



St. Joseph Neier

Fr. Donald Henke, Pastor
March 23 - 24, 2019

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am
Confessions:
Saturday: 4:00 to 4:40 pm

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From your Pastor

Today, I wanted to draw your attention to the latest addition to the spiritual bounty of our church – an Italian-made, hand-carved, statue of St. Jude the Apostle. I have temporarily placed him on a pillar in the sanctuary for everyone to view. He is the gift of Mr. Ed Freise in memory of his father, and is intended to serve as an aid to prayer and an intercessor to anyone in our parish in need. I have included a short biography and prayer to St. Jude below.

St. Jude, known as Thaddaeus, was a brother of St. James the Less, and a relative of Our Savior. He was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus and his attribute is a club. Images of St. Jude often include a flame around his head, which represent his presence at Pentecost, another attribute is St. Jude holding an image of Christ, sometimes he can also be seen holding a carpenter's ruler or is depicted with a scroll or book, the Epistle of Jude. Biblical scholars agree St. Jude was a son of Clopas and his mother Mary was the Virgin Mary's cousin. Ancient writers tell us that he preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Libya. Saint Jude was the disciple who asked Jesus at the Last Supper why He would not manifest Himself to the whole world after His resurrection. Little else is known of his life. He is an author of an epistle (letter) to the Churches of the East, particularly the Jewish converts, directed against the heresies of the Simonians, Nicolaitians, and Gnostics. There is some debate about where Jude died, though most Biblical scholars agree he was martyred, likely in either in Armenia or Beirut. Following his death, St. Jude's body was brought to Rome and left in a crypt in St. Peter's Basilica. Today his bones can be found in the left transept of St. Peter's Basilica under the main altar of St. Joseph in a tomb he shares with the remains of the apostle Simon the Zealot.

Pilgrims came to St. Jude's grave to pray, and many reported a powerful intercession, leading to the title, "*The Saint for the Hopeless and the Despaired.*" Two Saints, St. Bridget of Sweden and St. Bernard, had visions from God asking them to accept St. Jude as "*The Patron Saint of the Impossible.*" Roman Catholics invoke St. Jude when in desperate situations because his New Testament letter stresses that the faithful should persevere in the environment of harsh, difficult

Neighboring Activities

- March 29th Fish Fry at St. Vincent, Dutzow, serving 4 – 7 pm
- March 30th Trivia Night at St. Vincent, Dutzow, Doors open at 6:15 pm

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Sunday March 31st is 5th Sunday Rosary at the 9:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception, rosary will start at 8:40 lead by the Knights of Columbus.

St. Joseph Events

- Thank you to the Parish Council who put on such a wonderful breakfast last week, and for all your kindness!
- This Saturday join us for a Pig Roast with all the fixins. Cost is \$10 per person. Drinks are available for purchase. There is a Silent Auction with a lot of great items! And while you are enjoying your meal a slide show will be playing with the Road Rally Scavenger Hunt.
- The Shooting Match Committee will be having a Shoot on April 14th. If you would like to sell a Pot Shot or get involved with the Shoot please call Wes Straatmann at [314.808.2698](tel:314.808.2698)

- A great big thank you for all the parishioners, friends and families that helped make our Fish Fry a huge success. We served around 500 people. Juanita Miner & Susie Boschert made some delicious rolls and Juanita sold some of her peanut brittle. The winner of the Food Saver was J. Buehler.
- **BABY SHOWER TIME TO HELP THE PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE CENTER** Please bring your donations of unwrapped baby items to the left altar from now until after the 10 am Mass on Sunday, April 14th. Your donations can be new or used, if in good condition. Any baby items will be greatly appreciated, but they do not accept baby swings and walkers due to liability issues. **WE WILL ALSO HAVE A CASH BOX FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO DONATE CASH.** At this time the most needed baby items include:

Baby Bottles - 4 oz	Baby Lotion
Baby Shampoo	Baby Foods (Strained)
Baby Juices	Baby Wipes **
Crib Sheets	Desitin Ointment
Disposable Diapers (Newborn ** & 4's, 5's & 6's)	
Enfamil Lipil With Iron Baby Formula	
Laundry Detergent	Ora-Jel
ProSobee Lipil Baby Formula **	Sippy Cups
Tylenol (Infant & Children's)	Small Sleepers **

