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 21, 2025 ~ Fourth 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

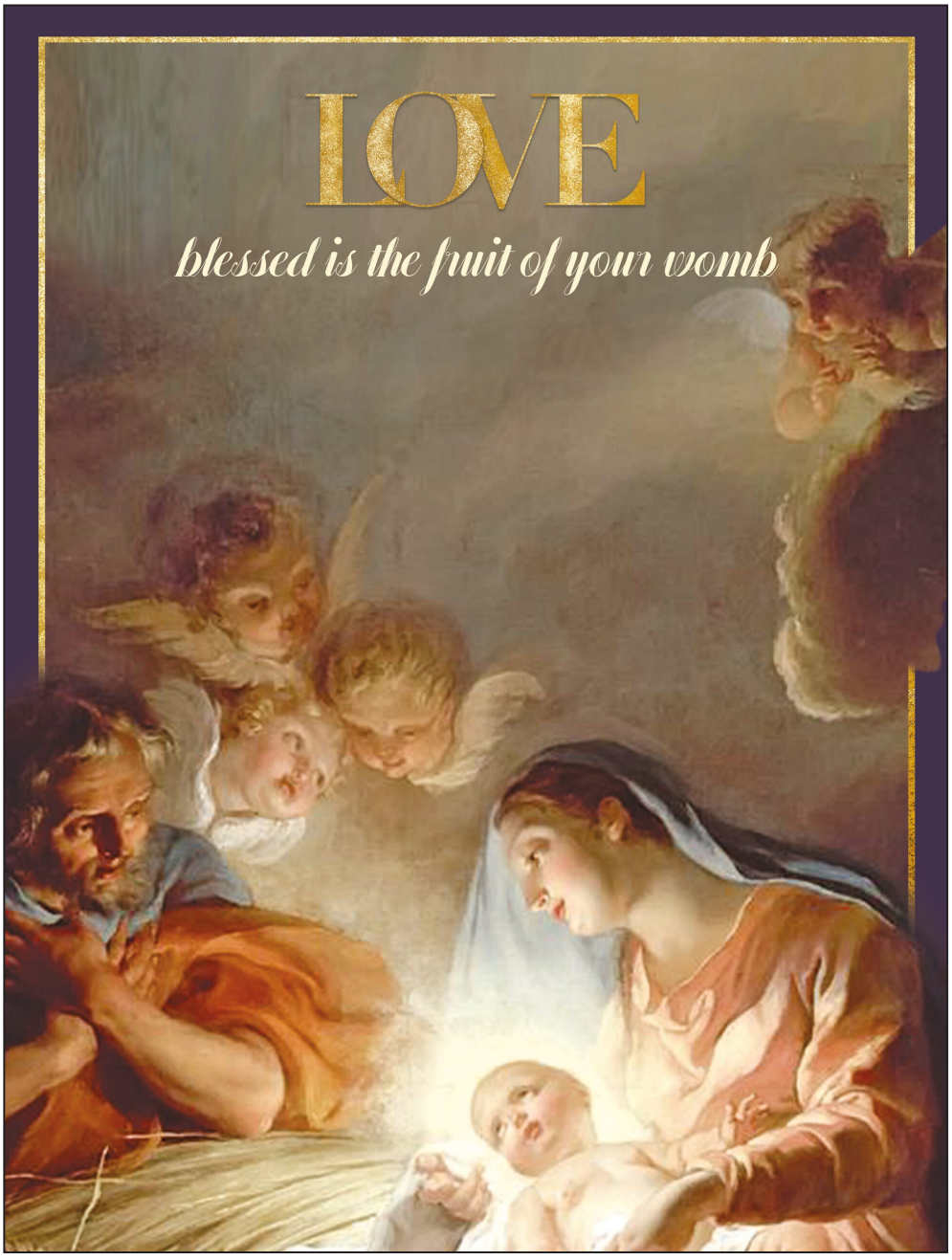
Rosary
3:30 pm Saturday and
9:05 am on Sundays

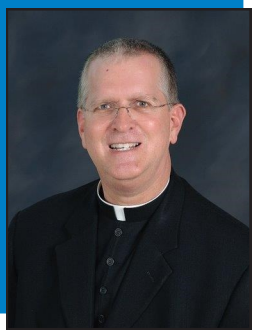
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction ~ Cathedral
Tuesday, 8:45 am to 9:45 am
Thursday, 11:30 am to 6:30 pm

