

ST. JULIA PARISH



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Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (St. Julia)

Sunday:

7:30am (St. Joseph)
9:00am (St. Julia)
10:30am (St. Joseph)
12:00pm (St. Julia)
5:00pm (St. Julia)

Daily:

Monday 7 AM (St. Julia)
Tuesday 9 AM (St. Joseph)
Wednesday 7 AM (St. Julia)
Thursday 7 AM (St. Julia)
Friday 9 AM (St. Joseph)
Saturday/Holiday 8 AM (St. Julia)

COME AND WORSHIP THE LORD WITH US!

THE MISSION OF SAINT JULIA PARISH

We, the parishioners of Saint Julia Parish, seek to live our belief in Christ as we worship and serve Him according to His example and teachings. With appreciation of the diverse gifts of our individual members, we strive to gain the participation of each parishioner and work to ensure that everyone feels welcome in our community of faithful. We do this while mindful of God's love for us and the power of His Spirit that makes us holy, heals our brokenness and sustains us in all the good we do. We are committed in the spirit of Christian stewardship to share generously our time, talent, and treasure.

OFFICE HOURS 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Mon. through Friday.

RECONCILIATION

Parish Center Conference Room, Saturday:
3:15-3:45 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

After the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass; or contact Parish Office.

EUCCHARIST AND VISITS TO THE SICK

Contact Parish Office to notify of anyone ill, homebound or hospitalized.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Julia Church: Every Friday, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

First Friday, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

St. Joseph Church: Every First Friday, 9:30 to 10:30 AM.

ROSARY IN ST JULIA CHURCH:

After daily Mass.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office in advance to make arrangements.

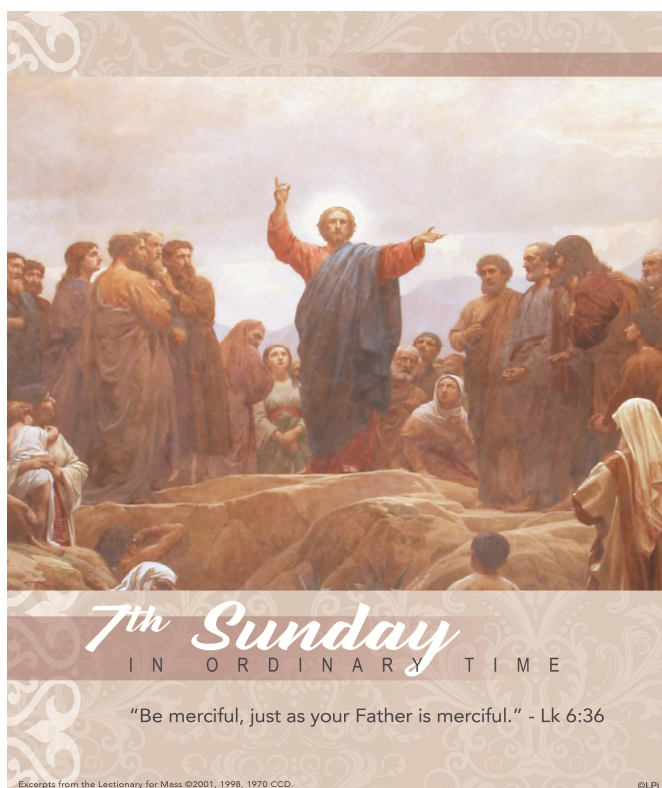
BULLETIN NOTICES should be proposed, by e-mail if possible, to the Parish Office by Monday **morning**.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you ? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because he "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment. Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn't "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole \$20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?



This Week

Friday, March 1

Adoration 9:30-10:30AM,
St. Joseph Church;
12 Noon—1PM, St. Julia Church

**Don't do Lent Alone.
Join a mall Group!**

Have you tried to pray more or read Scripture for Lent, only to fall short of your goal? A small group gives us supportive and encouraging communities that can make your Lent much more meaningful.

SMALL GROUPS
Seek Jesus. Together.

There are no teachers in small groups. Trained students/parishioners facilitate conversations. The groups will

- ♦ Discuss life and faith
- ♦ Reflect on God's Word together - applying the Sunday readings to daily life
- ♦ Seek God together
- ♦ Pray for and with one another

Lent groups meet for 6 weeks, beginning the week of March 4th.

