Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle

75th Anniversary

Cathedral Parish and School of the Diocese of St. Petersburg

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations. ~Matthew 28:19

November 30, 2025 ~ First Sunday of Advent

Welcome!
The Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle is a Catholic community dedicated to growth in Faith, Prayer, and Service.

Cathedral Hours
Monday – Friday, 7:30 am to 7:00 pm

Chapel Hours
Monday – Friday, 7:30 am to 7:00 pm
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Weekday Mass
Monday – Friday
8:15 am, Chapel
11:00 am, Cathedral

Mass Weekends ~ Cathedral
Saturday, 8:15 am
Saturday, 4:00 pm Vigil
Sunday, 8:00 am, 9:30 am,
11:30 am, and 6:00 pm

Confession
Monday – Friday
After the 11:00 am Mass
Saturday 8:45 am to 9:45 am

Rosary
3:30 pm Saturday and
9:05 am on Sundays

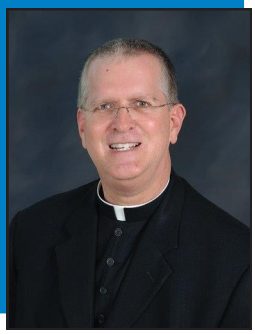
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction ~ Cathedral
Tuesday, 8:45 am to 9:45 am
Thursday, 11:30 am to 6:30 pm

Novena to St. Jude
Mondays at 8:45 am

Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
First Fridays at 8:45 am

Anointing of the Sick
Last Saturday of the month
following the 4:00 pm Mass





Dear Friends



We begin our celebration of the new Church year on this First Sunday of Advent with the Blessing of Advent Wreaths. Parishioner reflections, of a symbol of hope in their lives, for our traditional Advent Tree of Hope prior to our Sunday Advent Masses.

We will be blessing hay next weekend, December 6-7, at all our Sunday Masses. You will be invited to take some blessed hay home with you.



You can add it to your nativity scene, or you can follow the custom and tuck it under the tablecloth. By putting straw on the table, we make our homes like Bethlehem, a word that means *the house of bread*. Whenever we welcome guests to eat with us in love, our home becomes a place where God comes to live.



We will be celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception this week. The Mass schedule is Monday, December 8 at 8:15 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm, and 7:00 pm. Masses will be in the Cathedral.



Mark your calendars for our Advent Evening of Confessions, Wednesday, December 10 from 7 :00 pm to 8:00 pm, in the Cathedral.



Please remember that we will once again celebrate ***Bambinelli* Sunday** on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 13-14 at all our Weekend Masses. The children and all parishioners will be invited to bring their figures of the Christ Child to be blessed from your home Nativity sets.



The St. Jude Christmas Wafer, ***Oplatek* Service,** will take place on Sunday, December 21 at 1:45 pm in Our Lady's Chapel. The breaking of the Christmas wafer is a custom that began in Poland in the 10th century and is practiced by people of Polish ancestry around the world. The Christmas wafer symbolizes the unity of the family, which many consider to be the main pillar of society.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom Morgan



Readings for the Week

Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122, 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday, December 1, Advent Weekday
Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 2, Advent Weekday
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 3, Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 4, Advent Weekday
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 5, Advent Weekday
Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 6, Advent Weekday
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Homebound Ministry

If you or a family member is homebound and unable to come to Mass, please let the parish office know if you would like to receive the Eucharist at home 727-347-9702.



In Sympathy

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Please pray for our deceased loved ones.

