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 7, 2025 ~ Second 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

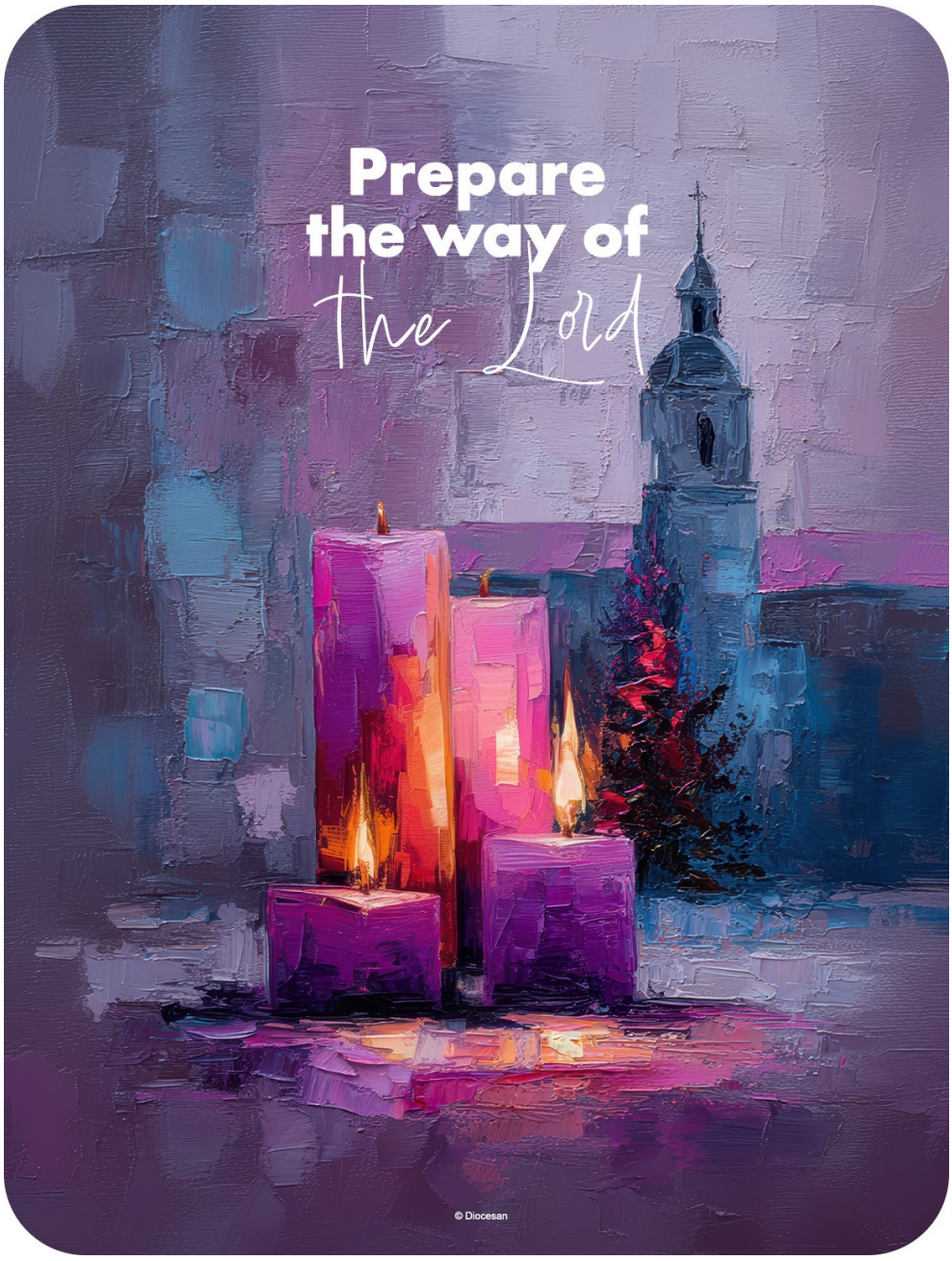
Rosary
3:30 pm Saturday and
9:05 am on Sundays