Interested? Signup online at stjulia.org/smallgroups or contact Colm McGarry

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." Hebrews 10:24

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 23/24, 2019**

MASS INTENTIONS And Prayers Requested

We pray for Winthrop Baylies, who died recently.

Sun., Feb. 24 12:00PM Edward F. Carroll

CONFESSORS: March 2 Fr. Mahoney
 March 9 Fr. Mahoney

As Lent approaches we look for opportunities to do a little extra and the **Lenten Prayer Circle** provides you that opportunity!

Many of you signed up in the past years for the Lenten Prayer Circle. Hopefully you will sign up again this year and encourage your friends to sign up too. Your willingness in offering your prayers for the intentions of our parish family and others is deeply appreciated.

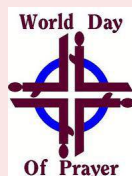
Will you be willing to do it again this year?



Here's how it works.

1. You sign up on the sheet provided at both Churches or pick a date and email me and I will sign you up.
2. Place your intentions in the prayer basket at either Church or email me and I will add it to the list.
3. I will email you the list of prayer intentions (which increases as Lent progresses and a reminder of your prayer day).
4. Your only commitment is to take a moment to pray in a special way on your "prayer day" for the listed intentions. The prayer can be an Our Father/Hail Mary, a Rosary, a Mass offering, an Hour of Adoration, or a favorite Devotion or Prayer from your heart. With busy schedules it seems hard to set aside time to pray. Please find a moment to pray wherever you are that day.. at school, at home at work or at the gym! May we join together as a prayerful and caring community with genuine concerns for each other and those in need of our prayers. Hope you find this a rewarding spiritual experience that binds us closer as members of the Body of Christ. Wishing you a Lenten Season filled with peace and grace. Alpheen Menachery

"Come Everything is Ready". This is the theme of this year's World Day of Prayer to be held on Friday, March 2, 2019 at the Weston Methodist Church at 12 noon. This year's service has been written by the Christian Women of Slovenia. Members of all Christian faiths are invited to this always wonderful and inspirational Ecumenical Service. Bring a friend. Light refreshments will be served following the service.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16
 Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/
 Lk 6:39-45

MARCH 3

FIRST READING: Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God. (Jl 2:13a)

PSALM: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

SECOND READING: Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (2 Cor 6:2b)

GOSPEL: "When you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you." (Mt 6:17-18)

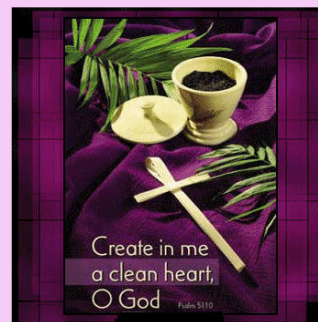
LIVE THE LITURGY

"Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." We do not like hearing these words, but they are at the heart of Jesus' teaching. When we are hurt, we want to get defensive and fight back. We prefer engaging in battle with something that is negative and evil rather than returning a heart of love. It is easy to love those who will love us back and much harder to love those who may not. But there is no credit to be found in simply surrounding ourselves with friends. Jesus wants to push us out of our comfort zones. We still find ourselves judging others and condemning them when the order of the Gospel is forgiveness and mercy. Why are we so unwilling to let go of the control? Perhaps the answer is found in a failure to love and an absence of faith.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION is for Snow Removal/Heat. This collection will assist with on-going winter expenses of heating and snow removal.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH'S MISSION

Weekend of February 16/17	\$3,514
Weekend of February 9/10	\$6,754
Weekend of February 2/3	\$5,217
Weekend of January 26/27	\$4,040
Jan 26—Feb 18 [Includes mail-ins]	\$19,525
Online Giving	\$8,477
Total	\$28,002
Avg/Week Jan 26 thru Feb 18 (4 weeks)	\$ 7,001
Budgeted Total for FY 2019	\$ 440,000
Budgeted Avg/Week	\$ 8,462
Grand Annual/Budgeted Amt.	\$213,470/ \$295,000



**ST. JULIA PARISH
 ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**

LITURGY SCHEDULE

**St. Julia Church, Masses at
 7:00AM & 7:00 PM**

Prayer Service at 12:10PM

**St. Joseph Church, Mass at
 9:00 AM**

Prayer Service at 4:00PM



GRADES 1-6

February 24/25: No Classes

March 3/4: Classes; on Sunday Gr. 3 will host Mass and Café Julia

March 10: Grade 4 Hosts 9:00am Mass, Family Gathering following Mass; at least one parent required to attend with child.

