



# *St. Jude Catholic Church*

4330 Willamette Street

Eugene, Oregon

*November 24, 2019*

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

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Dear Parishioners,

We will be offering C.A.S.E. training for all those who are parish employees or volunteers who work with minors.

On **Wednesday, December 4th at 4pm** or **Saturday, November 30th at 3pm** in the Hilltop Meeting room. Training will take about 90 minutes.

Parents of children in Faith Formation can attend while their children are prepared for Advent by those who have already attended the training.

Thank you, Elizabeth 541-344-1191 or catechist@stjude.live



## **This Week**

This Sunday - Mini Steam Engine demonstration at 10:00AM in the Parish Hall.

Wed., Nov. 27 at 7:00PM - Evening Encounter at Fr. Jonah's. U of O Neuroscientist, Jen Michel will discuss using zebra fish to study human health and disease.

## **Coming Soon**

Tue., Dec. 3 at 6:30PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting in Parish Hall.

Wed., Dec.4 at 7:00PM - Evening Encounter: Christmas music jam session at Fr. Jonah's.

Sundays, Dec. 1-22 between the masses - Fr. Jon will be giving a talk each week on the letter to the Romans in the Hilltop Center.

Sat., Dec. 7 from 12:00-4:00PM - Advent Retreat at St. Jude's with confession and mass to follow. Led by Fr. Jonah.

Tue., Dec.10 at 7:00PM - Evening Encounter: Co-director of Salem Pastoral Counseling Center, Judy Tuttle Zollner, will speak on laughter and joy.

## **Holiday Help**

The Guiding Power of Hope - Daily Advent booklet to help you prepare the way. \$1 donation.

Last chance for turkey donations. We are still accepting turkeys for holiday food distribution. Please put them in the freezers in the parish hall by Sunday, the 24th. St. Vincent's will distribute these to families in need.

This Saturday and Sunday after the masses - Christmas Wreaths and Ribbons available for \$25. Supplies are limited.

Advent brass candle ring & 4 candles: 3 purple and 1 rose are also available as a set for \$10. Help celebrate at home. Supplies are limited.

Correction on The Giving Tree. This year we will focus on helping 1st Way Pregnancy Resource Center provide support for women and girls and their infants and toddlers. It's easy - simply take a tag and shop for items requested. We will be stocking 1st Way's supplies for the year. Baby items requested: big baby blanket, receiving blankets, size #1 Diapers, baby wipes, sleepers, pj's or gowns, onesies, outfits, wash cloth and towels, jacket, coat, stuffed animal or toy safe for under 3 years of age. Lists are posted by the giving tree in church. Return unwrapped items by Dec. 15. Contact Karla at 541.868.4782.

Fri., Dec. 20 from 9:00AM-12Noon. Christmas Food Box Distribution. All are welcome to come and meet some of the families we help and other parishioners. Contact Greg at 541.337.6058.

No Atrium class on Wednesday, November 27. There will be class on Saturday, November 30th at 3:00 pm (note different time due to C.A.S.E. training)

Do you have news to add to the bulletin or wish to give an announcement before mass....? Just email news@stjude.live - it'd be great to know sooner than later (the Monday before would be best).

## **Thanksgiving is here and so is Advent!**

Reflection from Father Jonah

On the last Thursday in November, as my family and I sat around a huge feast on the dining room table, my father always asked a question. He timed it just right, after our ravenous hunger had been placated by the food, but before the afternoon sleepiness could take over. He started with the youngest, my little brother, and asked: what are you thankful for this year? Then the second youngest, then the third, then me, then my mother. Finally, he would share some part of his own life that he was thankful for. It was a warm, lovely moment, gently overflowing with food and candlelight and the sense that the world is a wonderful place.

Years later, my father died. His departure led to a period of deep suffering for all of us in the family. Day after day rolled by, and my sadness was impenetrable. One afternoon toward sunset, I went walking along a field and saw a heron rising into the light. Golden sun flashed on its wings, and I felt a spark of wonder at its beauty. It was the first light to enter my heart in a long time. At that moment, I realized that even if everything else was painful and dark, I could be grateful for that light and for that bird. Even if there was nothing else in the universe that I honestly felt grateful for, there was this one thing. I could start with that. In time, I learned to see again. Sorrow had clouded my eyes, but actually the universe is filled with beauty.

In the next months and years, I learned that gratitude makes an enormous difference in the quality of my life. Often it is not possible to change my external circumstances, but if I pay attention to the good things, and give thanks for them, I can be joyful.

Let me try in my small way to fill the large and wonderful shoes my father left me. Let me ask you: what are you thankful for this year?

### **Collection:**

Thank you for your contributions. Last week we received \$5,343.35. We need \$7,055 to balance operating expenses. Please consider setting up an electronic donation. Just call Katherine 541.344.1191 and she'll get it started.

**Flowers:** Cele Hennigan, In Memory of Ernie Hennigan's Birthday

**Mass Intentions:** Please pray for Luann Lynch +

**December 1st:** We will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries here at St. Jude again! You are invited to celebrate the first Sunday of each month in the parish hall between the masses...Soooo stay after, come early and 5 o'clock-ers don't miss out, all are welcome!

Please help us have a wonderful turn out for a very special birthday in December!!! Let us know if your birthday or anniversary is in December. If you'd like to volunteer to help contact Karla Dawson @ 541-868-4782

**Happy Thanksgiving!** We will have Mass on Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 am and we be closed on Friday, November 29, so no mass on Friday.