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:

Advent brings us to Bethlehem this week, as we journey with Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. The Christmas Mass schedule is presented below. We have also included below a blessing for expectant mothers. We have additional prayers for the blessing of your manger scene on page 4 and your Christmas tree on page 5. If you will be traveling and away during this time, please know that the priests will be remembering you and all our parishioners in our Christmas Masses. May the Holy Family keep you safe as you travel.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom Morgan
Fr. Andrew Burns
Deacon John Fox, Deacon John Carter, and Deacon John Gerdes
Cathedral Parish Staff
Cathedral School of St. Jude



Join us

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24

3:30 pm Children's Choir Concert
4:00 pm Mass ~ Family, Children's Nativity
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

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday, December 24, Late Advent Weekday
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord
Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1 -18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday, December 26, Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

Saturday, December 27, Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Sunday, December 28, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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, 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
Monday, December 22		
8:15 am	Antonio & Carenina †	Fr. Tom Morgan
11:00 am	Johnson Family	Fr. Ken Breen
Tuesday, December 23		
8:15 am	Frank Ottomanelli †	Fr. Tom Morgan
11:00 am	William Smith †	Fr. Andrew Burns
Wednesday, December 24		
8:15 am	Msgr. John A. Cippel †	Fr. Ken Breen
No 11:00 am or Confessions		
Vigil		
4:00 pm	For Our Parishioners	Fr. Tom Morgan
4:10 pm	Msgr. John A. Cippel †	Fr. Andrew Burns
6:30 pm	Joseph H. Liversedge, Sr. †	Fr. Ken Breen
10:00 pm	Jose Argenzio †	Bishop Gregory Parkes
Thursday, December 25		
8;00 am	Debbie Hadden †	Fr. Proulx
9:30 am	Soller Family	Fr. Tom Morgan
11:30 am	Martha Grillo †	Fr. Andrew Burns
No Confessions Today		
Friday, December 26		
8:15 am	Barbara and Peter Stonitsch †	Fr. Andrew Burns
11:00 am	Rebecca Gentallan †	Fr. Tom Reilly
Saturday, December 27		
8:15 am	Georgina Salazar †	Fr. Ken Breen
4:00 pm	Vas Family	Fr. Andrew Burns
Sunday, December 28		
8:00 am	Charles Davis †	Fr. Tom Morgan
*9:30 am	Fr. Alexander T. Padilla II	Fr. Andrew Burns
11:30 am	Birute Peciulis †	Fr. Andrew Burns
4:00 pm	Italian Mass	Fr. Tony Fortunato
6:00 pm	For our Parishioners	Fr. Jim Gigliotti

Celebrant Subject to Change

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

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.

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.

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.**

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**

Dear Friends,

I would invite you to join me , Fr. Arthur Proulx and Fr. Joseph Waters in acknowledging Fred Kraus who has served as our Cathedral of St. Jude Business Manager since 2015. Fred will be retiring on December 31, 2025.

It was gratitude that we thank Fred for his dedicated service, and we congratulate him and his wife Debbie as they begin this next step in their journey. I cannot emphasize the tremendous service that Fred has rendered to the Cathedral of St. Jude. The staff of St. Jude will miss him greatly. I request that all of us keep him in our prayers. Fred we want you to know that you will always have a home in our hearts and at the Cathedral of St. Jude.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom Morgan



Fred is Finally Free!

After forty years of executive service in the financial services industry (banking, savings & loan, insurance and financial securities) Fred was sentenced to ten years of hard labor with the Cathedral in December 2015.

Father Waters was his initial supervising parole officer. Since then he has assisted with the transition of the school to a diocesan school, helped keep band-aids on aging facilities and equipment, survived the lean years of COVID with Father Proulx as his new parole officer, weathered floods and hurricanes and took over St. Joseph parish with Father Morgan. Dollar bills have been heard screaming as he prepares checks and vendors cringe when he leaves messages saying “I’d really like to talk about your pricing!”. He has poured blood, sweat and tears into his role here at the Cathedral…..literally!!!

BLOOD: He is a dedicated blood/platelet donor. He revived the Cathedral’s blood drive program and recently passed the 104 gallon donation mark.

