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# St. Jude the Apostle



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**St. Jude the Apostle Parish**

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# St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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Summer of 2019

Dear Friends:

## ***St. Jude: One Hope! One Faith! One Family!***

Welcome to our new and newly designed 2019-2020 Saint Jude Parish Guidebook! The purpose of this publication is to give you a good sense of what our parish offers and how to navigate your way through parish life. Here are a few important reminders that we implemented in last year's Guidebook:

- Written descriptions regarding how to contact a priest in case of an emergency or if you simply would like a visit in connection with illness, surgery, or other similar needs...
- An overview of the steps to take when planning a funeral...
- A few new ministries have been created and descriptions of them included in this book (i.e.- a support group for separated and divorced, our newly designed college sharing group, and more...)
- Details on how to use our new FLOCKNOTE app. This app helps us to better communicate with you about parish life, programs, schedules, and ministries, and much more...
- In short, it is our goal to make this Guidebook as easy to use as possible for you and your family...

Please also make note of the following and mark your calendars now:

**PARISH MISSION** - on October 14-15 we are offering a parish mission with Mr. Doug Brummel. Doug is a creative, inspirational, and humorous Catholic husband and dad who travels the country bringing life to others through the talks that he gives. This experience will be something that the entire family can enjoy. Please mark your calendars now! You can view Doug's work at [www.dougbrummel.com](http://www.dougbrummel.com).

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I look forward to a great year with all of you! Thank you again for making our parish such a special place!

Sincerely,



Fr. Trey Nelson, Pastor

## Priestly Pastoral Care

**(For More Information or Further Clarification, visit us at [www.stjudecatholic.org](http://www.stjudecatholic.org) or call 225-766-2431)**

St. Jude Parish is blessed with the presence of 2 full time diocesan priests, Fr. Trey Nelson, our pastor, and Fr. Ryan Hallford, our parochial vicar (associate pastor). It is their desire to offer the best pastoral care possible to the people of our parish. With this in mind, please note the following regarding:

**An Emergency Need** - an emergency is defined as a death has occurred, or someone is in danger of death. In case of an emergency, parishioners are invited to do the following: During regular office hours, please call 225-766-2431. During the hours when our office is closed, please call our answering service at 225-346-7680. They will, in turn, contact one of our priests directly. This number is to be used for a true emergency, when one requires the immediate assistance of a priest.

**Home and Hospital Visits** - to schedule a visit by one of our priests to a homebound parishioner or a parishioner who is in the hospital or another health care facility, simply call the parish office at 225-766-2431.

**Pastoral Counseling** - To schedule an appointment with one of our priests or deacons for pastoral counseling, please call the parish office at 225-766-2431.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** - parishioners who wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick are asked to call the parish office at 225-766-2431. The Anointing of the Sick is offered for those experiencing extreme illness or infirmity, preparing for surgery or a medical procedure or treatment, when someone is near death, and other similar moments. If you are unsure as to whether the Sacrament of the Sick would be appropriate in a particular situation, you may simply ask one of our priests.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered in church every Saturday from 3:00pm to 3:45pm. It is also offered by appointment. Again, for an appointment, please call a priest at our parish office, 225-766-2431.

## When Planning a Funeral

When a member of our Saint Jude family dies, our priests and parish staff want to do all that we can to help with the process of planning a funeral. Listed below are some of the basic **first steps** that we ask you to take when the time comes:

It is helpful to make an initial phone call to the Parish Office to inform us of the death. During regular office hours our staff and priests can be reached by calling the main office number, 225-766-2431. If the call is made after office hours or when the office is closed due to holidays, etc., one of our priests can be reached by calling our answering service at 225-346-7680.

It is absolutely essential that the day and time of a funeral **not be chosen** until speaking with someone in our Parish Office. We want to ensure the availability of the following: the church itself, the priest, and a music minister.