Mass Intentions and Celebrants

Saturday, November 29		
8:15 am	Josephine Christiana †	Fr. Andrew Burns
4:00 pm	Barbara and Peter Stonitsch †	Fr. Ken Breen
Sunday, November 30		
8:00 am	For Our Parishioners	Fr. Andrew Burns
*9:30 am	Afra Vas	Fr. Tom Morgan
11:30 am	Maryvonne Govindin †	Fr. Andrew Burns
4:00 pm	Italian Mass	Fr. Tony Fortunato
6:00 pm	Alicia Masterson †	Fr. Jim Gigliotti
Monday, December 1		
8:15 am	Rosa Joseph †	Fr. Tom Morgan
11:00 am	Maria Padron †, Charles Davis †, and Florence Centofanti †	Fr. Ken Breen
Tuesday, December 2		
8:15 am	Leonardo Suralta †	Fr. Tom Morgan
11:00 am	Margaret Kovacz †	Fr. Jim Gigliotti
Wednesday, December 3		
8:15 am	Manuela Justo †	Fr. Andrew Burns
11:00 am	Eleanor Poole †	Fr. Ken Breen
Thursday, December 4		
8:15 am	Jennifer Trumbull †	Fr. Tony Fortunato
11:00 am	Fr. Paul Mangiafico †	Fr. Andrew Burns
Friday, December 5		
8:15 am	Angelo Tiseo †	Fr. Andrew Burns
11:00 am	Cirilo Legaspi †	Fr. Tom Reilly
Saturday, December 6		
8:15 am	Nancy MacMurray †	Fr. Ken Breen
4:00 pm	William Terry †	Fr. Andrew Burns
Sunday, December 7		
8:00 am	Thomas Lee, Jr. †	Fr. Ken Breen
*9:30 am	Theresa Abraham †	Fr. Tom Morgan
11:30 am	For Our Parishioners	Fr. Tom Morgan
6:00 pm	Maryanne Poppa †	Fr. Andrew Burns

Celebrant Subject to Change

***9:30 am Sunday Mass, Holy Communion under both kinds**

Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound

The Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to the Homebound connect the worshipping community with parishioners who are unable to attend Mass for any reason. **We are in desperate need of Homebound Ministers.** To find our more, please email Angie Gerdes at **office@cathedralofstjude.org.**



Dear Friends,

I thank Linda Wathen, our Liturgy Coordinator, for her efforts in hospitality to seek additional greeters and assistance to keep the Cathedral always ship shape.

Hospitality from Biblical times has always been part of our call. We witness this in Genesis 18:1-3. We hear our call in Hebrews 13:2, "Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." Jesus shares with us His Heart's desire when He says, in Matthew 25:35, to welcome the stranger. It is our hope that all who come to our doors to worship with us will recognize in us the love of Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom Morgan

Prayer to St. Jude

Most Holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered your beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases and of things despaired of.

Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use, I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of.



Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolations and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly — **here mention your petition** — and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever.

I promise you, O blessed Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, and I will never cease to honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to do all in my power to encourage devotion to you. Amen.

Cathedral Hospitality Opportunities

Greeters Needed!

- **Wanted:** people with welcoming spirits and a desire to offer hospitality to others
- **When**: before and **after** Mass
- **What:**
  - Open doors for people entering the Cathedral
  - Warmly greet them with a word and a smile
  - Provide assistance with questions or directions
  - *Hybrid Greeter*, assist with passing the basket at the offertory
  - Distribute the parish bulletin as people leave the Cathedral
  - Sign up to be on the Hospitality Team. Scan the QR code or go to **stjudesp.org** and click on ministries

Keep Our Cathedral Neat and Tidy

- **Wanted**: men, women, homeschool families, etc.
- **When**: Mondays at 1:00 pm to spruce up the Cathedral after the weekend Masses.
- **What:**
  - straighten the books in the pews
  - remove items left behind
  - restock information tables
  - align chairs

Contact Linda at **linda@cathedralofstjude.org** or 727.347.9702 ext. 308.

Many hands make light work.

Scan me!

CURRENT GREETERS - In order to update our active greeter roster, please send an email with **your name**, **phone number** and **Mass you attend** to **linda@cathedralofstjude.org**

Sincere Thank you

Thank you once again for the generous donations for the St. Joseph Food Pantry Thanksgiving Day Food Collection and thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Robbie Shafer, and Greg McMahon, our Facilities Supervisor, for delivering the bags of food to St. Joseph Catholic Church.