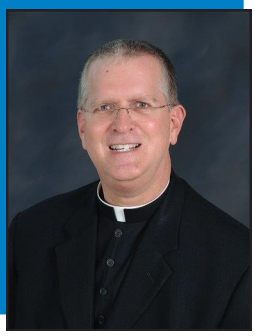
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction ~ Cathedral
Tuesday, 8:45 am to 9:45 am
Thursday, 11:30 am to 6:30 pm

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 will be celebrating the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** this week. The Mass schedule is Monday, December 8 at 8:15am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. In addition, you are invited to participate in our **Advent Evening of Confessions**, Wednesday December 10 from 7:00 pm to 8pm in the Cathedral.

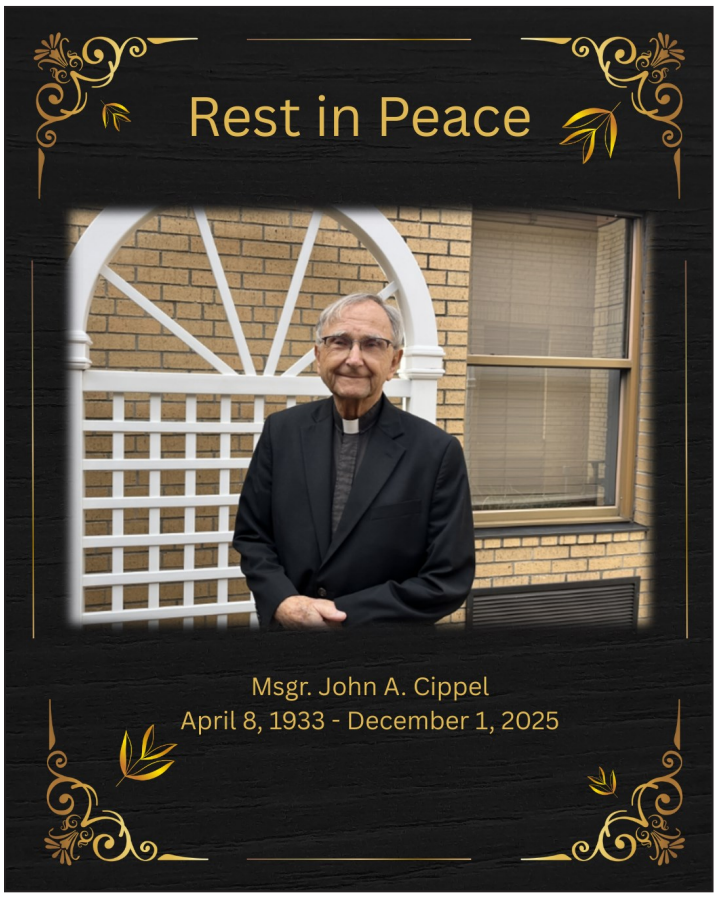


Please remember that we will once again celebrate ***Bambinelli* Sunday** on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 13-14 at all our Sunday Masses.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom Morgan



The Chancellor's Office notified us of the peaceful passing of **Monsignor John A. Cippel, 92**, a retired priest of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, this afternoon, Monday, December 1, 2025. He was under Hospice care at the St. John XXIII Retirement Residence, in Lutz, following a battle with leukemia.

Monsignor Cippel was born in Ford City, Pennsylvania, on April 8, 1933, and was ordained for the White Fathers (now Missionaries of Africa) on January 28, 1960. He arrived in Florida in 1975, was incardinated into the Diocese of Saint Petersburg in 1980, and served in six parishes in our Diocese before his retirement in 2006. However, he remained active in retirement, assisting in parishes as needed and serving as Spiritual Director at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, in Boynton Beach until 2020.

In August 1999, at the nomination of Bishop Robert Lynch, Monsignor Cippel was given the honorary title of Prelate of Honor of His Holiness, by Pope John Paul II. In 2000, his brother priests nominated him as the recipient of the Father Luis de Cancer Distinguished Priestly Service Award.

Funeral arrangements are pending and the time of printing and will be announced once they have been finalized.