When you have selected a funeral home, it is best that a representative from the funeral home call our Parish Office while you are meeting with them. **Again, the day and time of a funeral cannot be finalized until someone from the funeral home has spoken with our Parish Office staff.**

At some point after the death of your loved one, you or someone on your behalf is asked to visit the Parish Office to receive a Funeral Planning Packet. No appointment is required to pick up the packet. It is only requested that you stop by during office hours. Shortly thereafter, you will be contacted by one of our priests for an appointment to review the packet and make sure that all of the arrangements are in order. This also affords you the opportunity to visit with our priests and share the story of your loved one's life. The packet is also available on our parish website at [www.stjudecatholic.org](http://www.stjudecatholic.org).

**There is NO COST to the family for anything at all associated with the funeral, including music.** The parish pays both the singer and the musician.

## Parish Information

### Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday-8:00am-4:00pm**

**Friday-8:00am-12:00pm**

Parish Office.....	225-766-2431
Fax .....	225-766-0722
Parish Hall.....	225-769-8368
Activity Center .....	225-769-3899
St. Jude School .....	225-769-2344
Athletic Office .....	225-769-7798
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# St. Jude Mass Schedule

## Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm  
Sunday 8:00, 9:45, 11:30am  
Monday, Thursday at 8:15am  
Tuesday at 5:30pm, Wednesday at 12:00pm  
(Novena, Benediction and Adoration follows the 5:30pm Tuesday Mass)

## Reconciliation Baptisms

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm and by appointment  
Once a month after 11:30am Mass  
Baptism preparation is required.  
Seminars are held every other month on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Ministry Building, room 124.  
(Seminar dates and scheduled baptisms are listed on our website, [www.stjudecatholic.org](http://www.stjudecatholic.org))

## Marriages

Arrangements must be initiated at least six months in advance. Marriage preparation is required. Consult your parish priest before setting any final dates.

## Parish Staff

Fr. Trey Nelson .....	Pastor
Fr. Ryan Hallford .....	Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor)
James Morrissey .....	Deacon, Director of Administration
Curt Reeson .....	Deacon
Charmaine Bissat .....	Director of Ministries
Michaelyn McGinnis .....	Director of Christian Formation
Mindy Coogan .....	Bookkeeper and Child Protection Coordinator
Leigh Kean .....	Assistant to Pastor
Nathalie Bagwell .....	Communications Coordinator
Linda McVay .....	Secretary and Receptionist
Keith Gaspard .....	Facilities Manager
Kayla Daigle .....	Housekeeping/Maintenance
Dan Braun .....	Maintenance
Michelle Gardiner .....	School Principal
Laura Favaloro .....	Assistant Principal

## St. Jude Parish

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Saint Jude the Apostle Parish is to instill hope in the hearts of all of our brothers and sisters by embracing one another and our diversity with a compassionate and a welcoming spirit, guided by our faith in Jesus Christ and the traditions of our Catholic faith.

The information contained in this booklet is for the express purpose of the members of St. Jude Catholic Church and **may not be used for solicitations, political purposes, or publications of any other form.** The information contained in this booklet is as it appears in our computer files as of July 2019. Please call the parish office with any corrections or additions.

Contact: Linda McVay at 225-766-2431 or [lindam@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:lindam@stjudecatholic.org)

## Parish Library

The Parish has an extensive library of books, movies, educational videos, and audiotapes. These resources are available for spiritual study and growth. Items may be checked out from the library, which is housed in the old parish administration office, Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-3:30pm, and on Friday 9:00am-11:30am. Contact: Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or [charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org)

## Prayer for Vocations

Loving God, You call all who believe in You to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ, Your son. Call from among us, more men and women who will serve You as religious and priests. By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of Your kingdom for the Church and the whole world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