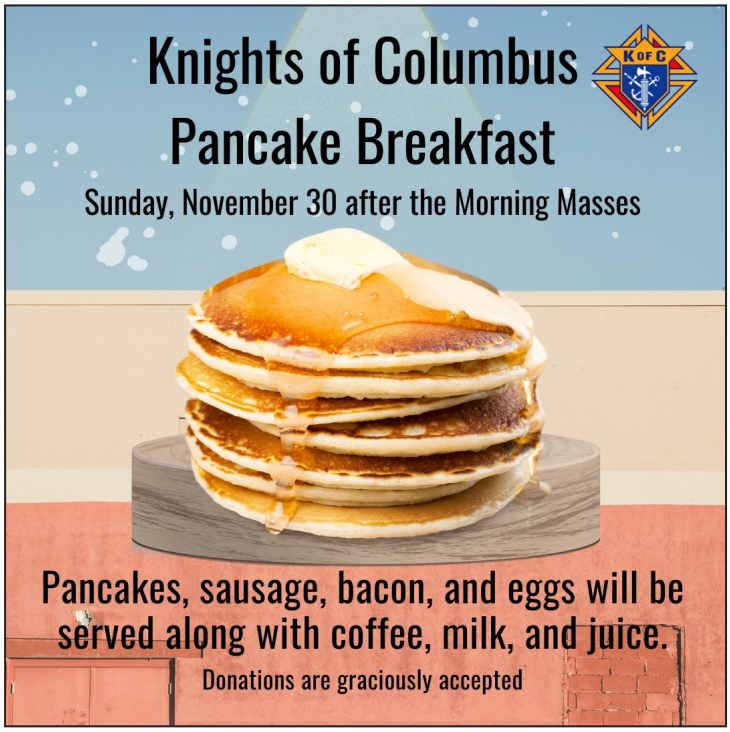


Angel Tree

The Cathedral of St. Jude will again be hosting our *Angel Tree* program to fulfill the requests of so many of those in need this year.

Beginning this weekend you can find the *Angel Tree* located in the cathedral near the St. Jude statue. On the tree you will find *Angel* tags. Each tag will represent the Christmas wish of a child, or need of an adult/ family in our community.

Simply take a tag of your choice, purchase your gift and tape the tag to the outside of the unwrapped package, placing it back under the tree in the Cathedral, or bring to the parish office by December 21. If you have any questions, please call Mary Scott 727-384-1718.



2025 USCCB
Special Pastoral Message on Immigration

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (*Genesis* 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (*Zechariah* 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (*2 Corinthians* 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (*Luke* 10:30–37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (*Matthew* 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (*John* 13:34).

> "To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (*cf. 1 Corinthians* 12:26). You are not alone!"

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We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint!
(cf. Romans *5:5*)

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.

The USCCB Special Pastoral Message on Immigration was issued on November 12, 2025 at the Fall Plenary Assembly of Bishops in Baltimore. It was approved by the general membership of bishops and released for immediate distribution.



United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Additional Resources

More information about migration and Catholic social teaching can be found on the USCCB's website: usccb.org/resources/migrationandCST

To support the Church's longstanding accompaniment of newcomers, the USCCB has launched You Are Not Alone. More information about the initiative is available on the Justice for Immigrants website: justiceforimmigrants.org/you-are-not-alone

The USCCB invites Catholics to consider The Cabrini Pledge as a reminder of our immigrant heritage and a call to deeper engagement with our faith in response to current events: usccb.org/cabrinipledge

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Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727 - 347 - 9702

Special Intentions

We ask that you pause for a moment to offer a prayer for the intentions of our loved ones.