Well done, good and faithful servant…Come, share your master's joy. – Matthew 25:21

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 9, Advent Weekday
Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11 -12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 10, Advent Weekday
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 11, Advent Weekday
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 12, Advent Weekday
Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12-1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday, December 13, Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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



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

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
Monday, December 8		
8:15 am	Cecelio Jiminez †	Fr. Joseph Waters
11:00 am	Pedro Gentallan †	Fr. Andrew Burns
4:00 pm	Carl and Mary Ellen Haselden and Family	Fr. Ralph D'Elia III
7:00 pm	For Our Parishioners	Fr. Ken Breen
Tuesday, December 9		
8:15 am	Dawn Margaret Tuft †	Fr. Tom Morgan
11:00 am	Mary Mallette	Fr. Jim Gigliotti
Wednesday, December 10		
8:15 am	Vocations	Fr. Andrew Burns
11:00 am	Susan Grossman †	Fr. Jim Gigliotti
Thursday, December 11		
8:15 am	Richard F. Lee †	Fr. Andrew Burns
11:00 am	Martha Grillo † and John and Laura Stanish †	Fr. Jim Gigliotti
Friday, December 12		
8:15 am	Alicia Masterson †	Fr. Andrew Burns
11:00 am	Larry and Elisa Perez-Walsh	Fr. Tom Reilly
Saturday, December 13		
8:15 am	Joseph Stefanski †	Fr. Tom Morgan
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

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**



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

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8:15 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm
All Masses are in the Cathedral



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.

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

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.



Advent Evening of Confessions
Wednesday December 10
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, in the Cathedral.

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.

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!

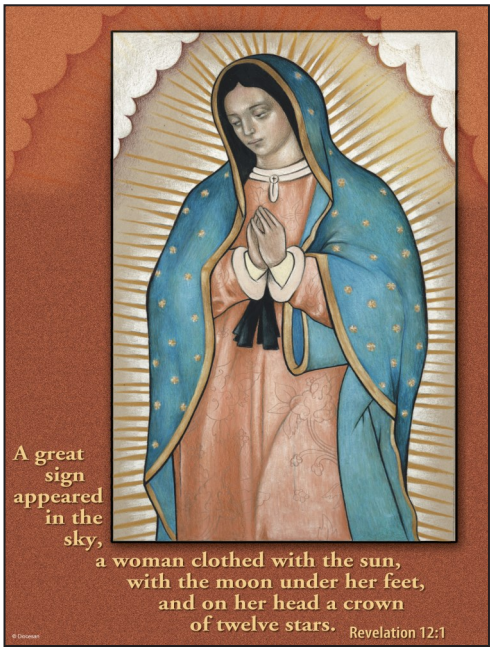
Please be sure to check expiration dates. **Thank you.**

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

12/07 ~ Rev. Dominic J. Corona
12/08~ Rev. Lou Turcotte
12/09 ~ Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons
12/10 ~ For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
12/11 ~ Msgr. Michael Muhr
12/12 ~ Rev. Charles Nkafu
12/13 ~ Caleb Malec, 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.

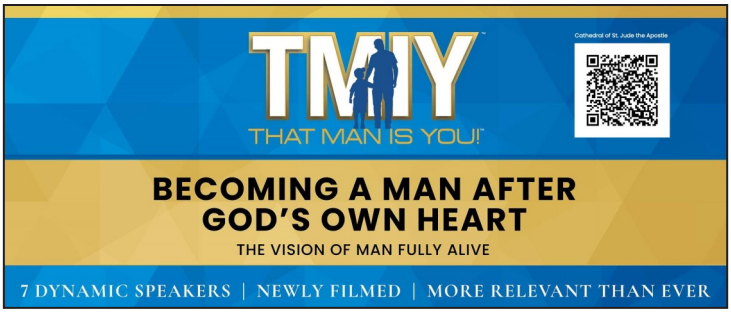
If you are interested, please contact Josie De Dios through her email at **jcdd1990@gmail.com**

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.