## Mass Intentions Book

The St. Jude Church Mass Book opens the first Monday in December for the next calendar year. Mass Intentions are not read during Mass. They are posted in the weekly Sunday bulletin. The 4:00pm Liturgy on Saturday is a multiple intention Liturgy (meaning more than one request offered for this Liturgy). Liturgies on Sunday are for 8:00am, 9:45am and 11:30am. Please keep the number of names to a minimum per Liturgy scheduled. The stipend is \$5.00 per Liturgy and Liturgies are limited to 4 per family, 2 on weekend/2 on weekday. This limitation is in order to honor as many requests as possible. Intentions, dates and times, are subject to change. Contact: Linda McVay, 225-766-2431 or [lindam@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:lindam@stjudecatholic.org)

## St. Jude Ministries

As a member of our parish family, each one of us possesses a special gift given to us by God. The stewardship of our talents calls us to discover and share these talents with other members of our community.

On the following pages you will find descriptions of the many ways members of our St. Jude Community express their commitment to God through volunteer service to others. Please consider sharing your special gift by joining one of our parish ministries described under each Commission.

**Join us online at: [www.stjudecatholic.org](http://www.stjudecatholic.org)**

## Administration

### **Ministry of Communication**

The Ministry of Communication consists of parishioners who work in various areas of communication, such as digital media, publicity, marketing and public relations, and video production. The goal of this ministry is to facilitate an integrated use of appropriate forms of media (including our parish website, FACEBOOK page, church video projection and production, bulletin, and so on). The ultimate goal is to stream our weekly Sunday Mass live to our website and would necessitate parishioners who could serve as “video directors” of the Mass.

*Contact:* Nathalie Bagwell, 225-766-2431 or [nathalieb@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:nathalieb@stjudecatholic.org)

### **Parish Advisory Council**

The parish advisory council members are appointed by the pastor.

They assist the pastor in discerning the needs of our faith community and developing goals and implementation of these goals.

### **Parish Fair Core Committee**

The steering committee begins planning well in advance of the actual fair date. Parishioners joining this ministry help to facilitate the overall coordination of this major parish event. Meetings are held on Wednesday nights beginning in January preceding the date of the fair.

*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or [charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org)

**PARISH FAIR DATES: October 4, 5, & 6, 2019**

### **Parish Finance Council**

The parish finance council members are appointed by the pastor. They assist the pastor in guiding the financial stewardship of our parish community, including regular reviews of finances and of the annual parish budget.

### **Parish Lay Directors**

The parish lay directors (2) are appointed by the pastor. Their sole duties and obligations are to witness to and so aid in the authorization and verification of the various corporate resolutions and reports that are required to be submitted to the diocese.

### **St. Jude School Advisory Council**

The St. Jude School Advisory Council members assist the principal and pastor in guiding the ministry of our parish school.

### **St. Matthew Ministry/Collection Counters**

The St. Matthew Ministry/Collective Counters are appointed by the Pastor. Members in this ministry meet weekly to count the church collection. The ministry chairperson provides a schedule for all counters.

*Contact:* Mindy Coogan, 225-766-2431 or [mindyc@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:mindyc@stjudecatholic.org)



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## Education and Faith Formation

### **St. Jude Catholic School**

Principal - Michelle Gardiner, 225-769-2344, [www.stjudebr.org](http://www.stjudebr.org)

St. Jude the Apostle School, as a Catholic faith community, recognizes the need to create a family environment, which will lead to the formation of a well-rounded individual. Through its philosophy, the school hopes to instill in each child an understanding of his/her relationship with Christ, thus enabling him/her to think, judge, and act in a Christ-like manner.

The largest ministry of the parish, the school accommodates two classes in each grade level, Pre-K-8th grade. Numerous opportunities to support the school can be found through the Home and School Association, Advisory Council, Athletic Association, Parents in Prayer, etc. Call the school office at 769-2344 for more information, or visit [www.stjudebr.org](http://www.stjudebr.org)

Athletic Association - *Contact:* Lindsey McCombie, 225-769-2344, [lmccombie@stjudebr.org](mailto:lmccombie@stjudebr.org)

Home and School Association - *Contact:* Tippy Thomassie, 225-405-1358, [thomassie1@cox.net](mailto:thomassie1@cox.net) & Erin Simonson, [erinsimo@gmail.com](mailto:erinsimo@gmail.com)

## Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation

### **Baptism Preparation**

Seminars are held every other month. Seminars are held in the Ministry Building in room 124 on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm. Visit our website [www.stjudecatholic.org](http://www.stjudecatholic.org) for available dates, forms, and guidelines.