Adams, Ryan
Allen, Lee
Angelini, Anthony
Angelini, Frank and Gloria
Angelini, Karen
Angelini, Michael
Aucoin, Jacquee
Aucoin, Joe
Bastow, Shawn
Bell, Justin
Bell, Michael
Bennett, Bill
Blair, Dylan and Family
Brodfuehrer, Jonathan
Brown, Norma
Bourke, Thomas
Bowen, Laura Lee
Burch, Tammy
Burdnick, Connie
Burge, Lisbeth C.
Burke, Timothy
Campbell, Joseph
Casey, Sean
Clairmont, Travis
Cleary, William A.
Cross, Trinka
DeCicco, Carol
DeCicco, Jackie
DeDios, Femina
Dove, Mary and Guy
Duncan, Dan J.
Ferrara, Kim
Fine-Singer, Barbara
Frailey, Bernard
French, Cindy
Gonzales, Sylvia
Graham, Debbie and Family
Graham, Sandra
Grossi, Zachary
Gruchacz, John
Hay, Joe
Hixon, Carol
Hoffman, MaryAnn
Johnson, Clara
Johnson, Cyndy
Kennedy, Mary
Lacey Family
Lopez, Ella
Lowen, Michelle
Laurino, Mary
Littman, Charles
Malagiero, Donna
Malagiero, Family
Maloy, Knute Cover
Martin, Desery
Marzullo, Sabrina
Meade, Dorothy
Moore, Lynn
Palmer, Russ
Patterson Family
Patterson, Victor
Ranier Seeth, Julie
Raulf, Matthew, Jr.
Rose, Rita and Family
Roberson, Cheryl
Ryniec, Joan
Sharma, Brian
St. Raphael, Polly and Family
Scheipe, Grace
Shroeder, Karen
Smith, Adrill
Spatafora, Jeanne
Spurell, Patricia
Stocking, Robert
Tufaner, Tricia
Wagner, Margaret
Wilcox, MaryAnn

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from this list, please contact the parish office at 727-347-9702 or office@cathedralofstjude.org

The Rekindling

The Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group

Come join us experience Jesus through:

Praise & Worship
Scripture
Sharing
Healing Prayer
Ecumenical

FIRE OF THE SPIRIT

Cathedral of St. Jude Parish Center
Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 pm

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Ministry remains active with requests from and for our parishioners. If you have a prayer request or if you know of someone suffering and would like to request prayer intercessions, please email **sjacprayerwarriors@gmail.com** or contact the **Fire of the Spirit Prayer Line at 727-686-8451.**

Prayer for Priests and Future Priests

Please join us as we pray for the priests and seminarians in our Diocese and continue to pray that more young people will answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Bishop Parkes has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Prayer Calendar

11/30 ~ Rev.. Chien Dinh, SVD
12/01~ Rev. Krzysztof Gazdowicz
12/02 ~ Rev. Anthony Astrab
12/03 ~ For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
12/04 ~ Rev. John J. Blum
12/05 ~ Rev. Joshua Hare
12/06 ~ Anthony Bolin, Seminarian

Let us pray

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of Your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

Baptism

Would you like to have your child Baptized?

If your child is under the age of seven and you would like more information about how to have your child Baptized into the Faith, please contact Anne Koster at akoster@cathedralofstjude.org or 727-347-9702.

We offer baptism class on the first Sunday of each month following the 9:30 am Mass in our parish office conference room. Please register one week in advance. Visit our website at **www.stjudesp.org** for more information.

We are grateful for all who are involved with our Baptism Ministry.



First Holy Communion

Would you like your child to receive First Holy Communion?

The Cathedral Parish welcomes second graders and also older children who have not received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

For more information, please contact Louanne Gerdes at **lgerdes@cathedralofstjude.org**

Confirmation

Would you like your child to be Confirmed?

The Cathedral Parish welcomes eighth graders to our preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation. For more information, please contact Robbie Shafer in parish office at **rshafer@cathedralofstjude.org** or 727-347-9702. Registration is online at **stjudesp.org**

OCIA and Adult Confirmation

Interested in the Catholic Church and Faith?
Already a Catholic adult but not yet Confirmed?

If you would like to know more about the Catholic Church or about how to become Catholic or if you have you already been baptized and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, contact Deacon John Carter or Charmaine Carter at **ccarter@cathedralofstjude.org** or by calling the parish office, 727-347-9702.

Vocations

Considering a Vocation to the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate, or Religious life?

If you are considering a vocation to the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate, or Religious Life, and would like more information and resources for prayerful discernment, please contact Fr. Xavy Castro at the Diocese of St. Petersburg's Office of Vocations, spvocation@dosp.org or 727-345-3452.



Marriage

Recently engaged? Congratulations!

For information on how we can help you with your wedding and marriage, please contact Carol Fox at **cfox@cathedralofstjude.org** or 727-347-9702.

Knights of Columbus

All Catholic gentlemen are encouraged to join the Cathedral of St. Jude Knights of Columbus Council 14178 in performing acts of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Bob Bielicki, Grand Knight
727-560-3389 or concreteb7@aol.com
Join online at **www.KofC.org**

Columbiettes of the Cathedral of St. Jude

The Columbiettes are an auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus. We are a friendly group of ladies who help serve our parish with Coffee and Donuts, Fish Frys, and various other church functions. We also do fundraising to support local charities.