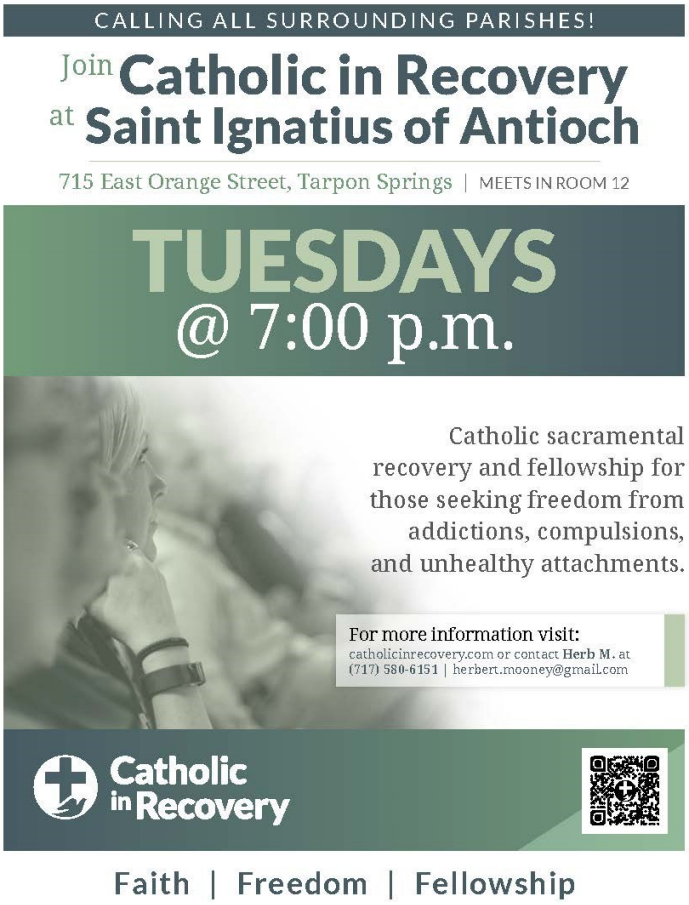
Abundance
Holy Hour for Vocations

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.

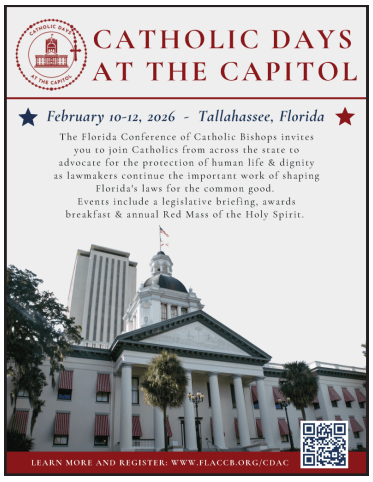
I Can eat A Rainbow is a caterpillar puppet, along with an interactive read-aloud, to teach pre-Kindergarten children about the importance of eating five healthy fruits and vegetables every day. Children identify and color match fruits and vegetables, then finish the program with a musical movement activity.

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

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!

November 23, 2025	
Envelope Offertory	$ 9,717
Online Giving	$ 7,191
Anonymous Giving	$ 4,427
Total Offertory	**$ 21,335**
November 30, 2025	
Envelope Offertory	$ 7,856
Online Giving	$ 6,574
Anonymous Giving	$ 4,933
Total Offertory	**$ 19,363**
Thanksgiving	**$ 994**
Catholic Relief	**$ 3,096**