****The asterisked items are the ones most needed as they cannot keep a large enough supply on hand to meet all the needs.**

They accept all baby formulas but the one listed above is state approved.

circumstances -just as their forefathers had done before them; therefore, he is the patron saint of desperate cases.¹ The following is a prayer to St. Jude:

Most holy Apostle, Saint Jude Thaddeus, friend of Jesus, I place myself in your care at this difficult time. Help me know that I need not face my troubles alone. Please join me in my need, asking God to send me: consolation in my sorrow, courage in my fear, and healing in the midst of my suffering. Ask our loving Lord to fill me with the grace to accept whatever may lie ahead for me and my loved ones, and to strengthen my faith in God's healing powers. Thank you, Saint Jude Thaddeus, for the promise of hope you hold out to all who believe, and inspire me to give this gift of hope to others as it has been given to me.

V. Saint Jude, Apostle of Hope

*R. Pray for us!*²

Have a blessed week!

- ***Congratulations to the following children who will be making their First Reconciliation this Sunday:***

<i>Caleb Benton</i>	<i>Dallas Benton</i>	<i>Jacob Birke</i>
<i>Lila Brueggemann</i>	<i>Logan DeVore</i>	<i>Marcella Eckstein</i>
<i>Tyler Johnson</i>	<i>Lucas Kleekamp</i>	<i>Nora Maurer</i>
<i>Austin Placht</i>	<i>Beckett Rees</i>	<i>Payton Simons</i>
<i>Truman Sterling</i>	<i>Hunter Steele</i>	<i>Tyler Steele</i>
<i>Katelyn Straatmann</i>	<i>Ryan Straatmann</i>	

Mass Intentions: 3/25 – 3/31/19

Monday	6:30 am	Virginia & Jim Grant~Margaret & Norvil Pillen
Tuesday	6:30 am	Melinda Helling (P.H. Devotions after Mass)
Wednesday	6:30 am	Eugene Brueggemann
Thursday	6:30 am	Frank & Emma Schmuke
Lenten Thursday	6:00 pm	Dolores Kolkmeier
Friday	6:30 am	Betty Stuesse

¹ Taken and adapted from: catholic.org.

² Ourcatholicprayers.com

Saturday	5:00 pm	Mildred & Harold Dubbert
Sunday	8:00 am	John Horn
	10:00 am	<i>The Parish Family of St. Joseph</i>

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION this Thursday, March 28th beginning at 7 am and ending with Benediction at 5:50 pm followed by Mass at 6 pm. Sign-up sheet is in back of church. Also, Father Henke will be available for Confessions from 5 pm to 5:40 pm and after the 6 pm Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS this Friday, March 29th and every Friday during Lent, 7 pm

<i>Commentators and Lectors:</i>		<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
Saturday	5:00 pm	Michael Feth	Anna Donner
Sunday	8:00 am	Vi Schroeder Betty Fink	K Gerlemann L Swoboda
	10:00 am	Dennis & JoAnn Bower	Morgan Hammer

Servers:

Saturday	5:00 pm	Maddy Eckstein Melanie Jacquin	Alyson Fennessey Destanee Goddard
Sunday	8:00 am	Andrew Flagg Emma Roberts	Rachel DeVore Allison Eckstein
	10:00 am	Troy Simons Peyton Adams	Troy Simons Peyton Adams

Stations of the Cross 7 pm **Alex & Adam Bolzenius~Mark Straatmann**

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday	5:00 pm	Theresa Straatmann	Jo & Jim Noelker
		Tina & Theresa Brueggemann	Kathy Feth
Sunday	8:00 am	Diane Schmidt Jennifer Kissinger	Dianne Wildhaber Betty Fink
		Jane Struckhoff	Cathie Grus
	10:00 am	Tim & Denise Feth	Christine & Jeff Baker
		Patti Greife	Dennis Bower

PSR News

Sunday, March 31st – Stations of the Cross with Fr. Don at 9 am for All PSR Classes. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Thank you!

<i>Collection for</i>	<i>3/17/19</i>
Regular Offering Envelopes:	\$3866.00
Regular Offering Loose:	\$ 81.00
Total:	\$3947.00 Thank you for your generosity!

Special Collection

- **Next week, March 31st we will have the Catholic Relief Services Collection.** Envelopes may be found in the pews. Please take one home and return in next week's collection. Thank you!