We welcome new members!

Please contact Pam Bielicki at **pjb50302@aol.com** or 727-244-3506

St. Joseph Volunteers



The members of the St. Joseph Volunteer Ministry help with short-term projects in the parish. As these opportunities arise, we send an email to those who have signed up for this ministry. We greatly appreciate any time they can give us.

To join the St. Joseph Volunteers, sign up at **https://stjudesp.org/ministry/st-joseph-volunteers/** For more information, contact
Charmaine Carter at **ccarter@cathedralofstjude.org** or the parish office at 727-347-9702.

Serra Club of St. Petersburg

Are you interested in promoting vocations? The Serra Club meets every second Tuesday of the month in the St Jude Parish Office conference room at 7:00 pm.

We participate in many activities to foster and pray for vocations. If you would like to find out more information about the Serra Club of St. Petersburg, please contact Cindy Shafer at **cmshafer01@gmail.com** or you can call her at 727-804-2109.

Parish Nursing

Our Parish Nursing Ministry **needs volunteers** for Faith Community Nursing. Faith community nurses are licensed, registered nurses who practice wholistic health for self, individuals and the community using nursing knowledge combined with spiritual care.

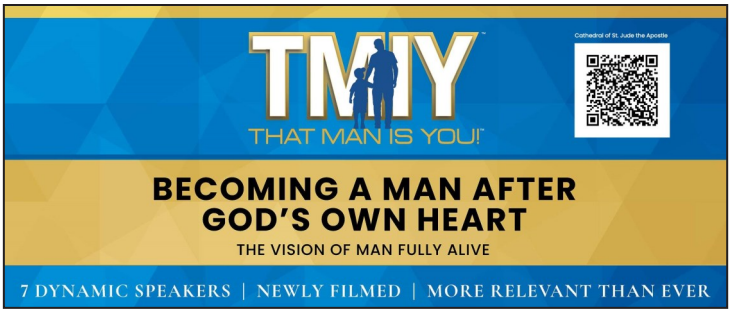
If you are interested, please contact Josie De Dios through her email at **jcdd1990@gmail.com**

The next blood pressure screening will be December 14 during coffee and donuts in the parish center and will continue once a month. Check back for the date! Thank you Faith Community Nurses!



2026 Spirit FM Catholic Women's Conference

Women from across the Diocese are invited to a day of faith, fellowship, and renewal at the Spirit FM Catholic Women's Conference. The event includes Mass, inspiring speakers, uplifting music, and time for prayer and reflection. Vendors and ministries will also be present. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Tickets are now available. Join us as we grow together in faith!
Learn more at **MySpiritFM.com/WomensConference**



Men - You are always welcome at TMIY!

Fall Session now through December 12.

Fridays 6:00—7:30 am in the Parish Center.

https://stjudesp.org/ministry/that-man-is-you/

Spring Session starts January 16, 2026.

Abundance
Holy Hour for Vocations

The Office of Vocations and the Serra Club of St. Petersburg host a monthly Holy Hour for vocations at the Cathedral. The next Abundance Holy Hour is **Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm.**

Join us in person or by livestream at www.stjudesp.org

All are welcome to join in praying for an abundance of vocations in the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

If you think God may be offering you this grace, contact Fr. Xavy Castro, Director of the Office of Vocations, spvocation@dosp.org or 727-345-3452.



Flocknote

The Cathedral parish and ministries use **Flocknote** emails to stay in contact with parishioners and to send alerts.

To sign-up, text *Jude* to 84576 or connect with us online at Stjudesp.org. You may unsubscribe at any time.

I Can Eat a Rainbow and Get Your Fit On



This program is brought to you by our Faith Community Nurses and BayCare Kids.

I Can eat A Rainbow is a caterpillar puppet, along with an interactive read-aloud, to teach pre-Kindergarten children about the importance of eating five healthy fruits and vegetables every day. Children identify and color match fruits and vegetables, then finish the program with a musical movement activity.