*Contact:* Michaelyn McGinnis, 225-766-2431 or [michaelynm@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:michaelynm@stjudecatholic.org)

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation is only to be received after the child makes the decision to be confirmed in the 11th grade. Confirmands and their sponsors will meet with the formation team for several months prior to receiving the sacrament, including a retreat, small group meetings, Mass, etc.

*Contact:* Michaelyn McGinnis, 225-766-2431 or [michaelynm@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:michaelynm@stjudecatholic.org)

### **First Eucharist**

This sacrament is usually received in the second grade, after receiving First Reconciliation. Children must be in at least their second year of Religious Education in order to prepare for and receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Children and parents go through a formation process prior to receiving the sacrament.

*Contact:* Michaelyn McGinnis, 225-766-2431 or [michaelynm@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:michaelynm@stjudecatholic.org)

### **First Reconciliation**

This sacrament is usually received in the second grade. Children and parents go through a formation process as a group prior to sacrament reception. Parental involvement is a very important part of the preparation process.

*Contact:* Michaelyn McGinnis, 225-766-2431 or michaelynm@stjudecatholic.org

### **Marriage Preparation**

Couples wishing to marry must contact a priest or deacon at least 6 months in advance of the scheduled wedding date. You can find wedding guidelines on [www.stjudecatholic.org](http://www.stjudecatholic.org).

*Contact:* Leigh Kean, 225-766-2431 or leighk@stjudecatholic.org

### **Parish School of Religion (PSR)**

Parish School of Religion (PSR) provides catechetical instruction to children and youth (Kindergarten-10th grade) who attend public or charter schools, so that young people can grow in intimacy with Jesus, be knowledgeable about their faith, and integrate the teachings of the Gospel into their lives. Parish religion programs also prepare young people for the reception of first sacraments. In order to be confirmed, a public-school student must receive at least 2 consecutive years of PSR before being eligible to be confirmed.

*Contact:* Michaelyn McGinnis, 225-766-2431 or michaelynm@stjudecatholic.org

### **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) CIC (Christian Initiation of Children)**

Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil Mass, thousands are baptized into the Catholic Church in the United States. Parishes welcome these new Catholics through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The RCIA process is open to: 1) Those seeking baptism in the Catholic faith; 2) Those who were baptized in another Christian faith and who are interested in converting to Catholicism; 3) Adults already baptized as Catholics but never received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation. The RCIA process helps them to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. If you know someone who may be interested in learning about our faith or possibly converting, invite them to “inquire”. There is no obligation. RCIA sessions begin in September and continue through Easter. Sessions are held on Wednesday nights in the Ministry Building.

*Contact:* Father Ryan Hallford, 225-766-2431 or fr.ryanhallford@gmail.com

### **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Sponsors**

A sponsor is a practicing Catholic and a regular, practicing member of St. Jude. The responsibility of a Sponsor is to help the person who is going to be received into the Church to lead a good Catholic life. The Sponsor is entrusted to be an example and lead a Christian life that reflects the spirit and teachings of our Catholic Religion.

Sponsors attend the RCIA sessions with their candidate and serve as a supportive, spiritual friend, walking closely with and praying for the candidate on his/her faith journey.

*Contact:* Father Ryan Hallford, 225-766-2431 or  
fr.ryanhallford@gmail.com

### **Sunday School**

This program provides bible stories, art projects and various activities while creating a safe environment for your preschool and kindergarten aged child (three and four-year olds) during the Sunday 9:45am Mass during the school year. Check the parish bulletin for the schedule.

