# 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***

December 14, 2025 ~ Third 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

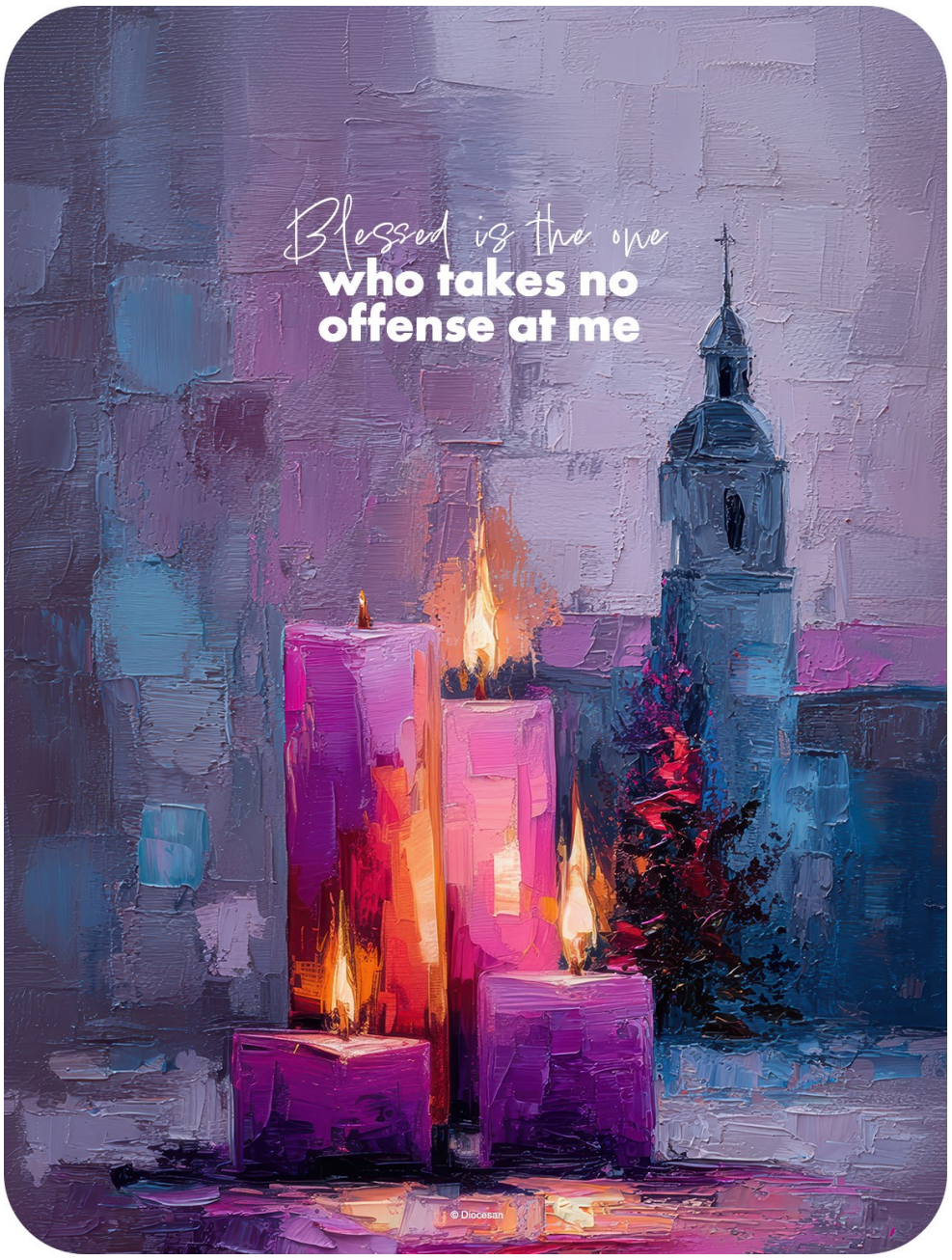
**Rosary**
3:30 pm Saturday and
9:05 am on Sundays

**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





# Join us

## Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24

3:30 pm Children's Choir Concert

4:00 pm Mass

4:10 pm Mass ~Our Lady's Chapel

6:30 pm Mass

9:30 pm Cathedral Choir Concert

10:00 pm Mass

## Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25

8:00 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

11:30 am Mass

No 6:00 pm Mass

## The Solemnity of Mary

4:00 pm Vigil Mass ~Wednesday, December 31

Thursday, January 1

8:15 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

The Parish Office and Gift Store will close at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 23 and reopen on Monday, December 29.