Get Your Fit On is a fun, interactive program aimed at 7-year olds reviews nutrition information based on MY-PLATE. Children are encouraged to make healthy choices from the 5 food groups and get a minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity every day. A musical movement activity is included to inspire fun, daily exercise.

Jan. 17 from 10:00 am to 11:00am in our parish center.

Please make sure to register by emailing Josie at Josefina.dedios@baycare.org or at jcdd1990@gmail.com

Welcome. CRHP 2.0
There is More to Life

A Special Opportunity for Women
St. Jude Parishioners

Come to the next women's Welcome weekend! It's an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Whether you want to connect with other women in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of your everyday to have fun and not have to cook or clean, you will find what you are looking for—and more.

Where: St. Jude Cathedral Parish Center
When: Saturday, January 10, 2026 8am - 8pm
Sunday, January 11, 2026 8am – 3 pm

To register or get more information, visit https://stjudesp.org/news/womens-welcome-3/ or call the office at 727-347-9702.



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Offertory

Each one of you has received a special grace, so like good stewards…put it at the service of others.

~ 1 Peter 4:8-11

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Offertory totals will be reported in next week's bulletin.

We are so close to our goal!

Help us reach it!

Catholic Ministry Appeal 2025

Reported as of November 13, 2025	
Cathedral Goal 2025	$ 164,534
Pledged	**$ 141,996**
Paid	$ 138,499
Shortfall of Goal	**(26,035)**
Number of Families	1490
Number of Pledges	315
Average Pledge	$ 451
Percentage of Families Making Pledges	21%
% of Goal Pledged	86%
% of Goal Paid	84%

Your contributions to the CMA help serve thousands in need throughout our diocese.

Thank you for each and every gift!

Online Giving

Make Giving Easier

Please visit the Cathedral website **stjudesp.org** on your mobile device, click the **Online Giving** link, and begin giving.

This weekend, we will have a second collection for Catholic Relief Services.

EMERGENCY FACTSHEET OCTOBER 31, 2025

CRS Responds to Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica and Haiti



CONTEXT

The full extent of Hurricane Melissa's destruction is now coming into focus, as the powerful storm swept across Jamaica, Haiti and Cuba, leaving at least 50 people dead. Jamaica suffered the greatest impact. At its peak, Hurricane Melissa reached sustained winds of 185 mph, making it one of the most intense Atlantic storms in more than a century—surpassing even Hurricane Katrina.

Across the island, roofs made from zinc sheets and wood were no match for Melissa's winds, leaving families exposed and entire neighborhoods destroyed.

"In Jamaica, many people live in homes that are just not built for storms like this," said Bishop John Persaud of Montego Bay. "Churches, schools, rectories, and convents have lost their roofs. In Montego Bay, families are sleeping in parish halls or churches with nothing but tarps between them and the night sky."

While Melissa did not make direct landfall in Haiti, the storm has produced heavy rains that triggered flash flooding and landslides in many areas of the Grand Sud, blocking major national routes. These kinds of powerful, fast-moving storms are becoming more frequent as the warming climate fuels more destructive hurricanes—and it is always the poorest families who suffer the most.

Urgent needs across the region include safe shelter, clean water, food and hygiene supplies.

CRS AND PARTNER RESPONSE

In Jamaica, Caritas Antilles and local dioceses are leading emergency response coordination with CRS support. In anticipation of emergencies like this, CRS prepositioned more than 2,000 kits in St. Lucia containing water, sanitation and hygiene supplies, along with other essential items. These supplies are already being deployed to Jamaica.

CRS has decades of experience in regional emergency response, with 100 staff members and Caritas partners in Haiti and local partners in Jamaica. CRS has invested years in building local capacity. Trained volunteers are now deployed in shelters and communities, ensuring timely and ethical humanitarian assistance. We continue to support Caritas and our partners across the region.