*Contact:* Michaelyn McGinnis, 225-766-2431 or  
michaelynm@stjudecatholic.org

### **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

St. Jude hosts a five-day Vacation Bible School program during summer months for children PreK - 5th Grade. Our Vacation Bible School is based on the teachings of Christ and his Church. It builds up the knowledge of God's Word, but also gives the youth the opportunity to respond to His truth by living out their Catholic faith. Each year a different set of bible stories, selected saints, sacraments and themes are used to teach the children how their lives can be transformed by God's great love for them. Bible stories, scripture verses, skits, movies, games, snacks, crafts, music and much more will fill each exciting day of VBS! Our Vacation Bible School is staffed entirely by volunteers.

*Contact:* Michaelyn McGinnis, 225-766-2431 or  
michaelynm@stjudecatholic.org

## **Liturgy**

### **Altar Servers**

Altar servers are boys or girls who assist the priest at liturgy on Sundays, Holy Days, and special occasions. Membership is open to all boys and girls in the parish who are entering the fourth grade or older. Adult parishioners are also invited to join. Altar servers who attend St. Jude School also serve during school liturgies. A mandatory workshop is held for all new servers.

*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or  
charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org

### **Art and Environment**

All parishioners are invited to join the Art and Environment ministry. In this ministry, you assist in the planning and decorating of the church for various liturgical seasons and help with the cleanup when the season ends.

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### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered for ages Kindergarten-second grade at the 9:45am Mass during the school year. No pre-registration is necessary. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend. During this special time, the volunteer teacher leads the children through prayers, songs and readings that are simplified for children. The children learn about the same Scripture readings as the rest of the assembly. They are taught a simplified main message of the readings and are encouraged to share that message with their parents after Mass.

Volunteers are needed to teach the lessons each week, as well as to assist with the supervision of the children. This is a great opportunity for adults and middle school/high school youth to help these eager youngsters better understand the scriptures.

*Contact:* Michaelyn McGinnis, 225-766-2431 or michaelynm@stjudecatholic.org

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Extraordinary Ministers must be approved by the pastor. Ministers are men and women who assist the priest and deacon in distribution of the Eucharist. Many also bring the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to attend Sunday Liturgy. A mandatory workshop is held before scheduling.

*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org

### **Liturgy Committee**

Liturgy Committee is appointed by the pastor. Committee members are parishioners serving in various liturgical ministries who assist the pastor in discerning the effectiveness of liturgy in St. Jude Parish.

*Contact:* Mrs. Denise Lang, Liturgy chairperson, 225-766-2431

### **Mass Greeters**

This ministry is open to parishioners of all ages, and families are encouraged to participate together. Greeters hold the church doors open and greet people as they enter for the weekend liturgies.

Greeters seek to make all parishioners and visitors feel welcome among us, enhancing our liturgy experience.

*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org

### **Ministers of the Word (Lectors)**

Ministers of the Word are Catholics who proclaim the Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Liturgy, Holy Days, and other special liturgical functions. A mandatory workshop is held for all readers and a workbook is provided.

*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org

## **Music**

Those with musical talents, vocal and/or instrumental ability are invited and welcomed to audition with the choir director.

*Contact:* Deacon James Morrissey, 225-766-2431 or deaconjmorrissey@gmail.com

## **Nursery**

Our Parish Nursery is available during 9:45am Mass each Sunday. It is staffed by loving volunteers, and intended for children six-months to three-year olds. Volunteering in this ministry is easy and fun! Please consider giving just one hour every two to three months, so that parents of young toddlers can fully participate in the Mass.

*Contact:* Michaelyn McGinnis, 225-766-2431 or michaelynm@stjudecatholic.org, or stjudebrnursery@gmail.com

## **Ushers**

Men and women who volunteer their services to assist in the celebration of Mass on Sundays, Holy Days, and special occasions. Ushers have the opportunity to welcome individuals attending Mass and aid in the seating of the congregation, collecting the offering and tidying the church after service in preparation of the next celebration. High School and College Students are encouraged to join this ministry.