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday, December 14,Third Sunday of Advent**
Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

**Monday, December 15, Advent Weekday**
Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday, December 16, Advent Weekday**
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday, December 17, Advent Weekday**
Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8,17; Mt 1:1-17

**Thursday, December 18, Advent Weekday**
Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Friday, December 19, Advent Weekday**
Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Saturday, December 20, Advent Weekday**
Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

## Anointing of the Sick

In the Catholic Church, the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is for baptized members of the faithful who, due to sickness or old age, begin to be in danger. It's not just for those who are dying, but also for anyone who is seriously ill or facing the effects of aging.



## *In Sympathy*

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

*Msgr. John Cippel*

## Mass Intentions and Celebrants

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| **Saturday, December 13** | | |
| 4:00 pm | For Our Parishioners | Fr. Andrew Burns |
| **Sunday, December 14** | | |
| 8:00 am | Bishop Charles McLaughlin † | Fr. Tom Morgan |
| *9:30 am | John Brian Insoft † and David and Agnes Desper † | Fr. Andrew Burns |
| 11:30 am | Michael John Drabek † | Fr. Andrew Burns |
| 6:00 pm | Adrian Brown † | Fr. Tom Morgan |
| **Monday, December 15** | | |
| 8:15 am | Marian Bryan † | Fr. Tom Morgan |
| 11:00 am | Joseph Ottomanelli, Jr. † | Fr. Jim Gigliotti |
| **Tuesday, December 16** | | |
| 8:15 am | Carol Hay † | Fr. Tom Morgan |
| 11:00 am | Afra Vas | Fr. Andrew Burns |
| **Wednesday, December 17** | | |
| 8:15 am | Vocations | Fr. Andrew Burns |
| 11:00 am | John F. Rodgers † | Fr. Jim Gigliotti |
| **Thursday, December 18** | | |
| 8:15 am | Angie and Joe Ottomanelli † | Fr. Andrew Burns |
| 11:00 am | Herman Joseph Mary † | Fr. Ken Breen |
| **Friday, December 19** | | |
| 8:15 am | John F. Rodgers † | Fr. Andrew Burns |
| 11:00 am | John Gordon Ries † | Fr. Tom Reilly |
| **Saturday, December 20** | | |
| 8:15 am | Virgina Ries † | Fr. Andrew Burns |
| 4:00 pm | Rivera Family | Fr. Arthur Proulx |
| **Sunday, December 21** | | |
| 8:00 am | For Our Parishioners | Fr. Andrew Burns |
| *9:30 am | Alfred Woerner † | Fr. Tom Morgan |
| 11:30 am | Sharon Sue Batman † | Fr. Tom Morgan |
| 3:00 pm | Italian Mass | Fr. Tony Fortunato |
| 6:00 pm | Claire Smigiel † | Fr. Andrew Burns |

*Celebrant Subject to Change*

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

## 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.




*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**



## *Bambinelli* Sunday

Please remember that we will once again celebrate ***Bambinelli* Sunday** on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 13-14 at all our Sunday Masses.

The children and all parishioners are invited to bring their figures of the Christ Child to be blessed from your Home Nativity sets.



## Angel Tree

Thank you to everyone who chose to be an angel to our community families by selecting a tag from the Cathedral Angel tree. Your donation will help our ministries carry out their mission to serve the less fortunate and bring holiday spirit to those who are struggling through these difficult times.

So that the gifts can be delivered to the ministries to distribute for Christmas, we ask that you **please return your donation no later than December 22**. Simply place your unwrapped gift, with the angel tag taped to the outside, back under the tree in the cathedral or bring your gift to the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Mary Scott 727- 384- 1718.

## 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.

**Cathedral School**
St. Jude the Apostle

School Advent Retreat Wednesday, December 3















## Liturgy of the Hours in the Cathedral

The **Morning Prayer** of the Liturgy of the Hours is prayed **Monday to Saturday at 7:45 am** before Mass.

The Liturgy of the Hours is the universal prayer of the Church. Join us as we pray these beautiful psalms.

## Holy Communion

To receive Holy Communion worthily and fruitfully, certain dispositions are required. These include:

1. **State of Grace**: The individual must be free from mortal sin. The Catechism of the Catholic Church emphasizes the importance of being in a state of grace before receiving the Eucharist. Anyone aware of having committed a grave sin should first seek reconciliation through the sacrament of Confession (cf. CCC 1385).
2. **Eucharistic Fast**: Observing the one-hour fast from food and drink (other than water and medicine) before receiving Communion helps prepare the mind and heart to receive Christ reverently (cf. Canon 919).
3. **Faith in the Real Presence**: The communicant must possess a belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, recognizing that they are receiving Jesus Himself—body, blood, soul, and divinity. This acknowledgment reflects the recipient's faith in the true nature of the sacrament.
4. **Reverence and Adoration**: Approaching Communion with an attitude of reverence, thanksgiving, and love reflects a deep appreciation of the sacrament. This includes participating fully and actively in the Mass and preparing one's heart through prayer.
5. **Ecclesial Communion**: Participation in the Eucharist also signifies unity with the Church. The communicant should be in a proper relationship with the Church, remaining in the bonds of charity with her members and holding no unresolved public dissent against her teachings.