A man rests on a bicycle near destroyed houses in Black River, Jamaica, *Photo credit: AP Photo/Matias Delacroix*

> *"When disasters strike the Caribbean, it is the Church—through her parishes, priests, and lay volunteers—who are often the first to respond and the last to leave.*
>
> -MARCIA HAYWOOD, CARITAS ANTILLES

EMERGENCY RELIEF PRIORITIES

- **Shelter**—Tarps, bedding and materials for protection, plus support for shelter providers.
- **Food and essential supplies**—Cash assistance and direct distribution of food and essentials.
- **Water, sanitation and hygiene**—Hygiene kits, sanitation supplies and clean water access.
- **Emotional and mental health support**—Psychological first aid and help for families coping with loss.
- **Long-term recovery**—Support for families and communities to rebuild homes and livelihoods.

HOW TO HELP

- Donate online: crs.org/donate/tropical-storm-melissa
- Donate by phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS
- Donate by check: Catholic Relief Services, Hurricane Melissa P.O. Box 5278, Tipton, IA 52772-0517

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Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support last weekend for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! The donations will go to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit **www. usccb.org/nationalcollections** and click "How to Give" under "Resources." #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection.

Weekly Events Calendar

Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent
Pancake Breakfast after the Morning Masses
8:00 am Mass
9:30 am Mass
9:30 am OCIA: Breaking Open the Word and Children's Class
10:30 am **No** Children's Faith Formation FIRE
11:30 am Mass
3:00 pm Italian Mass
6:00 pm Mass

Monday, December 1
7:45 am Morning Prayer, Chapel
8:15 am Mass, Chapel
8:45 am Novena to St. Jude, Chapel
11:00 am Mass in the Cathedral, Confessions following
5:30 pm Women's Welcome
6:00 pm American Heritage Girls
7:00 pm Bible Study Gospel of John via ZOOM

Tuesday, December 2
7:45 am Morning Prayer, Chapel
8:15 am Mass, Chapel
8:45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, Chapel
11:00 am Mass in the Cathedral, Confessions following
7:00 pm SVDP
7:00 pm OCIA

Wednesday, December 3
7:45 am Morning Prayer, Chapel
8:15 am Mass, Chapel
9:00 am School Women's Ministry, School Office
9:30 am Mom's Group, Parish Office
11:00 am Mass in Cathedral, Confessions following
5:30 pm EDGE
6:30 pm Cathedral Choir Practice
7:30 pm Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group

Thursday, December 4
6:00 am TMIY
7:45 am Morning Prayer, Chapel
8:15 am Mass, Chapel
11:00 am Mass in the Cathedral, Confessions following
5:30 pm Confirmation Class, Youth
7:00 pm Bible Study: Luke-Acts

Friday, December 5
7:45 am Morning Prayer, Chapel
8:15 am Mass, Chapel
8:45 am Sacred Heart Devotion
11:00 am Mass in the Cathedral, Confessions following

Saturday, December 6
7:45 am Morning Prayer, Cathedral
8:15 am Mass, Cathedral
8:45 am Confessions, Cathedral
3:30 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Mass
4:00 pm Hight School Youth-Shabbat

Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 am Mass
9:30 am Mass, Rite of Acceptance
9:30 am OCIA: Breaking Open the Word and Children's Class
9:30 am Baptism Class
10:30 am Children's Faith Formation FIRE
11:30 am Mass
6:00 pm Mass

Assistance from St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul conference at St. Jude helps the poor and needy within our parish boundaries with food, financial assistance, and more through donations from our parishioners.

If you need financial assistance, please call our **direct number 727-308-6280** to reach our voice mail system. Leave a message with your phone number and address. A volunteer will return your call as soon as possible.

Question and Mission of the Week

Question: How can I prepare my heart this Advent to receive Jesus whenever He comes?

Mission: Review the areas of your life that would change if Isaiah's prophecy materialized. Begin to move toward the Kingdom now.

COURAGEOUSLY LIVING THE GOSPEL

We, the Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg, are a joyful community of disciples proclaiming the Good News and inviting all people to encounter the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

We Welcome New Members!

If you are interested in registering as a member of St. Jude the Apostle Cathedral, or if you would like more information about joining our parish:

- Visit us online at **www.stjudesp.org**
- Call us at 727-347-9702
- Visit the parish office or the Welcome Desk in the Cathedral

We are glad you are here!

But the crowds were aware of this, and followed Him; and welcoming them, He began speaking to them about the Kingdom of God… ~ Luke 9 :11



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