*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org

## **Video Production and Broadcast Ministry**

Saint Jude Parish broadcasts Sunday Mass each week on our parish YouTube channel. For this, volunteers are needed. This ministry is an excellent opportunity for young people who may be interested in pursuing a career in any type of video communications production. Our parish will also soon begin production of a weekly podcast with our pastor, Father Trey, entitled, "From the Tee Box."

*Contact:* Deacon James Morrissey, 225-766-2431 or deaconjmorrissey@gmail.com

# **Spiritual Life**

## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to spend time in quiet personal prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament once a week on Tuesday nights between 6:00pm-7:30pm. Adoration is a powerful way of enhancing your prayer life and bringing you closer to our Lord.

Consider praying as a family, strengthening your core family closeness.  
*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org

## **Advent Nativity Display**

Members of this ministry organize & display parishioners special nativities in the Parish Hall the weekend before Advent begins, for all parishioners to view, following each mass.

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### **Always Our Children: A Support Group for Parents of Gay Children**

Always Our Children is a new support group, facilitated by our pastor, Fr. Trey Nelson, for parents of gay children. The group meets in the former St. Jude Administration Building (offices), located at 9150 Highland Road, usually on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm. This is an opportunity for parents of gay children to share their questions and ideas in a confidential setting. While the sessions consist, primarily, of group conversation and prayer, the group does from time to time review helpful books and articles. For more information, visit us at [www.stjudecatholic.org](http://www.stjudecatholic.org).

*Contact:* Fr. Trey, 225-766-2431 or [fathertrey@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:fathertrey@stjudecatholic.org)

### **Bereavement and Loss Support Group**

The Bereavement and Loss Support Group is an opportunity for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to gather for sharing and conversation, to hear occasional guest speakers, and to pray together in support of one another. The group also shares in an annual holiday time potluck supper. Meetings take place in the former St. Jude Administration Building (offices), located at 9150 Highland Road, usually on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. For more information, visit us at [www.stjudecatholic.org](http://www.stjudecatholic.org).

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### **Bible Study Groups/Small Christian Communities (SCC)/Faith Sharing**

Faith Sharing Bible Study Groups are offered during Lent and Advent to support one's spiritual life and to provide understanding and formation in Scripture, our Christian tradition, and our Catholic beliefs. Groups offer an opportunity to meet together in small group settings for prayer, reflection, and thoughtful discussion using prepared materials. On occasion the members of the groups will meet together as a group for ministry outreach and to enjoy fellowship.

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### **College-Age Fellowship and Sharing Group**

The College Sharing Group is for young people ages 18 to 23, whether they attend school or not, students who are currently seniors in high school are also invited. The group is led by our pastor, Fr. Trey Nelson and 2 other adults and meets once a month on Sunday evenings from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the St. Jude Rectory. The Rectory is located directly across from the St. Jude Parish Office at 9137 Highland Road. Each session consists of good food, usually prepared by Fr. Trey, and the opportunity for group discussion of topics important to the participants and always ends with a brief night prayer. Again, the group is open to young people ages 18 to 23, whether they are members of St. Jude Parish or not and whether they are in school or not. For our schedule of meetings or more information, visit our parish website at [www.stjudecatholic.org](http://www.stjudecatholic.org).

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### **Family Life Ministry**

This ministry is for families with young children who share in activities, both social and spiritual, throughout the year. They participate in multiple social outreach projects in the parish and local community.

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### **Funeral Rosary Ministry**

Members of this ministry provide spiritual and emotional support to fellow parishioners by saying a rosary prior to a funeral Mass, or the night before at the funeral home, when requested.

*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org

### **Marriage Encounter**

Couples gather to enrich good marriages through improved communication and Catholic values. The format is spiritual, relationship building, and social. This ministry hosts an annual marriage anniversary celebration and Mass each year.