March 10/11: Classes for Grades 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6. No Grade 4 classes.

Do you know...what Jesus really meant when he told us to “turn the other cheek”? So many people think he meant for us to put up with abuse, but that isn’t what he was saying at all! He taught this saying to the Jewish people, who understood.

Back in the time of Jesus, the Jews had very strict rules on using the left hand only for cleaning oneself, and using the right hand only for touching humans, and for eating. The right hand was considered “clean”, and the left hand was considered “dirty”. To touch another human with your left hand was an insult.

There was also the understanding that if you were disciplining someone, you could only use the back of your right hand. An open hand meant intentional harm. So, if someone hit someone with the back of their right hand across the cheek, turning the other cheek would make it awkward to be hit again. The abuser couldn’t use the back of his left hand, for fear of punishment by his peers. He couldn’t use the front of his right hand for the same reason. Recognizing the shame he was putting himself in, he would stop. The abuse would end. No violence was necessary to stop him. The abuser recognized on his own what he was doing wrong.

Pray that all abusers recognize their sin, and stop!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Classes resume next week March 3rd.

Remember that our faith is "caught, not taught" so retreats and service are very important in our faith formation. Thanks to all who helped Jackie at Bristol Lodge last weekend. She said everyone did a great job. There is still room for those who want to serve food at Pine St March 4th. (4pm - 7pm). Thanks to Deanna, Emma and Hannah for helping in February.

A retreat for 6 - 8th graders meets at St Julia's at 9.30am Saturday March 2nd. We will return at 7.30pm.

Overnight retreats for High school teens March 8th and April 19th are great ways to explore your faith in a fun and energetic environment.

Sign ups for our summer trip Parish trip to the Dominican Republic are well underway.

About NPH Dominican Republic :
Opened in 2003, NPH Dominican Republic is located 40 miles east of Santo

Domingo, the nation's capital and largest city. Casa Santa Ana was constructed from 2004-2005 and has small group homes, each with its own kitchen and garden. The site is currently home to more than 200 children and also has a primary school, a farm, a clinic, a church and sports fields.





Helping Hands - A Generations of Faith Event— Sunday, March 24

We have two ways you can do this – you are welcome to do either one, or both!

1. Come join us in learning about St. Julia Parish history of Service, and help package meals for hungry families in Burkina Faso, through the Catholic Relief Services - Helping Hands, on March 24. Sign up for a session (1:15 or 2:00) on our website, or contact Cindy Harrington.

2. Help sponsor the cost of the food and other supplies sent to Burkino Faso. We need to raise at least \$5,076.00. As of February 6, we have only raised \$750. *Help!* Checks are to be made payable to St. Julia Parish, earmarked CRS-Helping Hands. Please forward to Cindy Harrington at the Parish Center.

We thank you for your generosity!!



FLOWERS in St. Julia Church this weekend are in memory of Edward F. Carroll. Thank you to Janice Carroll and her family for the lovely arrangement of flowers.



Centenary Events Planned Thus far...

Soup & Stations: March 15 & 29

**Generations of Faith/Helping Hands:
March 24th**

Ministry Fair: April 7th

Gala: May 4th

Parish Appreciation Evening: May 18

Parish Picnic: September 15th

Special Mass for Centenary: TBD

NEW TO THE AREA? VISITING OUR PARISH?

WELCOME TO ST JULIA'S, WE ARE A VIBRANT CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AND WOULD LOVE TO SHARE OUR FAITH WITH YOU.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OR E-MAIL COLM McGARRY, PASTORAL MINISTER
cmcgarry@stjulia.org TO LEARN ABOUT OUR VARIOUS MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH EFFORTS.