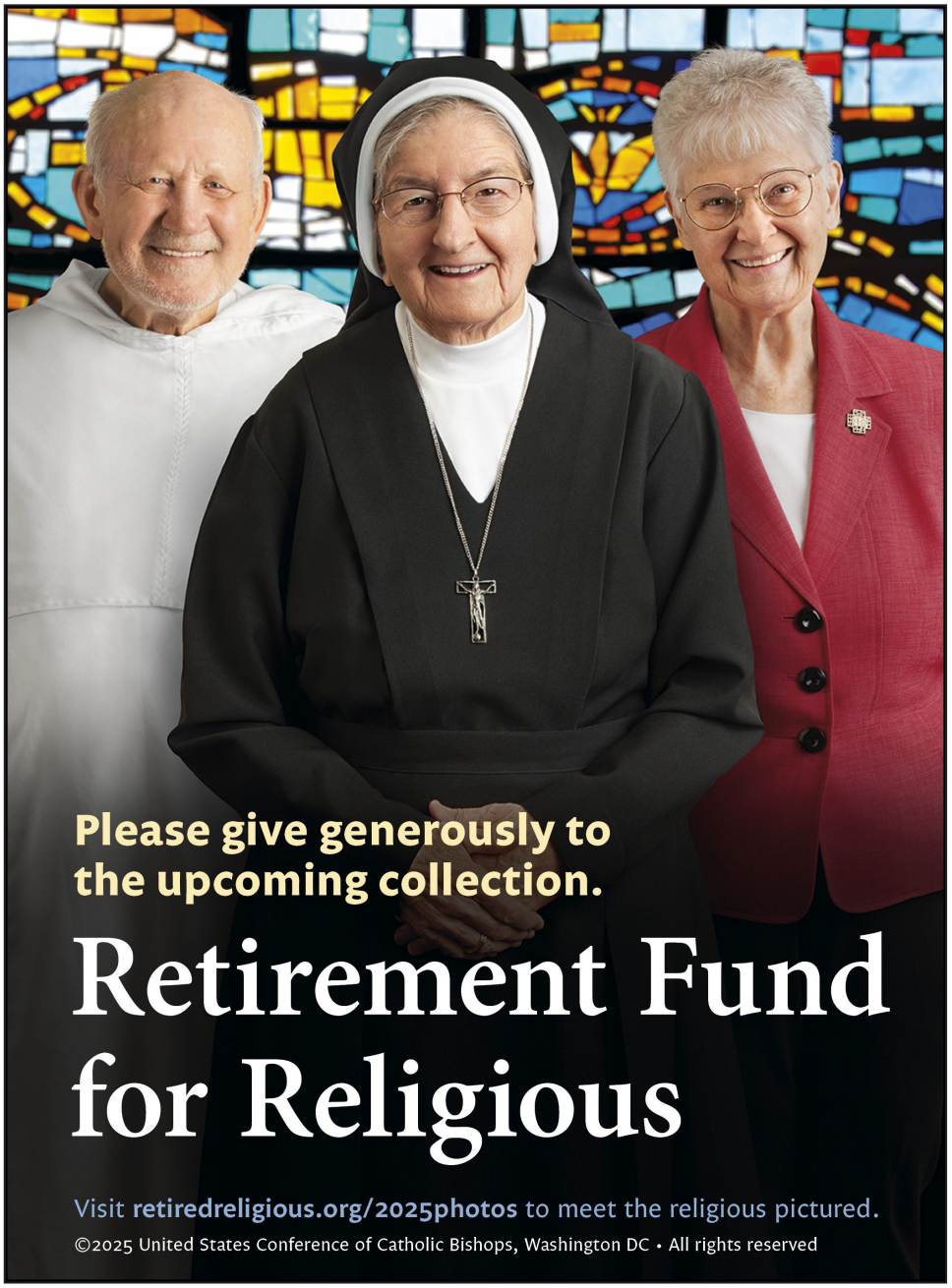
We are so close to our goal!
Help us reach it!

Catholic Ministry Appeal
2025

Reported as of November 13, 2025	
Cathedral Goal 2025	$ 164,534
Pledged	**$ 143,241**
Paid	$ 141,672
Shortfall of Goal	**(22,862)**
Number of Families	1490
Number of Pledges	317
Average Pledge	$ 452
Percentage of Families Making Pledges	21%
% of Goal Pledged	87%
% 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

A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.