*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org

### **Music Makers**

This is an interactive program for parents (or caregivers) and their children, aged 6 months to kindergarten, where the parents and children learn to make “joyful noise,” singing religious songs together and playing simple instruments. They meet every other Wednesday immediately following Play and Pray from 10:30am-11:30am.

*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org

### **Play and Pray**

Parishioners and their children aged 4 and under meet every other Wednesday in the parish hall from 9:30am-10:30am, following the school schedule. The parents pray together as their children play, listen to biblical stories, sing or do crafts.

*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org

### **Prayer Line**

Prayer requests are called in and passed on to ministry members who pray for the needs of fellow parishioners and their families. Each member maintains a private list of who they are praying for, and pray daily at a time of their own choosing for the requests.

*Contact:* 225-766-3668 or 225-766-3736

### **Prime Timers (Formerly DMA)**

Parishioners who are 50 and older are invited to join this lively group in its many activities throughout the year. The group gathers monthly to support each other socially and spiritually; activities include potluck luncheons with guest speakers or activities such as dance lessons, physical therapy tips for seniors, singers, etc. Prayer services are held during Advent and Lent.

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### **Respect for Life**

Respect for Life members are men and women who actively promote a universal respect for all human life, from its earliest beginnings at conception, throughout pregnancy, birth & maturation, to its transition through a natural death. The ministry gathers annually to promote Right to Life laws and follows the legislative processes in support of reversing any anti-life affirming laws. (Abortion, Euthanasia, Nursing Home & Elderly Services, etc.)

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### **Rosary Recital Ministry**

Members recite the rosary together each week in the church immediately following the noon Mass.

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### **Vocations Committee**

Our parish Vocation Committee is devoted to celebrating all vocations: priesthood, deacon, religious life (brother and sister), marriage, and the single life. The Committee meets throughout the year to discuss ways to develop an understanding of what a vocation is and ways in which families, individuals, and couples can assist in a promotion of this understanding.

*Contact:* Fr. Trey, 225-766-2431 or [fathertrey@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:fathertrey@stjudecatholic.org)

### **Women's Retreat**

Members of this ministry meet annually to plan and then execute a one-day woman's retreat.

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### **Youth Ministry**

Opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth, and service offered to youth in grades 5 through 12. There are 3 separate tracts of youth ministry in St. Jude Parish. They are: Pre-Teen Youth Ministry (Grades 5-6), Junior High Youth Ministry (Grades 7-8), and High School Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12).

*Contact:* Michaelyn McGinnis, 225-766-2431 or [michaelynm@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:michaelynm@stjudecatholic.org)

## Social Outreach

### **Bereavement Food Team**

This ministry serves to offer support to grieving parishioners by providing a few food trays during the funeral services of a loved one. The trays are picked up by a parishioner from a local store and delivered to an address given us by the deceased parishioner's family member.  
*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or [charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org)

### **Blood Drive**

Participants in the bi-annual blood drive, coordinated through Our Lady of the Lake hospital, allows St. Jude parishioners to donate their blood for the good of all St. Jude parishioners and the larger community. If a parishioner is hospitalized and needs blood, they contact Charmaine Biossat at the St. Jude office to have the units of blood they received credited from the St. Jude Blood Drive and not charged to their bill.  
*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or [charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org)

### **Catholic Daughters**

Join a group of ladies who truly reach out and care. The CDA is the oldest fraternal organization of Catholic women (18 or older) in the US providing individual, corporate, social and spiritual services on the parochial, diocesan, state and national levels. Regent is Linda Jones.  
*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or [charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org)

### **Christmas Giving Tree**

Volunteers assist with the placing of the Christmas gift request ornaments for the underprivileged on the Christmas trees in church the week before Thanksgiving. After the gifts are returned to the church office, the ministry members gather to help sort the gifts into family bags and help distribute them. This time-sensitive program is done within a few weeks time period for a commitment of 1-2 days.  
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### **Greetings by Mail**

Ministry members mail cards from St. Jude Parish to parishioners who have lost a family member. Cards are a way to let our parishioners know that we care and are thinking of them.  
*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or [charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org)

### **Homebound Visitation**

These volunteers visit and pray with St. Jude parishioners who have become homebound or telephone once a month to check on the person(s). They occasionally check on a homebound parishioner's welfare and safety during extreme weather by telephone.  
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### **Hospital Visitation**

The ministry members visit St. Jude parishioners in area hospitals when the church office has been notified of a hospitalization. Family members of parishioners are encouraged to contact the church office each time their loved one is hospitalized.