Having these dispositions aligns one's heart and mind with Christ, allowing a deeper encounter with His grace and presence in the Eucharist.







## Lend a Hand, Touch a Heart

Looking for a meaningful way to give back?
Join the **St. Vincent de Paul St Jude Conference** and help bring hope to those who need it most.

**Your Time Can Change Lives**
Whether it's delivering food, offering a listening ear, or helping with essential needs — your compassion makes a real impact.

**Flexible opportunities**
**Supportive community**
**Faith in action**

Be part of something bigger.
**Volunteer with us today!**

Call 727-308-6280 or email info@stjudesvdp.org to get more information.



## Food Collection Sunday December 28

**The St. Joseph Food Pantry needs: peanut butter and jelly, toilet paper, canned tuna/chicken/turkey, Vienna sausages, canned soup, Oodles of Noodles, rice, cereal.**

Nothing perishable please!

Please be sure to check expiration dates. **Thank you.**

## Prayer For Renewed Strength

O Lord, my God,

Please give me the grace to maintain my hope in you through all of life's changes and to taste and see your goodness. I praise you for the gifts you have showered on me for so many years. Help me find joy in a renewed strength of spirit. Please bless me with good health, and inspire me to be a good example to others. For you are Lord, forever and ever.

Amen.




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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**Make a Difference in Your Community!**

Join the **St. Vincent de Paul St Jude Conference** and be a beacon of hope for those in need. We're looking for compassionate, dedicated volunteers to help us serve our neighbors with dignity and love.

**What You Can Do:**

- Visit and support individuals and families in need
- Assist with food, clothing, and housing programs
- Bring comfort and companionship to the lonely

**No experience needed — just a caring heart.**

**Volunteer today and be the change you wish to see!**

Call 727-308-6280 or email info@stjudesvdp.org to get more information.




## 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**

12/14 ~ Rev. Richard Rosin
12/15~ Rev. Higinio Rosolen
12/16 ~ Rev. Phillip Scott
12/17 ~ For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
12/18 ~ Reinaldo Jara, Seminarian
12/19 ~ Rev. Drew Woodke
12/20 ~ Msgr. Michael Carruthers

**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.

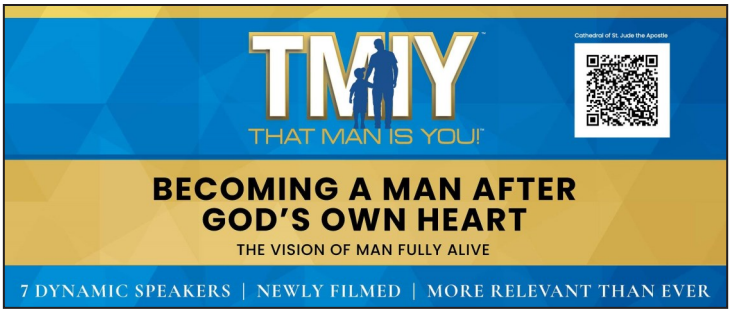
If you are interested, please contact Josie De Dios through her email at **jcdd1990@gmail.com**