SWEAT: He’s been seen on scaffolding doing cabling, painting, moving pianos and departing clergy, etc. And at his age, sweat is a natural result.

TEARS: Well, being the German that he is, maybe not too often except when he has to write a large check! He will be paroled from the Cathedral on December 31, 2025 after completion of his ten year sentence. He will then be supervised by his lovely wife Debra of over forty-six years. She should be nominated for canonization!

In Fred’s own words: “I have had the privilege of working with a wonderful group of dedicated, Christian employees and clergy these past ten years. Their dedication to the mission of the Cathedral and St. Joseph is only matched by the wonderful parishioners I have worked with.”





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.



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.





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, January 28 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.



2026 Spirit FM Catholic Women's Conference

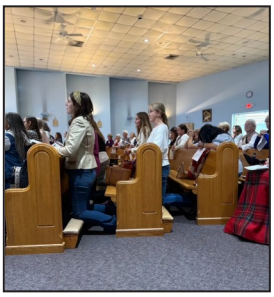
Women from across the Diocese are invited to a day of faith, fellowship, and renewal at the Spirit FM Catholic Women's Conference. The event includes Mass, inspiring speakers, uplifting music, and time for prayer and reflection. Vendors and ministries will also be present. Breakfast and lunch will be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



Advent Women's Retreat

Over 100 women joined together for our Fifth Annual Advent Women's Retreat, spanning 15+ parishes in our diocese. Many thanks to Fr. Brad Reed, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, for his inspiring witness and practical words on walking in peace and thanks to Joey Schultz for the beautiful music. Thank you to everyone, who sponsored the event through our raffle, and Kahwa for their generous support!







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 parish office at 727-347-9702.





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

12/21 ~ Msgr. Michael F. Devine
12/22~ Rev. Joel Kovanis
12/23 ~ Mark Desio, Seminarian
12/24 ~ For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
12/25 ~ Blessed Christmas
12/26 ~ Rev. Tim Cummings
12/27 ~ Dakota Gates, 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**

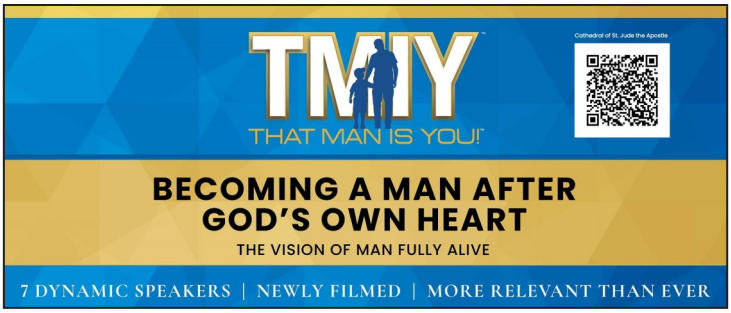
The next blood pressure screening will be January 18 during coffee and donuts in the parish center and will continue once a month. Check back for the date! Thank you Faith Community Nurses!



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.



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.



Our beautiful Christmas flowers have been donated in memory and in honor of :

Julia Graybush and Sebastian Graybush
Lawrence C. Lynch
Daniel P. Miranda, Sr.
Rogelio G. Montierro
Pedro Pereras and Felisa Pereras
Deceased Members of the Dalmau/Quesada Families
D. Louise Furnish
Alfred E. Furnish
Jacqueline Cosentino
Doug E. Beuoy
Villanueva Family
Alejo, Marcela, Alejo, Jr., Judy, Flor, Crist
Connie Donart
Cynthia Carney
Rob Bearss
The Walter Novacks
Edwin J.P. Leary, III
The James Nicoloffs
Joan Tilton
Jeanne Lantaigne
Marie Papinchak and William Papinchak
Gerald Angus and Gertrude Angus
Ralph Hay, Carol Hay, Vinnie Hay, Steve Hay,
Sister Pat Caulfield
Ronnie Helinger
Ron Basista
Florence Centofanti
Louis O. and Matilde Martin
Diane Karbowski
Virginia Badone
Peanut and Petter Rodriguez
Harley Gozdanovic
Betty Bowen
Jack Lemmons
Robert and Laura Lieblein
Deceased Members of the Natoli and Napolitano Family
Robert L. McCollum, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Bxchowski
Ms. M. McCollum
Ethel and Al Ahrens