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 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

Monday, December 8

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, No Confessions today
4:00 pm	Mass, Cathedral
5:30 pm	Women's Welcome
6:30 pm	Columbiettes
7:00 pm	Mass, Cathedral
7:00 pm	Bible Study Gospel of John via ZOOM

Tuesday, December 9

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 District Meeting
7:00 pm	Serra Club
7:00 pm	OCIA

Wednesday, December 10

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

Wednesday, December 10 continued

7:00 pm	Advent Evening Confessions
7:30 pm	Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group

Thursday, December 11

6:00 am	TMIY
7:45 am	Morning Prayer, Chapel
8:15 am	Mass, Chapel
11:00 am	Mass in the Cathedral, Confessions following
7:00 pm	Bible Study: Luke-Acts

Friday, December 12

6:00 am	TMIY
7:45 am	Morning Prayer, Chapel
8:15 am	Mass, Chapel
11:00 am	Mass in the Cathedral, Confessions following

Saturday, December 13

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 14, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am	Mass
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

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 my family live together more harmoniously? What can I do to help make this happen?

Mission:
Identify one concrete step you can take to further the acceptance of outsiders in our community.
Welcome a stranger, forgive a fellow sinner; don't let fear or prejudice divide your heart.

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.

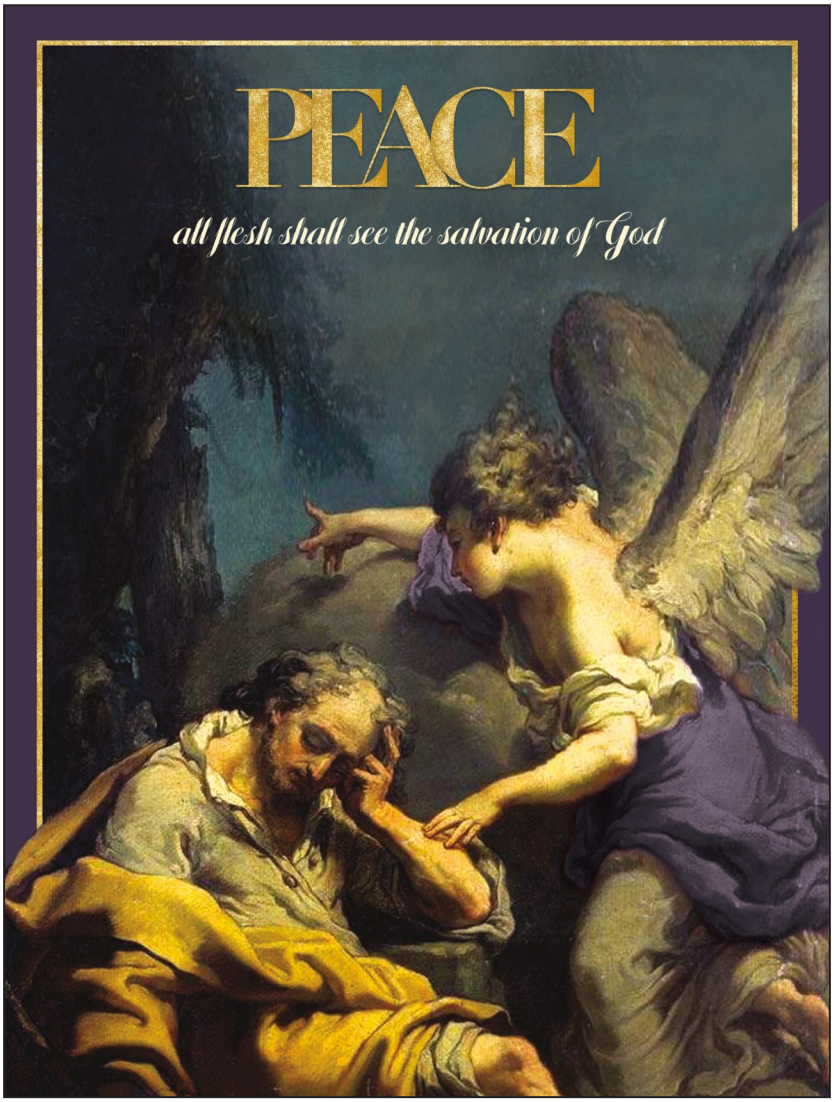
We Welcome New Members!

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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