**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.

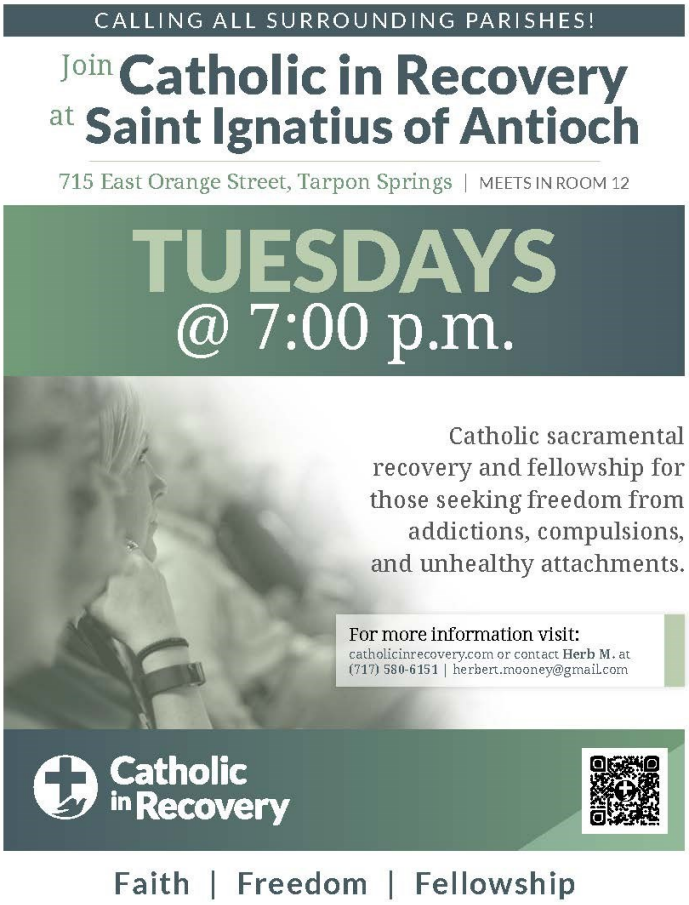
## Abundance
## Holy Hour for Vocations

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.

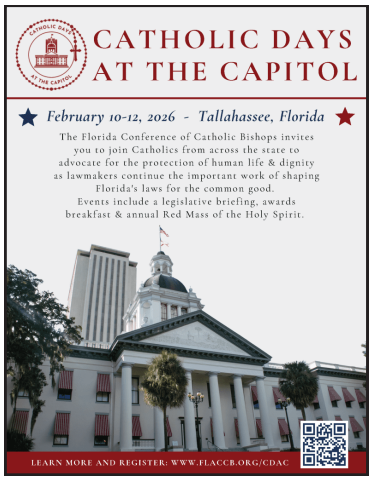
*I Can eat A Rainbow* is a caterpillar puppet, along with an interactive read-aloud, to teach pre-Kindergarten children about the importance of eating five healthy fruits and vegetables every day. Children identify and color match fruits and vegetables, then finish the program with a musical movement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

## Catholic Days at the Capitol




Catholic Days at the Capitol is scheduled for ***February 10-11, 2026***. Each year during the Florida legislative session, Catholics from across the state gather in Tallahassee to bring the light of faith to the public square and live out Church teaching through civic engagement. United with the bishops, Catholic Days pilgrims advocate for the protection of human life and dignity as lawmakers shape Florida's laws for the common good. By making the trip to our state capitol and lifting their voices, event participants help make a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of all Floridians.

Additional details and registration information may be found at this webpage **https://www.dosp.org/2026-catholic-days-at-the-capitol-registration/**

## 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 generosity!**

**December 7, 2025**

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| Envelope Offertory | $ 8,268 |
| Online Giving | $ 10,452 |
| Anonymous Giving | $ 4,315 |
| **Total Offertory** | **$ 23,035** |