Dolores and Warren Haring
Ann and Jack DeCicco
Nancy Robinson
Thomas and Joyce Morgan
Geri Morgan
Elliot Rose Nunn
Vincent and Lovenia Ashoff
Don Wharton
Napolion Aguilar and Avelino Aguilar, Jr.
Avelino Sr., and Bacelisa Aguilar
Mercidito Aguilar
Joseph and Laberta Minder
Nicolas and Cecelio Jimenez
John F. Rodgers and Claire Ippolito
Mary McLaughlin
John Joseph Rodgers
Fr. Paul Mangiafico
All Souls in Purgatory
Ellen M. Mahoney
Elizabeth J. Moore
William T. Moore
Irene Anderson
Richard Anderson
Phan Tran
Jose Varon Ortiz and Elvia Rodriguez
Francisco Rodriguez and Maria Rodriguez
Rafael Varon and Zoila Rosa Ortiz
BVM of Mercy
Raymond, Joan and Elizabeth Ashe
Donald and Nancy Wilfert
Constance and Lyle Webster
Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler
Victor and Sandra Wheeler
Joseph Warfield children/grandchildren
Sydnee and Nicholas Wheeler
Greta Pierpont Muller
Helen and Rudy Muller
Paul Gocelsak
Nicky Muller
J. Bonsiewicz

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 14, 2025

Envelope Offertory	$ 14,053
Online Giving	$ 8,019
Anonymous Giving	$ 4,451
Total Offertory	**$ 26,523**

Immaculate Conception $3,578



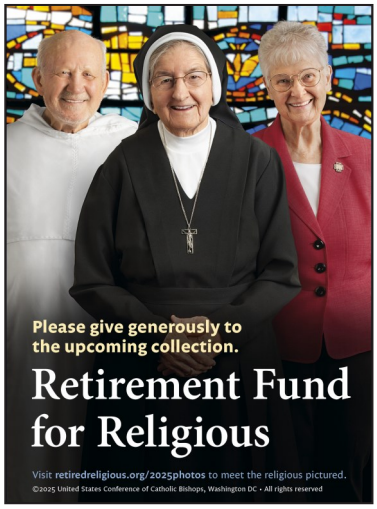
We are so close to our goal!
Help us reach it!

Catholic Ministry Appeal
2025

Reported as of December 11, 2025	
Cathedral Goal 2025	$ 164,534
Pledged	**$ 143,452**
Paid	$ 142,689
Shortfall of Goal	**(21,845)**
Number of Families	1490
Number of Pledges	318
Average Pledge	$ 451
Percentage of Families Making Pledges	21%
% of Goal Pledged	87%
% of Goal Paid	87%

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

Thank you for each and every gift!



Retirement for Religious

Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity! "Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at **retiredreligious.org**

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.**

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.

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 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am	Mass
9:30 am	Mass,
11:30 am	Mass
12:30 pm	Oplatek Ceremony, Chapel
3:00 pm	Italian Mass
6:00 pm	Mass

Monday, December 22

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 23

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
12:30 pm	Parish Office Closes for Christmas

Wednesday, December 24

7:45 am	Morning Prayer, Chapel
8:15 am	Mass, Chapel
3:30 pm	Children's Choir Concert, Cathedral
4:00 pm	Mass, Cathedral
4:10 pm	Mass, Chapel
6:30 pm	Mass, Cathedral
9:30 pm	Cathedral Choir Concert, Cathedral
10:00 pm	Mass, Cathedral

Thursday, December 25

8:00 am	Mass, Cathedral
9:30 am	Mass, Cathedral
11:30 am	Mass, Cathedral

Friday, December 26

Parish Office and Gift Store Closed

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

Saturday, December 27

7:45 am	Morning Prayer, Cathedral
8:15 am	Mass, Cathedral
8:45 am	Confessions, Cathedral
3:30 pm	Rosary
4:00 pm	Mass
	Anointing of the Sick following Mass

Sunday, December 28, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 am	Mass
9:30 am	Mass,
11:30 am	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

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



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 small act of mercy can I carry out this fourth week of Advent?

Mission:

Remember the poor and the lonely in this season for families.

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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