Awareness that grief may affect every aspect of our lives is the beginning of our healing process. Every year around “ All Souls Day” the Social Action Committee offers a Grief Workshop here at St Jude. The day is designed to provide anyone who has suffered the death of a loved one an opportunity to explore, learn, feel and pray about their loss. We learn about the process of grieving and what to expect as we journey on our own unique path of grief. Sharing in small groups allows us to reflect on our loss with others who have experienced similar pain and seek hope and healing. We close each workshop with a lovely candle lighting service.

This year the presenter is Deb Denzel, a parishioner of St. Elizabeth. The loss of her 22 year old daughter in a car accident in 2014 started her own grief journey. In the following years, she has participated in numerous grief support groups and started the Grieving with Great Hope program at St. Elizabeth. She will share her wisdom, knowledge and experience with us and gently lead down the road of healing with hope.

All are welcomed to attend, even if you have attended a grief workshop before or are further along on your grief journey.

**8:15am—
Mass of Remembering**

**9am-noon—
Grief Workshop**