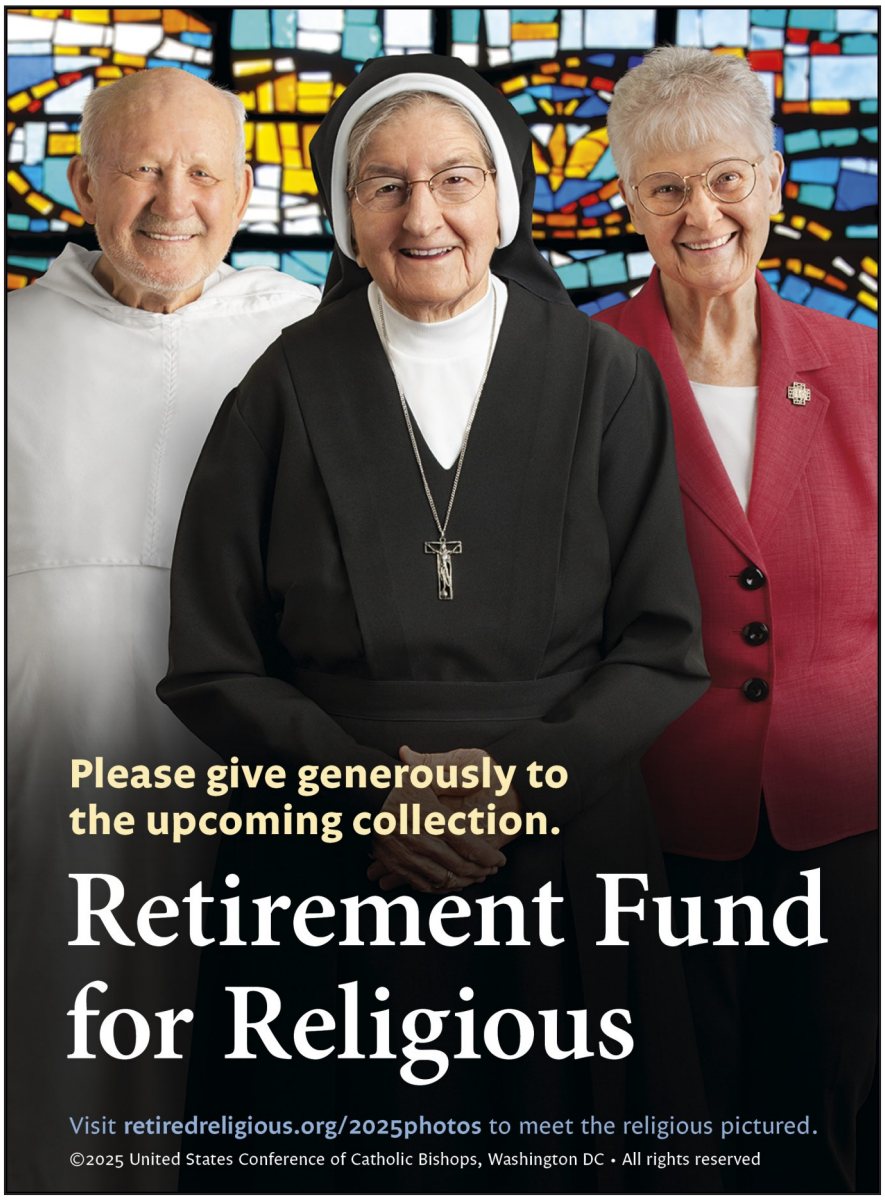
**We are so close to our goal!**
**Help us reach it!**

## Catholic Ministry Appeal
**2025**

| Reported as of November 13, 2025 | |
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| Cathedral Goal 2025 | $ 164,534 |
| Pledged | **$ 142,107** |
| Paid | $ 141,037 |
| **Shortfall of Goal** | **(23,497)** |
| Number of Families | 1490 |
| Number of Pledges | 317 |
| Average Pledge | $ 448 |
| Percentage of Families Making Pledges | 21% |
| % of Goal Pledged | 86% |
| % of Goal Paid | 86% |

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

**Thank you for each and every gift!**




## Retirement for Religious

**They gave their lives in service—now they need your help.** For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care and dignity they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

## Online Giving, Make Giving Easier

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

# Weekly Events Calendar

**Sunday, December 14, Third Sunday of Advent**

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| 8:00 am | Mass |
| 9:00 am | Blood Pressure Screening |
| 9:30 am | Mass, |
| 9:30 am | OCIA: Breaking Open the Word and Children's Class |
| 10:30 am | Children's Faith Formation FIRE |
| 11:30 am | Mass |
| 6:00 pm | Mass |

**Monday, December 15**

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| 7:45 am | Morning Prayer, Cathedral |
| 8:15 am | Mass, Cathedral |
| 8:45 am | Novena to St. Jude, Cathedral |
| 11:00 am | Mass in the Cathedral, Confessions following |
| 5:30 pm | Women's Welcome |

**Tuesday, December 16**

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| 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 |
| 6:00 pm | Knights of Columbus |
| 7:00 pm | SVDP |

**Wednesday, December 17**

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| 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 |
| 6:30 pm | Abundance |
| 7:30 pm | Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group |

**Thursday, December 18**

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| 7:45 am | Morning Prayer, Chapel |
| 8:15 am | Mass, Chapel |
| 11:00 am | Mass in the Cathedral, Confessions following |

**Friday, December 19**

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| 7:45 am | Morning Prayer, Chapel |
| 8:15 am | Mass, Chapel |
| 11:00 am | Mass in the Cathedral, Confessions following |

**Saturday, December 20**

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| 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 | High School Youth-Shabbat |

**Sunday, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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| 8:00 am | Mass |
| 9:30 am | Mass, |
| 11:30 am | Mass |
| 3:00 pm | Italian Mass |
| 6:00 pm | Mass |

## Messa in Italiano

Cathedral of St. Jude in
Our Lady's Chapel

**December 21, 2025 at 3:00 pm**

We pray and sing in ITALIANO!

Celebrant:
Fr. Anthony M. Fortunato, OdeM

## 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:**

What part of Jesus' message challenges me?

**Mission:**

Choose one seed to plant-gentleness, forgiveness, gladness-and tend it patiently in prayer and practice.

## 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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