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### **Hospitality**

These volunteers assist with parish receptions and/or special events, including missions, sacramental receptions, etc. (3-5 times a year)

Volunteers share their talents of organizing, floral arranging, baking goodies, being hosts/hostesses and offering a friendly smile.

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### **Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas (JCDA)**

Make friends while serving Jesus and His Church: help the less fortunate, serve the elderly and attend prayer vigils as a ministry youth group. JCDA was founded by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in 1926. It is a national organization with a mission to nurture personal and spiritual growth through activities that focus on Christ's message, service and community. Membership is open to young ladies ages 6 to 18 years of age.

*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or [charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org)

### **Kaycee Ladies Auxiliary**

Ladies promote fellowship through religious and social activities by assisting our Knights of Columbus in all of their endeavors.

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### **Knights of Columbus Council #9692**

The Knights of Columbus Council is a Catholic, family-oriented, fraternal organization. The Knights work toward the Christian goals of unity, fraternity, and charity. They endeavor to set examples of Christian charity and promotion of Catholic values both in the church parish and in the community. KC members sponsor a bi-monthly Coffee and Doughnuts Reception (fourth Sundays) after 8:00am Mass where the Family of the Month is announced and recognized. Any adult male who is a practicing Catholic and is 18 or older is eligible for membership.

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### **Men's Club**

All male parishioners aged 21+ years old is invited to join this group. The Men's Club assists and supports the church office and the school in projects, programs, events, grounds keeping, etc. Meetings are held quarterly in the parish hall on Thursday nights where members enjoy a guest speaker, dinner and Christian fellowship. Outside social activities have included fishing rodeos, skeet shooting and attending sports functions as a group. The SJMC also sponsors a grant program to assist with funds for various ministries. Visit the website: [www.sjmc.org](http://www.sjmc.org)

### **Prison Outreach**

A group of men who are trained to bring the Eucharist, prayer and Catholic reading materials to the Catholic inmates in the maximum-security lockdown units at Angola once a month. This gives male parishioners the chance to make a difference in a person's life.

*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or  
charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org

### **Separated & Divorced Support Ministry**

Members meet bi-monthly in the old Administrative Building beginning at 6:30pm. Ascension Press Catholic-based video and materials, Surviving Divorce is followed to help get you through this difficult time. Accurate Catholic information is discussed; occasional guest speakers.

*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or  
charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org

### **Side-by-Side**

A Support Group for Couples in the First 5 Years of Marriage facilitated by Fr. Trey. This will be an opportunity for couples to join together for fellowship, informal conversation, and prayer and an opportunity to share the experience of your journey.

*Contact:* Fr. Trey, 225-766-2431 or fathertrey@stjudecatholic.org

### **St. Martha Ministry**

Members gather during the day or night in groups that knit and/or crochet lap blankets, shawls and hats for the homebound in our parish. Baby items made are brought to the Children's ward at OLOL hospital occasionally.

*Contact:* Charmaine Biossat, 225-766-2431 or  
charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

Men and women show dedicated love and care in personal service to the poor. The members of this ministry conduct independent interviews with each applicant at the parish hall. Assistance is provided on the basis of need after screening of applicants. They also prepare and distribute Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets to the needy each year. The members meet on Monday afternoons (except for holidays) from 5:00pm-6:00pm in the parish hall. Recipients of funds must bring a picture ID, a copy of their lease agreement and the bill they need assistance with.

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